



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2014-2015 Curling Season

The curling season is underway and off to a great start. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend a warm Welcome Back to our returning members and a heartfelt *Hello* and *Welcome* to our new members! Without all of you, we would not be the club we are today.

We are pleased to have a number of our staff members returning this year and we welcome our new additions.

This past summer was another busy one around the club. The development of our new website took up an inordinate amount of time for a number of people but it could not have been done without the effort and dedication of Paul Morgan and Casey Warren. Thank you both! There will be a learning curve as we all get used to the new technology; however, there are a number of efficiencies for league convenors and members that I am sure we will all come to appreciate.

A number of improvements were made around the club this year, including most noticeably the curing around the building. The flooding of the ice last year due to poor drainage and insulation caused a number of missed games and frustrations all around. No more band-aid fixes! A thorough review was done to determine the issue and potential remedies. Drainage pumps and proper curling was put into place to rectify the situation. Removal of the cement curbs will also assist in ensuring snow is not building up against the building, thereby mitigating the issue.

In addition to the curbing, the Board approved a number of expenses for the ice surface. We have purchased a much

needed new Ice Scraper and new hacks! Jamie is pretty sure Christmas came early!

As you likely now, the club also joined the Toronto Curling Association. We will keep you up to date throughout the year on what is happening and how we are being benefitted as a club. We will be evaluating the benefit to the membership, so please provide any feedback you may have as the season progresses. You will find an article further in the newsletter about the TCA Circuit, which provides those fun-loving bonspielsing curlers the opportunity to win cash! Check it out!

As many of you know, this is not my first time as President of the Curling Club. I am very pleased to be working on your behalf again this season. I want to hear from you if you have any questions, concerns, accolades that you wish to share. We can only get better if we talk! Please feel free to call or email me at any time. I will do my best to get back to you in a timely manner.

As a member of the club, you are welcome to attend any Board Meeting or review minutes. We will be posting this information on the website in the members only section. If you would like to see a hard copy, please feel free to request one at any time.

We have a number of upcoming bonspiels and fundraisers! There are many opportunities to get involved. I hope everyone can enjoy the Whitby Curling Club as much as I do! I look forward to seeing you on the ice or around the club!

Tracey Macaulay, President

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- Don Mitchell Wins Mayoral Race in Whitby (see pics on the last page)
- Octoberfest Bonspiel pictures (on page 9)
- Thank you to our Sponsors, that make Rock Talk happen. Please GO out and support them!