

JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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WELCOME BACK!

I am so pleased to be back for my 19th season as general manager. Colin Vince and Chris Steinborn are returning as our ice technicians.

I am in the club weekdays during regular daytime office hours, but not yet back to full time hours so please call before visiting the curling club. 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.

This newsletter is being distributed a little bit early this year, as our Annual General Meeting date has been moved ahead to accommodate board member schedules. The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday August 28 at 7:30 pm.

We continue to need your help to recruit new members to the JPCC please read about our recruitment bonus to see how you can help, as well we need volunteers for our casino scheduled in August and we have a new junior offering as well as a new doubles opportunity. Please keep reading.

See you on the ice!

- Cathy

CASINO VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Our casino dates have changed from those dates originally posted in the spring. If you are able to help us on Tuesday, August 21 or Wednesday August 22, 2018 please call me at: 780-489-6428 or email cathy@jasperplacecurling.ca or visit our sign-up genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448aeaf29a2fc1-casino>

Casino funds are extremely important to the successful operation of the curling club, without the approx. \$35,000 per year generated by the casino our membership would be required either to fundraise or pay additional registration fees to cover that. So if there is any way that you can spare 4 -9 hours to volunteer at the casino it would be very much appreciated.

ARENA CEILING UPDATE

The ceiling tiles that were contaminated with mold/mildew in the ice arena last season have been removed and new ceiling tiles are being installed. The board is working with the City of Edmonton on a Community Led Construction Project, to come up with a permanent solution that will eliminate the problem, then completely repair or replace the ceiling.

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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 24, 2018, and depositing at least one person's fees, or 1/4 of the team's fees. **All curlers on returning teams please register online at www.jasperplacecurling.ca.** Click on your league in the blue box on the right hand side of our home page. You can also register by telephoning with a credit card, or visiting the office to use cash, a cheque, or a debit card.

Starting on Monday August 27, 2018, teams on the waiting list will be accepted into the leagues.

Curling fees will remain the same as last year; 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 a real 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.

Fees may be paid in installments. Arrangements for payments must be made prior to October 1, 2018 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, 2018, 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, 2018.

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.



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, 1998, and a full-time student. Please call Cathy for details.

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 Tuesday September 25th, Thursday September 27th, and Wednesday October 3rd, 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, 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 26th, from 7:00-9:30 PM, and costs \$50. Please call to pre-register.

Under-18 Learn-To-Curl: designed to support the curlers and coaches from the high school curling league, this one-night learn-to-curl for under 18s costs only \$20 and must be pre-registered. The course runs Tuesday, October 2nd from 6:00-9:00 PM. Registration is limited to 48. This course can easily be followed up with #juniorstarters

#JUNIORSTARTERS

We are offering a new program that we are calling #juniorstarters for junior and senior high school students who would like to begin curling. Many junior programs are designed for elementary aged beginners and teens sometimes have a hard time finding a way into the sport because others in their age group are no longer beginners. If you know someone aged 12-18 who is looking to begin curling we have a program.

This program will be offered complete with coaching and instruction, designed to be fun and inclusive, incorporating instruction on delivery and sweeping, rules, etiquette, strategy, game play, a bonspiel and a year-end party.

This is offered Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 for 9 weeks starting October 14 and ending December 16, 2018. The cost is \$100 per person, equipment is provided. Please register online on the website or by calling the curling club office.

#ADULTSTARTERS

This is a mid-season program offered to reinforce the skills learned at the fall learn-to-curl or for those who registered later in the season and missed the fall learn-to-curl classes.

This instructional league will be offered Sunday afternoons from 2-4 starting January 13, 2019 running until March 3, 2019 for 8 weeks. The cost is \$190 per person and will include coaching of delivery and sweeping, basic strategy, positional play, mini-games, etiquette and rules.

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, there are Canadian, World and Olympic Championship competitions. 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 are exposed to all aspects of the game, and both players must take an active role in strategizing and shot-making.

This year we will offer doubles in a one-day bonspiel format. We have two dates scheduled for doubles: Saturday November 17, 2018 and Saturday January 12, 2019. We can accept up to 24 teams and will run the event with as few as 6 teams. The cost is \$80.00 per team, guaranteed 3 games (maybe more) and lunch will be included. The two dates are separate events, not a continuing event. For more details or to register call Cathy at 780-489-6428.

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. In order for grippers to be effective they are made with very soft rubber which wears out quickly. Grippers typically last 20 games as a sweeper and 40 games for skips and thirds.

Curling brushes: Curling brushes do not last forever. TV curlers replace their brush heads every game. Yours likely lasts 5-20 games. If you didn't replace it last year, you need to replace it 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.

NEW RULES

There will be a new rule book this year, which will include the 5-rock free guard zone rule. We follow Curling Canada rules in our club so this will become a new rule. We will keep you posted on how to interpret this rule during your games.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

We are planning our 3rd 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, 2018 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.

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!

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 more than 130 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>

GET INVOLVED

There are so many ways to get involved in your curling club. An ongoing opportunity is to join our Board of Directors; a short term opportunity is joining our building committee or a bonspiel committee or volunteering for our casino, all of these help make our curling club better.

Please attend the AGM on August 28th or ask Cathy for more details.

WHEN DO WE CURL?

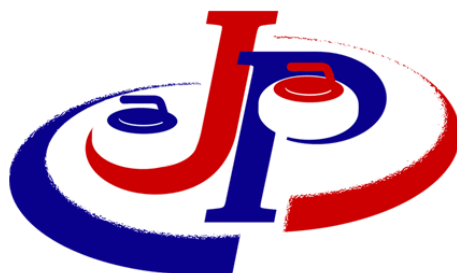
League	Fall	Winter	Draw Time	Games	Fees
Sunday JPL	Sep 30 – Dec 16	Jan 6 – Mar 24	11:00 AM	22	TBD
Monday Morning	Oct 1 – Dec 17	Jan 7 – March 25	9:00 AM	11 +11	TBD
Monday Mechanical	Oct 1 – Dec 17	Jan 7 – March 11	5:00 PM	TBD	TBD
Monday Bent Broom	Oct 1 – Dec 17	Jan 7 – March 18	7:15 PM	21	TBD
Tuesday Open	Oct 9 – Dec 11	Jan 8 – Mar 12	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Wednesday (Ladies) Open	Oct 10 – Dec 12	Jan 9 – Mar13	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Thursday Morning	Oct 4 – Dec 13	Jan 3 – Mar 14	9:00 AM	11+11	TBD
Thursday (Men) Open	Oct 11 – Dec 13	Jan 3 – Mar 7	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Friday Open	Oct 12 – Dec 14	Jan 4 – Mar 1 (2) *add Sat March 2	7:00 & 9:00	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
#juniorstarters	Oct 14 – Dec 16		2:00 PM	9	\$100
Doubles	Sat, Nov 17	Sat Jan 12	All day	3+	\$80/team
#adultstarters		Jan 13 – Mar 3	2:00 PM	8	\$200

HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

Annual Meeting: The Jasper Place Curling Club Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 28th, 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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