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London Curling Club works with City of London to deter illegal parkers in our lot

You may have noticed new “Authorized Parking Only” signs in our parking lot. We’ve joined forces with the City of London to combat unwanted vehicles parking on our property.

Due to the influx of new businesses and residences in Old East Village, we’ve seen an increase in the number of unauthorized vehicles using our lot. Not only do these vehicles reduce available parking for members and guests, they also make it difficult to remove snow when necessary.

Members need to know and understand the following parking guidelines:

• Sept. 1 to April 15

Parking will be restricted to members and authorized guests, and only while they are in the building. During the curling season parking tickets will be issued by City of London Parking Enforcement Officers only when contacted by a London Curling Club staff member. When an unauthorized vehicle is found in our lot, staff will record the vehicle in a log book and call for enforcement.



Please note: If you need to leave your vehicle in our lot for an extended time period or overnight then you **MUST** leave the make/model and license number with a staff member to avoid receiving a ticket.

• April 16 to Aug. 31

City of London Parking Enforcement Officers will patrol the lot and issue a ticket to ANY vehicle that does NOT have a London Curling Club issued parking pass on display. Parking passes will be issued by the office as necessary. London Curling Club will have the ability to halt enforcement

during a special event such as the Annual General Meeting in June.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact Greg Lewis, manager of London Curling Club.

Still time to sign up for Can You Hack It? funspiel

The 4th annual “Can You Hack It?” bonspiel is on Feb. 29, 2020 at London Curling Club. It helps members (specifically from Learn to Curl) meet other club members. Organizers hope to expand to two draws, so you’re encouraged to sign-up on the sheet posted on the club bulletin board. It features two six-end games. Participants request a preferred position and teams are created placing curlers from different leagues together. Teams are mixed up after the first game which means you’ll curl with or against, up to 14 different people during the day. All net proceeds will be used to enhance the Learn to Curl program.



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Team Ross wins Spring Thaw bonspiel

The 2020 Spring Thaw Mixed bonspiel was held Saturday, Jan. 25 at London Curling Club. It was convened by Marc Claveau with help from Greg Lewis, Fay Weiler and Bruce Thom. There were two draws with 71 curlers participating. Two eight-end games were played with lunch and prizes for everyone.

The overall winners determined by points are shown below, left to right, Shane Latimer, Ashleigh Frederiksen, Brooklyn Ross and skip Dave Ross.



Business Women take reindeer antler challenge

On Dec. 19, 2019, the Business Women’s League celebrated the Christmas season with members donating food items to the London Food Bank. The Reindeer Antler Challenge proved to be the evening highlight. Obviously it was fun so consider joining the Business Women’s League next season. Individual and team entries welcomed.



A huge thanks

A message from Kevin MacDonald, president, London Curling Club



A huge thank you to London Curling Club members who volunteered their time and expertise to help make the 2020 Continental Cup the wonderful success it was.

If I'd been able to get a volunteer list in time for this publication, I'd have liked to name each and every one. The roles they played are too many to mention here. Those with whom I have spoken, shared stories of positive experiences. They got to meet and work with people from other curling clubs, other parts of Canada, and around the world. I believe the memories from this event shared by visitors and volunteers, will be warm and long lasting.

Thank you again for your dedicated service to our sport.

WE NEED YOU

To continue effectively operating the London Curling Club, we need a full complement of volunteers. For next curling season, we need a few people to join the board of directors to replace members whose term is over at the end of this season. We also need volunteers to help with two committees: Sponsorship/Advertising and Communication/Promotion. These two committees already have chairpersons but need help getting the necessary work done and determining future direction.

If you're interested in helping out, please contact Paul Pergau (ppergau@gmail.com, 519-434-2490) or any other member of your board of directors. We'll be pleased to review these opportunities with you and sign you up.



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Ilderton team wins 66th Grandmothers bonspiel

The 66th annual Grandmother's and over 50 bonspiel was held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020. This was the 18th year the event has been sponsored by Heather Greenfield.

The theme for this year's was The Curling Club. A tribute was paid to the founders and current members of our clubs. Twenty-four teams competed from Aylmer Curling Club, Chatham Granite Curling Club, Ilderton Curling Club, Ingersoll District Curling Club, London Curling Club, St. Thomas Curling Club and Tillsonburg Curling Club.

The winner was Dawn Butler's Ilderton team (shown below receiving the trophy from Heather Greenfield, far right). They were also the winner of the first draw. Second place was an Ingersoll team skipped by Pat Skinner. Third place was Candis MacDougall's team from London. The second draw winner was also a team from Ilderton skipped by Mary Jane Mizzen with Barb Morrissey, Jane Steele and Gloria McCreary. Second place was Marlene Benny's team from London Curling Club. Tina Sturgeon from Ilderton took third place.



2020 Continental Cup snapshots

Team Johnson, one of London Curling Club's stellar junior teams, made it to the final of the Apollo Slam event which was being held at our club the same weekend. The final was played on sheet four at the Continental Cup, so they got the experience



playing on arena ice in front of a big crowd. Although they lost the game, it was a big thrill!

London Curling Club member and Continental Cup volunteer Val Ruscio gets a thank you hug from Slider, the Curling Canada mascot.



London Curling Club manager Greg Lewis and his wife Dawn ran into famous figure skater Scott Moir who was playing in a celebrity curling match at the event.



London Curling Club members Pam Harrison and Dave Beckett (and others) got to play against members of Canada's wheelchair curling teams on sheet four, during the event.



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