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London Curling Club

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Junior teams continue stellar play

Team Stratton coach Tim Lindsay reports that Team Stratton congratulates both Team Blad (women) and Team Mitchell (men) for winning the CurlON 2021 U-21 Curling provincial championships in Welland the weekend of Nov 6-7, 2021.

Team Stratton (shown at top right) gained a lot of experience reaching the "A" qualifier. They won the "C" qualifier on Saturday only to meet Team-Niepage Curling in the first game of the championship round resulting in a tie for fifth out of 14 teams.

Thanks to Dylan Stockton for sparing for Brayden Appleby. Many thanks to Team Stratton's sponsors along with the Welland Curling Club as great hosts and their home club, London Curling Club.

The next play downs for Team Stratton are the Ontario Winter Games, Dec 10 to 12 at Sun Parlour Curling Club in Leamington, and the U18 Provincial Qualifiers, Dec 17 to 19 at Palmerston Curling Club.

MIXED DOUBLES TEAM DOMINATES

Nov. 13-14, the London Curling Club juniors dominated the first qualifier of the Nordic Junior Curling Tour (NJCT) mixed doubles. Three of the four curlers in the final game were from our club.

It was a back and forth battle that had the crowd on the edge of their seats. After a battle into an extra end, Team Markle/King (shown at bottom right) came out victorious. This team is left to rightm Julia Markle, Jayden King, Nolan Bryant and Emily Middaugh.

The team qualified for the finals in March and the winner of that event will go to Sweden to represent Canada in the NJCT. How exciting would it be if one of our teams went?



Another successful Brooms & Brews event

On Nov 13, London Curling Club hosted another Brooms and Brews event to allow anyone to try curling for the first time.

Reservations for the event sold out on our website, and 42 people attended, plus nine club coaches and two other volunteers who helped manage Covid vaccination monitoring.

After a one-hour delivery clinic and a four-end fun game, participants enjoyed some social time and snacks in the upstairs lounge. A few have already reserved their place to join our Learn to Curl program in the new year.

The next Brooms and Brews evening has been penciled in for Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 from 7 to 10 p.m. If you'd like to volunteer coach that evening, please contact organizer Melissa Neeb.

Buy your tickets every month at curl-on.ca



WDS chair pin presented

On Oct. 15, members of the women's daytime section were on hand for the presentation of the Chair pin to Sherry Chambers (right) by the Past Chair Joanne Laws (left). There were many up and downs to the 2020-2021 curling season but Sherry was up to the task. Well done Sherry!



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Halloween a pain in the butt on Sunday fun night

On Oct. 31, The Sunday Mixed (Open) league curled held an optional fun night which allowed members with Halloween obligations to not worry about getting spares and/or letting their teams down.

Instead of playing regular games, we played by “wacky” rules like:

- No one is allowed to talk during the end, hand signals only. Talking results in the stone being delivered being considered as “burnt”.
- Reverse order (skip throws lead stones, vice throws second stones, etc.)
- Farthest from the button but still in the house wins.
- All players throw with a stick, or if they use a stick normally, they must use their other hand to deliver the rock.
- One team must throw all in-turns and the other must throw all out-turns. Lefties throw so their curl is the same as their team’s rock’s curl.



- One team can only score rocks in the right-hand half of the house and the other team gets the left-hand side. If an opponent’s rock ends up on your side, it counts for you.
- Only promoted rocks count, no direct draws or take outs are allowed.

In addition, Dave King, convener of the Sunday Mixed (Open) league, dressed up in special “Jaws” inspired costume shown above.


Think of your club in your year-end tax planning

Through our partner, Ontario Sports Network, you can make a donation to London Curling Club to help us get through Covid without an operating loss, and set aside money for a new facility. Go to ontariosportsnetwork.ca > Donations/Fundraising and select Project #202 – London Curling Club. You’ll instantly receive a 2021 tax receipt.






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Holiday toy drive returns

After a one year Covid hiatus, London Curling Club is once again joining the Toy Angels toy drive. Club member can bring new, unwrapped toys to the club and put them under the tree. The last day to donate is Tuesday, Dec. 14. Please help give a child a better Christmas.

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Club enhances security at alley fire exit

Recently, the board of directors approved the installation of a chain link enclosure with a push bar security gate for the northeast fire exit at a cost of \$8,200. The enclosure, shown below, was installed by Royal Fence.

Previous to the installation, the alcove in that area was being used by homeless people as shelter, and was often filled with debris. Solutions other than what was installed would have required building permits and/or architect fees.



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