



OCTOBER 2010

What's Happening This Month

4	Ice is ready! Practice ice available for members daily
4-7	REGISTRATION for all Adult and Junior Leagues 5-8pm
4-7	K-Rock Curling Clinics Instruction 6-7pm Practice 7-8pm
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16	Callbeck's Call Back Golf and Curl
17-21	Leagues Begin
18	PEI Curling Hall of Fame Inductions
23	Saturday Funspiel 10-2pm
29	Friday Social Curling 6pm Halloween Dinner 8pm
30	Autism Charity Spiel

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Newsletter

Welcome Back!

New technology, more club improvements, and two National Championships headline the start of busy season.

Another season has sped by all too quickly, and I hope you have all enjoyed the good times and beautiful weather that PEI summers always bring. Although many of you are still in golf mode, curling season lurks just around the corner and the club has already been a busy place.

Our energy reducing retrofits continued this summer and were completed in September. New shed lights, ice plant improvements and a control panel will all help us use less electricity and water this season while improving the quality of our ice. We have replaced the ageing Ice King with a new Thompson ice scraper, and have installed new monitors for the on-ice cameras courtesy of the Dominion.

Our kitchen was successful last year and will continue to operate during events, rentals and leagues. We will be offering some different dishes this year, and are always open to suggestions. A new bar and serving area was constructed next to the kitchen to enable us to combine the bartender and cook positions during the week while the main bar will be used during weekends and events.

A new Goldline Pro Shop has been constructed in the lobby and will provide a large selection of curling supplies in stock to our members, the public and other clubs.

All of the leagues offered last season will be back, along with a new Getting Started league that will cater to new

curlers. Instruction and equipment are included so spread the word to anyone you know who wants to learn the sport.

We are fortunate enough to play host to several championships this season including the Provincial and Maritime Masters, Provincial Firefighters, Provincial Mixed, and Atlantic 17 and Under. The Dominion Canadian Club Championship will be held at our club in November, involving 28 teams from across the country. The Scotties Tournament of Hearts will be played at the Civic Centre, but our members and club will play a prominent role in hosting the event.

All of your favourite bonspiels will be back including the Rodd, Mama Mia, Curl for Cancer, Alpine, Pepsi Junior, Charlabel, and Children's Wish. You will also want to sign up early for Callbeck's Call Back, our golf and curl event in October. Dates and entry forms for all these events can be found in our member's handbook and directory, new this year, or on our website.

Last year was the most successful rental year to date and some weekends are already filling up this season. You can help us continue this trend by spreading the word about the club and the curling opportunities we offer or even posting one of our brochures at your workplace or business.

It certainly promises to be an exciting new season at the Charlottetown Curling Club and I urge you to come on out and get involved as a member or volunteer. If someone you know is interested in curling, please invite them to visit us anytime.



Goldline Pro Shop

Our club will finally have a real pro-shop featuring a large selection of quality curling supplies in stock.

The first things you may notice at the club this year are the displays that have been constructed in the front lobby. For several years we have struggled to provide quality pro shop services to our members. This summer we signed a multi-year deal with Goldline to be their sole distributor on the Island.

This deal will enable us to run a pro shop with a large in-stock selection of excellent quality curling supplies. Goldline's selection of brooms, shoes, accessories and apparel are of is unmatched and will allow us to provide our members and customers with excellent equipment at great prices.

There is no dedicated curling equipment store in Charlottetown and it is our intention to fill that void and provide the premier location for curling supplies on PEI. You can help by spreading the word to anyone you know that there is now a real curling store in the club.



Making Ice

Installing the Ice

We will be starting the ice-making process this year on September 20 and the job will take about two weeks. If you are interested in helping out or just seeing how it is done, please drop by or call the club.

Dividers and Hacks

In an effort to keep the ice cleaner and smoother around the hacks this year, we will be removing some of the dividers and will be installing removable hacks. This will enable the scraper to overlap sheets and reach behind the hacks.

Jet Ice and Rings

After using Jet Ice for the first time last year I was very impressed. It freezes faster and harder than regular ice and the pebble lasts much longer. We will be using this system again this season. We will also be changing the colour of the rings for the first time in most people's memories. As the host of the Dominion Canadian Club Championships we will be using blue and grey this season.

Control Panel and Rock Conditioning

The biggest improvement in ice quality this year will come from the installation of a new control panel. This will monitor the ice surface and keep the temperature at a constant level. This was only done through guesswork in the past and should give us more consistent speed and curl. The rocks will also be conditioned again this fall to improve curl.

Register for Leagues

Whether you are just getting started with curling or are hoping to go to the Brier or Scotties this year, there is a league for you. Be sure to register October 4-7 from 5-8pm.

Getting Started and Instruction

If you have only tried it a few times or even if you have never stepped on ice before, we have a place for you. Our Getting Started League runs Thursdays at 8:00 and includes one hour of instruction each night for the first half of the season. Membership in this league also includes a gripper and slider, so all you need to participate are a clean pair of indoor shoes and loose warm clothing. Just want to try it first? No problem. Just join us on select Sundays throughout the year for free instruction. See our website for a complete list of dates and times.

Commercial League

If you have a group of friends or co-workers with some curling experience and you would like to curl together as a team, the Commercial League may be for you. With draws on Sundays at 5:45 and 8:00 and Tuesdays at 8:00, this league is open to any team.

Anything Goes

This team entry league is open to any team with any combination of players. This is primarily a social league and meets Mondays with draws rotating between 5:45 and 8:00. More competitive teams are encouraged to sign up on Wednesdays.

Mixed Social

Singles and couples can sign up for this fun league which makes up different teams each week. Some curling experience is suggested. The Mixed Social league runs on Tuesdays at 5:45.

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Competitive League and Superleague

Competitive teams can enjoy spirited games with something on the line in each of these leagues. The top 12 teams on the Island play every Wednesday in the Molson Canadian Superleague. With draws rotating between 5:45 and 8:00, only the most competitive teams are encouraged to register for this pay-per-win league. This league ends in January to accommodate Provincial playdowns. Twelve more competitive teams can sign up for the Coors Light Competitive League which runs on Wednesdays rotating between 5:45 and 8:00. This is also a pay-per-win league but for a lesser amount.

Ladies' Single Entry

It's Ladies only in this fun league which changes up the teams several times during the year. Ladies meet every Thursday at 5:45.

Junior Curling

Registration for Little Rock, One Day, and Two-Day Junior Curling is October 4-7, from 5-8pm.

Barb Murphy will be returning as our Junior Co-ordinator with Connor MacPhee assisting her with on-ice instruction and we will once again be offering several options to our Junior members.

The Little Rock league which caters to the youngest and smallest curlers (7-10) meets Mondays at 4:00. Intermediate curlers meet on Wednesdays at 4:00 in the One-Day League. More advanced curlers can meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 with an option for one- or two-day memberships.

Registration for all Junior leagues will be held October 4-7 from 5-8pm.



Callbeck's Call Back

Start the season off right with this Golf and Curl tournament in memory of our long-time bartender and friend Donnie Callbeck on October 16th

The call is out to welcome everyone back to the club and a new curling season. Join us on October 16th for a great time starting with nine holes at the Belvedere Golf Club where Donnie spent much of his summers. Then its back to the club for a steak dinner and four fun ends of curling.

Entry for this event is \$50 per person and includes an eye-opener, golf with cart, taxi to and from the course, and dinner with beverage. Anyone is welcome to join us so spread the word.

To enter, please fill in an entry form on our website or contact Rob at the club.

Hall of Fame Night

The PEI Curling Hall of Fame will honour new inductees here at the Charlottetown Curling Club on Monday, October 18 at 7:00pm.

Join us in celebrating these dedicated people who have contributed to the sport of curling on PEI as outstanding players and volunteers. Tickets for this event are available at the club.

K-ROCK Curling Clinics for FREE

FREE K-ROCK Curling Clinics will be held nightly October 4-7 and 12-15.

Once again this year we are proud to host free clinics to anyone interested for the first two weeks of the season. Some of the best curlers on the Island will be on hand to give instruction to beginners and advanced curlers alike.

If you know someone who always wanted to try curling or if you want to show that co-worker it isn't as easy as it looks just come on out. Anyone interested need only bring a clean pair of rubber-soled shoes and loose warm clothes.

Clinics will run each night October 4-7 and 12-15 with instruction from 6-7pm and open practice from 7-8pm.



Sunday Try-outs

If you miss the K-ROCK clinics don't worry, we still have opportunities to bring your friends and family to try the sport for free.

From 12 to 2 on select Sundays instructors will be on hand and anyone can come and experience curling.

Sunday Try-outs will start on November 14th and will run on the first Sunday of every month thereafter. Participants must bring clean shoes and warm loose clothing. Brooms and sliders are provided.

Clean Shoes Please!

Sorry, but some footwear just can't be allowed on the ice...



Shoes with metal eyelets or dangling laces leave gouges in the ice with every slide. Dirty footwear can carry sand and salt which ruins the ice. Even the smallest piece of grit can spoil a shot and the game.

Footwear that has been worn outdoors is not permitted on the ice. This rule applies to members and visitors alike.

Please cooperate by investing in a pair of curling shoes or bringing clean indoor footwear. Shoes should have flat soles of soft rubber and no protruding eyelets or hanging laces.

Thank you for helping keep your ice clean!

Friday Night Socials

Once a month we will host a Friday Night Social, open to everyone, members and guests alike. \$20 per person gets you six ends of curling, a gourmet dinner and drink of your choice. Not to mention some nifty prizes. Each month the evening and meal will have a different theme and any suggestions are welcome.

The first Friday Night Social will be an evening of spooks and treats with a Halloween theme on October 29th. Curling starts at 6:00, dinner at 7:30. Don't forget your costume!

Volunteers Needed

The success of our bonspiels, Provincial and National Championships, and various leagues depend heavily on the efforts of our many of our members.

We are always looking for people who want to become more involved in the club. You don't have to be in charge or run something... often we only need a pair of extra hands or a smiling face at the door.

Thanks to all those who contributed their time last season; it is appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering for anything please see Rob at the club.



Saturday Funspiels!

Our Saturday morning funspiels are a favourite for new curlers and experienced players alike. You don't have to be a member to play so it is a great chance to get your family and friends involved.

Pay just \$10 for four ends at 10:30, a break for a steak lunch, and four more ends at 12:00. Teams are made up each Saturday and play for some fun prizes. There are also often playful rules or twists to the game, so be prepared to have a good time.

Saturday funspiels will be held on:

October 23, December 11, January 8, February 5, March 5, and April 5.

Next Month's Events

November 4-7 *Rodd Curling Classic*

30 of the top Maritime Men's and Ladies' teams are here in the biggest cash spiel in Atlantic Canada. Come out and watch them play for over \$25,000.

November 13 *Mama Mia Ladies' Spiel*

It's ladies only in this popular fun spiel which includes food, fun prizes and a special theme each year. Sign up early to avoid disappointment!.

November 20 *Curl for Cancer*

There are lots of ways to have fun for a great charity besides curling, including a silent auction, trivia, and bake sale.

November 23-28 *Dominion Canadian Curling Club Championship*

Twenty-eight Ladies' and Men's teams from every province and territory will be playing for the Canadian Club Championship, sponsored by the Dominion.

December 3-4 *The Alpine*

The perennial favourite is back with a new twist... Find out more next month!

TO ENTER any of these events please complete and return an entry form available at our club or on our website at: www.charlottetowncurlingclub.ca

TO VOLUNTEER to help organize or run any of these events please talk to Rob at chtowncurling@eastlink.ca or 892-7467. Thank You!