



Between the Sheets

What's going on at the PCC

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Welcome Back to Curling and thanks for reading the first edition of this new communication “Between the Sheets” that we are trialing at the Pembroke Curling Centre (PCC). The aim of this bulletin is to catch you up on what’s been happening, to give you a sense of what is coming up, and to throw in some (hopefully) interesting miscellaneous stuff too. Feedback is welcome and so are your comments and story ideas. Send all of them to our email address: pccmailbox1@gmail.com.

Grand Opening – Trillium Accessibility Project

On October 22, the PCC welcomed MPP John Yakabuski, Mayor Mike Lemay, and member Leanne Aubrey’s son Teagan, to mark the completion of the project to make the PCC accessible! Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, awarded in early 2020, the PCC has installed a fully-enclosed ramp and barrier-free washroom to ensure the Main Hall can be used by all. PCC President Bill Cheliak expressed his sincere thanks to all of those involved in the project.



Back (L-R): Mayor Lemay, MPP Yakabuski, PCC President Bill Cheliak; Front: Teagan.

Curling is Back (with Just a Few Small Changes)

Due to the commitment of Ontarians to roll up their sleeves and get vaccinated, the PCC has reopened for the 2021-22 season after a dark 2020-21. Many thanks to Head Ice Technician Mark Lawrence and his daughter Jessi for getting the ice ready for our Oct. 17 start.

With only a few small modifications – like broom tapping and the wipe down of rock handles before play – the game on the ice is the same as it was before Covid-19 entered our lives. Inside the PCC, we must scan a QR code or sign-in for tracking purposes, and wear masks when moving around, but we are free to converse without masks when sitting down for our after-game beverages. We are also able to serve food again from our kitchen. Everyone has quickly adapted to the new ways of doing things and is thankful to be curling again.

For Everyone’s Safety – If you are sick, stay at home. Isolate and get tested if think you may have been exposed to someone with Covid-19.

Save the Dates!

We have various events in the works before Christmas. Check the bulletin boards – **now located in the Lower Lounge** – for details

PCC Home Opener Bonspiel	Fri. night Nov. 19 & Sat, Nov. 20
‘Cash on the Wall’ Youth Bonspiel: U15 & U18	Sat. Nov. 27
Goldline Pop-Up Store	Sat. Dec. 4
‘Doc’ Holden Seniors’ Bonspiel	Mon, Tue, & Thur, Dec. 13, 14 & 16 daytime
Senior Christmas dinner	Weds, Dec. 15

Other Changes Around the PCC

You may have noticed a few changes to the PCC beyond the ramp and the new Main Hall washroom. These changes include:

Lower Lounge: One of the most significant changes is the move of the bulletin boards with information about curling leagues, bonspiels, etc. to the Lower Lounge. Trophies are now displayed in this lounge. Try to develop a new habit of strolling through this area on your way both up and down stairs.

Shoe Removal: The PCC has a new shoe removal policy that requires everyone entering to remove their “street shoes” before proceeding. Cubbies and shelves are provided at the upper and lower entrances for storage of indoor footwear (slippers, sandals, runners, etc.) and chairs added for your comfort. This new practice aims to keep grit off the ice!

Doubles Markers in the Ice: The PCC is promoting the Doubles form of curling and has markers installed on all four sheets for both Regular and Power Play formats. Doubles is played Friday mornings and evenings.

Rental Policy: The PCC has updated its contract for hall and ice rentals. Check out the website or lower lounge posting for prices and connect with Brian Gardner for bookings. ***The PCC is a great venue for Christmas parties, large family gatherings, weddings, stag & does, etc.***

Membership for 2021-22 Season

The PCC has 217 registered members for the 2021-22 season, including 15 youth curlers, 24 Learn to Curl program registrants, 29 new adult members, and 149 returning adult members. In total, our membership is about 2/3rds of the 2019/20 level. ***Members are encouraged to speak with their friends about joining for the second half of the season.*** Contact Jon Vokins (jon_vokins@hotmail.com) or Christine Fahey (pcc.treasurer@outlook.live) for assistance.

Hallowe'en Trivia – A Screaming Success!

On Saturday night, Oct. 30, the PCC hosted a Halloween themed trivia night. Nearly 100 folks participated in the spook-tacular evening and it was clear from the buzz in the room that everyone was having a great time! Fifteen teams of 4-6 players competed through six grueling rounds of 20 questions. At the end of the night, Team ‘Quizly Bears’ came out on top with a whopping 102 correct answers! The PCC was the real winner as the event raised \$1,042 from entry fees, bonus sales and Team QB’s donation of its cash prize. Huge thanks are extended to organizer Terri Selle, her large team of volunteers, and sponsors for prizes (Rowan’s PharmaSave and Astrid’s Flowers) and snacks (RJ Selle & Son Sand and Gravel).



Team Nerds – Looked good but lousy at trivia!

50/50 Draws Raise Money for the PCC

The PCC holds a weekly 50/50 draw for PCC members. Simply drop a toonie in the jar that sits on the bar and sign next to your name in the binder. The name drawn and prize amount is posted on the white board behind the bar. If the name drawn has not signed in, the prize will carry over to the next draw.

The Ontario Curling Association – known as Curl ON - holds a monthly 50/50 raffle. Tickets are purchased online via the [link provided here](#) and posted on the PCC website. The PCC receives 40% of the ticket sales bought via the link – so far this year, the total received is nearly \$2,500.