

WDCC Newsletter



Thank you to **Connie Slaughter** for making these lovely snowflakes every year. Each one is unique, just like in nature.

Wishing everyone a
**Healthy and Happy Holiday
Season.**

Schedule 2 begins January 2, 2024.

**Dorothy
Curran** sports
her holiday
finery.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday December 22, 5-9 PM

Christmas Turkey Dinner

Sign up at the club by December 20,

\$20 cash collected at the door

See email sent from Edie Roberts on Dec. 13.

Saturday January 6, 6 – 10 PM

NugSwap (Bongspiel pre-event)

Live music from The Vaudevillians (see poster on page 3)

Contact: Ted Ratcliffe

wiartonbongspiel@gmail.com

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

Saturday February 3, 8 AM – 6 PM

Groundhog Bonspiel

Contact: Pat Lenson patricia.lenson51@gmail.com

Saturday February 17, 8 AM – 6 PM

The Bongspiel

Sold Out!

Contact: Ted Ratcliffe

wiartonbongspiel@gmail.com

Saturday February 24, 8 AM – 6 PM

Curling Day in Canada Women's Bonspiel

Contact: Edie Roberts

agtech.roberts@gmail.com

Hits and Rolls

Registration Changes – Many members may want to make changes to their existing league choices for the 2nd schedule (Jan 2 – Feb 18). If you want to add or delete a league, please send an email to **Richard Slaughter** at membership@wiartoncurlingclub.com requesting said changes. This needs to be done ASAP as league convenors need to see your name BEFORE they assemble teams for the second schedule.

New curlers are reminded that your \$150 rate allows for curling for the entire 2023-2024 season. If you only signed up for leagues in the first schedule to see if you would like curling, please be sure to contact Richard to register for schedule 2 and/or 3.

Capital Equipment Renewal Fund – Support the Wiarton & District Curling Club by contributing to the National Sport Trust Fund – Ontario Sport Network Capital Equipment Renewal Fund. Tax receipts are available. Our next project will be to replace the deteriorating metal roof of the club.

[OSN - Project 141 - Wiarton & District Curling Club](#)

FundScrip – Thanks to **Dave Waddington** for organizing another FundScrip as a fundraiser for the club. Thirty-one participants spent \$13675 on gift cards, resulting in a profit of \$496 for the club. There will be another FundScrip in February.

Name Tags – **Dwayne Ferguson** has placed an order for 43 name tags. These should be arriving by the end of 2023 or early in 2024.

Clothing – Many thanks to **Becky Thomas** for organizing some Wiarton Curling Club branded clothing. The first order is arriving now. Another order will be made in January, but that is it for the season!

Date Change – The second 2023-2024 Wiarton Grey-Bruce Senior Men's Bonspiel has been changed to **Wednesday January 17, 2024** (originally scheduled for February 14)

Locker Assignments – Thanks to **Pat Lenson** for initiating the current method for locker assignments. Official locker name tags were created only when a locker rental payment was included in the member registration.

Volunteer Update – Thanks to all who have signed up for a volunteer duty. To date, the number of opportunities provided is 103, of which 73 are filled. This leaves 30 empty spaces of which 17 involve bar duty. Currently, 39 people have not yet volunteered. As the season progresses, more opportunities will be added to the duty board. Thank you to **Kathy Weir** for providing the sign-up board and to **Tom Hall** for doing the analysis. If you have not yet signed up, please add your name to a numbered space on the Work Duty board outside the bar.

Protective Head Gear – Twenty-nine members ordered head protection during the recent head safety campaign spearheaded by **Dave Waddington**. If people are interested, Dave will do another order of any Goldline equipment. A bulk order reduces individual shipping costs.

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Items for Sale



These individual items are for sale. See **Pat Lenson** or email treasurer@wiartoncurlingclub.com if you are interested in any of these items.

Safety toque, new, size L/XL, \$60 firm
 Safety halo, new, \$20
 Goldline broom, lightly used, \$25
 Three-prong stabilizer, \$30 obo
 Arrow stabilizer, lightly used, \$50 obo **SOLD**
 Curling shoes, lightly used, women's size 8.5, \$50 obo
 Helmet, used, \$25 obo

Having a few beverages over the holidays? Please consider donating your returnable bottles and cans to the club as part of our Friday Afternoon League fundraiser.



Hits and Rolls

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Smart Serve – Your Smart Serve card **MUST** be on your person when you are working in the bar. If an AGO Inspector comes in, you must be prepared to show your card, or our bar will be shut down!

Only those with a Smart Serve card should be in the bar. If you are not certified, stay out of the bar.

Members are encouraged to obtain their Smart Serve certification in order to meet the Club's bar needs.

Girl Guides – Recently, a group of Sparks, Embers and Guides visited the WDCC for some curling fun and instruction from the fabulous **Brenda Barham**. The guests enjoyed themselves over the three Monday sessions and rewarded Brenda with some Girl Guide cookies and an ornamental shoe.



See you on the ice!

SPOTz Update

As of December 11, thirty-five members have been out to at least one session of SPOTz on Monday afternoons. Thus far, the highest score (out of a possible 64) has been 39; and the lowest score was 5. Do you need some shot-making practice with no one holding the broom for you, and no one sweeping? January SPOTz will occur on Monday January 8 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM. Sign up on the board across from the women's changeroom.

Live Music at WDCC

The Vaudevillian have been booked to play at the curling club for the NugSwap (a bongspiel pre-event) on January 6th at 7 pm. The Hippiess Next Door, a downtown Wiarton business, are sponsoring the band as a fundraiser for the curling club.

We have hired the duo to play one 45-minute set, but if there is significant interest, a 2nd set might occur!

We encourage all club members to come out, have some drinks, watch a cool band, and not be put off by the cannabis theme.

Tickets are \$15 from Ted or Hippiess Next Door
Please email Ted Ratcliffe at wiartonbongspiel@gmail.com
if you would like to come out and support the club.

Band website: <https://thevaudevillian.ca/>
Youtube
video: https://youtu.be/lugjWv8oe8?si=WmI8b8Zq_rsv6H70



Under 18 News

Nathan Thomas and his U18 team recently played in Ottawa on Dec 1-3 for a provincial qualifiers tournament. Being the underdogs, they didn't expect to do well. (Most of the teams have ice year around, and can practice as a team a couple times a week) The boys played incredible and they came out as the B side champions!! This has clinched them a spot in the 2024

Provincials!! This will take place in Ottawa at the RCMP club from Jan 10-14th.

If you would like to support Nathan and his team they are selling some curling toques and mittens, (to help with the expenses involved with provincials)



Insulated Mitts - \$25

Mitts -\$22

Hat-\$20

They only have a limited number for sale, so you can call or message Becky or Nathan to reserve your item. 519-378-8985



Winners of the Allenford Curling Club 1st Annual Memorial Bonspiel on November 25, 2023 were **Team Girdler** from Wiarton – **Sharon Girdler**, Vice; **Scott Girdler**, Skip; **Laura Browne**, Lead; **Tom Hall**, Second.