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Great reasons to become a club coach - a personal essay

By Brian Arnold, Rock Talk editor

In November 2012, I and another London Curling Club member travelled to Stratford for two days to complete training to become a Canadian Curling Association club coach.

I was looking for a way to volunteer with our club, and the club was willing to pay for the training. I'd already done coaching of baseball and soccer with my kids' teams, so why not try this. Here's why I'm happy I became a club coach, and why I think you may want to consider becoming one too.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR OWN GAME

Learning to teach the curling delivery by breaking it down into smaller movements has helped my own game. Like everyone, my delivery can get wonky from time to time. Understanding the delivery components allows me to solve my own delivery problems and hopefully play better.

SEEING NEW PLAYERS MAKE THEIR FIRST SHOT

I've coached numerous clinics for newbies who have never played before. And at some point, after only an hour of instruction, most of them will make their first curling shot, whether it's a draw that touches the rings, or a hit that removes another stone. Their unbridled joy at achieving something they've never done before is serious food for the soul.



HELPING CURRENT CURLERS PLAY BETTER

I've also coached in several clinics for club members. I've helped solve little kinks in deliveries and seen "the light bulb go on", as they now understand how to fix their problem. I've also helped many members who were experiencing physical issues, transition from a traditional delivery to a stick delivery, and seen their relief knowing they'll be able to continue curling, and in many cases play better than they were before they transitioned.

AN EASY WAY TO VOLUNTEER

I know that London Curling Club survives and thrives largely because of it's volunteers. Because I get so much enjoyment from curling, and I want our club to continue to grow so I'll have a place to play, I feel like I owe it some of my time as a volunteer. Coaching is one easy way to do that.

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THE CLUB WILL PAY FOR YOUR TRAINING

London Curling Club will pay for your club coach training as long as you commit to helping coach in some manner with the club. Just inform the office of your intention to register. Every year, we have experienced coaches retire from the game, and we need to replace them to have enough coaches for all the places we need them.

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

From coaching Learn to Curl, to coaching in Brooms and Brews clinics, to coaching Little Rocks or elementary school or high school students, or coaching in club members clinics, there are all kinds of places you can coach. Choose whatever age group you think your skills match up with best.

Buy your tickets every month at curl-on.ca



WDS announce 2021-2022 executive

The executive for the Womens' Daytime Section (WDS) for the upcoming season will be, left to right, Katy Farrow (Secretary), Liz Oehm (Games Coordinator), Janet Legue (Assistant Games Coordinator), Marj Dudley (Chair), Joan Crosby (Vice Chair) and Sherry Chambers (Past Chair).



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Junior teams start season with excellent results

U21 Women: Team Dobson

(Ella Dobson, Kate Phillips, Jenna DeClerq, Kayla Cruikshank – Cheryl Phillips)

- 3rd, U21 Royal Slam
- 3rd, U21 Crystal Slam

U18 Women: Team Johnston

(Charlotte Johnston, Julia Markle, Scotia Maltman, Brooklyn Ideson – Tony Francolini, Jennifer Cuddie)

- 1st, U18 Phoenix Slam
- 2nd, U21 Royal Slam

U18 Men: Team Stratton

(Kyle Stratton, Liam Tardiff, Matthew Pouget, Braydon Appleby – Tim Lindsay)

- Competed, U25 Oakville
- 1st, U18 Phoenix Slam
- 4th, U21 Sapphire Slam
- 1st, U18 Crystal Slam

U18 Women: Team Smith

(Amanda Smith, Hailey Brittain, Megan Pouget, Nicole Musselman, Grace Adams – Krista Appleby)

- 3rd, U18 Phoenix Slam
- 7th, Stu Sells Oakville
- 1st, U18 Crystal

U18 Men's: Team DeVito

(Micah DeVito, Dylan Stockton, Jacob Buglar, Cole Stratton – Anne McConnell)

- 5th, U18 Phoenix
- 3rd, U18 Oakville Optimists



Left to right: Team Johnston, Team DeVito, Team Stratton, Team Smith (missing Team Dobson).

NEWS


The London Curling Club Junior Program welcomes Anne McConnell to our program and curling family.

Anne is coaching Team DeVito this season. Anne and her husband, Rob Goves, recently moved to London from Oakville where she coached in their competitive program. Anne continues to coach her son's, Jake Goves' team at the U21 level.






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Anderson Craft Ales are available all over the city in LCBOs and The Beer Store as well as many great restaurants and of course at the Brewery which is located just 2 km from London Curling Club at 1030 Elias St.



Junior girls team plays against elites in Oakville

Team Smith, the U18 junior girls team from London Curling Club, had the amazing opportunity to take part in the womens event at the Stu Sells Oakville Tankard, Sept. 10 to 12.

They were extremely fortunate to be placed in the same pool with Team Jennifer Jones, Team Kerry Galusha, Team Danielle Inglis and a U21 team.

The team played amazing, and even though they were in the tougher of the two pools, they managed to leave each game with a ton of knowledge from these elite level teams, and ended the event with one win and three losses, including games against Jennifer Jones (losing 7-3), Kerry Galusha (losing 7-2), Danielle Inglis (losing 10-2) and Abbey Salari (winning 7-3).

Well done girls!

Got a story for Rock Talk?

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

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