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# NIAGARA FALLS CURLING CLUB

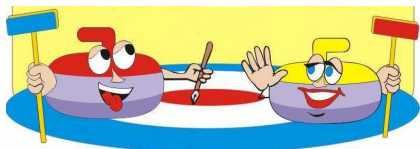


## WELCOME !!!

Welcome back to all of our returning members and a special welcome to all of our new members.

We are very pleased that you have chosen the Niagara Falls Curling Club, and we will certainly endeavor to make your curling season a most enjoyable experience.

We hope everyone had a great summer, but now it's time to swap those golf shoes for curling shoes, store those clubs and grab your brooms and prepare for another fun season of curling.



## CURLING COURSE

Once again the NFCC will be offering a curling course.

Come out and learn the activity that will make your winter fly past beginning with the rules of the game, basic delivery and sweeping instruction, what makes a rock curl, why people sweep, and make some new friends while you're at it.

Fee: \$40 - Lunch Included  
Date: Saturday, October 13  
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

If you are a new curler and join one of our leagues, the \$40 will be taken off your registration.

Not only is this course a great investment for the novice curler, but also for curlers who have been curling for a few years but have never had any formal training.

## SWING & SWEEP



The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Swing and Sweep will be held on Saturday Oct. 13. The golfing portion takes place at Legends on the Niagara Chippawa course and the curling at NFCC.

Each team will play nine holes, have lunch at the curling club, then play a six end curling game.

Teams can be any combination of male and females golfers/curlers.

Tee off is at 11:00 am with a shotgun start. Cost is \$35 per person.

Any member of NFCC can participate and may bring guests.

Contact Dave Grimo at [dgrimo@sympatico.ca](mailto:dgrimo@sympatico.ca) or Cynthia Paul at [cynthia011@sympatico.ca](mailto:cynthia011@sympatico.ca) to register.



## THANK YOU'S OF APPRECIATION



Thank You to **Gary Dunbar**, **Bill Culligan** and **Jerry Collins** for helping Dave prepare the ice.

Thank You to **Wayne Mundle** for helping to clean the club and **Brenda Grimo** for being an enormous help to Sue as she learns the ropes.

## 2007 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENING

This awards dinner is sponsored by the City Parks & Recreation Commission to recognize individuals/sponsors that have provided financial support or service in kind. The NFCC has nominated the following for this year:

Individual: Paula Mann  
Corporate: Lancaster, Brooks & Welch

## 2006 - 2007 CLUB CHAMPIONS

Skip: Jeff Bolan  
Vice: Phil Velpel  
2nd: Lindsey Harvie  
Lead: Paul Peterson

## 2006/07 BRODIE CHAMPS

### "A" FLIGHT

Skip: Jeff Glover  
Vice: Trevor Mundle  
2nd: Behn Lane  
Lead: Craig Makepeace

### "B" FLIGHT

Skip: Ralph Wilde  
Vice: John DiPasquale  
2nd: Rene Demers  
Lead: Dick Kaiser

### "C" FLIGHT

Skip: George Wilson  
Vice: Don Tubbe  
2nd: Paul Campigotto  
Lead: Dave Taylor

## 2006/07 BUSINESS WOMEN SKIPS CHOICE CHAMPS

Skip: Tracy McCabe  
Vice: Cheryl Scott  
2nd: Tamara McCabe  
Lead: Peggy Scott

## MONDAY SENIOR MEN'S DRAW 4 WINNERS

Skip: Dalt Lindsay  
Vice: Bob Biggar  
2nd: Joe Patchett  
Lead: Don MacDonald

## WEDNESDAY SENIOR MEN'S DRAW 4 WINNERS

Skip: Dave Smith  
Vice: Joe Patchett  
2nd: Don Jackson  
Lead: Richard Lambert

THE EXTRA END

## Presidents Welcome Message

Welcome to the 2007-2008 curling season. I look forward to seeing all of our returning members, and meeting all of our new members.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sue Belcastro as our new club manager, and to welcome back Dave Fish as our icemaker. Sue has been a member of our Friday Night Co-ed league and comes to us with a sound business background with a great deal of managerial experience. As you know, Dave's ice making skills are second to none, giving us the best ice in the area.

Over the summer months, we received a grant from the City of Niagara Falls to replace our on-ice lighting. We will undertake the actual replacement in April, 2008. This timing is necessary so that we don't damage our sand bed, and so that the ice is not compromised during the installation or playing seasons. Thanks to Paul Campigotto and Don Jackson for their hard work in making this grant a reality.

We also have started a multi-year electrical replacement project to upgrade the Club infrastructure. Our men's locker room, which scored lowest during the club inspection in terms of safety standards, has already been upgraded, and the main circuit will be completed prior to the start of curling. Over the next two years, an additional four electrical projects will be undertaken as funding and priorities allow.

For the first time in three years we have slightly increased our membership dues, with the intent that this increase will replace the Club raffle. Your Board is working very hard to keep curling affordable, to run the Club effectively, and to do adequate capital planning and annual maintenance to ensure our Club's longevity.

Appreciation goes out to all the volunteers who donate their time and energy, as we need volunteers for the Club to function. Our second recipient of the Harry Wilkie Volunteer Award was George Dunn, a truly deserving member. Congratulations George and thank you for all of your hard work.

For 2007-8, the Board needs assistance with bantam curling on Sundays, and in co-coordinating or helping with the instruction given to renters. This is important, as rentals account for approximately 20% of our on-ice revenues. If you would like more information, or if you want to help, please call either Sue Belcastro or me.

Our Open House and Training week will be from October 9-12, and there is information in your Welcome Package on arrangements. We have planned fun Club events for you, including the Marg Lyon Past President's Spiel and the Swing & Sweep. We will be very active in the OCA this season, as in December we will host the zone playdowns for the men's and women's nationals, and in January we will host the Masters zones.

This season is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting one. I encourage everyone to get involved and participate in the various club activities, especially with introducing your friends to curling.

See you on the ice.

Sandra Brown



**2006 - 2007  
HARRY WILKIE  
VOLUNTEER AWARD  
RECIPIENT**

## George Dunn

This award will be given out yearly to a club member who exhibits the following criteria:

- Ambassador of the club and a member in good standing
- Encourages club members, congenial, cooperative and a supportive team player
- Has a positive attitude with a good sense of humour
- Enthusiastic participant on and off the ice
- Resourceful - willing to share talents / skills for benefit of the club

**2006 - 2007  
BILL FERENCZ  
AWARD  
RECIPIENT**

## Mike Gilligan

This award is given to an outstanding member in good standing of the Men's Section, who exemplifies the spirit and dedication to our club that Bill Ferencz had demonstrated.

Bill's love of curling, good sportsmanship and a genuine commitment to fellow curlers and good sense of humour will long be remembered.



[WWW.NFLSCURLING.CA](http://WWW.NFLSCURLING.CA)



Check out the new web site. Thanks to Marc Ankerud, our website has once again been updated and it looks fantastic. Go check it out.



### **FREE BROOM TO ALL NEW MEMBERS**

Once again, in an effort to increase membership, the NFCC has decided to give each new curler to the club their very own broom.

If you have any friends or relatives that have been sitting on the fence about whether to try curling or not, this is the year to do it.



### **CURLING ETIQUETTE**



Every game begins with a hearty handshake of friendship and goodwill to both team mates and opponents.

Be on time. Seven other people will be depending on you.

Clean your shoes before stepping onto the ice. Clean your brush regularly during the game. It is everyone's responsibility to keep the sheet of ice clean. However, you may not remove any foreign object from beneath a moving stone or from one that has come to rest.

Be ready to throw your stone immediately after your opponent's stone has been delivered, Make sure that you clean your stone first.

In no way should you disturb a player in the hack or in his delivery or until he or she watches the stone come to a stop. You should stand still on the sideline and between the hog lines when your opponent is delivering a stone.

Stay out of the way of opposing sweepers.

Each skip should let the other members of his rink know what he or she is planning to do. Let them in on the strategy.

Sweepers should be on the sidelines, alert and ready to sweep immediately, if called upon and they should stay with the stone all the way to the house, sweeping or not.

No one should deliberately delay the game.

If you have personally touched (fouled or burned) a moving stone, you should be the first one to so declare.

If you have personally moved a stationary stone, say so immediately so that it may be replaced (put into original position) to the satisfaction of the opposing skip.

Congratulate opposing players, as well as members of your own rink, when they have made a good shot.

Never, by word or deed, be guilty of any action that would embarrass a player who has missed a shot.

Every curling game ends with a hearty handshake of friendship and goodwill to both team mates and opponents.



### 2007/08 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Sandra Brown
Vice President	Mike Sawada
Secretary	Danielle Buchbinder
Treasurer	Ian Morrison

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Pete Feren	3rd Year
Jamie Brunaccioni	3rd Year
Cynthia Paul	3rd Year
Marg Ventresca	2nd Year
Sean Brady	2nd Year
Matt Hames	2nd Year
Marc Ankerud	1st Year
Brenda Grimo	1st Year

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Finance	Ian Morrison
Property	Brenda Grimo
Ice & Rocks	Matt Hames
House	Sue Belcastro
Social/Spiels	Cynthia Paul
Membership	D. Buchbinder
Communication	Jamie Brunaccioni
Health & Safety	Marg Ventresca
Youth Liaison	Jamie Brunaccioni

### SECTION PRESIDENTS

Ladies	Roberta Scott
Men	George Wilson
Business Women	Tracy McCabe
Senior Men	Don Jackson

### Did You Know...

A curling rink in Halifax, Nova Scotia, was used as a temporary morgue for bodies recovered from the Titanic disaster.



### MARG LYON PAST PRESIDENT'S BONSPIEL

The annual Marg Lyon's Past President's Bonspiel will be held Saturday, November 3.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Introduction	12:30pm
First Game	12:45pm - 2:45pm
Second Game	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Dinner	6:30pm

Trophy Presentation to follow Dinner.

If you would like to participate, please contact Sue Belcastro.



### NFCC JET BOAT DAY

Members and friends of the NFCC kicked off the curling season for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year with a cut-rate outing at the Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours.

A great time was had by all 47 participants and the event raised \$470 for the curling club.

This is an awesome adventure that has to be experienced at least once.

Thanks go out to Mike Lambert for organizing the event once again.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House - Wine & Cheese Social	October 12
Curling Course	October 13
Swing & Sweep	October 13
League Play Begins	October 15
Marg Lyon's Past President's Bonspiel	November 3
Ladies Festival of Lights Bonspiel	November 21-22
Schoolboy & Schoolgirl Zones	December 1-2
Scotties Tournament of Hearts Zones	December 7-9



Thanks!

As we begin a new season of the sport we love so much, remember to

thank all those people who make our sections run so smoothly.

Thank those who make sure all the draws are organized and the spares are allocated.

Thank those who look after the scoring, and on a weekly basis, keep track of the results of our efforts.

Thank those who ensure that our winning teams are recognized at season's end with special awards.

Thank those who organize our bonspiels and special events during the year.

Thank those who volunteer their time and expertise to teach the game to new curlers.

Above all, thank each other for making it so enjoyable to curl with such a great group of people.

Good curling!



### NFCC ON-SITE OCA EVENTS

Schoolgirl & Schoolboy Zones  
December 1 - 2

Scotties Tournament of Hearts Zones  
December 7 - 9

Master Men and Women Zones  
January 5 - 7