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London Curling Club

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New facilities committee pursuing grant funding through Ontario government

The provincial government recently announced the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Community, Culture and Recreation, which can provide up to 73.33% of federal and provincial grant funding for new capital construction projects. This includes curling facilities.

With a Nov. 12, 2019 application submission deadline, the new facilities committee members have been working hard preparing a grant application for London Curling Club. As per submission requirements, we'll need to obtain accurate construction engineering

costs and drawings. The board of directors has approved using money from the club's new facilities capital building fund to cover expenses related to this application.

The new facilities committee is continuing discussions with the City of London, which will become part of our grant application.

Stay tuned for further updates as this opportunity unfolds.

DAVID BECKETT
NEW FACILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Smaller newsletter part of a new member communications strategy

You'll notice this issue of ROCKtalk is half as many pages as it's been for the last several years. There's a good reason, and it's not a lack of club news.

To provide club news to members in a more timely fashion, we're making changes to how we use the various media at our disposal.

Where we've previously collected and "saved" stories to fill our eight-page newsletter, we've decided to tell you a lot of what's normally in the newsletter, closer to when it actually happens and before it becomes "old news".

To do that we'll use more digital media, including the video screen in the lounge, plus our presence on

Facebook (London Curling Club - London Ontario and now on Instagram(#londoncurlingclub).

At some point in the future, ROCKtalk may also become a digital-only publication.

As always, we love it when you send story ideas (to barnold439@gmail.com), but we also hope you'll follow London Curling Club on Facebook, and post images of your curling exploits to Instagram.

BRIAN ARNOLD
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

See the Knights play and support our new club

As a fund raiser, London Curling Club has reserved 100 seats for the game at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, when the London Knights will battle the Kitchener Rangers at Budweiser Gardens.

Each ticket costs just \$22, with proceeds to be applied to the London Curling Club new facilities account.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to cheer on the exciting London Knights along with club members, family and friends. To reserve your tickets, simply use the sign up form posted on the main bulletin board.



On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29, more than 20 club members volunteered to help spruce up the club exterior. They repainted lines in the parking lot, helped secure the aluminum siding on the fascia on the parking lot side, and helped remove the drip plate on the bottom of the same wall. Thanks to everyone!

More craft beers in bar

Our bar manager Les is excited to let members know they can slake their thirst with more local beers this season, including selections from Anderson Craft Ales, Forked River, Toboggan, Powerhouse and London Brewing. To make room in the fridge, some older brands have been retired.

Board of directors ratify club rule change

At the March 15, 2019 board of directors' meeting, for safety reasons, the following rule change was ratified: When a stone is moving or is in play, if it crosses the dividing line so that more than half is overlapping onto the next ice, then the stone is to be removed immediately."



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Notes on a new season

A message from Kevin MacDonald, president, London Curling Club

On behalf of the board of directors and staff, welcome to new and returning members for what promises to be an exciting year.

There have been some changes on the board of directors. Please welcome Brian Arnold, Brian Campeau, and Pam Harrison, as new portfolio directors and Michael Leisinger, as vice president. Brian Arnold also edits Rocktalk. Pam Harrison also looks after the membership directory. Leaving the Board are Pat Boothe, Marj Dudley, Joyce Hetherington, Dave Rush and Ken Walmsley. When you see them, thank them for their many years of service to the membership.

Our dedicated ice crew, led by head ice techs, Mark Phillips and Mark Flynn, remain the same. There have been no changes to our excellent office and bar staff. We welcome a new housekeeper, Emily Rex. Our previous housekeeper, Nilah Woodcock, resigned for health reasons. She'll be missed and is wished a speedy recovery. I'd be remiss not to thank all club volunteers for their hard work. We couldn't operate without our portfolio directors, league conveners and coaches. Please consider offering your services as a volunteer.

Finally, our very capable club manager, Greg Lewis, has put in long hours preparing for this year. If you haven't met him, introduce yourself. See Greg for your Pro Shop needs. Please contact Greg, or any of the board members, with questions, concerns, or suggestions that arise.

Finally, our ice techs work hard to create great ice for us. Our old building presents special challenges, but there is much we can do to help. Please, clean your broom over the waste containers. Ensure your shoes and gripper are in good condition. Choose clothing that doesn't shed fibres and use boot cleaners when entering the club and the ice. Fast ice means warmer ice. It can take as little as three seconds for a hand or knee to melt imprints into the ice so please rise from the ice as quickly as possible after your delivery. In this, we all play on the same team! Good curling!



Pay no HST in the pro shop until Oct. 25

Need new curling gear to start the season? Have we got a deal for you.

Until Oct. 25, you'll pay no HST on everything. Choose the brands the pros play: Asham, Hardline, Balance Plus, Goldline, Olson and Acacia. Brooms, shoes, grippers, brushheads, apparel, you name it. If we don't have it in stock, we'll order it for you.

Now is the time to outfit yourself for the season ahead. Save the HST, and support your curling club, by getting all your new gear at the London Curling Club Pro Shop.



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Laura George awarded Gallagher scholarship

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019, Roy Inch and Sons hosted the Thames Valley Junior Curling Association's 8th Annual Bob Gallagher Junior Curling Scholarship Awards Night. Four deserving junior curlers were presented with a \$500 scholarship. The recipients were:

- Laura George from London Curling Club (shown below)
- Max Smith from Ilderton Curling Club
- Owen Tester from Highland Country Club
- Veronica Van Broekhoven from St. Thomas Curling Club

Laura is off to UBC in Kelowna to study political science. She'd like to thank her instructors and mentors from London Curling Club from Little Rocks to Juniors.

Congratulations to all these talented young athletes.



Spirit of Curling award winners honoured

Congratulations to Dawn Lewis and John Crosby, the 2018-2019 winners of the London Curling Club Spirit of Curling awards.

These individuals were recognized for their love of the sport of curling and their good sportsmanship on and off the ice. Both have served their league and the club with volunteerism above and beyond the call of duty. The awards were announced at our Annual General Meeting in June.

A few spaces remain for Academy of Curling 2019

There are still a few space left for this year's Academy of Curling with champion curlers Russ Howard, Mary-Anne Arsenault and Grant Odishaw. The three opportunities include:

- Academy Level 2 - Friday, Oct. 18, 1 to 8 p.m. For skilled curlers and previous participants. \$135 + HST, dinner included.
- Academy Level 1 - Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For curlers of all skill levels. \$155 + HST, lunch included.
- Competitive Teams - Sunday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$600 + HST per team (\$650 with coach), lunch included.

Don't miss this opportunity to take advantage of world-class curling instruction. You can register online at londoncurling.ca/spcialevents.

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