

BETWEEN THE SHEETS

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Ready! Set! S-t-r-e-t-c-h! The 23-24 Curling Season is truly just around the corner, and it is time to start limbering up. Mark Lawrence, our Head Ice Technician will begin the month-long process of building the ice in a couple of weeks and by the Tuesday following Thanksgiving weekend, we will be back on the ice again.

Registration – Sign-up for the coming season will begin in September. Fees are being held at the same rates as last season (Hurray)! Online registration begins on Sept. 5th and continues through Sept 30th. It is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Log on to the PCC website with your username and password
2. Scroll down and press the 'REGISTER NOW!' button
3. Complete the step-by-step registration and pay by credit card.

Any issues? Email pembrokecurling@gmail.com

All returning and new members are **strongly encouraged to register online!** It is a safe and secure process and significantly reduces the administrative burden on volunteers. Online registration also enables convenors to get the lists of names for their leagues sooner. Don't have a computer or mobile device? Need some help with online registration? Then, come to one of the in-person registration dates: Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 5 to 8 pm; and, Saturday, Sept. 23 from 11 am to 2 pm.

Learn to Curl (L2C) - After 9 dedicated years, the reins for the Adult L2C program have been handed over. Rick and Margaret Lomore worked tirelessly to introduce and deliver the instructional program for 400+ people who wanted to learn how to curl. Along the way, they

developed a cadre of dedicated volunteer instructors including the new L2C program convenors, Joanna and Wayne Chisnell & Nick and Katie Ethier. This year, the PCC will accept a maximum of 32 participants aged 18+ for 8-Saturday morning sessions, starting on Oct 21.



After a highly successful first year, Jane Duff is returning as the Senior daytime L2C convenor. She and her team of volunteer instructors will run 8 sessions on Monday afternoons, starting Oct. 16. Senior L2C is open to participants aged 55+.

Golf Tournament Success – On June 10, 120 golfers teed up at the Pembroke Shores for the PCC's annual fundraising golf tournament. With the generous support of 40+ local business sponsors, the participants enjoyed an outstanding day on the course followed by a steak dinner at the PCC. Dozens of prizes were awarded but sadly, no one won either of the Hole-in-One contests. Sincere thanks to Joanne O'Connor and her super amazing team of volunteers. The PCC raised nearly \$20,000

from the event and the Youth Curlers took in \$350 from the highly enjoyable putting contest.



New PCC Board of Directors – At the Annual General Meeting held in June, elections for the Board of Directors were held. Please welcome and support these dedicated volunteers as they oversee the PCC operations for the next 2 years. Note that two positions remain vacant. If you are interested in either role, kindly contact Jake (j@jake.io) or Bill (billcheliak@gmail.com).

President	Jake Baillie
Past-President	Bill Cheliak
Vice-President	Christine Reavie
Secretary	Mary-Lou Hansen
Treasurer	Vacant
Membership	Marc Bru
Volunteers	Laura Biskey
Ways & Means	John Beach
Games	Keith Whyte
Property	Vacant
Senior Rep 1	Jane Duff
Senior Rep 2	Vicki Bradfield
Youth Rep	Nevin Gaudon

Train the Trainer – An instructional course designed by Curl Canada is being offered to teach volunteers how to provide instruction to Adult Learn to Curl (L2C) participants. It is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14 at the PCC. Joanna Chisnell is the lead organizer. Registration details will be issued soon. The L2C program is a major source of new members for the PCC – please consider stepping forward to help with one of the two 8-week sessions the PCC offers Adults and Seniors.

Looking Good –the PCC Benefits from OTF grants – In the past 14 months, the PCC is fortunate to have received two Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grants, each valued at \$150,000, that aimed to build resiliency following the Covid setback. With the funds received, the PCC has tackled the following projects (see pics on page 3):

- Second golf simulator
- Clover point-of-sale system
- New LED lighting fixtures up and down
- Upgraded electrical distribution system

- Ice-barn painting – nice and bright now!
- New dehumidifier and motor control centre
- Kitchen stoves and food prep table
- Bar fridges and bar cabinetry
- New signage inside and out
- Computers and a new printer
- Wi-fi network extension
- Additional security cameras
- Additional on-ice cameras and monitors
- New sound system and speakers
- Stand-up cocktail tables
- Business & marketing reviews for: curling membership, golf sim, and rentals.

Bill Cheliak and Christine Fahey were the co-leads for the OTF grants and they are very grateful for the support they received from many members in leading or assisting the various grant projects.

We are Hiring! The Board of Directors is seeking a Bar Manager to manage the day-to-day operations of the PCC. The duties and qualifications for this contract position are posted on the PCC website [at this link](#).

Ladies Welcome-Back Funspiel – On the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 28, all women members of the PCC are invited to participate in a 2x 6-end game funspiel with light snack between games. Look for the posters once we are back curling or contact the organizer, Jennifer Jennings at this email: jennjennings@nrtco.net.

Dates to Remember:	
Start of Online Registration	September 5
In-person Registration Dates	September 20 & September 23
Start of Curling League Play	October 10
Train the Trainer Course	October 14
Senior L2C Begins (Monday)	October 16
Adult L2C Begins (Saturday)	October 21
Women’s Opening Funspiel	October 28
PCC Home Opening Bonspiel with Goldline Pop-up Store	November 18
Youth Cash-on-the-Wall ‘Spiel	December 2

