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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Curling has always been my winter respite from the stress of the day-to-day grind. Make it your curling safe harbor, too – and have lots of fun!

Inflation-fighting options

While curling, camaraderie and fun is in our future, we all know COVID-19 is still with us. And significant inflation is a new stumbling block this year around the globe. Jasper Place Curling Club (JPCC) did not raise fees this year, and we hope this welcome oasis of stable pricing will help you to return to play. As well, we are offering a new **inflation-fighting Unlimited Daytime Play Bundle**. Have a look at the scheduling this bundle offers. If you are available at these draw times, you can play as much as you want - for significant savings.

Mark your calendars!

We are planning a couple of pre-season events (Wine, Beer & Spirit Tasting and the 2nd annual Rock the Block parking lot party). As well, Jasper Place Curling is hosting two provincial qualifying events in December.

Great news! The website calendar function is up and running! Check it out for special events, leagues, curling clinics and more.

Stay safe

Although there are no vaccination protocols in place this year, we continue to encourage you to get vaccinated and get boosted. And always stay home if you are not feeling well.

Website registration is open!

We are using the same website we launched last summer. If you received this email, you are a Jasper Place Curling member. Please sign in to the member page to complete your registration. Online registration is now open. And please check the website regularly for information about upcoming events – there is more there than the league schedule.

Continue reading for details on registration, fees and all things curling. Give me a call at 780-489-6428 if you have questions or concerns about registering on the website or the COVID protocols. I look forward to seeing you on the ice very soon.

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NEW – UNLIMITED DAYTIME PLAY BUNDLE

JPCC is introducing a new inflation-busting option that gives you an opportunity to curl multiple times per week for one all-inclusive rate. This promotion is available on the daytime curling leagues (and we will evaluate its success to see if there is a market to continue this to the evening leagues). If you think daytime curling will not fit in your schedule – please have a look anyway. There are Sunday offerings as well as 4:00 and 4:30 pm start times that might even fit with those of you working a regular Monday to Friday job. Those of you working flexible hours – this is definitely something you will want to consider.

REGISTRATION AND FEE INFORMATION

All teams planning to return to the Jasper Place Curling Club will guarantee their place in the league they last played in by registering online by September 2 and having each curler on the team pay at least \$100.

Registration fees unchanged from last year.

Curling Alberta and Curling Canada fees

The practice of collecting \$13 in addition to your fees to pay Curling Alberta and Curling Canada fees started last year – and will continue this year. If you curl in more than one league or more than one club you pay it only once. This is calculated automatically when you register online.

Late draw benefits continue

The more, the merrier! Late draws are good for the club and great for competition and the social aspects of curling. To continue the beneficial format begun last year, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the late draw will be only **6 ends**, and we will charge a slightly lower rate for this draw. Thursday remains unchanged – so if you want an 8-end game regardless of the start time then Thursday is the night for you.

Registration fees for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening curlers

Curling fees vary from league to league this year depending on the number of ends in the game and the number of games played. When registering, be sure to double check the day of week, the time of day, the number of ends in a game and games in the league. (Please refer to the chart on the last page or the league listing on the website)

Please remember as a full-year club member you receive 20 league games, free practice ice, additional games in the club championships or grand challenge at the end of the season – so your ~\$24/game fee is a real bargain.

Registration fees for Bent Broom, JPL Sunday Morning, MCA, Monday and Thursday morning seniors - will again be set by your league coordinators. Online registration is required to address the Curling Alberta Fee and the declaration as described below. Bent Broom and JPL will pay at

least \$100 deposit online as well. You will pay the balance of your fees directly to your league coordinators.

A \$100 deposit is required from every curler. All curlers are required to register online and pay either a \$100 deposit or the full league fee prior to the start of their league. Please click the registration link for your league on the website.

Balance of fees, completion of forms. By October 6, the balance of your fees must be paid using the online registration system. An assumption of risk form is required to be submitted by this date. (This document is part of the online registration process – if you got to the place where you could pay your fees, you have completed this form). Anyone arriving at the curling club on their first curling day without completing the online registration will be required to sign this document before they are allowed entry.

Hardship. If pre-paying fees creates a financial hardship, please contact Cathy at 780-489-6428 to discuss a payment plan option.

Discounts. Again, this year we are offering a **multi-league discount** to anyone registering in more than one league at the JPCC. Prime time leagues will receive a **\$50 rebate**, paid in JP coins.



COINS FOR CURLERS - Recruitment bonus. Want to put some sweet silver JP dollars into your pocket? It's easier than ever!

- **Team effort:** An existing team that brings in a new team* will receive **\$200 in JP coins**. JP coins mean CASH good anywhere in the club – for drinks, food, pro-shop items or even curling fees.
- **Go solo:** An existing curler in any full-year prime time evening league who brings in a new player** will receive **\$40 in JP coins**.

*New teams: register for a full-year prime time league (they can be new to JPCC or just adding an extra night of curling)

**New players are defined as those who have never been registered to curl at Jasper Place Curling Club.

FORMS: ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In the past JPCC resisted having all participants sign waivers and other documents. However, in order to remain members of Curling Canada and Curling Alberta the minimum amount of documentation required is the "Assumption of risk" form. This form is part of the online registration.

WILL THE WARM SIDE OF THE GLASS BE SAFE?

The JPCC encourages vaccinations and boosters for all staff, curlers and guests. We will continue to clean and sanitize to a high standard, we encourage physical distancing wherever possible, and mask use is optional – but I suspect you will see many staff members masking regularly.

It is also imperative that you stay home when you are not feeling well. Whether you are sick with COVID or something else, please do not bring it to the curling club.

HAPPY MUNCHING!

Sarah who operates the “Dutch Girl Café” will run the food services out of the concession this season. Sarah loves a variety – so expect weekly specials, amazing soups and fabulous desserts.

RETURN TO PLAY – WHATEVER CONTRIBUTES TO A GREAT GAME

There are no formal return-to-play curling rules this year so teams – and individual curlers – are free to do whatever makes them feel comfortable and safe.

For example, the tradition of shaking hands with opponents before the game is entirely up to you. Elbow bumps or brush taps work as well.

TRIPLES – AN INTERESTING ALTERNATIVE

Triples curling is here and now. It’s the roaring game’s iteration of the moment, curling 3.0 if you will, tailor-made for fast-paced fun and a chance to try all curling positions during the game.

In a typical six-end game of triples, everybody gets to call the shots, deliver the goods and sweep like crazy. Each member of a team will rotate through the three positions, playing two ends as lead, middle and skip. It’s new-age democracy on ice. Every player also delivers two rocks per end so the action is fast. Most games wrap up in 90 minutes.

It’s competitive, too. Scores are doubled in the fifth and sixth ends so no game should be too far out of reach for long. You won’t want to shake hands after four ends!

CURLING EDUCATION

JPCC offers several curling education courses before the curling season begins and a few throughout the year. Please register online for all courses. ([events](#) drop-down)

Learn-To-Curl: This three-day course will be held Monday, October 3, Tuesday, October 4 and Wednesday, October 5, from 7-9:30 p.m. This course is designed for the first-time curler, curlers who have played fewer than three full seasons or those having trouble with balance and timing in their delivery. This program is a group lesson that provides information on all areas of the sport. The on-ice portion is tailored to your specific needs. At \$75/person, this 7.5-hour program is the best coaching value available. Please register online at jasperplacecurling.ca or call to register.

Learn-to-Curl Highlights: Don’t know how? Don’t have time for the learn-to-curl? This shortened version will get you started. Saturday, October 15 from 1-4 p.m. For new curlers. Cost \$35.

Delivery stick clinic: Are you using a delivery stick? Not getting the results you'd like? Using a stick is a different style of throwing rocks and the same principles apply for good technique. This 1-hour clinic is designed to improve technique for better results when using a delivery stick. Sunday, October 2 from 1:30-2:30. Cost \$10.

CURLING EQUIPMENT

Pro shop: JPCC runs a small pro shop out of the office. The pro shop is an integral part of the curling club's operations for two reasons: first, because we know most of our curlers and see them on a regular basis, we can provide insight and information to assist you in the purchase of new curling equipment. Second, the pro shop is an important additional revenue stream for our operations and, therefore, another way for our members to support their club.

We are well aware that sometimes our selection is too small for your needs – so we've made a partnership with **Kevin's Rocks and Racquets**, located in the Saville Sports Centre. It has a much larger selection of gear. When you would like to purchase an item not in stock at JPCC, Cathy will write you a letter of purchase to take to Kevin's. They will provide you with the item and invoice the JPCC. This means you'll pay at the JPCC, receiving your member's discount, and the JPCC will get your business. See Cathy for more details.

Everything you need to know about:



Curling shoes: In order to help keep the ice in top condition for everyone, all curlers must have shoes that are only worn on the curling ice. That may include curling shoes or slip on grippers (and sliders) that completely cover the bottom of clean running shoes. Sadly, your favourite shoes do not last forever.

Grippers: Grippers are one of the largest problems in maintaining good, clean ice conditions. In order for grippers to be effective they are made with very soft rubber which wears out quickly. Grippers typically last 20 games (or less) as a sweeper and 40 games for skips and thirds. This typically means replacing at least once every year.

Curling brushes: Curling brushes do not last forever either. TV curlers replace their brush heads every game. Yours likely lasts 5-20 games. If you didn't replace it last year, you need to replace it this year. In addition to helping keep the ice cleaner, your new brush head will improve the results of your sweeping.



Compliant brush heads: WCF compliant brush heads are available in our pro shop along with non-compliant heads. We have chosen to continue to allow non-compliant heads to be used in club play at JPCC.

STUDENT/JUNIOR SUPPORT

JPCC supports junior curlers by providing a significant discount in curling fees. To be eligible, curlers must be born after July 1, 2002 and be a full-time student. Please call Cathy for details.

LOCKERS

Lockers are available in both the men's and women's locker rooms. The regular size lockers are \$25 (including GST) and the large lockers are \$40 (including GST) per year and easily accommodate a whole team. Curlers and teams renewing their locker will have first right of refusal until October 8, 2021 after which all lockers not rented will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Locker rental is available in the online registration.

WALK-THROUGH WINE, BEER AND SPIRIT TASTING

Friday August 12, from 5:30-8:30 will see the arena filled with a wine, beer and spirit tasting event. JPCC and other charities will be on site and happy to take your donations in lieu of a purchased event ticket. Please see the [event](#) on the website for more details.



ROCK THE BLOCK

Last year we celebrated the mural with an outdoor “Rock the Block” party. It was so much fun – we decided to keep the party. There will be a family friendly 2nd annual Rock the Block parking lot party on Friday September 9, from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Mark your calendar! Beer, burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Great music to listen or dance to. More details to follow. Watch the website events page.

AGM REMINDER

The Jasper Place Curling Club Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m.** at the curling club. All club members are welcome to attend. At the meeting, the Board of Directors will present last year's financial statements, answer questions about return-to-play and the status of the Capital Improvement project. As well, Board members will be elected. If you are interested in joining the board please let Cathy know prior to the meeting. Please plan to attend or consider signing a proxy when you register.

HELP WANTED!

The JPCC is looking for 1-2 bartenders. This is a perfect part-time job for a University or college student. It does not carry the same risk as working in a public bar, as the customers are the weekly curlers, and typically do not walk in off the street. If you are interested in 5-15 hours of evening or weekend work per week, please call Cathy at 780-489-6428 to set up an interview.

WHEN DO WE CURL?

This chart includes all leagues. Registration is available for each individual league. Those leagues in bold are included in the Unlimited Daytime Play Bundle.

League	Fall	Winter	Draw Time	Games	Fees
Sunday JPL	Oct 2 – Dec 11	Jan 8 – Mar 12	11:00 AM	22	TBD
Sunday Triples	Oct 23 – Dec 4	Jan 15 – Feb 26	2:00 PM 2:00 PM	6 6	\$66 + GST \$66 + GST
Monday Morning	Oct 3 – Dec 19	Jan 2 – Mar 20	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	11 11	TBD
Monday Mechanical	Oct 17– Dec 19	Jan 2 – Mar 6	5:00 PM	TBD	TBD
Monday Bent Broom	Oct 17 – Dec 19	Jan 2 – Mar 20	7:15 PM	21	TBD
Tuesday Mid-day Triples	Oct 18 – Dec 6	Jan 10 – Feb 28	11:30 AM	8 8	\$88 + GST \$88 + GST
Tuesday Open (full year) 6:15 – 8 end games 8:30 - 6 end games	Oct 11 – Dec 13	Jan 3 – Mar 7	6:15 & 8:30 PM alternating weekly	20	\$425 + GST
Tuesday Open (half year) 6:15 – 8 end games 8:30 - 6 end games	Oct 11 – Dec 13	Jan 3 – Mar 7	6:15 & 8:30 PM alternating weekly	10	\$225 + GST \$225 + GST
Wednesday Afternoon	Oct 12 – Dec 14	Jan 4 – Mar 8	1:00 PM 1:00 PM	10 10	\$110 + GST \$110 + GST
Wednesday Open (8 ends)	Oct 12 – Dec 14	Jan 4 – Mar 8	6:15 PM	20	\$450 + GST
Wednesday Fun (6 ends)	Oct 19 – Dec 7	Jan 11 – Mar 1	8:30 PM 8:30 PM	8 8	\$160 + GST \$160 + GST
Thursday Morning	Oct 6 – Dec 15	Jan 5 – Mar 16	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	11 11	TBD
Thursday 4 o'clock	Oct 6 – Dec 8	Oct 6 – Dec 8	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	10 10	\$110 + GST \$110 + GST
Thursday Open (full year) 6:30 - 8 end games 8:45 – 8 end games	Oct 6 – Dec 8	Jan 6 – Mar 10	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20	\$450 + GST
Thursday Open (half year) 6:30 - 8 end games 8:45 – 8 end games	Oct 6 – Dec 8	Jan 6 – Mar 10	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	10 10	\$235 + GST \$235 + GST
Friday Triples	Oct 14 – Dec 9	Jan 13 – Mar 10	1:30 PM 1:30 PM	8 8	\$88 + GST \$88 + GST
Friday Happy Hour	Oct 14 – Dec 9	Jan 13 – Mar 10	4:30 PM 4:30 PM	8 8	\$88 + GST \$88 + GST
Friday Open (8 end games)	Oct 7 – Dec 9	Jan 6 – Mar 10	6:45 PM	20	\$450+GST
Friday 6-pack fun 6 end games	Oct 21 – Dec 2	Jan 20 – Mar 3	9:00 PM 9:00 PM	6 6	\$120 + GST \$120 + GST