



# Baysville Curling & Bocce Club



## Buzz from the Board

### **On-Ice Heaters**

We asked Sargeant to inspect our on-ice heaters as part of our ongoing club maintenance. One has been red tagged and is now currently inoperable

The Heaters are 20+ years old and therefore we are evaluating the cost of repairing the heaters versus replacing the heaters. The Board is currently going through *the* process of obtaining quotes on both repair or replacement..

### **Ice Maintenance**

As part of our ongoing support of our Strategic Plan priority to "Improve our Ice Quality", 7 members of the ice team met with 2 ice makers from Bracebridge to review our ice maintenance procedures and practices. It was a very informative sharing of information and expertise. One of their key learnings was that our ice thermometers are not very accurate, and this has caused us to have too low of an ice temperature. The team is working closely with Scott in slowly raising the ice temperature until we reach a more appropriate level. In addition, the Bracebridge team will be providing new scraping patterns for us to follow. In addition, they have suggested a couple of small tools for us to invest in which we plan to do. We are also attempting to reduce the tracking of dirt from our lounge onto the ice surface. We have installed a BootMaster shoe cleaner and are asking all members to use it before going onto the ice. As well, we are encouraging members to avoid wearing your outside shoes & boots upstairs in the lounge. To assist this effort, we have installed a cubicle in the basement where you can store a pair of 'Club Only' slippers or shoes.

### **Club Maintenance.**

We are planning some minor, long overdue renovations. These include a new dishwasher, wall repairs such as the women's washroom and the dehumidifier wall, as well as additional dehumidifier venting and a spruce up of the lounge including painting and the floor replacement. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the team who completes the work, please let one of the Board members know.

### **Hold the Dates**

We plan to close out the season on March 23 with a year end funspiel entitled The Port Cunnington Lodge Rockapalooza. This will be followed by our Closing AGM and Pot Luck on April 6. Stay tuned for more details



*Submitted by Dianne Jones*



## New Branding Initiative



The Ontario Non-Profit Corporations Act (“ONCA”) applies to all non-profit entities in Ontario. Under the transition provisions of ONCA, the Club has until the end of October, 2024 to make the necessary changes to our governing documents to bring them into conformity with ONCA. In May of 2021, the members of the Club authorized a change of name of the Club from Baysville Curling Club to Baysville Curling and Bocce Club. Recognizing that as part of the mandated ONCA process we have to file under our proper name and will be incurring legal fees, government fees and other costs, and in order not to duplicate those costs, the name change has not been finalized. This gives us the opportunity to consider this issue further. One suggestion is to take the name Lake of Bays Curling and Bocce Club as it may be seen as better reflecting our actual membership base and be beneficial to membership and sponsorship opportunities.

Specifically:

It aligns with the name of the Arena beside the Club and would be consistent with the goal in the Lake of Bays Township Parks, Open Space and Recreation Strategy of investing in the area as a community hub.

It aligns with the name of the library (which itself was rebranded some time ago from Baysville to Lake of Bays – Baysville branch) and the Fire Department.

A significant Baysville businesses is called Lake of Bays Brewery, not the Baysville Brewery.

Some may view that Lake of Bays is a stronger ‘brand’ than Baysville.

Lake of Bays is a larger area than Baysville.

Such new name may assist with improving our profile and importance with Local, Provincial and Federal government entities and the Township staff who work for the Township of Lake of Bays.

It may assist in attracting curling and bocce members outside of Baysville, broadening our appeal to all of the Lake of Bays population and surrounding communities.

We are asking for feedback on this from the members. Please feel free to discuss this with any board member or provide comments to [president@baysvillecurling.ca](mailto:president@baysvillecurling.ca)

*Submitted by Bill Rowlands*





## Renovations to the Lounge

**EXCITING  
NEWS**



I am pleased to advise that the Board has approved a plan for renovating our lounge. The renovations will involve three key actions:

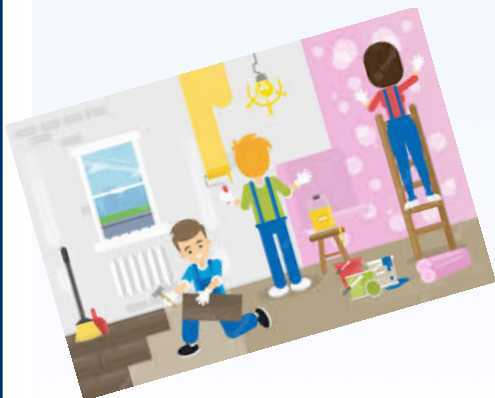
- 1) removing the carpet and installing vinyl plank flooring on the main level – lounge, kitchen and bar.
- 2) enclosing the far end of the lounge to create a storage area for extra tables & chairs; and
- 3) painting of the walls to brighter neutral colours - reflecting today's tastes.

Cathy Hoare & Jim Rotz will be jointly leading the project. Materials and supplies will be purchased by the club - engaging selected sponsors for assistance with regards to discounting of materials and installation – primarily flooring and painting supplies.

Cathy & Jim will be putting together a small volunteer team to run this project. The project team will select colours and materials, assist in preparing the lounge area for the renovations, and performing selected elements of the renovations. We have also approached Beaver Creek Institution in Gravenhurst, requesting their assistance in providing inmate labour for our project – significantly lowering the project cost.

We are targeting the renovations to be completed by May subject to the availability of materials and labour. More details to follow in future newsletters

*Submitted by Ed Matthany*



**HURRAY!**



# *Baysville Curling & Bocce Club Members,*

*Pleased to highlight our Gold and Silver Business Sponsors, our partners who support and enhance our Curling Experience.*

## *Gold Sponsors*

*Very pleased to recognize two (2) Club Members as Gold Sponsors.*

*- Ashley Jeffery, Lake of Bays Realty. Thanks for your renewal Ashley and for Sponsoring our Women's Bonspiel.*

*AND*

*-Susan Bloom, Cottage Country Mortgage,*

*Thank You both for your amazing Support of the Club.*

## *Silver Sponsors*

*Cast Iron Restaurant, Baysville*

*Greavette Chev/Buick, Bracebridge*

*Lake of Bays Brewery, Baysville, Bracebridge & Sponsors our Grand Master's Team.*

*Robinson General Store, Dorset*

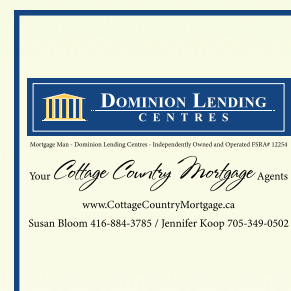
*Port Cunnington Lodge, Lake of Bays*

*Bacher Construction, Lake of Bays*

*Fantastic support*

*Next up will be a focus on our Bronze, Nickel, Bonspiel, Women's League, Master and Grand Master Sponsors.*

*Submitted by Jim Rotz*



*Huntsville. Lake of Bays also*







**Website**

Click below

[www.baysvillecurling.ca](http://www.baysvillecurling.ca)



## **“Digital Digest”**

As we usher in **2024**, we are going to be introducing a new Facebook page for the Club at the beginning of January. Owing to changes in social media platforms and our site's administration issues, it is in the Club's best interest to "start fresh". We will then be able to connect our new Facebook page to a new Instagram page which we hope will attract yet another demographic.

We will send out a link to the new Facebook page for you to join and that link will also be posted on our current page as well. We are not able to close the current page down as we don't have the Admin rights to do so, hence, this is our best option.

Our club's website continues to be updated with the latest events including photos posted under the tab "About" and "[Our History](#)". There, you will find photos from events throughout the calendar year as well as those from years gone by.

In addition to our social media presence, we are updating our Club's Google Drive whereby files, folders, forms and slideshows which are currently housed on different computers, will now be accessible in one place.

Building a strong social media presence takes time and consistent effort. It is our hope that by creating a compelling online presence, we will attract new members and sponsors to support our organization.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the very best in 2024. Here's to your good health, to new adventures and lots of laughter.

*Submitted by Ahne Crawford-Ridley*  
[acrawfordridley@gmail.com](mailto:acrawfordridley@gmail.com)

# Scotch Nosing

## Saturday January 13



**6:30 - 8:30**

**Baysville Curling Club**

Caption

**\$ 50 person ( Includes tasting of 5 Scotches,  
Chance to win a prize worth over \$100,  
Charcuterie Board and LOTS of fun)**

**\$ 20 for non Scotch tasting (includes a glass of  
wine and Charcuterie Board) RSVP by Jan 5th**



## Ladies of the House

Our Tuesday Women's League continues to offer a fun, relaxed afternoon of great curling all the while continuing to give our ladies more confidence and encouragement in improving their curling game. Moving forward into the New Year will be three more Interclub games, our Living the Dream Women's Bonspiel and a PS/M Interclub Bonspiel. We may possibly have a time slot open for our teams to play together as a team prior to each of these events. Stay tuned for that! On a personal note, I can hardly wait to get back curling and want to say a huge Thank You to each and everyone of you who either Spared for me and/or made the teams work when teams were short. Happy New Year!

*Submitted By Cathy Hoare*

## Men's Den



### Masters Games

Jan 5 in Gravenhurst  
Jan 11 in Huntsville  
Jan 19 in Bracebridge  
Jan 26 in Baysville

### Grand Masters Games

Jan 2 in Gravenhurst  
Jan 9 in Huntsville  
Jan 16 in Baysville  
Jan 23 in Bracebridge  
Jan 30 in Gravenhurst

Please strive to attend a game, all games start at 9:30 am and support your team!

*Submitted by Dean Beaudry*



## Kitchen Chatter

Our Kitchen continued as a busy hub in December's with amazing food organized by Marilyn, for the Hap & Alice Bonspiel, as well as our teams of two ladies preparing and serving much appreciated Masters and GrandMasters lunches. Many thanks again for the ladies who stepped up and helped with these lunches while I was on the injured list.

*Submitted by Cathy Hoare*







## Fundraising News

# THANKS

Thanks to Suzanne David and Ahne Crawford Ridley for running two great fundraising events this fall. Suzanne organized our successful poinsettia fundraiser and Ahne was responsible for Trivia Night. Trivia night was very well attended with 43 people in attendance.

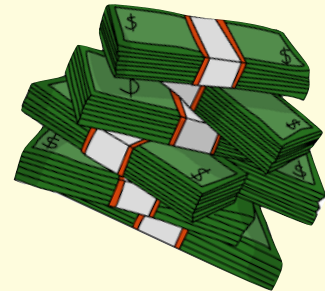
Congratulations to the Kateri Angels (men's team) on their win. We were happy to welcome some new faces from the community to our event.

Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets for the Port Cunningham Lodge dinner and wine basket. Congratulations to Mackenzie on her win.

The Club will be hosting a scotch nosing event on January 13th, hosted by Lorie Marsham. Online registration will open after January 2nd and the event is limited to 30 people so be sure to register early to secure your spot.

Thanks to all for their continued support of the fundraising activities. We look forward to bringing you more events in the New Year.

*Submitted by Elaine Rowlands*



**The Weakerthans - "Tournament of Hearts"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQF5xuLrjpY>



Click on the above live link to listen to a fun curling song by a Canadian group.

*Submitted by Bill Rowlands*



# SPREAD THE WORD

## DORSET TIMBER MART MEN'S BONSPIEL, Baysville Curling & Bocce Club

The 65th annual Men's Bonspiel will be held on  
**Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd, 2024**  
at the Baysville Curling and Bocce Club.

❖ Friday evening Chili,  
Saturday Continental Breakfast,  
Soup & Sandwich Lunch,  
Roast Beef Dinner and Prizes.

3 games for all teams  
(2 hour - 8 ends on Friday,  
1 ½ - 6 ends on Saturday)

❖ REGISTRATION FORM

Go to: [baysvillecurling.ca](http://baysvillecurling.ca)

\$300 + HST per team

For more information contact:  
Dean Beaudry: [deanbeaudry54@gmail.com](mailto:deanbeaudry54@gmail.com)

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