

# WDCC Newsletter



Congratulations to Team Manson – **Bob Manson**, Skip; **Liz Manson**, Vice; **Sue Bellmore**, Lead; and **Dave Corbett**, Second – on their second-place finish at the 2024 GayLea Bonspiel at Allenford CC on January 13, 2024. They won both their games!

## Get Out and 'Bonspiel'

For many of us, curling is our winter passion. Fortunately, there are plenty of curling facilities across Grey and Bruce counties. It's important to remember that these clubs are volunteer-run organizations that rely on the membership, both in the form of full leagues and full bonspiel events. Sadly, clubs are closing across Canada and will not be replaced and we need to support them.

Bonspiels offer many benefits to the club curler. They give you the opportunity to play multiple games and gain experience as most are one or two-day events on weekends. Curling at different clubs improves your game by challenging you to adapt to unfamiliar conditions. The amount of curl, the ice speed and figuring out the rock curl at another club can confound even the most seasoned curler. But, you learn from each experience. It makes you appreciate the great ice and crew that we have in Wiarton! (continued...)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday January 17, 8 AM – 6 PM**  
**Grey-Bruce Senior Men's Bonspiel**

**Saturday January 20**  
**Women's In-House Bonspiel**  
Princess theme  
Sign up in Women's Changeroom

**Monday January 22, 1-3 PM**  
**SPOTz Practice**  
Sign up on the board across from Women's Changeroom (watch for upcoming events)

**Saturday January 27, 1-3 PM**  
**Triples Jitney **SOLD OUT****  
Sign up on the board outside the Women's Changeroom

**Saturday February 3, 8 AM – 6 PM**  
**Groundhog Bonspiel **SOLD OUT****  
Contact: Pat Lenson [patricia.lenson51@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.lenson51@gmail.com)

**Monday February 12, 1-3 PM**  
**SPOTz Practice**  
Sign up on the board across from Women's Changeroom

**Saturday February 17, 8 AM – 6 PM**  
**The Bongspiel **SOLD OUT****  
Contact: Ted Ratcliffe  
[wiartonbongspiel@gmail.com](mailto:wiartonbongspiel@gmail.com)

**Saturday February 24, 8 AM – 6 PM**  
**Curling Day in Canada Women's Bonspiel**  
Contact: Edie Roberts  
[agtech.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:agtech.roberts@gmail.com)

By participating in regional bonspiels, you will meet curlers from all over and see the facilities offered by other clubs.

Frequently, this prompts other curlers from our region to come to our club and help fill our bonspiels. WDCC offers several great spiels over the winter, run by excellent convenors and volunteers. A calendar of some regional bonspiels can be accessed on our website so you can choose the event that fits your schedule.

Remember, by entering a bonspiel, you show your support for the host club, and help build camaraderie in the curling community.

Hope to see you on the ice soon .....

(Scott Girdler)

Scott, with his senior men's team at Bluewater  
**Tom Walden, Scott Girdler, Dave Waddington, Rick Whyte**, with their meat prizes.



## Friendly Reminders

**Your fabulous WDCC Ice Team has a few requests:**

1. **Don't kneel or put bare hands on the ice.** Get up quickly after making your shot. If you kneel too long, you will melt the pebble and create flat spots which will affect the path of the rock.
2. **Please clean and return club brooms and sticks to their storage rack after use.** Don't leave them lying on the benches or leaning against the end wall.
3. **If you remove the rubber hack cover, try to leave them flat on the benches at the ends of the rink.** Don't throw them up against the wall or under the benches.
4. **Please do not go out on to the ice until the ice tech has finished with the ice prep.**

(Rick Whyte)

## Hits and Rolls

**Save the Date** — The Triple Bogey Fun Spiel will occur on Saturday March 30, 2024. Cost \$40 per person. Two 8-end games. Prizes for everybody. Lunch included. Members only. Details and sign-up info to come. Questions? **Ken Russwurm** [ktatcedarshores@gmail.com](mailto:ktatcedarshores@gmail.com)

**Bottle Drive** — The Friday Afternoon Mixed League Bottle Drive is on-going. Thanks for your support.

**Candy & Golf Bag Draw** — The Triple Bogey Candy and Golf Bag draw will occur during the first three weeks of March. If anyone wants to donate some more prizes to the Candy Draw, it would make it more fun! Contact **Ken Russwurm** at [ktatcedarshores@gmail.com](mailto:ktatcedarshores@gmail.com)

**Can Tab Collection** — Thanks to everyone who collects can tabs and takes them off at the bar.

**Pepperettes** — We now have pepperettes in the bar for everyone's enjoyment.

**Goldline Equipment Orders** — **Dave Waddington** has agreed to make a Goldline order for a variety of curling equipment. Bulk orders can save on delivery fees! Watch for an email from Dave explaining the ordering procedure.

**Sign Up: Show Up** — If you have signed up for any event, please ensure that you show up, or find a replacement. Most of our events require an exact number of players to make them happen.

**Outdoor Sign** — I'm looking for someone to take over the management of the outdoor sign on the front wall of the club. The ideal candidate will be at the curling club frequently, and they must be able to spell. Contact [lauraleebrowne@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleebrowne@gmail.com)

**Facebook Team** — If you are a Facebook user and would like to join the Club's Facebook team, please email [lauraleebrowne@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleebrowne@gmail.com) to express your interest. You would be taking the occasional picture and posting items of interest on the Wiarton Curling Club FB page.

\*see note on page 3

## Schedule 1 Winners – 2023-2024 Season

League	Winners
Mon Skips' Choice	Rick Corcoran, Rick Whyte, Rick Holland, Ray Marklevitz
Tues Morn Women's	Pat Lenson, Catherine Stofast, Cathy Renfrew
Tues Eve Men's	Peter Oaks, Ted Ratcliffe, Ron MacDonald, Kevin Curran
Wed Eve Women's	Kathy Weir, Cherie Jacob, Sara Dales
Thurs Morn Recreational	No winners declared
Thurs Aft Doubles	Scott Girdler, Sharon Girdler
Thurs Eve Doubles	Mathew Coady, Michael Coady
Fri Aft Mixed	Scott Girdler, Sharon Girdler, David Johnson, Elizabeth Walker
Fri Eve Mixed	Jeff Coady, Brenda Barham, Clark Hepburn, Jorya Foster
Sun Stirling	Cherie Jacob, various partners!

The **Warton Juniors** were invited to the Chesley Curling Club on January 6th to play a game with Chesley's juniors. Our four juniors played a six-end game and, though they lost, they all played very well. It was the first time playing at a different club with an audience and a full ice. I was very proud of the way the kids stood up to the challenge. (Brenda Barham)

**\*NOTE\*** In order to ascertain how many members read the newsletter, I have devised a small contest. All you have to do is send me an email saying "{your name} has read the newsletter" by **Thursday January 25, 2024**. Your name will be entered into a draw for a prize. Email to: [newsletter@wartoncurlingclub.com](mailto:newsletter@wartoncurlingclub.com)

### Curling with a Delivery Stick

A few members have expressed a need for stick curlers to know the rules that specifically apply to stick curlers. The following is an excerpt from *Curling Canada – Rules for General Play – Rule 19 – Curling with a Delivery Stick (Rules for General Play)*

1. The use of a curling aid commonly referred to as a "delivery stick", which enables the player to deliver a stone without placing a hand on the stone handle, is considered acceptable.

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2. The use of a delivery stick is not allowed in events leading to Curling Canada championships.

Exception: Wheelchair Curling.

**3. If a player starts a game with a delivery stick, then that player shall use a delivery stick throughout that game.**

**4. A player may not alternate delivery from the traditional hand delivery to a delivery stick or vice versa.**

5. If delivery begins from the hack, then players using the delivery stick must adhere to Rule 8 (1) and 8 (2) and, stones must be delivered along a straight line from the hack to the intended target broom.

6. The delivery may also begin anywhere along the center line with a portion of the stone touching the center line prior to the delivery. The stone must be delivered along a straight line from this position on the center line to the intended target broom.

**7. A stone delivered with a delivery stick must be released before it reaches the hog line at the delivering end.**

All other delivery rules apply.

Other delivery rules to note: The delivery of a stone by the right hand shall be initiated from the hack located to the left of the center line. The delivery of the stone by the left hand shall be initiated from the hack located to the right of the center line."



## Wiarion Board Game Club

The board game club is rolling along well each Thursday night and the group feels at home in the Curling Club.

Each week we announce a set of best-selling games to play that feature a unique mechanism, with the hopes of group members finding new games that suit themselves, friends, or their families.

Some weeks we focus on theme, bluffing, auctions, set collection, tableau building, negotiation, odds, etc. All are welcome to come try something new.

At the end of the session, we discuss what we liked about each game with their strengths and weaknesses.

All are welcome Thursdays at 7:30 to try something new! For more information, please check out the Wiarion Board Game Club Facebook page

Hyperlink

- <https://www.facebook.com/share/w9ENSPzmS5R7VpAD/?mibextid=PkCAf5>

(Caleb Hull)



# TRIPLES JITNEY

Saturday, January 27  
@ 1:00pm



The Triples Jitney is now SOLD OUT! For those who have entered, here is a link to the rules.

<https://www.curling.ca/files/2020/06/Triples-Curling-Canada-EN.pdf>

Cost: non-perishable food item

Sign up on board across from women's change room

Individual or team of 3

Friends & family welcome

Contact Connie at [Cslots@outlook.com](mailto:Cslots@outlook.com)



## NugSwap Report

I am pleased to report that the NugSwap/Vaudevillian was a success. We had 22 entries in the gardening competition and 40 to 50 attendees. All the cannabis entered was tested on-site for potency. The top strain (grown by a club member) hit an incredible 30% THC.

The Vaudevillians did a great job of providing the party atmosphere. They commented repeatedly about the warmth of hospitality and the diverse crowd and culture we have in Wiarton that created such a unique event.

The cherry on top was that we were able to raise approximately \$600 for the club. This would not have been possible without the generous support of The Hippies Next Door, the dispensary in Wiarton. They put up the money for the band and are the reason we were able to throw such an incredible party.

If you are interested in learning more about the NugSwap Growing competition, the results will be announced on Feb 17th at the Bongspiel. If you attend you may get to meet the winning gardeners and with luck, you may even get to see/try the winning Cannabis. Follow along on our Instagram to see what strains get nominated for the finals.

[https://www.instagram.com/wiarton\\_nugswap\\_bongspiel/](https://www.instagram.com/wiarton_nugswap_bongspiel/)

(Ted Ratcliffe)

## Registration Update

Registration change requests for Schedule 2 were more complete than previous seasons, but we still had a few curlers included on schedule 2 teams without first being registered for that league's draw.

If you require a change to your registration, please email **Richard Slaughter** at [membership@wiartoncurlingclub.com](mailto:membership@wiartoncurlingclub.com) to request the change. If you are not registered for Schedule 3, but would like to be, do it now!

Registration numbers currently are at 159 curlers in the adult leagues and 29 Social members.

Members should realize that some leagues (Friday Afternoon Mixed and Sunday Sturling) are at capacity and curling in these leagues requires an early registration to avoid being disappointed.

(Richard Slaughter) \*see note on page 3



Tall Paul, sponsor from the Hippies Next Door is holding the washboard. The center two are The Vaudevillian band, Nora and James, with **Ted Ratcliffe** on the right.

A few people have asked about the 'leaf' chair in the lounge. Paul and Amber from the Hippies Next Door have donated the chair as a prize for the golf ball game at the Bongspiel.

