



## SEPTEMBER

## 2020

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### Advertising at the Club

If you have a business or know of someone who would be interested in advertising at the club, please let us know.

Contact Kathi at [kathiv@amtelecom.net](mailto:kathiv@amtelecom.net) for details.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Greetings. What a year it has been. We hope that you have had a healthy and safe summer.

Due to Covid, the Aylmer Curling Club had to make the difficult decision to close the club early and to cut last season short. Leagues were unable to finish their games or to hold their final meetings and parties. As a result, the men's league and Junior leagues do not have convenors at this time. We are now looking at the 2020/21 season. We understand the members desire to play but our priority will be to safeguard everyone's health and safety. This will be a difficult year financially for the club. Bonspiels and rentals will be affected. Membership and bar revenue will be down. The board is exploring options to help recover this lost revenue.

Covid is still with us and does not show any sign of going away any time soon. The Ontario Curling Association has been busy over the past months, coming up with a workable plan to assist clubs with their Return to Play options. A Return to Play committee for our club has been formed, and have met to discuss the best options for the Aylmer Club. This will entail some changes in the way things are done around our club. We included a Return to Play Plan in this newsletter that will include all of the protocols and changes that will be implemented in accordance with the South Western Board of Health and OCA guidelines. We understand that this situation is very fluid and can change at anytime. Please understand that these guidelines may change before the beginning of the season.

We are looking for leagues to begin on November 2. The delay is to give the board time to assess any repercussions from school start-up and the approach of flu season. We encourage all members to still **register early** to allow the board sufficient time to finalize their plans for re-opening. A registration night will be offered on Oct 8 from 6-7:30 with the AGM following at 7:30 sharp, **but hopefully most members will have registered previously**. Members will have the option of mailing in their registration and cheques or register by email and send in their fee by etransfer. Your performance bond (\$100) can be sent by etransfer as well, and will be refunded by cash or cheque after your volunteer bond has been met. **Please note there will be a late fee applied to all registrations after Oct 9, 2020.**

We hope to see all members in the fall, but certainly understand that there will be people who are unable to return. The safety of our members is our highest priority.





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Stay Healthy

Stay Safe

Practice Social Distancing

Proper Hand Washing

Proper Sanitizing

Be Aware of Others

Stay away if you are sick

Be Considerate

## Return to Play Guidelines

- A Risk & COVID-19 waiver that members must sign will absolve The Aylmer Curling Club & Board of Directors of any liability related to injury & COVID-19 exposure.
- ACC is adopting a ZERO tolerance policy for 'playing while sick' to ensure that members do not participate if they are symptomatic.
- All players and visitors will be required to sign-in when they enter the club each day. A table with a log book and sanitizer will be set up in the entry. This is to comply with contact tracing.
- All players must provide their own brooms, grippers, delivery sticks and stabilizers. Club equipment will no longer be available.
- All players and visitors must supply their own mask.
- Players are required to wear masks at all times while moving around the building including entering the building, while in the changerooms, washrooms or lounge and while buying drinks at the bar. Masks may be removed for game play and while sitting at tables after the games.
- Social distancing must be maintained within the lounge, locker room, washrooms and on the ice.
- Member lockers will be available. Sharing of lockers is discouraged. Lockers will be disinfected once per day.
- New Signage and floor markings will direct traffic flow throughout the building and on the ice.
- Teams will consist of four players where appropriate. The question of 2 sweepers versus 1 sweeper can be determined by each team and their own comfort level.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available for players to clean their own rock handles before the game and measure equipment after each use.
- Tables will be set up to allow social distancing space between chairs.
- Debit will now be accepted at the bar, though cash is still allowed.
- A thorough cleaning of common surfaces will occur between games after players have departed the lounge.
- All in-house and invitational bonspiels are suspended until further notice.
- Ice and lounge rental requests will be assessed on an individual basis and may be allowed to members with the knowledge that the member will accept all responsibility to comply with Covid protocols.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY  
OCT 8  
7:30 PM**

REGISTRATIONS  
WILL STILL BE  
ACCEPTED FROM  
6-7:30 BEFORE THE  
AGM

**REGISTER EARLY  
BY MAIL OR  
EMAIL.  
ANY  
REGISTRATIONS  
RECEIVED AFTER  
OCT 9 WILL BE  
SUBJECT TO A  
\$50 LATE  
PROCESSING  
FEE.**

## 2020 Members of the Board

**President** - Ben Vandermeer (Property & Ice)  
**Vice-President** - Jack van Kasteren (Property & Ice)  
**Director** – Jeff Vansenant (Fundraising)  
**Director** – Ron Mervis (Bonspiels & Rentals)  
**Director** – Ken Vandendool (Performance Bonds)  
**Director** – Terry Dawson (Health & Safety)  
**Director** - Derek LeClair  
**Secretary/Treasurer**-Kathi Vandermeer (Membership, Advertising)  
**Club/Bar Manager** – Murray Edgar  
**Ice Technician** – Mark Phillips

## LEAGUE CONVENORS

**Men's – To Be Determined**  
(Monday & Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.)

**Mixed – Lauren & Ryan Grant 226-338-8214**  
(Thursday & Friday @ 7:30 p.m.)

**Business Ladies – Melissa Dawson - 519-871-6278**  
(Wednesday @ 7:15 p.m.)

**Day Ladies - Kathi Vandermeer 519-871-3378**  
(Thursday afternoons @ 12:30)

**Senior's – John Eitel 519-773-8282**  
(Monday & Thursday mornings)

**Junior's – To Be Determined**  
(Sunday afternoons)



## 2019 League Reports

### Summary for AGM: Business Women's Curling 2019 – 2020

The executive for 2019-20 season was :

President – Brenda Haayema

Vice-President – Melissa Dawson

Second- Vice – Bernita Jordan

Secretary/ Treasurer – Susan Kyle



Three new curlers joined our league this year. We had 2 draws, with the 1<sup>st</sup> ending at Christmas. We had 7 teams both draws. There was a bye team each week, resulting in 3 sheets being used.

After the 1<sup>st</sup> draw, December 18, we ordered pizza, wings, etc. from Cy's and participated in a Secret Santa gift exchange.

In the past, we had supported the Optimist Toy Drive. This year we purchased gift cards for teens with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters St. Thomas-Elgin. We bought 17 out of 38 \$25 gift certificates. Also, we purchased some of them through the Dorchester Air Cadets as part of their fund raising.

Our bonspiel was held Feb 1/2020. Our theme for the past four years has been "wine spiel", which we owe to some of its popularity. We had 2 full draws, plus a waiting list.

Our total revenue this year was \$963.45, with our expenses of \$352.60. Our closing balance this year is \$610.85 plus a reserve of \$400 from the 2018-19 season. Unfortunately, our season ended prematurely due to COVID-19 restrictions, so we will finalize discussions the beginning of 2020-21 season, how best to finish our finances.

What did one curling stone say to the other?... *I won't take you for granite!*

### Men's League Report 2019-2020

Hello all

The men's league started the year with 20 teams which is two more than last year. Our year came to an early end. We did not get our playoffs finished. Our banquet was cancelled and the Calcutta money was returned. In the fall we will make a decision as to what to do with our 50/50 money. Thank-you the Weesjes team.



**WE NEED YOU**



Looking for members to:

- > Sit on advertising and fund raising committees
- > Organize and run the Sunday Junior League. This league will not be offered until a volunteer is found.

## 2019 League Reports

### Thursday Ladies Report 2019-2020

The Ladies league had 10-12 members who would come out regularly this year. We enjoyed full games most weeks, and are continually trying to increase our numbers. Our bonspiel was held on March 11 and we had 14 teams. It was a successful day with the winning team being the Black team from Ingersoll. We made a profit of \$822.50 which was given to the club. Our season was cut short due to Covid and we were unable to have our final luncheon.

### Senior League Report 2019-2020

The Senior league had a total of 50 curlers, with some of those being 1/2 year memberships. The league held two Tier 55 bonspiels with great success, and held the annual Interclub bonspiel with teams from Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Simcoe and Aylmer. Many league members travelled to attend bonspiels at other clubs this year. The Senior league purchase a new 40 cup coffee pot for the club as well as new scoreboard numbers. Paul Stienhoff agreed to make new boxes to hold the scoreboard numbers and also made wooden spinners to replace flipping the coin.

### The Junior League Report 2019-2020

Kerry and Ian Kerr have managed the junior league for 5 years now. They announced last year that it would be their final year. A volunteer is needed to continue to offer this league.

There were approximately 12 young curlers who came out regularly on Sundays. They enjoyed a Parent-Youth bonspiel at Christmas time and had planned on an end of year bonspiel that unfortunately was cancelled due to Covid.



# AYLMER CURLING CLUB

**AGM**

**OCT 8**

**7:30 PM**

The AGM will be held in the ice arena of the Aylmer Curling club to allow for maximum social distancing. Masks are encouraged by not mandatory.

Registrations will be accepted before the meeting from 6-7:30 but please consider registering early by mail or email so the board will have an idea of the number of members

All positions are declared vacant at every AGM. An election must be held to fill those positions annually. Please consider volunteering to let your name stand for election

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

**Adult** - \$417 + HST = \$471.21  
Half year \$288 + HST = \$325.44  
**New members** - \$253 + HST = 285.89  
**Senior League**- \$310 + HST = 350.30  
Half year \$191 + HST = 215.83  
**18 and under** - \$253 + HST = 285.89  
**Junior 18 and under** - \$50 Sunday curling only

Etransfer

aylmercurling@eastlink.ca

Cash

Cheque

All members will be required to provide ALL of their own equipment. Due to Covid, the club brooms, sticks and equipment will not be available to borrow. You will still be able to purchase equipment through the club.

### PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

You can register by mail sending in your 2 cheques. 1 for your membership fee and 1 for your performance bond of **\$100 post-dated to March 31, 2021**. Don't forget to send in your registration information including your email and contact information.

You also have the option of registering by email. Send an email to [info@aylmercurling.com](mailto:info@aylmercurling.com) with your name, address, phone number and what leagues you want to play in. Etransfer the full membership amount, and your \$100 performance bond to [aylmercurling@eastlink.ca](mailto:aylmercurling@eastlink.ca). It is set for auto deposit. If you include your locker rental \$15 then please mention it in the comment section.

## PERFORMANCE BOND

**A posted dated cheque for March 31, 2021** in the amount of \$100 is required along with membership dues.

All members are expected to help with the workings of the club. Once the performance bond opportunity has been completed your post-dated cheque will be returned to you. If your PB is paid by cash or etransfer, the full amount will be returned by cash or cheque after you have completed your volunteer shift.



# AYLMER CURLING CLUB

Please complete this form completely and include with your membership payment.

Make your membership cheque payable to the Aylmer Curling Club

Your bond cheque must be post-dated to March 31, 2021 for \$100

First Name	Last Name	
Address	City	Postal Code
Phone Number	Email Address	
Leagues)		

## Mail in Registration

Must be received before Oct 9 to avoid a late fee

Aylmer Curling Club  
115 Pine St. E.  
Aylmer, ON  
N5H 1N6

## Email Registration

[info@aylmercurling.com](mailto:info@aylmercurling.com)

Etransfer to [aylmercurling@eastlink.ca](mailto:aylmercurling@eastlink.ca)

