



Bemidji Curling Club
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Celebrating 83 years

Message from the President: Greetings from the 2017-18 Bemidji Curling Club Newsletter! I am Pete Harrison, your new club president and I just wanted to send out a quick note to all the members. For those who don't know me, I joined Bemidji Curling Club in 2010 and have been curling since 2007. I mainly curl on Thursday afternoon and evening and, starting last year, helped out with the "novice league" on Wednesday nights. The novice league was a great way to get new curlers some time on the ice with others of the same experience and abilities. With membership waning in recent years, one of the greatest challenges our club faces is getting new members. It is up to all of us to recruit and spread the word about becoming a member. Take on the challenge by simply telling your friends, neighbors and new acquaintances about the Community Ed class, novice league or form a new league team and fill spots with these less-experienced players. By all of us doing these little things, it will make a big difference for the club. Here's to another great year!

Message from the General Manager, Eric Fenson: Another curling season is almost here! Make sure to get your team signed up for league. All league chairs and their phone numbers are listed on the club's website at www.bemidjicurling.org. If you are interested in joining a league, you can also email me at the club, at curlbem@paulbunyan.net. Remember that the club is available 12 months out of the year to rent for any type of gathering, party, fundraiser, wedding, etc. We are looking forward to another exciting year with a lot of great events going on. Hope everyone has a great season, and GOOD CURLING!

League/Draw Times, and Contacts for the 2017-2018 Season: This year's leagues and league chairs are listed below. Since all league start dates are different, please confirm with league chair.

➤ Monday Junior League, 3:45	Jaime Quello, 218-556-3545
➤ Monday 2 on 2, 5:30	Pete Bahr, 218-368-8773
➤ Monday Open League, 6:45	Doug Fuller, 218-556-2472
➤ Tuesday Afternoon Legends, 2:30	Kirby Bahr, 218-987-2525
➤ Tuesday Afternoon Open, 4:30	Kari Erickson, 218-444-8431
➤ Tuesday Night Open League, 6:30	Keith Hunt, 218-760-3502
➤ Wednesday Night Men's, 5:30	Dan Haluptzok, 218-751-8948
➤ Thursday Afternoon Open, 1:00	Kirby Bahr, 218-987-2525
➤ Thursday Businessmen's League, 3:00	Terry Matson, 218-444-8991
➤ Thursday Businessmen's League, 4:45	Terry Jackson, 218-444-4720
➤ Thursday Businessmen's League, 6:30	Josh Bahr, 218-766-6537

Junior Committee Report: Junior curling had another exciting year with 7 players in the U-18 National tournament, 9 players in the Jr Nationals and 1 player making it to the world tournament level. Bemidji Jr Curling has the largest Jr Curling program in the nation with over 150 students in instructional leagues. These Jr's are our future and need guidance from the adult members. If you want to donate your time to help navigate this next generation contact Jaime Quello @ 218-556-3545.

The BCC Junior Program continues its reimbursement program for certain fees. Eligible Juniors under the age of 21, participate in a BCC League or Program, and reside in the Bemidji area. In return, Juniors are expected to complete four hours of volunteer work at BCC, or Bemidji Winterfest.

Beginners, intermediate and avid curlers in 6th to 12th grade can participate in the Monday After School Curling Program from 3:45 to 5:05. Open to boys and girls, Juniors will get instruction and competition suited to their level of play. For those with interest, we intend to host competitions against other out-of-town programs, and will make at least one trip to an out-of-town competition. The program begins Monday, December 4th, and runs every Monday at 3:45-5:15 pm through March 12, 2018. Register in person at the Bemidji Community Education office, or at www.bemidjicommunityed.com. Fee is \$50.

Boys and girls in grades 1-5 will start curling Sunday Nights at 5:30pm, starting January 7, 2018. The program will run Sundays from 5:30 – 7:00 with open curling from 7:00 – 7:45, running 7 weeks around the club schedule. Registration is available in person at the Bemidji Community Education office, or at www.bemidjicommunityed.com. Fee is \$55.

U18 Nationals Coming to Bemidji: The Bemidji Curling Club is hosting the U18 National Championships February 20 – 25, 2018! We are very excited to be chosen to host this new (only second time) event and the planning committee has already been hard at work getting many of the details organized. Hosting an event of this caliber will add to the lengthy tradition of Bemidji as a curling championship host site and it should be a good way to raise some funds for the club as well. Volunteers will be needed during the event as timekeepers, host families, kitchen help and in many other areas. If you would like to volunteer for the event or are interested in being part of the planning committee, contact Pete Harrison, Terry Matson or Jaime Quello. (The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 pm at Lazy Jacks. Please join us if you would like to help out!)

Club Team Needed: We need enthusiastic members to take on the challenge of representing Bemidji at the Club Nationals in 2018! The only requirement is that all competitors on the team need to be dues-paying, league-playing members of the Bemidji Curling Club. They must also be available to participate in state playdowns (most likely sometime in January, location TBD) and Club Nationals, February 10-17 in Brainerd, MN. With both championships being right here in the state, we can't let this opportunity pass us by. Championships are available for both men's and women's teams. Bemidji has had Club National Champions in the past and it is time to bring this illustrious honor back where it belongs!

Community Ed and New Fall League: Community Ed Adult Curling classes will take place November 6 – 23 this year. Various leagues will start throughout November as well. Check with your league chair to find out exactly what date your league is starting. Another option is a new Fall Curling League. If you are interested in participating, contact Doug Fuller at 556-2472 or dfuller@paulbunyan.net.

Need a Team? Need a Player?: Our newly formed **Membership Committee** will be glad to help you out!!!! If you have any questions regarding membership they will be happy to answer them for you or get you in contact with somebody who can. The committee members are: Doug Fuller (218-556-2472), Pete Harrison (218-239-0027), Steve Johnson (218-751-0140) or Eileen Campbell (218-760-2605). You may also send questions to their email address at membership@bemidjicurling.org

Bar Manager Position: The Bemidji Curling Club is seeking a new bar manager for the 2017-18 season which will last from approximately November 2017 until early April 2018. The person will work behind the bar on all league nights and bonspiel/event weekends at various hours. Compensation will be 15% of bar sales throughout the season plus tips. Included in responsibilities will be to inventory and order supplies from vendors in order to keep bar fully stocked. The club is interested in filling this very important position as soon as possible. If you or anyone else you know are interested in this position, contact Eric Fenson at 218-209-8975. Bar Manager does not need to be a club member.

Proposed Dues Structure Changes for 2018-19 Season: The Board of Directors will be changing the dues structure for the 2018-2019 season. The change will incorporate a small membership fee, which would include membership to the club, practice ice, popcorn, soda and beer discounts. Then each draw slot would have a team fee. Each draw a player would enter they would need to pay a fee for that draw. We are looking for input and feedback from members or would be happy to answer any questions. Please direct questions to Jon Chandler at 218-444-4033 or email Jon@detailplusbemidji.com

November Open House: To kick off the 2017 curling season we are going to hold an "open house" at the club. The event will take place on Friday, Nov. 4, beginning at 5:00 until ? PM, and Saturday, Nov 5 from 10:00 AM – ? PM. This will be open to all regular curlers, novice, and anyone interested in taking up the sport of curling. We hope to have enough regular curlers in attendance to assist any potential "new" curlers. If enough interest is shown there may be an opportunity to have a "minispiel". With teams made up of veterans and novice curlers it would give the novice curlers an introduction into the actual game, rules and competitiveness. Refreshments (bar open) and food will be available. The open house will be advertised.

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