

New President's Message

On behalf of the whole board, from Patrick, Ron, Charles, Bob, Karla, Mike, John, and I, welcome to the 2022-2022 season!

The new curling season is not too far away and it's quite a busy summer with many changes. And hopefully, a new season full of curling and no interruptions. We deserve it!

Some changes

Let's start with people changes. John, after four years as president, was finally allowed to move on and now will be past president. The incoming president, yours truly, will be serving in the presidency role for a second time, having previously spent nine years on the board before taking a few years break and returning for a second tour of duty; twelfth season upcoming. I hope with my previous board experience and professional background as a VP Finance and Administration, and being a member since the 94-95 season, will help serve the club to the best I can as possible.

On the administrative team, Martine bid us farewell and into retirement. I would now like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new club manager, Leo Monbourquette. We have split the bookkeeper position from the manager role in order to have the manager focus more on business development for the club. With that, please welcome Kevin Gilead as our new club Bookkeeper. And as Agnes also takes leave from the board, we have a returning past president, Ron Wagstaff, stepping in as VP Finance and Administration. The whole admin team has been working pretty hard the past month and half getting up to speed, getting ready for the start of the season.

Other changes, with more details coming soon,

- include a new bar POS system which will eliminate paper chits
- same-day staff tipping
- new draft beer fridge
- new sheet 2 center ice logo
- banquet chairs and tables
- ...and more to come, so stay tuned!

Key Dates – more information to come

- Saturday September 17th – Meet, Greet, and Sign Up
- Open House Sunday September 25th to Tuesday September 27th.
- Opening Bonspiel – week of September 25th
- Crystals – Saturday October 1st
- Founders Bonspiel – week of October 3rd
- Learn to Curl program, Saturday October 8th
- Clinic – Intermediate Level, Tuesday October 11th
- Trophy Leagues, Maclean's Social, Sunday League, and Schaefer, beginning Wednesday October 12th
- Opening Dinner – Saturday November 5th.

The complete calendar can be seen online when you logon to your profile account.

Spending Money

As you saw from the AGM, a Capital Expenditure Committee was formed and presented a case for capital expenditures to help improve the membership experience and upgrade things to help attract new business. The Board will be working on realizing these plans over the next few years to ensure that the club's financial health will not be compromised. Thanks Bob Cox, our House and Ice Director, for many hours of work over the summer!

Covid Protocols

Our Covid protocols will be updated from what we finished last season with. More details from the Covid Committee Chair, and club's First Vice President Patrick Casey, to come

- The health and well-being of our members, guests and employees is our top priority and we are following all directions and guidelines from the Quebec Health Board. We appreciate the understanding and discipline of everyone following these guidelines so we can keep everyone healthy, safe and curling.

Juniors

Our Junior Program continues it's resurrection this season. The program will be open to those from 7 to 21 years of age. An Open House on September 25 from 12:00 – 14:00 is being planned. If you are interested in learning more, including on how you can join the volunteer team, please contact juniors@bdcc.ca Any amount of time that you can give will be extremely valuable, regardless of your experience level.

There will also be a Coach Training course offered at BDCC on October 1 and 2. The cost will depend on the number of participants and is open to all club members. juniors@bdcc.ca again for more info.

Board Meeting

Where possible this season, I hope to keep the members up to date as to when our next general board meetings will be. If you have a question, suggestion, a plan etc... please send to Mike Marak, our secretary, at secretary@bdcc.ca and we can respond. Our next meeting will be Wednesday September 7th at 19:00.

I would also like to add, that I am available if you'd like to sit and chat live. Message me, and we'll figure out a convenient time and place. Emails and other written form of communication can lead to misunderstandings or can get long and drawn out.

Your's in curling,
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