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London Curling Club

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## London to host Brier again in 2023

Curling Canada recently announced that the 2023 Tim Horton's Brier would be held in London at Budweiser Gardens. Combined with London Curling Club's 175th anniversary, it'll be an exciting time for curling in London!

Now's the time to think about if you're going to be a volunteer, a spectator or both?

London Curling Club will be closed for league play from March 6 to 12 next year, so regardless of what you do, you won't miss your league games.

Event tickets are on sale now. When buying tickets, consider where you want to sit. Some people sit at the end of the ice so they can see the line of each shot,

however it can be difficult to see the rings at the far end. Others sit along the sides so they can see both ends of the ice equally and perhaps get closer to the action.

Volunteer registration is expected to open shortly. There will be a small fee but in return you'll receive a volunteer uniform and other perks. Think about what area you'd prefer to help with. You could drive teams from the hotel to the arena, be a bartender in the Patch, take part in the pre-game ceremonies as a flagbearer, help with events and receptions, be a statistician or join the ice crew.

We encourage our members to get involved because it brings the curling community together, builds friendships and it's a lot of fun to do!

A promotional banner for the 2023 Tim Hortons Brier curling tournament. The banner features a photograph of four male curlers in red jackets standing behind a large, ornate silver trophy. The trophy is a multi-tiered cup with many small heart-shaped medallions. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "2023 TIM HORTONS BRIER LONDON • ONTARIO MARCH 3-12, 2023". Below the text is a curling stone with a red handle and the Canadian flag. At the bottom left, there is a logo for "Tim Hortons Brier" and the text "LEARN MORE AT [CURLING.CA](http://CURLING.CA)".

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# Womens daytime section event three and four winners

In spite of the 6 week lockdown because of COVID restrictions, we were able to complete our event with two games played in December and five from Feb. 1 to March 1. We had a full rink with 12 teams playing each of the seven weeks. Thanks to co-convenors, Lynda Reesor and Mary Blasl, and scorer, Sandy Ronson.

Event three winners (shown below, left to right) were Sue Peters, Sandy Ronson, Janet Legue (skip) and Sandra Martone (absent).



In second place was Linda Bailey, skip, Mary Blasl, Mardi McLachlan and Gwen Steffler, and in third place was Cindy Thom, skip, Jan Murray, Liz Oehm and Wanda Mara.

Event four started on Thursday, Dec. 9 with 10 teams, and continued on Feb. 4 for four weeks until Feb. 24. Thanks to co-convenors Katy Farrow and Sharon Sivak and games liaison, Candis MacDougall.

Finishing in first place (shown below, left to right) were skip Judy Sofalvi, Susie Wong, Jenny Shaw and Liz Oehm.



In second place was skip Candis MacDougall, Mary Blasl, Mary Stokley and Janice Elloway, and in third place was skip Sylvia Leuszler, Sue Lundy, Wanda Mara and Linda Howe.

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## Ferrie team has 8-ender

On Tuesday, March 1, in the Thompson social league, Paul Ferrie's team, of Mike Godwin at third, Will Church at second, and David Cooper lead, scored the rare eight-ender shown below.



## Spirit of Curling awards cancelled again

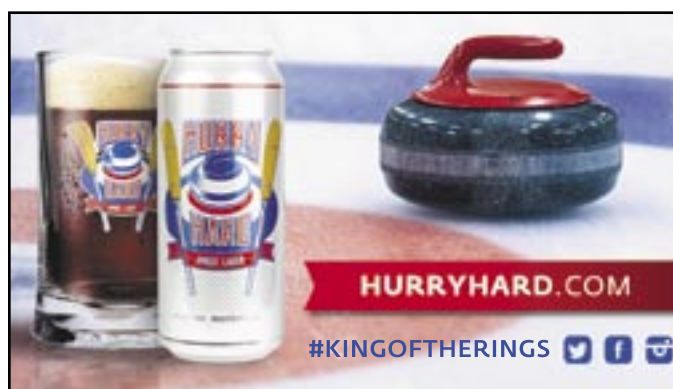
At their February meeting, the board of directors voted to cancel nominations and presentation of the Spirit of Curling awards for the 2021-2022 season. This decision was made based how we've been required to operate again this year, as well as the somewhat reduced curling season. We look forward to restarting this program next season.

## Celebrating our history

London Curling Club started playing on The Coves almost two centuries ago. In 2022, we're celebrating our 175th anniversary by planning various events and activities in the upcoming season. While the club has some archival materials, if you have artifacts that can be loaned for display, they'd be appreciated. As well, the board of directors would like to form a committee of members who'd like to help organize and run some anniversary events. If you have ideas on the sort of things we might do, please consider pitching in to help. Please contact Steve Hobbs at [stevehobbs@hotmail.com](mailto:stevehobbs@hotmail.com) or 226-927-5138.



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## Team Stratton qualifies for U18 provincials

At the CURLON U18 Challenge Round at London Curling Club, Feb. 25 to 27, 2022, London Curling Club junior team, Team Stratton qualified for the U18 provincial championships through the A side by defeating Team DiFranco from Manitock.

At the same event Team DiFranco beat Team DeVito from London Curling Club in the B final to qualify for the U18 provincial championships, and end Team DeVito's quest to play in the provincials too.

The CURLON U-18 provincial championships will be held March 30 to April 3 in Kingston. Watch for details in the next issue of Rocktalk.

### LONDON CURLING CLUB TEAMS DOMINATE JUNIOR SLAM EVENT

The London Curling Club was well represented at the U18 Pegasus Slam hosted by the Junior Slam Series and Junior Curling Tour of Ontario at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club, Feb. 19 to 20.

Team C. Johnston won five straight games including the womens championship final over Team Smith, both from London Curling Club. Team Stratton won the men's championship with a 5-1 record.

London Curling Club's junior program continues to be a dominant force in competitive curling across the province. All teams would like to thanks their coaches along with junior program coordinators Jennifer Cuddie and Tony Francolini for their leadership and commitment.

## London Curling Club looks for more sponsors

When you look around our arena and clubhouse, you can't help but notice our sponsors. We appreciate all of our paid sponsors, but would benefit greatly by adding more. The London Curling Club is a not-for-profit organization, and these businesses provide much needed financial support. Without them, membership fees and rental rates would be higher.

Now is the perfect time for us to seek out and attract new sponsors for next season. Please let the office know of any local businesses that you feel may be willing and able to provide paid sponsorship in return for visual recognition. Sponsorship opportunities include in-ice logos, arena signage, Rock Talk advertisements and digital signage on both levels of the clubhouse. All sponsors are recognized on our website as well.

## 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 April 2022 issue is April 6.



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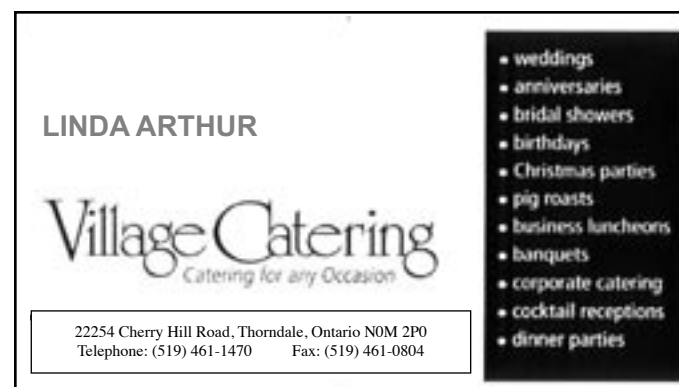


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