

# 2023 Bemidji Curling Club Paul Bunyan Bonspiel

Welcome to the 2023 Bemidji Curling Club's Paul Bunyan Bonspiel. This Bonspiel has been held at the club for 80+ years and has been an important part of the club's history. It is the only bonspiel put on by the curling club as a fundraiser, all other bonspiels at the club are an event rental of the facility and curling ice. The recent impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic and our club ice plant situation has made it more difficult to plan and market any of our club events for a few years. Because of that, and to get our bonspiel bracket to an even 16 teams, we have combined 4 teams from the K9 bonspiel that was recently postponed to the 12 teams that signed up for the Paul Bunyan. The plan in the future is to schedule and market the Paul Bunyan bonspiels more early to bring in more teams to play for more prize money. Putting COVID and our ice plant situation behind us will make running a normal curling season much more attainable. The club appreciates everyone's understanding as our club curling season is getting back to 100%.

Bonspiel Information and Rules. Rules apply to all teams and games listed on the draw schedule.

- Official draw schedule will be posted in the club upstairs viewing area and will be available/updated online. A link from our club website will guide one to the online draw schedule and this information.
- Games will be a full 8 ends with 8 rocks per team. Teams can forfeit and end early if they want.
- There will be no official time limit on games in a draw.
  - An 8-end game typically should take 2 hours to play. Please move game play along.
  - Loser cleans the sheet.
  - Sheets will be pebbled and nipped between games.
  - Each draw will need to wait for the previous game on a sheet to end and the ice to be prepped before a game on a sheet can start.
- If a match is tied after a full game, skip's draw, no sweeping, will determine the winner. A full extra end will determine winners in all event championship games.
- First end hammer for each game will be determined by the flip of the coin hanging at each sheet.
- Teams are encouraged to hang their scores during the match.
- For teams in the Paul Bunyan division, below are the anticipated cash payouts if all teams listed on the roster pay the Paul Bunyan registration fee. If a team not in the Paul Bunyan division makes it to one of the cash payouts the money stays with the event.

Event	Champion	Runner Up
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$750	\$400
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$400	\$200
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$400	\$150
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$300	\$100

Food during the event:

- One pizza per team can be ordered at the bar free of charge. Work with the bartenders to order and have your pizza cooked when ready.
- Lunch and dinner will be provided Saturday during the event in the club kitchen area.

Bringing outside beer into the facility is not allowed. Beer and selective drinks are available behind the bar. We do have an open setup license that allows having a bottle behind the bar for your personal use.

Info subject to change, have questions? Contact Dave Willford 218-556-2602 or Jaime Quello 218-556-3545, Good Curling!