WDCC NEWSLETTER

NEW BBQ DONATED BY WIARTON HOME HARDWARE



A few Wiarton curlers were on hand to receive a donation of a new BBQ to our club from Allan and Pat (not pictured) of Wiarton Home Hardware. Thank you to Home Hardware for the donation to our curling community!

Pictured above left to right: HH staff, **Kathy Weir**, **Catherine McKersie**, **Edie Roberts**, **Scott Girdler**, **Brenda Freeman**, HH staff.

LITTLE ROCKS AND JUNIORS

Sunday November 8 was the first day of curling for the kids. **Brenda Barham** reports that there are 6 little rockers registered and 9 juniors registered.
It was a good turn-out for the beginning of the season with many potential future curlers showing lots of enthusiasm.
Many of the juniors are returnees.

This year **Tanner Murray** is the high school helper. He went through the programme and will be a great help.
(submitted by Brenda Barham)

UPCOMING EVENTS

GREY-BRUCE SENIOR MEN'S BONSPIEL
Wednesday November 18, all day

GREY-BRUCE MAJOR LEAGUE
Wednesday November 25

STURLING BONSPIEL
Saturday November 28
Curlers still needed. Sign up at the club.
See poster on page 4.

CHRISTMAS JITNEY
Saturday December 12, 2:00-4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DINNER
Saturday December 12

SCHEDULE 1 ENDS
Friday December 18

SCHEDULE 2 BEGINS
Sunday January 3, 2027
(6 weeks)

LEARN TO CURL

On the weekend of October 24, 25, the annual Learn-to-Curl event occurred, ably led by **Brenda Barham**. Brenda reports that the turn-out for learn to curl was good and we did get a few new members.



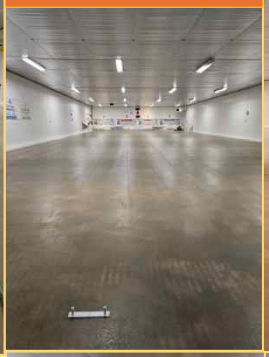
TIMELINE OF THE ICE-IN PROCESS

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sept 29	**FROM START** Start Ice Plant Floor Cools
30	
Oct 1	
2	
3	
4	Sprays (2)
5	
6	Floods (8) Install Hardware
7	
8	
9	
10	Equipment Prep
11	Hot Pebble & Scrape (2)
12	Clean Hose and Boards
13	Whitewash
	Sprays (17)
14	
15	
16	Floods (2)
17	Drill Centre Holes, Scribe Circles
18	Install Mesh Circles, Lines, Ads
	Sprays (12)
19	
20	
	Floods (2)
21	
	Clean Hose, Rocks, Boards, Install Hacks, Cool Rocks
22	Hot Pebble and Scrape
	TO FINISH

Special thanks to **Rick Whyte**, Ice Maintenance Manager, for organizing and facilitating the ice installation and continued maintenance throughout the season.



24 DAYS





200 PERSON.HOURS







16 MEMBERS

1 BIG PUZZLE









MANY BIG THANK-YOUS



Your 2026 – 2027 Ice Maintenance Team Members are:

Kam Arnold (draws 2,3)
Jeff Coady (draw 1)
Steve Hood (new)
Doug Lenson
Richard Slaughter
Rudi Stofast
Dave Waddington
Rick Whyte
Terry Woods (new)

HITS AND ROLLS

From The Board – Smart Serve

The Club needs more members who are Smart Serve certified. To that end, the Club will reimburse 50% of the course cost to any member who completes the course and receives certification by February 15, 2027. Producing your certificate is all you need to claim your reimbursement.

Bartenders are needed for special events as well as leagues. As a reminder, you must have Smart Serve certification to be in the bar at any time.

General Information – 50/50 Fundraiser

Each week, a sign-up sheet for our 50/50 Fundraiser draw is provided. Members drop $2 in the money box and sign beside their name that they have done so. A draw is carried out on Friday night of each week, and if the winning member has contributed that week, they win 50% of all the contributions that week.

Oops! You forgot to contribute, but your name was pulled? Your potential winnings are forfeited and the amount you would have won is carried over to the following week. So, don't forget to contribute your toonie each week.

From Scott Girdler – Book/Puzzle Fundraiser

The Thursday Doubles fundraiser is the book/puzzle table in the upstairs lounge area. Prices are listed. All club members are encouraged to contribute and to check it out periodically.

From Dwayne Ferguson – Good Curling Guide

We are pleased to have a completely updated Good Curling Guide and you will find tons of information packed into this 23-page document. Information like Curling Basics, Curling Equipment, Team Member Roles, Curling Etiquette, Consideration of Ice Surface, Volunteer Duty, 2026-2027 Board of Directors and more can be found.

You can find the Guide on our club website, Go to Member, Member documents, Miscellaneous, WDCC Good Curling Guide October 2026.

A few hard copies will be available at the club.

NATIONAL SPORTS TRUST FUND ONTARIO

The National Sports Trust Fund Ontario is a CRA Registered Charitable Organization.

Donations can be made through this fund to the **Wiarton and District Curling Club** and the donor will receive a charitable donation receipt for tax purposes.

The donation is held in the Wiarton and District Curling Club **Capital Equipment Renewal Program.** The club can access these funds for projects such as compressor replacement or a new roof.

Please consider the Wiarton and District Curling Club when you are deciding on which organizations you wish to support with your charitable donations.

If you wish to donate, go to the Wiarton and District Curling Club website and look at the bottom of the page where you can find the **Capital Equipment Renewal Fund** and the **OSN-Project 141- Wiarton & District Curling Club** link where more project information and a link to the donation site can be found.

The link can also be found in the Members section of the website in the **Media** section under **Links.** (Submitted by **Mike Lutman**)

VOLUNTEER CLEANING TEAM

This year, the Club has adopted a volunteer cleaning crew model. Each crew takes one week per month to clean the facility, Monday to Sunday. This means cleaning the floors, bathrooms, the front entrance and windows as the main duties.

Your 2026-2027 Cleaning Team Members are:
Dan and Karen Gesinghaus
Richard and Angela Carney
Sue Given
Chris and Herry Harrington

Let's try to help them out by keeping your impact as small as possible, and please clean up after yourself.



MORE HITS AND ROLLS

From Laura Browne – Contest Reminder!

Our Club Newsletter needs a new name! Do you have any good suggestions for a curling-themed newsletter name?

Ken Russwurm, Bar Manager, has graciously provided a prize-winning package to the person(s) who submits the winning entry. Now is the time to get creative!

Please email your submission(s) to Laura at newsletter@wiartoncurlingclub.com by **Monday November 30, 2026.**

From Dwayne Ferguson – Club Name Tags

If anyone wants to order a club name tag, there are order forms in the black binder on the table by the bar. Complete the form and an order will be placed in a few weeks.

Photos for this newsletter have been provided by **D. Ferguson**, **T. Hall**, **R. Whyte** and **L. Browne.**

CLEAN SHOES =CLEAN CLUB =CLEAN ICE

Over the off-season, the front foyer of the club was re-done and many of you have likely noticed the cubbies designed to hold outdoor footwear once you enter the club.

The purpose of removing outdoor footwear at the door is to prevent outdoor grit, debris, salt and bacteria from being tracked all over the indoor floors. This reduces wear and tear on the club flooring, helps to protect the ice surface and is nicer for both the volunteer ice and cleaning teams.

You may feel that it is inconvenient to change footwear at the door to then change again into curling shoes, so it is advisable to bring footwear that is easy to slip on and off. Store your indoor shoes in your curling bag or your locker.

Due to space restrictions, it is not possible for each member to leave indoor footwear at the door as we have too many members and bonspiel visitors to be able to accommodate footwear storage.

So, what are the fashion-conscious (or not so much) wearing? Here's a selection:

The socks, the crocs and the mocs



CAN/BOTTLE COLLECTION CONTINUES

The Friday Afternoon Mixed League will continue to collect returnable cans and bottles as a club fundraiser. Please bring your contributions to the club and deposit them in the bins beside the compressor room on the lower level.
Collectables from friends, neighbours and family are also accepted.
Thank you to **Mike and Judie Lutman** for facilitating on behalf of the Friday Afternoon Mixed League.