



# Bemidji Curling Club

## 2024/25 Season Newsletter

### Hello from the Bemidji Curling Club!

The curling club board is very excited for the curling season coming soon! There is a lot of information to share about our past season, the current state of the club and plans for the coming season. I hope you find the information shared here informational. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or any of the board members. We would be happy to speak with you.

**Dave Willford** - Board President

### Club Facilities Update

As a result of the Continuing the Legacy fundraising campaign held over the past two years many areas of the Bemidji Curling Club have been improved. Details about the total funds raised and project goals reached will be posted online and at the club. Here is a summary of the goals of the campaign and their status:

- Replace Ice Plant - Complete
- Building Exterior Repairs – Not Started
- Interior Painting, Carpet & IT
  - Update kitchen carpet - Complete
  - Replace arena wall lower steel panels – Complete
  - Replace arena carpet – In Progress
  - Arena cameras and online streaming – Complete
  - Pay Off COVID related debt – Complete

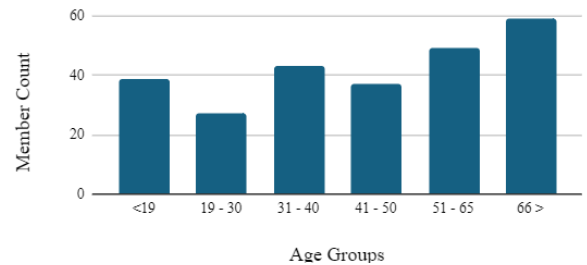
The club is doing better financially, allowing the ability to update other areas of the club's general operations and ice maintenance. The board has developed a project list which the group reviews at each board meeting. Thank you to the George W. Neilson Foundation and the many other donors for making our campaign a success. There is more work to do!

### Membership

The club had 270 paid club members in the 2023/24 season and has seen a steady increase in membership since COVID.

To get the most current club information and view events in the club calendar visit [www.bemidjicurling.org](http://www.bemidjicurling.org)

### 2023/24 Membership Demographics



(based on members with a birth year on record)

Members will notice a 3% increase in the club membership dues this coming season. This was the decided fair increase discussed by the board considering the increase in the cost of running a business in the past year and the fact that the financial accounting details to run the business of our curling club are not totally known. Financial records will be shared this year to help explain our club's financial position.

### Important Season Activities and Dates

- Ice installation start – Mid October
- Ice ready for play – Late October
- Fall Fundraiser – November 7
- Adult Community Ed – November 4
- Curling League Start – December 2
- Mixed Doubles Spiel – December 6
- Blue Ox Open Spiel – January 17
- Curling Rocks Junior Spiel – February 21
- Paul Bunyan Cash Spiel – March 7
- Club Championship Spiel – March 28

### Meet Your Curling Club Board

(term years remaining in 3 years elected term)

- President – Dave Willford (3)
- Vice President – Bill Sanford (2)
- Treasure – Jaime Quello (1)
- Recording Secretary – Kacey Donahue (3)
- Stu Noble (2)
- Paul Thompson (1)
- Judy Mackenroth (1)
- Jenny Willford (2)
- Carl Johnson (3)



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### Club Management, Staff & Volunteers

Currently the Club Manager and Ice Maker positions are still held vacant. Club Management in the coming season will continue to be done by Dave Willford with assistance from club board members and volunteers. The board hopes to post and fill the Club Manager position sometime this coming curling season. **Ice Management** will be done like last season, however, there has been an Ice Management committee formed made up of the following members: Dave Willford, Kevin Fenner, Noah Ness & Rob Yuretich. Dave, Kevin, Noah & Rob will coordinate the ice maintenance schedule and volunteers called on to help with the curling season ice maintenance work during the schedule. This concept of an ice committee and volunteers formed itself organically last season and worked out very well for the club. It is a concept many of our neighboring clubs in the area use. The curling ice at the club last season was very good. The hope is that our ice committee and volunteers can do the same this coming season. Be on the lookout for more information via email and posted at the club on ice making activities and calls for volunteer help. **Bar Management** will continue to be done by Catherine "Cathy" Thompson. Cathy runs a festive bar, and the club is looking forward to what she will bring this coming season. Rumor has it a new microbrew might be coming to the club on tap. **Club Cleaning Services** will again be performed by Bzy Bee Cleaning. Bzy Bee's did a great job last season keeping our club looking great. **IT and Online Streaming services** will be performed again by Bill Sanford with help from Tyler Montgomery and Rob Yuretich. **Volunteers** - The amount of volunteer help at the club in recent years has been outstanding to say the least. Volunteering in a non-profit organization is what helps the organization be successful while keeping costs down. Our club has reaped the benefits of this due to the many volunteers who have stepped in to help when asked. If anyone would like to help the club by volunteering in some way and are not

receiving the emails asking for help, email the club at [info@bemidjicurling.org](mailto:info@bemidjicurling.org), text Dave Willford at (218) 556-2602 or drop a note with your name and email into the mailbox by the curling club office. When people get together to do a job at the club, the work does not take long to complete, and the fellowship is great. **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!**

### Season Leagues & Club Championship

The leagues for the coming season will be similar. Check on our club website for league team availability or contact the league chair. If the need arises to add another league due to the below leagues becoming full, we may add a Thursday 8:30 PM league. The club is also planning an end of the season Bemidji Curling Club Championship. The plan for the end of the season championship will be the winning teams from each weekday league playing down in a weekend single elimination format to crown a club champion. More to come on this as the season progresses.

- Monday 5:30 PM 2-ON-2
  - Pete Bahr - 218-368-8773
- Monday 6:45 PM Open
  - Jordan Stearns – 744-200-3970
- Tuesday 2:30 PM Legends Open
  - Kirby Bahr – 218-214-0584
- Tuesday 4:30 PM Open
  - Liz Johnson – 218-760-7300
- Tuesday 6:30 PM Open
  - Jodi Lundquist – 218-766-1286
- Wednesday 5:30 PM 8 End Competitive
  - Jeff Breyen – 218-766-7809
- Wednesday 6:30 PM Novice
  - Lanny Cyr - 218-556-9440
- Wednesday 7:30 PM High School
  - Chris Justice - 218-556-4953
- Thursday 1:00 PM Open
  - Kirby Bahr – 218-214-0584
- Thursday 3:00 PM Open
  - Carl Johnson 218-443-1872
- Thursday 4:45 PM Open
  - Dave Willford – 218-556-2602
- Thursday 6:30 pm Open
  - Eric Johanson – 218-760-2262

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