

# JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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## WELCOME BACK!

I am so pleased to be back for my 18<sup>th</sup> season as general manager. Colin Vince and Chris Steinborn are returning as our ice technicians, with new information and inspiration from the World Championships that they volunteered for in April. Although the food services have changed slightly we are happy to welcome back Corrine, and Matt will be our “utility infielder”, working in the office, bar and kitchen.

Although I am in the club weekdays during regular daytime office hours, please call before visiting the curling club to make sure that you don't visit while I am away running an errand. I will answer your emails, but please note the very best way to get a timely response is to phone me at 780-489-6428.

We need your help to recruit new members to the JPCC. Read about our recruitment bonus to see how you can help.

See you on the ice!

- Cathy

## REGISTRATION AND FEE INFORMATION

All teams planning to return to the Jasper Place Curling Club will be able to retain their place in the league they played in last year by registering on or before Friday, August 25, 2017, and depositing one person's fees, or 1/4 of the team's fees. **Returning teams can register online at [jasperplacecurling.ca](http://jasperplacecurling.ca).** Click “Leagues”, then “Evening Club” then the name of your league to register online. Even if you do not want to pay your fees online, registering online even without paying will help us keep our database accurate and up to date. You can also still register by calling with a credit card, or coming in to the office to use cash, a cheque, or a debit card.

Starting on Monday August 28, 2017, teams on the waiting list will be accepted into the leagues.

For the first time in four years, curling fees will increase slightly; for individuals registering for an entire 20-game season of curling, the fee is \$400+GST. For individuals registering for half a season – October-December, or January-March – the fee for each half of the season will be \$220+GST. Please remember as a club member you receive 20 league games, free practice ice, additional games in the club championships or grand challenge at the end of the season. Which means that the \$21 per game fee is still a bargain.

**Fees are listed per person.** However, they are due based on four players on a team (two players if registering for doubles). If you wish to have more than four players the fee can be pro-rated. If you have only three players, fees for four players are still due.

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**Fees may be paid in installments.** Arrangements for payments must be made prior to October 1, 2017 in order to qualify for multi-league discounts. Post-dated cheques or credit cards must be supplied prior to the first curling game. Payment plans must be completed by December 31, 2017, and are not available for half-year leagues.

**Discounts:** Again, this year we will offer a **multi-league discount** to anyone registering in more than one league at the JPCC. Prime time leagues will receive a **\$50 rebate**, paid in JP coins. To be eligible to receive your multi league discount, all of your fees must be paid in full (or a payment plan in place) prior to November 1, 2017.

**Recruitment Bonus:** We believe the best advertising for our club is by word of mouth. For each new team brought in to a full-year evening league, the existing team that recruited them will receive **\$200 in JP coins**. Teams can use JP coins anywhere in the club – for drinks, food, pro-shop items, or even curling fees.



## CURLING EDUCATION

Jasper Place Curling Club offers several curling education courses throughout the year, though most of them happen in the weeks leading up to the start of curling season.

**Learn-To-Curl:** this three-day course will be held on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-9:30 PM. This course is designed for the first-time curler, and curlers who have played fewer than three full seasons, or those who are having trouble with balance and timing in their delivery. This program is a group lesson that provides information on all areas of the sport. The on-ice portion is tailored to your specific needs. At \$80/person, this 7-1/2 hour program is the best coaching value available. Please register online at [jasperplacecurling.ca](http://jasperplacecurling.ca), or call to register.

**Intermediate/Advanced clinic:** time with a coach for experienced curlers wishing to tune up their game. Curlers must have at least three years curling experience to register for this course (it is NOT designed for beginners). This program runs Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-9:30 PM, and costs \$50. Please call to pre-register.

**Under-18 Learn-To-Curl:** designed to support the high school phys-ed curling curriculum, this one-night learn-to-curl for under 18s costs only \$20 and must be pre-registered. The course runs Tuesday, October 3<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM. Registration is limited to 48.

## STUDENT/JUNIOR SUPPORT

The JPCC supports junior curlers by providing a significant discount in curling fees. To be eligible, curlers must be born after July 1, 1997, and a full-time student. Please call Cathy for details.

## FUNDRAISING

In order to keep our fees at the current level the Jasper Place Curling Club needs to develop more revenue streams. We have found a fundraising opportunity that pays a percentage to the curling club on all customer purchases of gift cards, with no additional cost to you – if you spend \$100 you get \$100. There are gift cards (and e-cards) available from 131 Alberta retailers, so you only buy from retailers that you already use. To recognize your support of this initiative the JPCC will discount your curling fees next year by 25% of the earnings that your purchases generated for the curling club, this will be calculated and applied every September.

Please visit to sign up: <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/B5FASU>

## DOUBLES CURLING

Doubles Curling is an important new addition to the sport of curling. It's being supported in the highest levels of competitive curling, as there are already Canadian and World Championship competitions in doubles curling and recently Doubles was added to the Winter Olympics. Doubles curling allows curlers to explore curling skill and strategy in a different context.

Doubles curling is **for beginners and advanced players alike**. Beginners and advanced curlers alike are exposed to all aspects of the game, and both players must take an active role in strategizing and shot-making.

**The time commitment for a doubles game is smaller:** games take only about an hour, as opposed to two for a regular four-person game. JP registers doubles curling in smaller blocks to further help with the time commitment.

This year we have two draw times for doubles curling: Friday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30. Doubles leagues will be registered in 4-week blocks. You can register for one block to try it out, or register for a combination of the blocks throughout the season. Each block of four games will cost \$50 per person. It's a great way to get some more curling into your week and meet some new people from the JPCC community.

In order for everyone to feel welcome here, we will register teams as skilled or novices. We will offer a double header option to those teams wishing to play two back-to-back games. As this is a new offering, please register if you are interested.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

We are planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> New Year's Eve funspiel. This event is for experienced and novice curlers alike. Curlers are asked to register in teams if possible, but we will accept singles and couples and do our best to make teams up as needed. Curlers who play once a week or more can choose to play three four-end games, and people who are new to the game, or curl only once a year, can register to play two four-end games. Your ticket will include a late lunch, champagne at midnight and party favours for everyone, giveaways, as well as great music and horse races or other games throughout the evening.

Tickets are available until November 30, 2017 for \$50 each. Prices change to \$65.00 December 1 and \$75 after December 25. There are only 96 spots available for curlers, and people wishing to come and NOT curl will still require a ticket.

## CURLING EQUIPMENT

**Pro shop:** the JPCC runs a small pro shop out of the office. The pro shop is an integral part of the curling club's operations for two reasons: firstly, because we know most of our curlers and see them on a regular basis, we can provide insight and information to go along with each the purchase of curling equipment. Secondly, the pro shop is an important additional revenue stream for our operations, and therefore another way for our members to support their club.

We are well aware, though, that sometimes our selection will be too small for your needs. Because of this, we've made a partnership with **Kevin's Rocks and Racquets**, which is located in the Saville Sports Centre, and has a much larger selection of gear. When you would like to purchase an item not in stock at the JPCC, Cathy will write you a letter of purchase to take to Kevin's. They will provide you with the item and invoice the JPCC. This means you'll pay at the JPCC, receiving your member's discount, and the JPCC will get your business. See Cathy for more details.

### Everything you need to know about:

**Curling shoes:** In order to help keep the ice in top condition for everyone, all curlers must have shoes that are only worn on the curling ice. That may include curling shoes or slip on grippers (and sliders) that completely cover the bottom of clean running shoes.

**Grippers:** Grippers are one of the largest problems in maintaining good, clean ice conditions. The friction between your gripper and shoe wears down the gripper, and causes it to shed black rubber pills. Every time you take off and put on your gripper, the pills end up on the carpet and the ice. Make sure to check your gripper for wear and tear, and replace it when necessary. At the very least, clean your gripper frequently. The areas that wear out first are the areas that are the most stretched. If your shoes are leaving "eraser marks" on the ice, you need a new gripper.

**Curling brushes:** Curling brushes do not last forever. Hog or horse hair brushes last about 40 games, and synthetic heads last about 20 games. So, if you did not replace your brush head last year, you need to do so this year.

**Compliant brush heads:** WCF compliant brush heads are available in our proshop along with non-compliant heads. We have chosen to continue to allow non-compliant heads to be used in club play at the JPCC.

## WHEELCHAIR CURLING

The Edmonton Rocks Wheelchair curling club will call the Jasper Place Curling Club home for the 10<sup>th</sup> season, though the club has been in existence for much longer. Edmonton Rocks is a non-profit organization that promotes wheelchair curling, which can be played by any person who is physically unable to play the able-bodied game. Our league is inclusive of all wheelchair curlers: our competitive players, the absolute beginners, and curlers who require help from an able-bodied volunteer. Our goal is to have enough curlers to run a full wheelchair league.

If you would like to try wheelchair curling or volunteer as a helper, please call Mike at 780-263-2094.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We are always on the lookout for club members to join our Board of Directors. This is an opportunity to support the curling club on an ongoing basis using your expertise in business, community or volunteering to help guide our club through the upcoming years. Our operations are very stable, so if you are new to volunteering or want some board experience to take forward to other boards, please consider this.

The Northern Women's Curling championship will take place at our club from December 14-17, 2017. We will need people at the door, selling 50-50's, posting results, etc. Let Cathy know if you are interested.

On-ice helpers are needed to help with wheelchair curling Saturday mornings, please let Mike know if you are interested in helping 780-263-2094.

## **OPEN LEAGUES EXPLAINED**

You will notice on the back page of this newsletter that leagues that used to be designated "men" or "women" are now designated as "men/open" or "women/open". Here's what we mean by that term.

**What is the difference between an open league and a mixed league?** An open league allows any team configuration to play. That means a mixed team, a women's team, a men's team or a team of mixed gender not playing in a "true mixed" configuration is allowed to participate.

**Why make this distinction?** In order for the curling club to be financially viable we have to fill two curling draws every evening. When we are restrictive on the leagues and their make-up we find that it is too difficult to fill all of the spots. We have had a lot of success by removing these restrictions.

**Why allow Men's and Women's teams?** The curling club offers men's and women's play on only one night for each. There are many people who either cannot play on the night of the week scheduled or who wish to play another time during the week with their men's or women's team and this is how we are able to accommodate their needs. We still show which leagues tend towards mens or womens play as some people prefer to play on a single gender team so that they may play in that championship at the end of the year.

**What about play-offs?** True Mixed, Men's and Women's teams are all eligible for the club play-offs if they compete throughout the season staying true to the rules for each category, and providing they earn enough points to qualify for the play-offs. A "Grand Challenge" will be available to all teams regardless of their configuration following the club play-offs.

Still more questions? Please ask Cathy.

## **ONCE A YEAR FUNSPIELS**

The curling club is available for rental on weekdays during the day, Friday evening at 9:00 and Saturdays and Sundays. If you have a work or community group you would like to introduce to the sport of curling, call Cathy to book your event. We will be happy to accommodate your needs!

**WHEN DO WE CURL?**

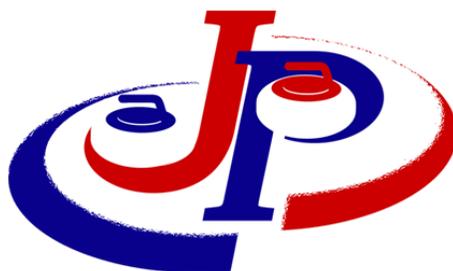
League	Fall	Winter	Draw Time	Games	Fees
Monday Morning	Oct 2 – Dec 18	Jan 8 – March 26	9:00 AM	11 +11	TBD
Monday Mechanical	Oct 2 – Dec 18	Jan 8 – March 12	5:00 PM	TBD	TBD
Monday Bent Broom	Oct 2 – Dec 18	Jan 8 – March 19	7:15 PM	21	TBD
Tuesday Open	Oct 10 – Dec 12	Jan 2 – Mar 6	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Wednesday Ladies/Open	Oct 4 – Dec 6	Jan 3 – Mar 7	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Thursday Morning	Oct 5 – Dec 14	Jan 4 – Mar 15	9:00 AM	11+11	TBD
Thursday Men/Open	Oct 5 – Dec 7	Jan 4 – Mar 8	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Friday Doubles *NEW	Oct 13 - Nov 3 Nov 10,17, Dec 1,8,	Jan 12 - Feb 2	5:00 PM	3 x 4	\$50+GST /square
Friday Open	Sep 29 – Dec 8	Jan 5 – Mar 9	7:00 & 9:00	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Wheelchair	Oct 14 – Dec 9	Jan 6 – Mar 3	10:00 AM	15	\$50
Sunday JPL	Oct 1 – Dec 10	Jan 7 – Mar 11	11:00 AM	22	TBD
Sunday Doubles *NEW	Oct 15 – Nov 5 Nov 12 – Dec 3	Jan 14 – Feb 4	1:30 PM	3 x 4	\$50+GST /square

**HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS**

**Annual Meeting:** The Jasper Place Curling Club Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM** at the Curling Club. All club members are welcome to attend. Last year's financial statements will be presented, and board members will be elected. Please plan to attend, or consider signing a proxy when you register.

**Lockers:** Lockers are available for rent. If you wish to renew/upgrade to larger locker let Cathy know when you register. If you have not previously rented a locker but would like to do so, they are available on a first come first served basis. Regular locker rental is \$25.00 and large locker rental is \$40.

**E-mail:** If you would prefer to receive this newsletter electronically, please register online and opt-out of the paper edition of the newsletter.



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