

CURLER HOPING FOR SOLID SEASON

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Brian Moore is ready to rock.

The former president of the Niagara Falls Curling Club is hungry to get back out on the ice for the upcoming season.

Last year, Moore tied for third place in the Ontario Curling Association provincial championships with his intermediate team, and finished fifth with his mixed senior team.

The third place finish is the best Moore has ever achieved and is looking to better that result this winter. "I'm pretty proud of that (third place)," he says, noting that his team of Bryan Winter, Craig Makepeace and Bill Lambe has played together for the past 10 years. "Now that we've been there (provincials), we're hungry for it.

We'll give it our best shot."

Curling has not also been Moore passion. In fact, he was once a professional golfer. It was through golf, that Moore became the manager of a golf club that also happened to have a curling club.

He was asked to go play curling so he could meet all the members of the club, and soon developed a passion for the sport. In 1988, he moved to the Niagara Region and joined the Niagara Falls Curling Club, before moving to the Falls and becoming the director of golf operations with the Niagara Parks Commission. "I really liked the camaraderie and finesse," he says about curling. "The team aspect, along with strategy really interested me," Nowadays, Moore says he hardly golfs anymore, opting to curl twice a week, while trying to find time to fit in a practice or two. When the ice is ready by the first week of October, Moore will begin to prepare his many teams for provincial qualifiers, including intermediate men, senior men, and Seniors mixed, to name but a few. "The sport is so easy to socialize and make friends," he says. "I wouldn't trade it for the world.

We have a great club. Everyone's very helpful. It's a good one. The members here are first class, down-to-earth people." Moore says the club is a great place to meet people and is a great place to get some exercise. He says anyone who is interested in joining the club can do as either individually or in a team. "There's something for everybody," he says. The Niagara Falls Curling Club will be holding an open house on October 6, which will coincide with their first week of training, starting on October 2. New curlers are welcome to join the week of instruction. For more information on the club, training week and the new curler league, for people new to the sport, contact the club at 905-358-6648, via email at curling2@cogeco.ca

