



This is an updating news flyer with the intention of communicating better with our members who are the life blood of our club!

Curling Supplies:

You can now purchase curling supplies through our GM, Eric Fenson. Eric has brooms, broom pads, sliders, grippers, gloves and possibly other miscellaneous items. Eric said he can also order non-stocked items for you. We are working with Dakota Curling Supply on a consignment basis. The club will reap some financial rewards by doing this and hopefully it will be a convenience for our members.

Bartender/Pull-Tabs/Liquor Bottles:

First of all, welcome to Monet Cairns and Cathy Thompson. Monet is our Bar Manager and Cathy has agreed to be our backup as needed. Since we are now selling pull-tabs at the bar to make extra funds for our club, we are bound to some security issues. One of the things that will happen is a sign posted on the bartender's office stating **for official use only**, therefore no liquor bottles can be stored in this area. So please leave your liquor bottles in your lockers or take them home with you. Bottles left out also present a legal problem if consumed by those under age. So please help us help you. Also, a chain will be placed on the popcorn side of the bar during busy hours. We have had some congestion problems here during busy times so please be patient and let the bartender(s) help you with your ice and set-up needs.

Suggestions/comments welcome!!

There is now a suggestion box at the club. Presently, it is upstairs near the bar, but it may pop up elsewhere like the Elf on the Shelf. So please give us **your** constructive visions, and comments.

Volunteers:

Thanks to those who have volunteered at the club. For those of you who have taken the twenty-five-dollar discount for four hours worked on the membership forms, please be pro-active and get your hours in. With Bonspiels coming up there should be lots of opportunity. If we have any electricians or lighting experts out there...we would like to discuss better lighting in the lunch room and the rest-room hallway. There is also a little painting needed in the hallway.

Recruiting:

The curling club is always looking for new members. We encourage you to try to recruit new people into the club. As an incentive, the club offers a \$25 discount on memberships for every new member that you recruit. For example, if you recruit three new members, you will receive a \$75 discount on your membership. You may have noticed numbers in leagues are down. The Monday 6:45 league has nine teams, the Tuesday 4:30 league has ten, and the Tuesday 6:30 league has nine. These are all excellent leagues for new members to get acclimated to the club. There is also a Wednesday Novice/Flex league at

7:00. This league offers great flexibility, as teams are put together with whomever shows up that night. If you are interested in having a team in any of these leagues next season, please contact the chair of that league, whose contact information can be found on our website. We encourage everyone to join our effort in bringing in new members.

Open Curling

After making open curling available to the general public on three Friday's in December, we are doing it again. The turnout in December increased every time. The last time we had 23 adults and 13 kids, almost all were new and had never tried curling before. There will be open curling again on Friday January 18th and the 25th. Similar to open bowling, anyone who wants to curl can come to the club and, for a fee of \$20.00, curl for two hours, minors are free. Typically, the first hour is instruction and the final hour is optional, a two-end game or practice on your own.

This is open to Everyone. People who have never curled can come and try it, families who want to have an evening out, experienced curlers who want to curl with family or friends can just throw rocks or play games. Questions or comments: Contact Terry Matson @ 308-0949

Winterfest In&Out Bonspiel:

There is no more Winterfest on Lake Bemidji, so instead this NEW Jr. Curling Fund Raising event will be held at the Club. There will be three sheets of ice put in across the parking lot, north of the hockey rink. Approximately half of the games will be played inside and half outdoors, including all the finals being held outdoors. We hope you will try this unique event.

- Event Date is February 1st and 2nd
- Four end games.
- Open to any team that wants to enter, maximum of 32 teams.
- Three games guaranteed, most will play at least four games
- Cost is \$200/team, proceeds benefit Jr. Curling.
- Winners of all events get their names on the impressive Winterfest Trophy.
- Sign up on the club website/Bonspiels or the signup sheet in the club stairway.

Community Education Classes / Pro Am Mini Spiel – 2018

During the month of October our club, partnering with Bemidji Community Education, held six sessions of curling classes. We had 30 enthusiastic participants ranging in age from 20 to 60+. A big THANK YOU to Mark Varriano for volunteering his time and being lead instructor. To follow this up we held a public open house on Oct. 26 and then on Oct. 27 a pro – am mini – spiel with two novice class participants teamed with two veteran curlers. There were eight pro – am teams and the novice enjoyed the “feel” of actual game play / competition. About sixteen of these novice curlers have went on to become club members. A big thank you to all the volunteers that

made the classes, open house and mini spiel successful!!! They included: Dean Robertson, Kirby Washburn, John Knorr, Scott/Lynne Baird, Tim Johnson, John Filardo, Dale Goodyear, Jim Breyen, Jonathan Gaasvig, John Andriga, Trish Quistgard, Shawn Quello and Rob Yuretich. Apologies if we missed anyone!! Without volunteers this event could not have happened. The club is always looking for volunteers, Don't be afraid to step forward!

Lockers:

We are trying to identify locker owners! If you see a post-it note on your locker in the next couple weeks, please write your name on it so it can be recorded.

Membership Committee:

The membership committee is going to be meeting in the near future to discuss early registration for next year; and they will also be planning a membership survey to find out preferences for things like start dates, split seasons for some leagues, dues structure, etc. If you would like to help with the survey or have any suggestions we could consider, please contact Steve Johnson or place a suggestion in the new suggestion box!!

Olympic Jerseys:

Thank you to Pete Fenson, Jamie Johnson Haskell, Cassie Johnson Potter, and coming soon, Mike Liapis, Stacey Liapis Fuchsgruber and Kari Liapis Erickson, for donating Olympic jerseys and medals to the club for display in our lunch room. Thanks to the Dave Chandler family for purchasing and donating the Joe Polo Jersey! Awesome additions for an awesome curling club!

Elections:

Elections for three new Bemidji Curling Club Board Members will be held in March. Please give some thought to throwing your name in the hat and serving a three-year term. The Board needs to replace some good folks with more good folks.

Website/Facebook:

Be sure to follow our Facebook page and website calendar for current notices and events.

BCC By-laws

BCC By-laws are being reviewed for updating. Watch for more information coming soon. Your input is always welcomed! Club Members will be instrumental in the approval process.

