



SPCC 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### Message from our President

Hope you have been able to enjoy the summer, as we all look forward to when we can return to "doing the things we love to do".



Our Member's health and the wellbeing of our Club is always our primary focus.

On July 31st, your SPCC Covid Response team issued our Return to Play (RTP) guidelines for the safe return to curling. Physical distancing is the foundation of the plan for returning to curling this fall.

On August 10th, the Board approved proceeding with curling this season, based on the registrations, budget projections, the implementation of our RTP guidelines, the use of reserves and the continuing pursuit of financial options.

Thank you for your commitment to the SPCC, so that curling can return to our Club and community.

Thanks to all the members of the Board for their efforts in supporting our Return to Play.

We will provide ongoing updates on our return to play and on the communications received from the Alberta government, Alberta Health Services, Curling Alberta and Strathcona County.

Looking forward to seeing you all and to curling with you this season.

*Herb Herder*

# 2020 Season is a go!

Thank you to all the amazing members who registered their teams during our Hold Your Spot registration. We have filled over 80% of the team spots from last season. With this demonstrated commitment, the SPCC Board of Directors voted to proceed with the 2020-21 season on August 10th.

This season will see many changes to how our club operates and how our game is played. We will do whatever it takes to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable curling experience.

All players are now asked to log into the website and complete the registration process. **Full payment of registration is due September 1!**

Only 4 players are required to pay registration fees. 5th and 6th players on a team need to register to complete your contact information and sign the club waivers. **Everyone must sign the waivers before stepping onto the ice!**



# Manager's Message

Heather Nedohin



It's Curling Time!

As I drove out to the Leduc Curling Club for my daughter's first Summer League Doubles game, it was strange seeing +33 on the dash and her in curling gear. We met her teammate in the parking lot to stretch, then entered the building with our masks on and it was not normal. Seeing all the chairs gone from the lobby area and the sanitizing stations set up, that was different too.

But then I saw her slide. I saw all the other curlers slide. I saw them greet each other and start the game with big smiles under their masks and excitement in their eyes. I watched as the game played out safely, like it has for so many years. I realized that all efforts the SPCC Board and admin team are making to relaunch our great game of curling during these strange times are so worth it.

*It's curling time and we will bring curling back to you!*

**Do you know anyone who would like to curl this season?**

We have openings for more teams in the following leagues:

- Sunday Open (2 spots)
- Sunday Rookie (6 spots)
- Monday Doubles (5 spots)
- Tuesday Ladies (3 spots)
- Tuesday Mens (5 spots)
- Wednesday Ladies (6 spots)
- Thursday Ladies (4 spots)
- Friday Mixed (8 spots)

Tell your friends, golfing buddies and neighbours. Curling is a great activity to safely participate in this winter!

## Reserve Policy Update

Due to the hard work of our volunteers, staff and board of directors, the SPCC has been able to operate efficiently and host a number of events that have brought extra income to the club. This has led to the club having a reserve fund to cover potential operational and capital expenses. The executive committee of the board of directors is working to formalize a Reserve Policy to clarify how and when the reserve funds can be spent.

*Reserves are meant for rainy days and currently, during a global pandemic, it's pouring.*

## Key Changes for SPCC this season:

- Pre-game screening and check-in
- Two locker rooms/staging areas
- Staggered start times
- Social distancing whenever possible
- Masks, when not playing or seated in lounge
- One sweeper only
- Designated distancing markers on the ice
- Sanitizing of rocks and all high touch surfaces



## Return to Play Resources

1. [Alberta Health Services Guideline for Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation - Stage 2](#) - July 20, 2020
2. [Curling Canada Return to Play Guidelines](#) - July 2020
3. [Curling Alberta Return to Play Guidelines](#) - August 12, 2020
4. [SPCC Return to Play Plan](#) - July 31, 2020

## "Can I be on the spare list?"

You must be a SPCC Member (either Associate or League) to be on an SPCC Spare or Free Agent list. If you aren't on a team this season and would like to spare, please consider becoming an associate member. It is not required that all spares be SPCC members. However all spares must sign the club waiver and COVID-19 declaration of compliance and provide contact information before playing at our club.

## Junior Program Update

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Thank you to all the curlers and parents who attended the virtual Open House in July and responded to the survey about the upcoming season.

While many curling clubs in the Edmonton area are deciding to not run their junior programs this year, we are doing our best to modify our programs so they will happen. Our plans for the U12 & U15/U18 junior programs are to start mid-October with limited enrollment. Details to be finalized in the near future as Alberta Health Services updates their sport guidelines.

### Coach Cara is working on plans for this year and what she really needs is COACHES!

(And BACK-UP COACHES.) Volunteer coaches are essential to our programs and this year we need them more than ever. (Any junior curlers who have a coach in the family will get first dibs on registration.) Please contact Cara if you would like to be a coach this season.



## Fundraising Plans

*Albertans seem to be excited about buying online 50/50 tickets, maybe it can work for us?*

The SPCC is looking into a few different ideas for fundraising in the 2020-21 season:

- Online 50/50 sales
- Sales of SPCC clothing
- Raffle draws for items from competitive curlers
- Pro's in the Park clinics
- Expansion of the Widynowski's Sausage House meat sale (our annual junior fundraiser)
- JACEK Chocolates sales

Any other creative ideas to assist the club are welcomed. Help Heather put the "Fun" in fundraising!



## SPCC Lounge Update

We know enjoying a refreshing beverage before or after a curling game is important to our members. We are happy to say that Mike and his crew from The Hat on Jasper are looking forward to being back in the SPCC Lounge this fall.

Due to AHS regulations on spacing between tables, there will be limited seating available in the lounge. SPCC members will have priority over visitors to GARC for lounge seating. However, if we find that there is more demand for beverage service than there is space, we may look into a reservation system for tables.

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