



CRESTON CURLING CLUB

November 2024

Welcome to

The Curling Sheet

“Success in curling is not measured by the number of wins, but by the memories created on the ice and the friendships formed off the ice.”

Thank a volunteer

It’s magic! At least so many things that happen around the curling rink seem to happen by magic, but I have a secret to share: It’s the work of our many volunteers! Coming from the middle-ages Latin word *voluntarius* “willing, of one’s free will” and meaning “one who enters into, or offers themselves for, any service of their own free will, especially when done without pay” our league of voluntarii form the heart of our club.

Have you waited (im)patiently to get on to the ice for a late draw? That guy (or gal) pushing the mop so you can play your ends and hit the lounge before it closes is there on his own time. The gal (or guy) behind the bar serving you your cold one is probably a volunteer. That tip jar is their only thank you (so feed it generously). Our new benches? The hard work of volunteers. Our newly painted walls? Yup - volunteers too. Folks moving the tables and chairs, selling raffles tickets or 50-50 to raise money to help the club? Volunteers. The people behind the bonspiels? Volunteers – every one of them. They are giving up their time, willingly and without pay.

Please volunteer a moment of **your** day to say “thank you” to our hard-working volunteers! And if you’d like to join the league of volunteers, we can find a place for you, whatever your interests!



Mark your calendars

Leagues:

- Registration for winter leagues opens November 25 and runs to December 25. Early registration ends December 11.
- Winter curling leagues begin Jan 3, 2025

Bonspiels:

- Senior Open Bonspiel – Nov 18-20, 2024
- Bothamley Bonspiel – Nov 29-Dec 1, 2024
- Wild Chicken Bonspiel – Jan 11-12, 2025
- Ladies Valentine’s Bonspiel – Feb 7-9, 2025
- Men’s Butterfly Bonspiel – Feb 27-Mar 2, 2025

Clinics:

- Novice League – Nov 16, 23, Dec 6, 13, 2024
- Rookie Curling clinic – Nov 24, 2024

Wind up banquet – March 22, 2025



Welcome to Melissa

Say “hello” and welcome our new bar and lounge manager, Melissa Beaton! She’s been busy learning the ropes, stocking the bar, and working on a volunteer schedule. We’re delighted to have her behind the bar and quenching our thirst after those gruelling 8 end games!

Melissa is a Creston girl, born and raised here. She has two lovely boys that keep her busy when she isn’t managing the bar or serving your drinks. Take a

minute to say “hello” if she’s behind the bar next time you’re in the Ninth End Lounge. And while she hasn’t curled lately, she tells me she did curl in high school, so do encourage her to come out and throw some rocks with us sometime instead of just adding rocks to our beverage!

We’re delighted to have Melissa on staff and hope she’ll be part of our curling family for many years.

“You can’t buy happiness, but you can buy curling shoes, and that’s pretty close.”

(quote by “unknown”, but probably sporting awesome footwear on the ice)

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

League reps! Thanks to all the curlers who stepped up to be League Rep this year. Your League Reps are the liaison between you, the curlers on the ice, and the club’s board, via Diane Thiesen, the League and Registration Director. If you have questions, concerns, requests, or ideas talk to your rep who will pass your thoughts on. And if Diane has information for you, she’ll talk to your rep who will talk to you.

Diane and your League Reps want to help make each league a good experience for all the curlers.

“When will you pay me”

An old children’s rhyme “Oranges and lemons” asks “When will you pay me: Say the bells of Old Bailey”. Unlike the “bells of Shoreditch” we can’t wait until you “grow rich”. It’s important that you make all league payments and fees before the curling session begins. While most of us pay for our curling at registration or shortly after we have a handful of curlers who we repeatedly must ask for payment, sometimes weeks into a curling season. And that’s not fair to most of you who do pay promptly.

As a result, the board has passed a motion that says “Curlers are expected to have made all payments they owe before the curling session begins. **Payments made after a league or event begins will be subject to a late penalty of \$50.**”

Help! We're short a curler

We've all been there. We're one short at last minute and trying to find a spare in a hurry. Our spares list is on the Club noticeboard but it's a short list! If you're willing to spare on any league, please add your name and contact information on the sheet (print neatly!)

Meanwhile, once registration starts for the winter leagues, you'll see a question asking if you are willing to spare. You'll have to answer yes or no (for each league you register for – sorry but there are limits to technology sometimes). Just provide any information about your availability and

position preferences for the first league on your list. After that a 'see previous answer' or "see above" will suffice. Remember that curlers registered to play in a league (and have paid their Curl BC fees) may spare on any other league without charge.

We're trying this new process within the curling.io registration app and may finetune it for next year if needed. We hope the question will nudge us all to consider sparing. And our hard-working Leagues Director, Diane Thiesen, will be able to generate the spares list more quickly after registration closes.

Etiquette tips of the month:

- Arrive on time and wear clean, appropriate footwear that will not damage the ice.
- Be ready to go when it's your turn to deliver a rock.

Win a TV (and more)

This is the third year our Creston Curling Club has hosted the Doug Bothamley Memorial Bonspiel. Doug was born in Creston and although he moved away as a young man, he returned to retire up the lake in Riondel. He was an avid curler - look for his curling rock handle next time you're on the ice! Nine years ago, Nelson renamed their cash spiel to honour Doug's memory. In 2022 they passed the torch to Creston.

The Bothamley Bonspiel will be running November 29 to December 1 this year. The organizers are proud to say that many of the teams who play take home a piece of the overall payout.

To help fund the spiel, the Bothamley committee is holding a raffle this year. Tickets are on sale

for \$20.00 each, with a maximum of 200 tickets and the prizes are:

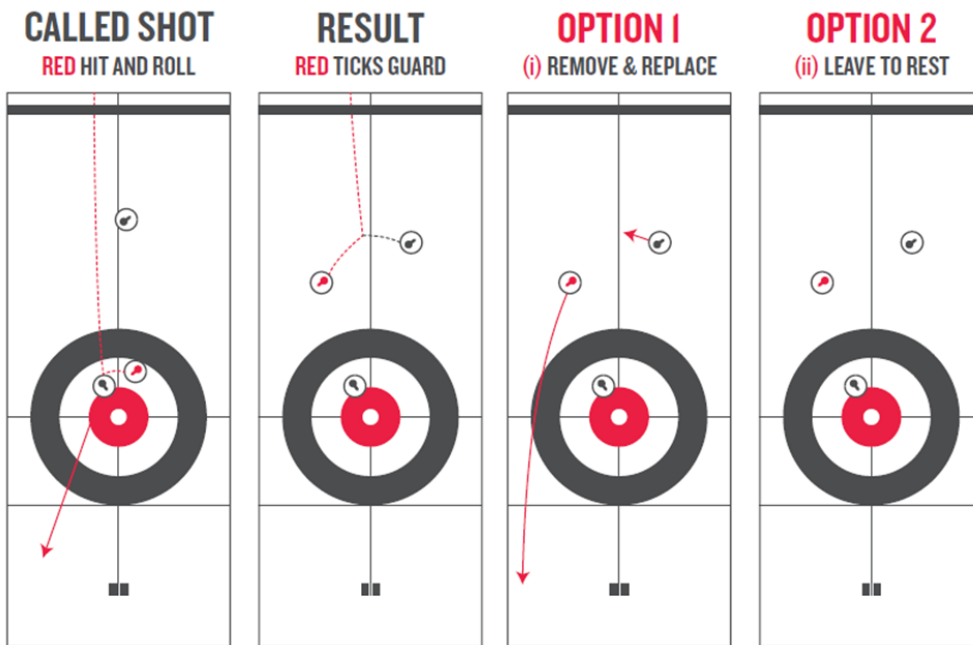
1st prize: One 65-inch LG Smart TV with A5 processor 4K Gen7

2nd prize: One Hamilton Beach Compact Refrigerator, 3.3 cubic foot capacity

Tickets are on sale until 10 PM December 12. We'll draw the winners at the Ninth End Lounge on Dec 20, at 10pm. The committee will deliver (in the Kootenays) to the lucky prize winners!

Contact Terry O'Conner for your ticket at the club, or you can email him at karmacon-nor@aol.com and "he will find you". HURRY HARD before they're gone!

Rule update: No Tick Rule



Last year Curling Canada adopted the No Tick Rule and this year CurlBC has added it to their rule book.

What is the rule? Simply stated: The No-Tick Shot rule states that rocks touching the centre line in the Free Guard Zone (i.e. in front of the house) cannot be removed off the centre line until the sixth stone of an end. If a rock has been moved off the line, the non-offending team has the choice of removing the thrown rock and replacing all rocks to their previous position or leaving all rocks where they came to rest.

The rule does not apply to Doubles or Stirling curling. Each league will have (or has had) the option of choosing to adopt the rule or not for the remainder of the season. If you aren't sure if the rule applies in your league, ask your league rep.

Our youth are the future of curling

Want to help ignite a passion for curling in our youth? We're offering two-hour curling lessons to our elementary and high school students on Mondays and Wednesday from December through March.

Our coaches, Gary & Kim Wilson and Chris Jensen, are looking for volunteers to help. We need six more people—if you are interested, please add your name to the list on the bulletin board by the doors to the ice. Our youth are the future of curling. Please consider offering your time!

DID YOU KNOW?

- We have 226 curlers in our club this fall; 82 women and 144 men; stretching from Riondel to Yahk
- We hosted a Club Coach clinic in October, taught by Kimberly Dennis of CurlBC. Coaches from Elkford, Castlegar and Kaslo participated
- We have a dedicated Marketing Director this year, so if you need help marketing your curling event or bonspiel contact Kim Wilson at creativeflair-photography@hotmail.com
- We have a small group of "Special O" curlers, and they will be taking part in a virtual curling competition on Thurs, Nov 28. Good luck to our Special O curlers! Read more about this enthusiastic group of curlers on our website: [Special Olympics – Creston Curling Club](#).