

Baysville Curling and Bocce Club



Buzz from the Board

Bocce

- This summer was the largest group we have ever had playing Bocce. The Thursday night session (64 players) filled up during the first two days of registration. Patty Smith volunteered to run a second night on Wednesdays with an additional 16 players.
- The Bocce court's were upgraded this year with Limestone Screening that was donated by Bacher Construction in Dorset. A fellow club member, Tom Priest arranged for the donation from Bacher, and using his tractor, removed the sand and replaced it with the Limestone Screening. Feedback on the upgraded courts was very positive.

Furnace replacement

- The club's oil furnace was red tagged in the spring during the regular maintenance check. This meant we needed a new furnace. A project team consisting of Dana P, Terry K, Joan B and Ed M secured and reviewed 5 quotes. They recommended the purchase of a Keeprite 100,000BTU Propane Furnace from The Sarjeant Co. Ltd. (See August Board meeting Minutes), The Furnace will be installed later this month at a total cost of just under \$7,000.00. Many thanks to the team who worked so quickly and diligently to make this happen before our season starts.

Generating Funds for the Club

- The Ironman raised \$1,800 this year. Many thanks to the 40+ (*please confirm the number with Dean Beaudry*) volunteers who assisted with this event.
- Trillium Grant was submitted in June. The focus is on club improvements such as washrooms, lounge flooring and ceiling, etc. We expect to hear the results sometime in

Social Media update

- Ahne Crawford-Ridley has assumed responsibility for the Social Media for the club. Her responsibilities include maintaining the club's Facebook and Instagram accounts as well as our Website.

Practice First

- Practice First is being offered again this year with a slightly different focus.
- As with last year, it is applicable for those who have curled for at least one full season of league play. The aim is to increase personal confidence and a finer understanding of the skills that make gameplay exciting. What's different is that each session will begin with a drill and then turn quickly to team play, the game being Doubles, with coaching as needed or requested. Doubles is a perfect game for PF, since team members must plan each shot together as well as play all the basic positions (shooter, sweeper, and skip).

Opening Potluck date - **Friday October 13 @ 5:00pm**

Strategic Plan Updates



Investment In Ice Quality

Several initiatives are underway to improve our Ice Quality this year.

- 4 members will be taking a CurlOn provided course regarding Ice installation and maintenance
- A water treatment system has been purchased which will improve the water quality and therefore the ice quality
- A boot cleaner will be purchased before the start of the season

Grow Our Membership



Learn to Curl Program

- Our Learn to Curl program is a new six week program for the new adult curlers. Tuesdays at 7 pm for 6 weeks starting November 7, 2023. Equipment is supplied. Participants will be able to later sign up for our second draw. Please help us spread the word by telling your friends and neighbours to come out and learn this great sport.
- Flyer mailout
 - You have probably seen the flyer announcing our upcoming registration. It was created and mailed to residents in Baysville and the surrounding area.

Submitted by Dianne Jones



Ironman 70.3 Muskoka

A **HUGE** thank you to all the volunteers that made the Baysville Bike Aid Station such a success again this year! On Sunday July 9th, we had over 40 volunteers attend to make this day run smoothly for over 1400 competitors. The 2023 event marked the 15th Ironman 70.3 Muskoka race that started in Huntsville. We distributed athlete nutrition on both sides of Highway 117 in the vicinity of Lake of Bays Brewery. A very special thank you to Elaine and Bill Rowlands for hosting the after-party at their home. It was great to have time to socialize with each other after the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2024!

Submitted by Dean Beaudry

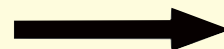


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"Digital Digest"

We have been working diligently on getting our website and social media presence on both Facebook and Instagram up to speed. Thanks to the ongoing cooperation of previous "Guardians of the Sites", we are making progress! Through our new Facebook presence, we have already signed new members to our Bocce Fall League which in turn, encouraged them to sign up for curling! We are delighted to welcome Kim and Rich Pearce to our club!

It is our goal to help both newcomers to the area as well as long-time cottagers or residents realize that our club is a place where they can feel both welcome and needed.

New membership allows new ideas to help our club to grow in meaningful, productive ways. Through thoughtfully-maintained social media pages, we hope to spread the word that the Baysville Curling and Bocce Club is more than just a "pretty rink"! It is a place to forge new friendships and to participate in exciting sporting events. We also offer evening activities such as Paint and Sip, Trivia, Music Nights, and Dinner Cabarets to name a few, whereby the proceeds help us to maintain our club as well as to support our local charities and surrounding communities.

We are in the process of setting up a shared drive whereby anyone in the club can upload photos from events they have attended and some of those photos can in turn be posted on our social media pages with members' permission, and used for slideshows and promotions. Stay tuned for more information but in the meantime, please contact me with any questions!

Submitted by Ahne Crawford-Ridley
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Fundraising

The fundraising committee is working on some exciting upcoming events. We are going to have a Music Night with Stealing Time performing on Saturday November 4th. Save the date and we hope to see everyone out for that event. The sign up will be online through the curling club website.

Poinsettias are back for another season. We will keep you informed as to when the orders open and when you need to have your order in by. I believe that they will have the same products as last year with one or two additions.

The committee is also hoping to offer a trivia night at the end of November or the first week in December. We will keep you posted as to the date for that popular event.

We are open to suggestions for fundraising activities so if you think of something that you think will be popular please pass along your ideas to someone on the fundraising committee



Submitted By Elaine Rowlands

Learn to Curl

We have had a good response to our new Learn to Curl program but still have some availability. It will be Tuesdays at seven p.m. starting November 7, 2023. Price is \$100 plus HST. Please let anyone that you think might be interested know that they can still register

Submitted by Bill Rowlands



Please Help!

If you are closing up your cottage for the season please consider dropping off any non-perishable food at our local Food Pantry

Our New Furnace!



Congratulations Thursday Night Winners!

