



Annual Newsletter 2026/27

Welcome Back!

A Message from the President

Welcome to a new season of curling and squash. We will be having our traditional Wine and Cheese/sign up night/Fall Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday, October 2nd at 7 PM. This occasion will also be a milestone birthday celebration for one of our past presidents and long standing members - Leo Buckley. Please come and join Leo, his family and friends as we celebrate the start of his 9th decade!

This year we will be getting new Club Jackets - I have made arrangements with ASHAM to have example jackets for fitting purposes and I am looking for someone to help me in putting the order together (sizing/fitting and exact details of the jackets such as name on sleeve and or back). Please contact me if you are willing to help. I am hoping to place the order in mid October and have the jackets by early November.

I would also like to welcome Joanne Hartnett (as our secretary) and Steve Bushby (Director) to the Board of Directors. Its great to start getting some new blood on the executive.

Joanne stepped in partway through last year to replace Charlene Brennan. We thank Charlene for her years of service to the club - the last few years the club was very busy with the many rentals that she looked after for the club. Joanne has taken over the lead for rentals and will be looking for members to help support the seemingly ever increasing demand for hall and ice usage.

Steve will be taking the lead on our Capital Planning Planning Committee as we look to the future needs of our facilities. We have an initial wish list of areas we need to consider and if you have any ideas for improvements please share them with Steve and his committee that currently includes Bill Shorter, Andrew White, Ron Grozelle and Terry Vandenberghe.

As far as registration is concerned you can either email and e-transfer your membership (the forms are on the club website), use snail mail or come to the wine and cheese Fall Meeting on Oct 2nd. We plan to start the ice making on or about Oct 16th and with a little luck it should take about 2 weeks to have playable ice!

Chris Knight

Property & Ice

With the retirement of Bill Shorter from the Club Board of Directors after many successful years

we are looking for members to step up and take over some of the duties that Bill performed so diligently. Please contact Chris Knight if you would like to discuss how you can help.

Terry Vandenberghe will continue as our Head Ice Maker - last year he added a new water treatment system to our facility and the results were amazing. We can look forward to another great season of fast ice with lots of curl.

Over the summer we had our ice shed roof repaired by a contractor - the metal roof is over 40 years old and was in need of this repair work.

We will also be welcoming back Stephany Rauche as our Custodian - Stephany took over these duties late last season and did a great job. Please welcome her to the club when you see her!

Chris Knight

Club Finances

Good news, the executive has approved membership fees with a slight increase for 2026/2027. Our financial position is in great shape again this year. Last year, we finished capital improvements that have completed the refurbishment of the ice plant. Expenses did outpace revenue resulting in a slight deficit, as planned. The receipt of a Deep River Community Grant and the final Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant payment allowed us to minimize the deficit while minimising increases to membership fees. The ongoing efforts of Richard Berube and Tom Vella who revived the advertising campaign have provided additional revenues to help keep membership fees down. Many thanks again gents!

Payment of Fees

Fees can be paid by cheque or e-transfer. For e-transfer, send payment to the Treasurer, chris.moore4245@gmail.com. Members who pay by e-transfer should send their completed **Membership Form** in a separate email along with the answer to the security question to chris.moore4245@gmail.com. The Waivers that were completed previous years will remain in force. For new and returning members who have not joined since we introduced waivers, please include a completed copy of the **Waiver** with your registration forms.

The parent/guardian of all juniors and any member under the age of 26 years are required to review concussion awareness resources on an **annual basis**. Links to the age appropriate resources and forms are available on our website under the "**Rowan's Law**" tab.

We ask that registrations be completed and sent by October 14th to allow time for processing (5 days sooner if sent via Canada Post).

Chris Moore

Bar Operations

Due to a change in regulations, SmartServe now has a 5-year expiry. As the bar relies on volunteer bartenders with a valid SmartServe certification, if insufficient members re-certify

this will have a significant impact on our ability to operate. As such, the club continues to encourage members to obtain SmartServe training and recertification. To assist with scheduling while members obtain SmartServe training, the membership form will have a field to identify whether you have a valid SmartServe certification.

Toban Verdun

Curling

September is here, and it's almost time to dust off your curling gear for the 2026/27 season. This year offers plenty of opportunities for curlers of all skill levels to get involved and have fun.

Monday and Tuesday Social League

The Monday and Tuesday will feature balanced teams and one 6-end draw each night. When registering, please indicate your preferred evening or evenings on your form. The season will include three draws, giving members a chance to meet new curlers and reconnect with former teammates. **Monday and Tuesday – 7:00 pm**

Morning Social Curling

For those interested in curling during the day, games are played every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. This league operates on a drop-in basis, so there is no team commitment. Teams are formed by random draw from the players present. **Tuesday and Thursday – 9:30 am**

Wednesday Doubles League

The doubles league will return on Wednesday evenings. The schedule will be based on the number of teams that sign up. Doubles curling is a terrific way to build skills, whether you are new to the sport or an experienced player. This season includes three draws. To ensure a more competitive spirit, all teams must be available to play both draw times. **Wednesdays – 4:30 & 6:00 pm**

Learn to Curl Program – Wednesdays

Ideal for those who wish to learn the game of curling! This ten-week course features in-class and on ice lessons taught by experienced Club members. Classes start in early November.

Wednesdays – 7:00 pm

Thursday Competitive League

On Thursdays, members can enter a complete team at the start of the season by listing team members on the membership form. Entries after the regular season play starts will be accepted only if they do not disrupt scheduling of league play – i.e. get your entries in early. Partial teams and individual members may also register and will be placed on a team should a spot become available. **Thursdays – 6:30 & 8:30 pm**

Friday Women's League

Join us for an afternoon of curling and fun. All games are a single 6-end draw. All are welcome, no weekly commitment required. **Fridays – 1:30 pm**

Club Championship

This year's Club Championship will take place from Wednesday, March 31st to Sunday, April 4th. Teams from both the Wednesday Doubles and Thursday Competitive League will be vying for the title of Club Champions!

Friday and Weekend Curling Events

The Club will hold several Friday evening drop-in curling sessions during the season. Dates and times for upcoming sessions will be posted on Facebook. Several weekend Funspiels are also scheduled throughout the season. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

We are currently looking for volunteers with fun ideas to join our Social Committee and help plan club events throughout the year. Please contact Colleen Berube for more information.

Practice Ice

For those members and guests (out of towners included), if you are interested in practice ice for yourself or your team, please contact our Head Ice Tech, Terry Vandenberghe at ubique042@gmail.com or at 780-267-0199 and he will help you out.

Colleen Berube

Little Rocks and Junior Program

Little Rocks and Junior Program this year will take place on Tuesdays from 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM. We will be offering the Little Rocks (7-10 years old) and Junior Curling (11 and older) programs together at 4:15pm.

If you are interested in assisting us throughout the season please let us know. You need not be an experienced coach or curler to be of great help in running the program. Those interested in assisting are invited to contact Mike Moore (michael.christopher.moore@gmail.com)

Mike Moore

Squash

Squash in Deep River has continued to maintain court usage despite a slight drop in Adult Squash Only and Spring Squash Memberships last season. We did however see an increase in non member interest in Squash with more community members utilizing the courts on a day pass basis.

Returning members this season can expect a continuation of the Squash Ladder with more focus on social events. Anyone interested in drills sessions or travelling to play in competitions are invited to contact Mike Moore for more information and upcoming events.

Keep an eye out for our annual 'Last Kick at the Can' Tournament in early October.

New Adults, Teen and Youth Squash programming will be offered based on registration interest. This can range from Learn to Squash introduction to intermediate drills and instruction. If any individual or small group is interested in trying the sport of Squash please contact Mike Moore (michael.christopher.moore@gmail.com).

Mike Moore

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