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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS TO THE 2017-18 CURLING SEASON!

Hi Everyone – Get ready for another exciting season of curling, special events and a host of other activities. Plans are in progress to include a junior team in our regular curling schedule this year. They will be competing against our club members giving them the experience necessary to become a competitive team and also have more fun. I continue to remind the young people that curling is an Olympic sport, Canada's sport. Let's give these youngsters our support on and off the ice.

In planning your winter activities, you can refer to our events calendar on line or obtain a hard copy schedule from the club. I encourage all members to become active in the club, "your club" on the ice and/ or other social functions. Your involvement is important. Interacting with other members will keep our club going in high gear and will be a rewarding experience for us all. We also encourage members to provide input and or suggestions to your executive as to how we can improve your club, create new events on or off the ice, promote new members (remember the declining/ageing membership), spectators, and bonspiels activities at or off our site.

Our "brick by brick" renovation program will be on going. The men's washroom is complete (what a wonderful job), thanks to our volunteers and generous financial support by club members. They will be recognized at a special dinner which we are planning for the new year. Our second project the women's washroom is in the planning stage. Our ladies are in the process of raising funds to cover the costs of material only. Let's all get behind this important project and make our premises presentable to all members and non-members. Once you view the completed men's project you will understand why this is so important for your club.

With our declining and aging membership our revenues decrease, however our expenses continue and in some areas, are increasing. We are looking for ways to manage our costs efficiently. As mentioned in my earlier message, we are exploring the idea that your club can become more than a curling club. To that end we are looking into the possibility to expand our facilities into a recreation centre for our community. Tweed does not have a recreation centre and we are having initial discussions with the town on the possibility of a partnership arrangement and government funding. Our facilities would be an ideal site and could be active year - round. It would also provide a pool of prospective curlers. Discussions with the town will take place in the latter part of September. This will give our club a huge boost for the future. Your input and support is welcome.

Wally Wagner, President

**REGISTRATION DATES AT THE CLUB: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 12:00-4 pm
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 4-8 pm**

ROCK THE HOUSE (OPEN HOUSE): SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 1-4 PM LEAGUES START OCTOBER 23rd

As we've experienced in previous years our membership numbers, despite great efforts by our board, members and membership committee, declined this past year. We are offering increased incentive for our current members to bring new members into the club. Please take advantage of this opportunity to offset your club fees. There will be no increase to membership fees except for a minimal \$7 increase in OCA costs that we are unable to absorb. We are also keeping our leagues intact as much as possible while hoping to attract new members to strengthen our Thursday evening curling. All leagues can use more curlers and as in previous years we will offer instruction for new curlers. We continue to advertise locally and to contact other organizations as potential sources for new members.

Especially encouraging, has been the success of our Junior program as run by Paul Scott and we hope to continue our strength in this area. Our registration dates are Oct 1st and 4th with a Chili lunch planned on Oct 1st by our Fund Raising Committee as part of the Tweed Harvest Festival. Your support will be appreciated. Consider inviting any prospective members too. Looking forward to seeing everyone next month.

If you have any questions, please call or email the club or jirwin.lindsay@hotmail.com or call Irwin at 613-478-4778.
SEE YOU ON THE ICE!

Irwin Lindsay, Membership Committee Chair

Please find attached information and registration forms that you may print and mail or submit to the club in person.

LOLCC 2017-18 LEAGUE DESCRIPTIONS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 1 pm Tag Draw League: Convenor George Scott 613-478-1443

- This is an individual entry, social format
- Each member is given a tag with their name on it. They may place their tag in either the Lead/Second, or Skip/Third "hat". Teams are made up from members present each day
- This league is excellent for seniors, beginning curlers, and those who can't commit to a regular schedule

Monday Evening 7:00 pm Men's Draft League: Convenor: TBA

- Competitive curling made up of men. Entry by individual or team.

Tuesday 1 pm Mixed League (Teams must contain men & women, preferably 2 of each per team): Convenor: TBA

- This is an individual entry, social format
- Teams are made up by convenor at start of season, then shuffled every round robin. The shuffling is done by a numerical (no choice) system
- This league is excellent for good curling, and mixing socially with other members

Tuesday 7:30 pm Open League (Teams may contain men & women in any combination): Convenor: Brett Reavie reavieb@hotmail.com

- This is a team entry, competitive format where the teams remain together for the full season
- Members may enter individually-they will be placed, if possible, into an existing team
- While deemed competitive, this league is not restricted to high skill level members only
- This league is good for those who want a somewhat higher level of competitive curling

Wednesday 10 am Ladies League: Convenor: Nancy Borden nancyborden74@gmail.co

- This is an individual entry, social format. Team structure/play will be determined at the start of the season.
- This league is excellent for all levels of experience and age.

Thursday 1 pm Men's League: Convenor Jim Bacon baconjames0@gmail.com

- While competitive, this league is also deemed "social", as the teams are shuffled every round robin
- The shuffling is done by the Skips selecting players from the "pool" in reverse order to the point totals their team achieved in the previous round.
- This league is excellent for men of all skill levels.

Thursday 7 pm Ladies League: Convenor Louise Hyatt louisehyatt@live.ca

- This is a team entry format where normally the teams remain together for the full season
- Members may enter individually as well, and they will be placed into teams as fairly as possible. New curlers are always welcomed
- This league is meant for ladies who wish to curl at a good level of curling while having fun

Thursday 7:30 pm Doubles League (Teams may contain men & women in any combination): Convenor TBA

- This is an individual or team entry
- A team is composed of two players and games are scheduled for eight ends. Scoring is the same as regular curling
- For further information about this exciting new format, [check out the following video](#)

Friday 7:30 pm Social League: Convenor TBA

- Drop-In league where the emphasis is on fun curling and good socializing.

LEAGUES WILL BE OFFERED WHERE NUMBERS WARRANT

2017—2018 REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Please register as soon as possible so the league convenors can organize their leagues .

Please print all applicable pages of the registration form and mail it along with your payment (and work cheque) to the club or submit it on one of our registration nights. First registration date is Sunday, October 1st from 1-4 pm. Fees MUST be paid before a member starts curling.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please check one - Returning from last season Returning from previous years New member

(For members who are returning from previous years: in order to qualify as a new member, you must not have been a member for at least 2 years)

Indicate which leagues you wish to curl and spare in (see enclosed league descriptions):

	LEAGUES	TIME	CATEGORY	✓ Your Choice	✓ Leagues you would spare in
1.	Monday Night Men's League	7:00	1 Draw		
2.	Mon./Wed./Fri Afternoon (Mixed Tag Draw)	1:00	2 Draw		
3.	Tues. Afternoon (Mixed)	1:00	1 Draw		
4.	Tues. Evening (Open)Team Entry- Competitive Provide Skip's name:	7:30	1 Draw		
5.	Wed. Morning (Ladies)	10:00	1 Draw		
6	Thurs. Afternoon (Men's)	1:00	1 Draw		
7	Thurs. Evening (Ladies)	7:00	1 Draw		
8	Thurs. Evening Doubles (Open) Partner's Name if Applicable:	7:30	1 Draw		
9.	Friday Evening Social	7:30			

2017-18 Fees

Type of Membership	Returning Members		New Members (25% discount)		Your Amount
	Full Year	Half Year (See Note 8)	Full Year	Half Year (See Note 8)	
One Draw	\$300	\$180	\$225	\$135	
Two Draws	\$335	\$205	\$255	\$155	
Unlimited	\$360	\$220	\$270	\$165	
Friday Social	\$140				
Student	\$120				
Junior	\$60				
Social Member	\$40				
Social with OCA	\$60				
Locker	\$15				
Total Fees					
Add HST (13%) +					
Sub Total					
\$50 Debenture (if applicable – see Note 10) +					
TOTAL*					
Separate \$100 work cheque postdated October 1, 2018					\$100

PAYMENT OPTIONS: There are three payment options for one draw, two draw and unlimited full-year memberships:

- A. One payment for the total fees payable in full at registration.
- B. Two equal payments submitted, one cheque payable at registration and a second cheque dated January 2, 2018.
- C. Five equal payments submitted, one cheque payable at registration and four cheques dated Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Feb. 1, & Mar. 1.
- D. ***Note: If making more than one payment, divide the TOTAL by 2 (2 payments) or 5 (5 payments)**

Example of payments (with HST) for returning members without a locker not paying debenture or redeeming coupons.								
Type of Membership	One payment	Two payments		Five payments				
1 Draw	\$339.00	\$169.50 at Reg.	\$169.50 Jan.2/2018	\$67.80 at Reg.	\$67.80 Nov 1	\$67.80 Dec 1	\$67.80 Feb1	\$67.80 Mar1
2 Draw	\$378.55	\$189.28 at Reg.	\$189.28 Jan.2/2018	\$75.71 at Reg.	\$75.71 Nov 1	\$75.71 Dec 1	\$75.71 Feb 1	\$75.71 Mar 1
Unlimited	\$406.80	\$203.40 at Reg.	\$203.40 Jan.2/2018	\$81.36 at Reg.	\$81.36 Nov 1	\$81.36 Dec 1	\$81.36 Feb 1	\$81.36 Mar 1

Half Year and all other types of memberships are payable in full at registration. Please make cheques payable to The Land O' Lakes Curling Club and don't forget your work cheque dated October 1, 2018. Fees must be submitted before members start curling.

Additional Information

1. **ONE DRAW:** Members play one eight end game per week.
2. **TWO DRAW:** Members play two eight end games per week. The MWF league is a two draw league.
3. **UNLIMITED:** Members play in any number of leagues and spare in any league. Unlimited members may also curl in the Friday night Social League.
4. **FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL:** Members can play 10 Fridays during the season, normally every other Friday.
5. **STUDENT:** High school or post-secondary students who curl in one or more adult leagues.
6. **JUNIOR:** Elementary or High School students who curl only in the junior program.
7. **SOCIAL:** For those who have stopped curling but want to enjoy social activities, join committees, and have voting privileges.
8. **HALF YEAR:** Members pay 60% of the regular fee. This membership can be applied to snowbirds that wish to split the year and curl before and after their trip. Half year members are entitled to 11 weeks of curling.
9. **NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT:** New members are offered a 25% discount on their membership fees **or** 4 hours deduction in their volunteer work hours required by the club.
10. **DEBENTURE:** In their 2nd year, all members (except Student, Junior, Social & Social League ONLY) are required to purchase a \$50 Club Debenture.
11. **WORK CHEQUES:** All members (except Student, Junior, Social & Social League ONLY) are required to provide a \$100.00 work cheque postdated to **October 1, 2018**. This cheque **MUST** be submitted before a member commences curling. Cheques will be returned after you work 12 hours (8 hours for ½ year members). If you do not wish to work, please make your cheque payable the date you register.
12. **REFUNDS:** Requests for refunds must be made in writing. Withdrawals after: 1st or 2nd month – 50%; 3rd – 40%, 4th – 20%, 5th – 0%.
13. **GUEST CURLERS:** Non-members are permitted to curl in any league for a cost of \$15 per visit, payable to the league convenor.

For Returning Members Only:

Did you personally recruit a new member(s) to the club for 2016-17? If so please list any names below. Incentive rebates (1 new member \$25; 2 - \$75; 3 - \$150; 4 - \$250; 5 - \$375) will be issued in November. Rebates will not exceed your total membership fees payable. As an alternative to a rebate, you may opt to reduce your work hours by 4 hours for each new member. New members are those who have not curled at the club in the past two years.

NAME: _____

We NEED volunteers to keep the club running smoothly. Your work hours (12 hours for full year members and 8 hours for ½ year membership) can be used in any of the areas listed below and are generally posted on the volunteer bulletin board. Please indicate your volunteer work area choices:

VOLUNTEER WORK AREAS			
	✓		✓
BAR (Must have Smart Serve).If not previously provided, enter your SMART SERVE #		Property Maintenance	
Kitchen		Coaching/Instruction	
Ice Maintenance		Fundraising Events/Committee	
Junior Curling (Vulnerable Sector Police Check required)		Bonspiel Assistance	
League Assistance		Decorating	
Membership Committee		I CANNOT WORK, PLEASE CASH MY CHEQUE.	

Please list any skills, attributes, hobbies, training, or accreditations that may assist the club. Please consider any previous work experiences that may be applicable. Please note that time spent at Committee meetings count toward work hours.

Would you be interested in?

Smart Serve (BAR) Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid/CPR/DEFIB	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instructional Clinics (please indicate preferred clinics below)			
Skills Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Stick	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curling Lessons:	<input type="checkbox"/>	individual	<input type="checkbox"/>
		group	

FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY: Have you curled before? Yes No

Did anyone from the club personally recruit you to join the club?

If so, please list their name: _____

If not, please let us know how you found out about our club:

- Brochure Flyer/Poster Hwy/town signs Special Event (specify _____)
- Newspaper Lawn Sign Real Estate agent (name) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO OUR CLUB!