

WDCC Newsletter

A Hearty Welcome to All of our New Members

(and a Welcome Back to All Returning Members)

We now have the first week of our 2023-2024 curling season under our belts. Welcome to the ice!

Richard Slaughter, Registrar, reports, "The club's adult curling membership for the 2023-2024 season currently stands at **154**. We are again welcoming **30** new curling members this year. Our Social membership is at **26**."

Brenda Barham, Youth Coordinator, reports that she has **13** Little Rocks and **6** Juniors who come out on Sunday afternoons.

Brenda would also like to thank the volunteers who helped with the 2-day Free Adult Learn to Curl. We had 26 curlers out for both days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday November 18, 4–6:30 PM

Friendly Mixer Jitney

A fun, free event for club members, family and friends. Sign-up on the board outside the bar. One 6-end game.

Wednesday November 22 all day

Grey-Bruce Senior Men's Bonspiel

Come and watch our Sr. men in action at WDCC.

Monday November 27, 1-3 PM

SPOTz Practice

The second of two November practice exercises. Sign up on the board across from the women's changeroom. Watch for our December event.

Friday December 22, 5-9 PM

Christmas Turkey Dinner

Keep your calendar open for this event!
Details to come.

Our Women Rock at Meaford

For the second year in a row, one of the two teams that Wiarton sent to the Meaford Women's Invitational Bonspiel on November 4 won their draw. Pictured: Lead **Julie Jarvis**, Vice **Sharon Girdler**, Skip **Connie Slaughter**, and Second **Laura Browne** being presented with the winning plaque.

Congratulations to WDCC member **Caleb Hull**, our Thursday Evening Board Games Coordinator, who was appointed Deputy Mayor for the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.



Warton's Senior Men's Teams Start with a Wow!

After two weeks on the Grey-Bruce Senior Men's Circuit, Warton teams have a 10 win – 0 loss record!

At Meaford on November 1, McLean's team came first in the early draw, McCutcheon's team came first in the late draw and Girdler's team came second.

At Chesley on November 8, McCutcheon's team came second in the early draw and Girdler's team came second in the late draw.

The McLean team is made up of **Ralph McLean, Gary Roberts, John Stewart, Jack Davidson**, with spare **Bob McKersie**.

The McCutcheon rink is skipped by **Dennis McCutcheon**, with **Rick Holland, Doug Lenson, Tom Hall** and spare **John Pocock**.

The Girdler team is made up of **Scott Girdler, Tom Walden, Brad Rogers** and **Rick Whyte**.

Congratulations, men!

Condolences are extended to family and friends of WDCC member, **Colin Windover**, who passed away on November 14, 2023.

We will certainly miss his enthusiasm and sunny disposition.



**REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR ICE TEAM.
THEY VOLUNTEER A TON OF HOURS.**



**Lets make a difference to our community this year
as we share with those who may be struggling.**

**The Stirling Curling league is asking our
fellow curlers to join us as we contribute items for
those less fortunate in our community.**

**A Food Drive box for the Salvation Army will be
located in the main lounge starting November 19.**


**Please contribute with a food item, gift card, or
cash donation if you can.**

Contact Kym Burt or Mark Womack for more info.

Mark is going to get a list of the most needed items (powdered milk, baby formula, etc) for the Holiday Food Drive and it will be posted in the club so people know what to expect. Thanks, Mark and Kym.

Little Rocks and Juniors

We have 13 little rockers coming out so far this year. They curl from 1pm to 2pm on Sundays throughout the season. They practice the turns, sweeping and have a short game. Then, the important part is hot chocolate and curling bingo. The girls were doing well considering it was their first time this year. The boys need a little help. There are 7 brand new curlers out for this.

I could also use some help with crowd control, so if anyone is willing to give up an hour on Sunday at 1pm or a high school student who needs volunteer hours please contact Brenda at bartbbarham@gmail.com. 

The Juniors have 6 curlers right now. They are there from 2 pm to 3:30 pm every Sunday doing drills and trying to get a couple of ends of a game in. Right now, two are new to curling.
(Brenda)

Hits and Rolls

Smart Serve — If you have not already submitted your Smart Serve information to a League Convenor, please send your name and Smart Serve expiry date to **Ken Russwurm**, Bar Manager at ktatcedarshores@gmail.com. If your card has no expiry date on it, your expiry date is five years after the date of issue.

Your Smart Serve card should be on your person when you are working the bar so that if an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) Inspector comes in, your Smart Serve qualifications are readily available to show.

Bar Update — If you are on bar duty, please remember to remove can tabs and save them in the metal pail. (Ken)

Please be patient with bar tenders. The POS is new to the club and comes with a learning curve!

On-ice Coaching Available — On-ice coaching is available with **Rick Corcoran** for one or two curlers per time. Mutual time to be arranged. Contact Rick at corcoran.rp@gmail.com.

Fragrance Awareness — There are people in our club who have a sensitivity to scented products. Please be courteous and refrain from wearing scented products.

League Fundraisers — Every year, each curling league is asked to conduct some sort of fundraiser to raise additional funds for club projects. Note that this is not part of the League Convenor description, so please help to organize something for the leagues that you are curling in.

The book and puzzle table is the **Thursday Afternoon and Evening Doubles Leagues** fundraiser for the club. All club members are asked to please bring in your gently used books and puzzles for re-sale to other club members.

The **Friday Afternoon Mixed Fundraiser** is continuing with their Returnable bottle/can drive for this season. Thanks are extended to **Mike and Judie Lutman**, who will continue to manage and organize the Bottle Drive Fundraiser initiative which will be finished at the end of the third schedule.

Members, and non-members, can drop off empty beer, wine, liquor, cooler bottles or cans (anything with a deposit) at the curling club. Please place your items on the shelf/ledge inside the main door of the curling club. (If the Curling Club is closed, leave items just outside the door, and they will be moved indoors.) To facilitate handling and to keep the entrance looking tidy please, if possible, package your items accordingly.

Curling Club Name Tags — Member, **Dwayne Ferguson**, is looking into a provider for name tags for club members. Thanks, Dwayne. Stay tuned!

Custom Clothing — **Becky Thomas**, Director of Rentals, has sourced out and provided samples of some custom Wiarton Curling Club clothing. Samples are available to try on at the club. The first order deadline is November 29, to guarantee for Christmas.

Volunteer Duty Sign-Up — The Volunteer Duty Sign-Up calendar is now up on the board outside the bar. At this time, please sign up for one duty. As more opportunities become available, they will be updated on the calendar.

Club Rentals — Did you know that curling club members can rent various portions of the club for a reduced rate? Book your parties, meetings or other events by contacting Becky at rentals@wiartencurlingclub.com.

If I missed something in this newsletter, it's because I didn't know about it. If you have something to share for an upcoming newsletter, please send to lauraleebrowne@gmail.com.

See you on the ice!

SPEEDING UP THE GAME!

KEY WAYS TO KEEP THE GAME MOVING AND TO PLAY ALL 8 ENDS

5 MINUTES



Be ready to go on the ice 5 minutes before your game is to start. This allows for warm-up slides and the coin toss!

ROCK READY!



If your teammate has to get their slider on, or your skip is coming down the ice, get the rock out for them while you're waiting.

HACK IT!



As soon as the opposing player has released their stone, the next player to throw should move quickly to the hack. Clean the rock and set up so when your skip takes control of the house, you're ready to throw.

LEAD ON



At the beginning of an end, if you do not have hammer, your lead should NOT help to put the rocks away. Instead, the lead should find their first rock, get in the hack, clean their rock and be prepared to throw as soon as the skip is at the other end.

OUT OF ORDER



Rocks do NOT need to be put away in order. Simply putting the rocks neatly in the corners and not worrying about number order saves A LOT of time! If you are compulsive about putting rocks away in order, skips can help by putting rocks that are out of play in their appropriate place as the end progresses.

STAY FOCUSED



Skips must stay focused on the next shot and not be chatting with the opposing skip or players on adjacent sheets.



WDCC Curler, **Nathan Thomas** (second from left), is now curling with Team Johnston out of Cobourg. The team is off to the Ontario Winter Game qualifiers Nov 24-26 in Grimsby and then the Provincial qualifiers Dec 1-3 in Ottawa. They are still learning their way together, being a new team, but have managed to pull together and got 2nd place in their division in the Cobourg Cashspiel last weekend. They have been trying to livestream their games on their Facebook page, if anyone wants to watch. (Becky)

[team.johnston.curling.2023](https://www.facebook.com/team.johnston.curling.2023)



Zip hoodie (\$40), long sleeve shirt (\$25), and hoodie (\$36) are available in a range of colours and sizes. Samples are available to try on at the club.

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