



# FIRST HALF NEWSLETTER

December 2018

## Continuing the 2018/19 Curling Season

Thank you to all of our conveners, volunteers, bonspiel organizers, and curlers who have helped to get our current season up and running. We're working hard to deliver all of our regular bonspiels, league play, and events while making constant updates and improvements to the club.

## What's Been Happening in Fall 2018

- ◆ Work has now been officially completed on all of our upgrades and improvements to ice making equipment and back room facilities. With everything functioning in top shape, we should be safe from any major repairs for the next couple years.
- ◆ Our Learn to Curl program was a resounding success with more than 20 individuals signed up, and a full roster of volunteers and instructors out to help each week. New and returning curlers got a chance to learn and work on all kinds of curling skills, with some instruction on strategy, etiquette, and rules of the game. Many participants have joined other leagues or spare lists for the second half. This program will be back in Fall 2019.

## New Updates

- ◆ The Kids Curling Program will be starting up in January 2019 to provide kids with an opportunity to try the sport for 10 weeks and participate in a mini bonspiel at the end. For more information contact Stephanie Greave at 705-760-3434.
- ◆ The Curling Club Executive is working to compile a list of Policies for club operation including a formal helmet policy and for private marketing and sales in the club. These policies will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting.



## Thank-you to Eastlink

This year Eastlink is generously providing us with our phone and tv services while making sure we have the internet needed to run our new ice maintenance system. We appreciate their support of the Norwood Curling Club.

## Many Opportunities to Curl!

### Want to curl for free?

The new Sunday afternoon league is being piloted this year to see if we can get enough interest to make it a regular thing. Games are each Sunday from 1 - 3pm, and we are looking for an assortment of curling skill levels and experience. Curlers are welcome to come half an hour early each week to practice or receive help working on their skills.

For the second half of the curling year (starting Jan 27) the league will be free for all curlers currently in another league, and only \$80 for new curlers.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Dan Selby by **January 9th** at 705-639-5785

If you're looking for an opportunity to do a bit of curling, consider sparing in one of our leagues to help fill in when regular curlers are missing.

A full list of leagues and conveners is available at: <http://norwoodcurling.ca/leagues>

Monday night is always looking for new ladies to join. Contact Eleanor Price at (705) 696-2833

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 23 to Jan 5 - Christmas Break
- Jan 21 - Start of 2nd Half
- Jan 26 - JJ Stewart Bonspiel
- Mar 22 & 23 - Maplefest Bonspiel

## 2018 Ham & Turkey Spiel

This year's Ham & Turkey Spiel was an excellent opportunity to show off our top-quality curling ice and kick off the season.



**First Place Team** (From left): Lead - Don Bruce, Second - Christine Piche, Vice - Dan Piche, Skip - Sandy Bruce



**Second Place Team** (From left): Lead - Jan Kajmowicz, Second - John Kajmowicz, Vice - Marianne Kelly, Skip - Denton Currie.

## Trillium Recognition Event

During the annual Ham & Turkey Bonspiel the Norwood Curling Club hosted a recognition event to celebrate the generous donation made to the Club through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. In attendance was the Mayor Elect of Asphodel-Norwood—Rodger Bonneau, Trillium Fund representative Stephen Burman, and Ralph Kerr on behalf of MPP David Piccini.

Speeches were given recognizing the amazing impact this grant has had on club operations, and the role the Norwood Curling Club plays in the surrounding community.



## In and Around the Club



## Senior Men's Turkey Bonspiel



**Early Draw Winner:** Rene Germain (skip), Steve Haug (vice), Ian Hartford (second) and Brian Sheehan (lead)



**Late Draw Winner:** Gord Montgomery (skip), Brian Radnor (vice), Andy Crowell (second), and Dan Pichie (lead)