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London Curling Club
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It's rewarding to be a curling club volunteer!

A message from Paul Pergau, president, London Curling Club

We have some great volunteers in our club now, and I thank them for being there, but to spread the load, we need more. There are so many ways to help. Let me highlight a few:



• Mentoring/coaching

- We take pride in how we get outsiders interested in our game and our club and helping existing members enhance their curling skills. Opportunities to help include:

- Little Rocks, Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Helping young people learn the basics of the game.
- Bantams and juniors - Sundays at 1 p.m.. These youths need more advanced skills.
- Elementary school intro to curling - Some Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Grade 7 and 8 kids getting introduced to the game. Each class has had an intro in their classroom and are ready to hit the ice.
- Clinics - Periodically throughout the year we run clinics for people who want to try the game and for curlers that want to improve their skills.
- Learn to curl - This Tuesday evening program takes people new to the game and, in one season, turns them into curlers ready to play in one or more of our leagues the next year.

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London Curling Club member Warren Brooke remembers "Moosie"

Former Brier champion and long-time TSN curling broadcaster Ray "Moosie" Turnbull (shown top right) died in October of this year at age 78 of leukemia. London Curling Club member Warren Brooke (shown bottom right) called his lifelong friend "a competitive teacher, broadcaster and evangelist for curling. He led the world to curling."



After his death the Hollywood Reporter ran a story on his life in curling. "The long-time broadcaster brought a sport played like lawn bowling on ice (had) 'Monday Night Football'-size ratings on Canadian television," the newspaper wrote. Brooke explained Turnbull's connection to Hollywood. "Ray's daughter, Leanne Pooley, is a movie producer and has specialized in documentaries and docudramas. Three of her films premiered at TIFF (Toronto International Film Festival) and she won an award there."

When Turnbull travelled to Switzerland, Sweden, Norway and Scotland, he recruited Brooke to come with him and help him teach the sport. Turnbull knew curling had to grow if it was to succeed as a sport that could gain Olympic status.

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• Helping the ice technician between draws – See elsewhere in this Rock Talk how you can help save our club money and speed up ice maintenance between back-to-back draws.

• In January, we'll need volunteers to help sell 50/50 draw tickets at the Continental Cup, a major curling event at the Western Fair Arena. Our share of the draw proceeds will go directly into youth programs for expenses such as buying equipment or paying entry fees to competitions.

• The bottom line - The future of curling and our club relies on a steady stream of members. To attract and retain members takes your volunteer help. To become a mentor/coach volunteer by taking training, please contact Pat Boothe. For other opportunities, keep an eye on the bulletin board and in-club video display.

Got a story for Rock Talk?

Please send any story ideas or club happenings for the next issue to Brian Arnold (barnold439@gmail.com). Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 28.

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When he was inducted into the World Curling Hall of Fame in 2015, Turnbull had taught 17 curlers who went on to win world championships.

Turnbull went on to a 25-year career on TSN curling broadcasts, which offered him a new opportunity to teach the game. Unlike some sportscasters who assume the television audience knows the jargon of the sport, Turnbull knew it didn't. He didn't talk about "cutters" because people who don't curl could care less about that. "They want to know what is he (a curler) doing. Ray and Vic Rauter tried to keep it simple," Brooke said. It turned out to be a smart move for the sport because many who watch curling on television don't play the game.

"Ray was an incredible competitive player. He played a lot of football in Manitoba and took up curling," said Brooke. In their youth, Brooke and Turnbull would approach older men at the Granite Curling Club in Winnipeg. Their objective was to learn strategy from the experienced skips.

Turnbull threw lead rocks with a Winnipeg rink that included the Braunstein brothers in the 1958 Brier. Three of the foursome were teenagers (16, 17 and 18 years-of-age). They were the youngest team in Briar history and lost in the final to Matt Baldwin. But their room was the most visited by the curlers. The Brier at that time was sponsored by McDonald Tobacco and whisky companies. Instead of alcohol that was offered to players who were of drinking age, their young team received cases of soft drinks. The other teams visited them to get their pop for mix.

Turnbull was also lead on the Manitoba rink that won the 1965 Brier. Terry Braunstein skipped the team, with Duguid third and Ronny Braunstein second. Ronny was in medical school at the time and could not go to the world championship. They lost to Bud Somerville of the United States.

Vic Rauter probably summed up Turnbull's life the best: "May I just say Ray lived life to the fullest in everything he did. The sport is better for having him play it, promote it and love it."

by Burt Dowsett

New video monitor in lounge presents all kinds of information

You may have noticed the new video monitor in the main lounge. Many members have asked how it works and if it can be used to broadcast sporting events. Here's the scoop.

The club has been looking for new ways to communicate with members and guests. Digital messaging was identified as an affordable and effective solution. The club looked at various alternatives and decided to sign up with a company called Screenscape. Their solution uses cloud-based software and proprietary plug-and-play hardware to produce rotating digital images streamed to our monitor which is no longer connected to our cable and cannot be used as a TV.

The screen images blend content that Screenscape provides (for example the trivia screens) with content the club creates, plus internet news and weather feeds.



We can create our own custom screen images to display things like upcoming events, the current craft beer at the bar, the latest raffle winner and more. We can even add our own videos or link a screen to a Youtube video. In the future we hope to include paid advertising as a means of generating income.

If you have content suggestions or want something displayed on this monitor, please let the club manager know!

Brushing up on your curling etiquette

One of the things that makes curling such a wonderful game is the fact that there are no referees at most levels of play. It's the rules of sportsmanship and etiquette that guide players conduct on the ice, and we're expected to police ourselves so the game is enjoyable for all.

That said, here are a few reminders:

- Restrict contact with your hands and knees on the ice so you don't create a melted spot that could alter the path of a rock later in the game.
- Compliment good shots regardless of which team makes them.
- Start and end the game with a handshake and wishes of "good curling".
- Winners buy the losers a beverage and the losers return the favour in round two.
- Stand still and quiet between the hoglines while your opposition is throwing their rocks.
- Allow the vice-skips to decide the score at the conclusion of each end without interference.
- Once the opposition has thrown, the next player on your team should get in the hack ready to throw when your skip puts down the broom.
- Place your skip's stone in front of the hack to help speed up the game.
- Help keep the ice clean by using the shoe cleaners before you enter the club and step on the ice. Clean your brushhead regularly.



Women's daytime section announces executive

Opening general meeting

The women's daytime section (WDS) opened their 2017-18 curling season on Oct. 3. The WDS has 70 members including two new members. There are also six social members. The WDS executive committee shown left to right is Joan Crosby (secretary), Jinx Findlay (vice chair), Pam Harrison (past chair), Sylvia Leuszler (chair), Sherry Chambers (games co-ordinator) and Darlene ten Haaf (assistant games co-ordinator). Not shown is Karen Jacobsen (photographer/historian).



President Paul Pergau welcomed the WDS members and thanked the five WDS members who serve on the curling club board. Paul and club manager Greg Lewis updated the women on the progress of the committee looking into the feasibility of a new club and answered questions the members had regarding the new club.

Members of the games committee are: Jeanette Walker, Dianne McKenna and Lise Tramner.

Members of the advisory committee are: Lynda Ressor, Joan Dickie and Fay Weiler.

Fall card party

On Oct. 25, 48 members gathered for an afternoon of food, friendship and cards co-convened by Judi Sofalvi and Linda Round. The event was a great success raising \$480 for the women's daytime section. Thanks to all members who donated sandwiches, vegetables, pickles, squares, grapes, coffee and prizes, and those who brought card tables and helped in the kitchen preparing food, serving and cleaning up.

Opening jitneys

Opening Jitneys were held on Oct. 5 and 10. The first event was convened by Liz Oehm and Dianne McKenna and started on Oct. 17. The second event was convened by Gwen Steffler and Pam Browne and began on Oct. 12.

The Friday league convened by Sandra Fox and Sharon Sivak started on Oct. 13 with 10 teams.

Upcoming events

Event three begins on Dec. 3 and event four on Dec. 7. Jeanettes Early Bird convened by Lynda Ressor and Cheryl Adams will be held on Nov. 8. A fun game convened by Joan Crosby will be held on Nov. 30.

Brazilian curlers to challenge Canada

Brazil is challenging Canada in a best-of-five playoff series that would propel the winner into the 2018 world men's curling championship. Canada is ranked first in curling, Brazil 44th. So why do they get to challenge us?

A World Curling Federation rule guarantees the Americas zone gets only two spots in a world men's championship. The team that finished highest in the previous year gets one berth. Brad Gushue's Brier and world championship, along with Rachel Homan's Hearts and world championship clearly should guarantee Canada that place.

However, the United States hosts the 2018 world men's championship in Las Vegas next March, so it's guaranteed a berth as host nation. Therefore, Brazil is challenging Canada for the second berth.

This is the first time any team has challenged Canada. Brazil challenged the United States in 2017, 2015, 2010 and 2009, always being swept in three straight games. The challenge will take place during The Continental Cup, Jan. 11 to 14, 2018 in London. The Brazil challenge games take place Jan. 11-13.

by Burt Dowsett

Dream of being an ice technician? Read on!

Our ice techs can use your help! Every Tuesday and Wednesday evening before the 7 p.m. and again before the 9 p.m. draws can begin, our ice technician scrambles to get the ice cleaned, pebbled and nipped, and prepares the scoreboards for the next game.

To minimize the time it takes to get the ice ready, the club brings in a second ice technician just to help with sweeping and nipping.

Instead, we'd like a curler from the game waiting to go on, to pitch in and help, eliminating the need for a second paid ice technician. All it takes is to sweep the sheet(s) before being pebbled and/or walk the nipper up and down the sheet(s) once it's pebbled.

The ice tech on duty will indicate what's needed, have the broom and/or nipper ready to go and will put them away when done.

It's a pretty easy way to help the club reduce expenses and get games underway more quickly. If you're interested, contact your league convenor, and you'll get started with a very short training exercise.

The money saved will go towards our new facilities!



Eight-ender scored in Thompson league

On Oct. 17, Gord Lammers, Tony Francolini, John Ward and Evan Ward (shown below, left to right) scored an eight-ender. Not bad for Evan and John's second night curling. And John and Evan weren't even supposed to be curling that night. They did so only after their trip to Las Vegas was rescheduled after the concert shooting tragedy.



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London Curling Club junior teams play well

At Highland Curling Club on Oct 14, our junior teams took first and second place in the under 18 draw and second and third in the under 15 draw.

- U18 first place – Kyra Woodend, Julia Markle, Avery Sinasac, Kate Phillips (coach: Jennifer Cuddie)
- U18 second place – Charlotte Johnston, Julia DeKlein, Kayla Cruikshank, Emily DeKlein (coach: Tony Francolini)
- U15 second place – Scotia Maltman, Hailey Brittain, Grace Phillips, and Emma Barron (coach: Cheryl Phillips)
- U15 third place – Graeme Daley, Owen Henry, Tatrianna Gerlofsma, Brayden Appleby (coach: Pete Daley)

At the Ayr Curling Club on Oct. 21, our juniors took third and fourth place in the under 15 draw.

- U15 3rd place – Charlotte Johnston, Scotia Maltman, Kayla Cruikshank, Grace Phillips (coach: Tony Francolini)
- U15 4th place – Owen Henry, Graeme Daley, Alex Reith, Brayden Appleby (Coach: Pete Daley)

Wednesday night open-team league grows and makes changes

This season the Wednesday night open-teams league grew by two teams to 24 and gained 22 curlers who didn't play in the league last season. Eight are new members: Michael Baldassi, Kyla Bes, Chris Blay, Ryan Declerq, Jennifer Lindsay, David MacMillan, Heather Rowe and Chris Seguin.

Last season Stan Smith took over as league convenor and renamed it from the President's league to the open-teams league. "Participation in the league was dwindling", Stan explained, "so I renamed the league to encourage new players to join by removing the apparently elitist title and to reflect the uniqueness of this league, namely that any combination of males and females on a team is permitted."

The current league has six all-male teams, four all-female teams, three teams with one female, four teams with one male and seven with two males and two females.

Stan also changed the league from two divisions to three. "There was too much disparity in the team skill levels with two divisions. Too many matches were disappointingly lopsided."

Stan retained the season-ending league playoff where the first-place team plays the second-place team, the third-place team plays the fourth-place team and so on with the winner of each pairing taking home a cash prize. This system enables even the last place team to play their peer (the second last team) in a meaningful game for some cash in what should be a close contest. Last year the league's winners were the team of Bob McKinley, Leslie Baker, Stan Smith and Steve Hobbs.



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Retire those heavy old curling shoes. Contact your pro shop today.



Our club coaches look to have a very busy November

Skills and development volunteers have started the 2017-18 season with lots to keep them busy.

Sept. 30 saw them working with 35 new curlers, some of whom have joined the Tuesday learn to curl program. In the afternoon, coaches from the Ontario Curling Association gave a free skills analysis clinic to intermediate members.

On Nov. 11, London Curling Club will host another Introduction to Curling in the evening. Bring a friend and introduce them to a great pastime.

Four additional coaches have completed the club coaching clinic and two members who have signed on as mentors to help with the many learn to curl groups. Presently, our club has more than 25 club members who volunteer their time coaching in five programs: Little Rocks, junior and bantam, elementary learn to curl, Tuesday learn to curl and our one-day clinics. Skills and development is always looking for members who desire to spend a few hours giving beginners some help learning the basics.

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Lots of bonspiels are looking for teams

The Great Ontario 150 bonspiel

Don't miss this event at our club on Nov 18. Signup list is on the bulletin board. It's open to everyone from Little Rockers, bantams, juniors to seniors and learn-to-curlers. It's our chance to celebrate our curling club. Come join us, have fun, meet someone new and even get piped onto the ice! Some revenue from this bonspiel will go towards our new facilities project.

Senior men's bonspiels

Senior men's bonspiels taking place in southwestern Ontario are all filed in the red binder on the

drawmaster's desk. Last year, they were posted on the club bulletin board. To reduce clutter they're now being filed in the binder. There are many bonspiels already advertised and all interested curlers should review what's available. The London Curling Club's Tier 55 event is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 2.

Men's skins bonspiel

Run by the Thames Valley Curling League, this event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 2 with more than \$1,000 in cash prizes! There is room for 12 teams only. Registration is \$160 per team and begins on Monday Nov. 6. The bonspiel includes three, six-end games, lunch and pizza at 4:30 p.m.. To register, please contact and submit your team registration fee to Mike Ernewein or Mike Ramsay.

Meet the 2017-18 London Curling Club Board of Directors



Left to right, Dave Rush (past president), Michael Leisinger (advertising director), Fay Weiler (secretary), Pat Booth (skills and development director), Bruce Thom (leagues and OCA director), Bruce Turner (treasurer), Jinx Findlay (vice-president), Paul Pergau (president), Joyce Heatherington (member services director), Marjorie Dudley (promotion director) and Dave Weber (executive member).