

AYLMER CURLING CLUB

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7:00 pm

Hope to see everyone at our Annual General Meeting this year. It is a great meet and great and start to the new season. We are always looking for new faces to join the board , or volunteer on a committee.

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Bond Opportunities

season. Juniors is one day a week, Sunday afternoons for an hour and a half. You can be the one to get youngsters interested in curling!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello Curlers and welcome to another exciting season of curling! Last season was great to be back into full action with no restrictions, which allowed us to have our full compliment of bonspiels. We were also able to help out a neighboring club host an event when their compressor failed the day before a Junior Competitive Bonspiel.

During the install of our new compressor system, it was noted that the brine pipe had some major corrosion happening on the interior lining which could soon turn into a leaking problem. The board received a quote to replace the pipe from that same contractor and in looking for competitive quotes we realized that the scope of work was beyond the capabilities of other companies. We then agreed to go ahead with the original contractor and had the work completed to replace the brine pipe in the off season. We now feel very confident that we have equipment in place to make ice efficiently and safely for many years to come.

With this major investment made, the board was looking into possible upgrades to the lounge kitchen and bar areas, but this has been put on hold due to an unexpected expense that occurred during the removal of the ice last spring. It was discovered that the drain that we use for the water and paint from the ice was tied into the storm drain which runs into the Dingle Creek. Someone in the community noticed the remnants in the creek and called the Ontario Spills Response Team. An emergency cleanup of the creek was initiated and traced the source to the curling club. The Ministry of the Environment was notified and was in contact with the club. No fines were incurred but we were told the cost of the cleanup was our responsibility and that the drain needs to be rerouted to the sanitary drain. Unfortunately, the cleanup was deemed an emergency so an afterhours response team was called in and the final bill came to \$15,537.44 plus tax. This bill has been taken care of but this unfortunate situation has depleted our coffers. We have been in contact with the Fair board throughout this process and they are looking after getting the drain rerouted.

Moving forward with our new season- we are still looking for a Club Manager. Murray left some big shoes to fill but has left detailed information for the future manager. Please take some time to consider becoming a paid member of the club.

We are also looking for someone to look after our Junior curling program this



Always Looking for more volunteers

OCA rep needed, (this is a performance bond)

Curling club website (performance bond)

Junior convenor needed

Lastly, we have been offered a sponsorship by The Power Garage from Woodstock, to hold a new bonspiel for the first week of December. They have requested this time slot as they plan to have some of their products on site. We are looking for a convenor for this bonspiel. We feel that an open bonspiel would bring in the most people giving the sponsor the most exposure.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Open house and Registration

There will be an OPEN HOUSE on Thursday October 5th from 7-9 pm. The ice will be ready and this a great opportunity for new curlers to come out and try curling. Bring a friend, family member, coworker or neighbour to give it a shot. Help us grow our membership. Club coaches will be available to go over the basics. A second registration night will be held Friday October 6th from 7-9pm as well.

All members are required to provide their own equipment. Club equipment may be borrowed by first-time curlers, but please remember to clean before and after use. If you are in need of new equipment please contact Rick Cooper at 519-773-6934 or email at neatlilguy@gmail.com

Membership Fees 2023/2024

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 Jim Vording at
jvording@proelectric.com

Adult - \$447 + Hst= 505.11

Adult half yr - \$309+ HST= 349.17

New member - \$271 + HST= 306.23

Senior League - \$334 + HST= 377.42

Senior half - \$206 + HST=232.78

18 and under- youth, same as new member

Junior - \$50 (Sundays only)

Change Your Gripper

Grippers should be changed every year. The club offers a free gripper with your membership.

Do your part to keep our ice clean!

E-Transfer

aylmercurling@eastlink.ca

Cash

Cheque

Debit/Credit

Performance Bond

A post dated cheque dated March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$100.00 along with membership dues.

Late Registration Fee

We are having 2 registration nights and you can also register by email at aylmercurling@eastlink.ca. Anyone that registers after the second night of registration October 6th will be charged an extra \$50.00 late processing fee.