

# WDCC Newsletter

## President's Welcome Back Message

I hope everyone had a great summer. Now that September is here, it's time to think about curling.

It was a busy, rockin' summer for the Club. Much was accomplished.

The website has been updated. Check it out.

The Club now has wi-fi. A Point of Sale (POS) device has been purchased which enables the use of debit at the bar, as well as cash.

Speaking of the bar, it has been renovated.

Speaking of renovations, the women's change room has been renovated.

The scoreboards have been repainted.

The compressor has been updated.

Because the Club's fiscal year-end has changed, we will be holding the AGM on Saturday, September 24, following the WDCC Golf Day and BBQ. Hope to see everyone there.

More details of these and other news are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to another season of fun, fitness and fellowship. Oh, and curling too!

Registration opens September 10.

Tom Hall, WDCC President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ON-LINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Visit our new and improved website

[www.wiartoncurlingclub.com](http://www.wiartoncurlingclub.com)

### GREY-BRUCE HOSPITAL BREAKFAST

Saturday September 16, 2023 8:30-12:30

See the poster elsewhere in this newsletter

### GOLF DAY & BBQ & AGM

Sunday September 24, 2023

Sauble Golf and Country Club

2 PM golf followed by BBQ and AGM at WDCC

\$40 cash only, includes golf cart

Contact Edie [agtech.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:agtech.roberts@gmail.com)

### BBQ and AGM only?

5 PM BBQ followed by AGM at WDCC

\$12.50 or 2 for \$25, cash only

Contact Edie [agtech.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:agtech.roberts@gmail.com)

### SMART SERVE CERTIFICATION COURSE

Monday September 25, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM

Free course, Contact Dave [dwad32@gmail.com](mailto:dwad32@gmail.com)

### SAFE FOOD HANDLER COURSE

Tuesday September 26, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM

Free course, Contact Dave [dwad32@gmail.com](mailto:dwad32@gmail.com)

### FREE LEARN TO CURL

Day 1 of 2, Saturday October 28, 2023 1-3 PM

Day 2 of 2, Sunday October 29, 2023 1-3 PM

Contact Brenda [bartbbarham@gmail.com](mailto:bartbbarham@gmail.com) for details

### PRACTICE ICE WEEK

Oct 30 – Nov 3 Times TBD

### WELCOME BACK DINNER

Friday November 3 – Details in next newsletter

### CURLING SCHEDULE 1 BEGINS

Sunday November 5 – Stirling 3:30 PM

## Wiarton Curling Club Youth Attends Trillium Curling Camp

Hi, my name is **Nathan Thomas**. I am a grade 12 student at Peninsula Shores District School. I am honored to have been asked to share my curling journey with you so far.

I started curling when I was 11 years old in **Brenda Barham's** little rock program, at the Wiarton Curling Club. Quickly, I fell in love with the sport and couldn't wait to play more. When I was in grade 8, I would come to watch my parents, **Becky and Rob Thomas**, curl on Friday nights and I would pray that someone would need me to spare.

When I hit grade 9, I was so excited to be able to join the regular league curling. I started off playing competitively Monday nights with my dad, and socially Friday nights with both my parents. Last year, in addition to Mondays and Fridays, my passion to play more landed me playing mix doubles, entering a few bonspiels and organizing a high school team. (Which there hasn't been in over 8 years) I am proud to say that our high school team made it all the way to BAA finals, with only 2 of the 4 having ever curled before. With this accomplishment, I was awarded a curling award through the school.

This past summer, I was fortunate enough to attend the Trillium Curling Camp, held at the KW Granite Curling Club in Waterloo. This elite camp is highly sought out by many international and American students. They only accept 80 students per week, and only offer 2 one-week camps a year. To attend the camp, you had to have curled at least 3 years and be under the age of 18. The camp I attended ran for a week in August, with accommodations in the Wilfrid Laurier University dorms across the street from the curling club. (Or little jail cells – dad called them)

The organizers and coaches of this camp are some of the most recognized and medaled curlers out there.



Nathan Thomas (center) at Trillium Curling Camp, surrounded by his new curling friends from Germany.

I was set up with Jack Ragan (won U21 men's provincials), Kim Tuck (mixed doubles champion, and Scotties player) and Matt Wilkinson (head coach for Laurier University). Jill Officer was one of the classroom speakers, telling us all about the Olympics and the work involved to get there. She brought in her gold medal for us to see and hold. Man, those things are heavy!

Our days were action packed, starting at 8:30am and finishing at 11pm. We were on the ice at least 3 times a day, in the classroom and at the gym doing workouts! By the end of the day, you had no problem falling asleep! It was busy!

I had the most incredible time. I was able to gain new skills on the ice, finessing my delivery and sweeping style, make international friendships and connections of a lifetime. At the end of the week, I was awarded "Most Wanted Player On A Team" award. I was so honored to receive this!

So, what's next for me you ask?? My sights are set on making it to World's and playing in the Brier.

(Nathan Thomas)

## Hits and Rolls

**Bar Update** – Thank you to **Rick Whyte**, Director of Property and Ice, for completing renovations to the Club bar. It is now much more spacious and efficient. The WDCC now has wifi. You will find the network name and password posted at the club. Having wifi has allowed for a POS (Point of Service) device to be purchased and set up. These last two initiatives were instigated by Treasurer **Pat Lenson**. Payments for your beverages can now be made by debit card or cash.

**Women's Changeroom Update** – Thank you to **Pat Lenson**, Treasurer, for leading the charge to renovate the women's change room. Lockers have been relocated; walls, trim and all doors have been repaired and re-painted; flooring was ripped up and replaced with a new cleaner-looking luxury vinyl; new trim was added. There is a new mirror and a bulletin board to post women-specific notices.

Thank you to **Pat Lenson**, **Sue Given**, **Brad Gesinghaus**, **Rick Whyte**, **Connie Slaughter**, **Richard Slaughter**, **Tom Hall** and **Laura Browne**, for putting in a ton of time for the change room re-do.

At the time of writing, we are still looking for a shelf unit for underneath the mirror. (Approximate width 36-42", approximate height 36", approximate depth 12-14") If you have something that you are willing to donate, or sell for a low price, please send a photo to **Pat** [patricia.lenson51@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.lenson51@gmail.com).

Due to the rearrangement of the lockers in the women's changeroom, lockers will be re-assigned on a first come-first served basis based on registration date. If you do not pay for a locker, please do not use one!

**Property Update** – Thank you to **Rick Whyte**, Director of Property and Ice, **Rudi Stofast**, **Tom Hall** and **Steve White** for sanding and repainting the scoreboards. They look well refreshed!

You might also note that there are some new "no smoking" signs outside the building. These signs apply to tobacco, marijuana and vaping. Please heed them.

A new condenser coil has been installed and piped in, making our ice much more efficient. The ice plant is scheduled to be started up on October 3.

**Website Update** – Thank you to **Sharon Girdler**, who has spent many hours, alongside myself, **Laura Browne**, re-doing our Wiaraton & District Curling Club website. It continues to be an enjoyable learning experience for both of us. Look for new features, as we continue to add them. Something missing? Let me know [lauraleebrowne@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleebrowne@gmail.com).

BRUCE PENINSULA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



**SEPT. 16**  
8:30 - 12:30  
at the  
WIARTON CURLING CLUB  
BY DONATION  
\$50/\$50 Draw

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Welcome  
Back  
To  
Curling  
At The  
WDCC

### Volunteer Duty Work Cheques

The WDCC Board has decided that submitting a volunteer work duty post-dated cheque is no longer required when you register for the curling season. Instead, members who do not complete their required work duty will have a \$100 surcharge added to the following year's registration fee.

