

JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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HELP US SAY “BYE-BYE” TO BYES

There are currently byes in the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening draws. If you are thinking of curling another night a week, or you know someone who would like to curl and thinks they waited too long to register; please send them our way, so that everybody plays every night.

FEES ARE DUE

All league curling fees are due prior to October 31, 2019. Discounts for multi league or bounty hunter are paid only if dues are received prior to November 1, 2019.

If you need to set up an installment payment plan please arrange this with Cathy now.

LOCKERS

There are still lockers in available in both the men's and women's locker rooms. Regular lockers are \$25 and large lockers are \$40 for the season. If you would like use a locker throughout the season please see Cathy.

THURSDAY NIGHT CURLING

Just a reminder that Cathy is only in the office until 6:30 pm on Thursdays. Kaylae will be working office hours on Thursday evening until 9:00 pm if you need to pay fees, purchase items or ask questions. You are welcome to call or email Cathy with concerns.

FOOD SERVICES

We would like to welcome Jonathan from Preserve Food Truck back to our curling club and look forward to his new menu for the 2019-20 season. Please come early for supper or consider sharing food after your game.

CRAFT BEER

Try our amazing selection of craft beer this season, and let us know what you like best.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

We have a club member who is a pharmacist and has offered to bring a flu shot service to the Jasper Place Curling Club on Thursday October 24, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Everyone is welcome, and the service is free of charge. If you don't get your flu shot here, please visit your pharmacist and arrange this on your own.

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PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice is available at no charge to club members on Sunday afternoons at 1:30-4:00; Tuesday & Wednesday evenings about 8:45 and Friday evening at 9:00. Other times may become available, please check in with the office to see when we can accommodate your practice.

PROSHOP

There is a small proshop located in the office. This proshop is stocked on consignment from Kevin's Curling Supplies. In order to continue to offer this service we need to meet minimum purchase requirements from Kevin's Curling Supplies.

Please consider purchasing your new brushes, brush heads, grippers, gloves, pants and shoes from the Jasper Place Curling Club. If you want pants or shoes (or any other items) and we do not have enough selection here, then Cathy will provide you with a letter to take to Kevin's shop at the Saville Centre and you can choose from the extended selection there and Jasper Place can use that purchase as part of our minimum requirements.

Remember your gripper and brush head needs to be replaced at least once every year and depending on the number of games you play each week, they may need to be replaced more often than that.

This proshop also provides the curling club with a small revenue stream. Please consider supporting your club rather than a sporting goods shop that has no vested interest in curling.

BUTTON BOARD

The button board is in play once again this year for any draws that have at least three regularly scheduled games in play on that draw.

At the conclusion of an end, if your team has a rock on or touching the button, you may move the "button board" to the end of your sheet of ice. If the board has already been claimed in the end that you wish to claim it, it stays where it is. The idea is to reward both drawing to the button and fast play.

The prize will be awarded to the first team who claims the button board in the eighth end. If no team has a rock on the button in the eighth end, then the last team in possession of the board will be the winner.

PLEASE BE READY TO PLAY

Each end of play should take no more than 15 minutes to play. Adding 5 minutes to every end, adds 40 minutes to the game, which is way too long.

In order for ends to take 15 minutes: skips need to know what they are going to call next, front end players need to be at the throwing end with the next rock out and cleaned prior to completion of the other teams previous shot, as soon as the others team's shot comes to rest, you should be looking for the call and be prepared to throw within seconds. Put your equipment in a place where it is easily accessed, and get it during the others team's previous shot.

SPARES

Everyone wants to play their games. But people get sick, go out of town, or have to work, and are unable to play from time to time. When this happens, call anybody to come fill in for you. There are no rules excluding people from playing in any league. Also, during the regular season, your replacement may play any position up to and including the position of the person away. (e.g. if the lead is away the spare must play lead; if the skip is away the spare may play any position)

THE BELL

When the bell rings during your game, you may finish the end that you are playing and play one more end. The end that you are playing is over once the score has been declared.

BOOT-BOY

Please remember to use the boot-boy every time you enter the curling club. The dirt you bring in the front door, always seems to make its way to the ice.

JPCC 101

The Jasper Place Curling Club is a not-for-profit business, owned by the members; that means you. The curling club is located on land leased from City of Edmonton and all of the leasehold improvements (building, equipment and furnishings) are owned by the membership. The City of Edmonton provides no other resources to the curling club. All of the refrigeration equipment, icemaking equipment, the building maintenance and improvements, the janitorial services, utilities, and wages are paid for from your fees, funspiels, proshop, bar purchases. For perspective; just the cost of utilities (power, water, heat, trash removal) last season was \$65,000.

We have access to casino gaming funds once every 18-28 months and we can apply for grants to help with leasehold improvements, but both of these revenue sources are restricted and not always available to us.

Paying your fees is critical to our success, and so is recruiting teams to fill two draw times every weeknight. You can help by encouraging your business or service group to host a funspiel at our club; or recruit a team for an existing league; or purchase equipment at the proshop; or enjoy a beverage in our bar following your game; every bit helps us continue to offer you curling at Jasper Place.

If you would like to become more involved with how the club runs, please consider joining our Board of Directors.

WEBSITE

Registrations can still be made via the website until the end of October. You can access the complete calendar for your game days on the registration page of each league, as well you can find the current draw sheet for each league

LONG TERM PLAN....

INFRASTRUCTURE

There have been significant curling club infrastructure developments over the last year. Some of you will remember a mildew problem that we experienced on the ice-shed ceiling a couple of years ago. Rather than just replace ceiling tiles and ignore the condition, the Board of Directors of the Jasper Place Curling Club established a building committee to best determine next steps in correcting the conditions.

The building committee met last season and determined the need for engineered studies to solve the underlying issues, they have sourced grants that will help pay for any upgrades that are identified, they sent out RFP's to recommended engineering firms and then evaluated the results and presented their findings to the Board of Directors throughout the process.

To date a building condition assessment report has been completed by the City of Edmonton, building envelope, mechanical, electrical, HVAC, refrigeration reports have been provided by WSP Canada. A grant application to the City of Edmonton for their Community Partner Facility Capital Grant program has been submitted and city council approved our request.

Through these early assessments it is becoming clear that the best way forward is to consider a full replacement of the ice making equipment as well as air exchange and dehumidifiers for the building and ice-shed. The approach that we have been using, where we fix a problem once it arrives is no longer sustainable. The new ice making technology will really only be effective as a full package, and this will only be effective if we also address the air quality issues.

There is a need for more studies and detailed plans, but it looks more and more like the curling club needs this major mechanical upgrade to keep it operational for another 40 years, or risk being shut down by a major plant component breakdown at an inopportune time.

There are both City of Edmonton and Province of Alberta facility enhancement grants available to us, however we must show that we have community buy in to support these projects and we require at least 17% of the total cost of the project as cash on hand.

FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT IT

One of the projects that the Board of Directors will run this year to support the capital improvement fund for this major upgrade is a 50-50 raffle and a prize raffle. We do our best to limit the weekly asks for extra money, but we must demonstrate to the various levels of government that the curlers support this capital improvement initiative and are prepared to support it financially as well.

Our goal, is to raise \$100 per curler through this raffle. We will ask every curler to either buy or sell 20 - \$5 raffle tickets. Watch for a board member to distribute raffle ticket books the last week of October or the first week of November. As a thank you for supporting this initiative we will be giving \$200 in Jasper Place money to the person who sells the most tickets over the requested \$100 in sales.

