SPCC 2023-24 NEWSLETTER

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Sherwood Park Curling Club

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President's Message

As I reflect on our curling club in the midst of the holiday season, I couldn't be more proud of the tremendous legacy of curling excellence that the Sherwood Park Curling Club has produced over the past twenty years - not just champions (and we have many of those!) - but the resilience we've shown to bounce back from the pandemic, the vision and perseverance of our past leaders to improve the facility, the introduction of curling to diverse groups and the development of new curlers, and the amazing impact our club makes on our community year after year.

Congratulations to our Seniors, Ladies, and Mixed leagues that collectively raised over five thousand dollars for community causes during their December events. A huge thank you to our team, led by Heather, including Terry, Dave, Rhonda, Grant, Lane, Isabel, Mel, Cara, Lesley, Maya, Janice, our coaches, and our amazing volunteers

for making 2023 a fantastic year. I can't wait to see what we will collectively achieve over the next twenty years as a club.

All the best in 2024! **Gerry**



What's on the SPCC Calendar?

- ★ Curling resumes Thursday January 4 (Ladies League only). There is practice ice available that evening. Our regular schedule resumes January 5th.
- ★ Tri- County Fun Spiel: Jan 6 & 7

 Time is running out on your chance to curl at our 3 Strathcona County clubs in one weekend. Register now!
- ★ SPCC Flex Chiro Men's Bonspiel: Jan 26-28



24 teams are registered already but there is a waiting list and a possibility to add more teams.

★ SPCC Ladies' Bonspiel: Feb 10 & 11

Join us for a fun February weekend at the SPCC. Registration is now open.

Other Upcoming Events:

- ★ RockFest March 15-17, 2024 (more details on Page 3 and 4)
- ★ SPCC Wrap Up Party April 5, 2024
 Save the date for our season ending celebration!





Tony George









Manager's Message

Push the start up button on 2024 and let's finish off this curling season with some great shots! I absolutely love this time of the



year. We get to recharge our batteries with some much needed family time over the holiday break and then head back to the Club to put on some memorable curling events for our members and guests.

As I start my 10th year as the manager of the SPCC, I could not be more thankful for colleagues and members that have become my curling family.

- We generously give back to our community charities.
- We have an amazing team of staff, board members and volunteers that work diligently together.
- We continue to set the bar higher on ways and means to make our curling club one of the best in Canada.
- We host some prestigious events that attract some wonderful curlers to our Club
- We have some of the best playing ice conditions that allow us to make some wonderful shots

As we head into the second half of the curling season, I wish each of you nothing but the best in 2024 with many more fond memories at the SPCC!



Curler's Care Campaign = Success!

Thank you to each and everyone of our members who helped make December an extremely generous month at the SPCC. Our Curlers Care Campaign and other events brought in **over**

\$2570 in cash and many boxes of food for the Strathcona Food Bank. A special thank you to these events for helping support the campaign.



- ★ Senior Mixed League Christmas Lunch 50/50 raised \$260
- ★ Friday Mixed League Christmas WIne Raffle raised \$1800

The winner of the tickets to the 2024 Scotties Opening Weekend is ... Mike Semeniuk!

- ★ Tuesday and Thursday Ladies joined forces and raised \$1687 for A Safe Place with a basket raffle.
- ★ The Wednesday Ladies held their 2nd annual Wine Survivor and raised \$790 for the Saffron Center.

Thanks to our league reps for all their work organizing the fundraisers.













The SPCC Board of Directors **NEEDS** you!

Our club is healthy and successful but we need new volunteers to help us keep it energized. We are on the lookout for club members who would like to be a part of our Board of Directors and guide the SPCC into our next 20 years as a club. If you are interested, please email our president Gerry at president@sherwoodparkcurling.com



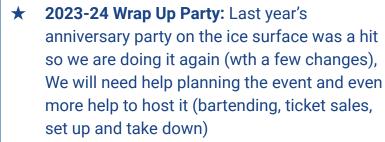
A Special Offer for SPCC Members

Our newest sponsor, GolfTec, has a new location in Sherwood Park and has created a great special for SPCC Members. Click on the poster above for full details on the Winter Maintenance Package. We will have discount cards available for pick up in the proshop in the New Year.

Can you lend us a hand?

The SPCC has lots of volunteer opportunities coming up in the New Year. If giving more of your time is one of your New Year's resolutions, we would be grateful for your assistance at any of these events. To volunteer please send an email to proshop@sherwoodparkcurling.com or speak to Heather.

- * Rock Fest WEST: We are looking for volunteers to help us in the following areas:
 - Event set up (bleachers)
 - On ice scoring/coaching
 - General Hosting and **Fundraising**



AGLC Casino Fundraiser: The SPCC has been assigned to dates in early May 2024. We need 5 -6 people each day to help out at the casino in Camrose.

ETIQUETTE TIPS:

- Stay on your own sheet. Wandering into the other sheet can block shots on the next sheet. The RED lines are travel lanes. Get out to them and do not cross the solid BLACK lines dividing the sheets.
- Call / text / Email your opposition in advance if you are unable to make your game. All of this can be done from your member login. Need help? Ask us.















SPCC Juniors

Thank you to all our juniors and their friends and families for their support of our Sausage Fundraiser. We raised over \$1100 for the junior program.



Our junior programs are on their Christmas Break but will be back starting on January 8th!

We are starting plans for our Annual Junior Day Spiel which will be held on Saturday February 24, 2024. What a great way to celebrate Curling Day in Canada!

Rockfest West

RockFest will feature curlers under 15 years of age competing at regional



events nationwide in singles and triples format curling. RockFest WEST will be held right here at the SPCC on March 15-17, 2024. We will host U15's from AB, BC, NWT and YK.

There will be a qualifier for Team Alberta held in Leduc February 9-11, 2024. We want to see local juniors playing in RockFest so we are holding a series of training sessions before the Leduc qualifier. <u>Details and registration are here.</u>

Sponsors

We love our sponsors and we encourage all our members to support them whenever they can.

Is your business is looking for sponsorship opportunities? We are always looking for businesses to partner with here at the SPCC. Email Heather manager@sherwoodparkcurling.com for details.







Tuesday Men's



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Wednesday Ladies



Thursday Ladies



Friday Mixed





Thursday Men's



Senior Mixed



Please enjoy these photos of the 2023 season highlights!



Strathcona Cup (Jan)



Jr Trip to the GSOC in Camrose (Jan)



Special Olympics AB WInter Games (Feb)



Terren & Lucas are U18 Champs(Feb)



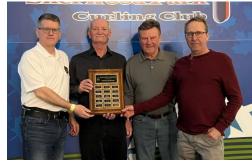
2023 Ladies Club Champions, Team Stiksma(Mar)



Milestone Rock Handle Recipients: Ann, Derek and Dianne (Apr)



SO AWG (Feb)



VOY Godfrey and committee (Apr)





Street curling at the Open House (Sep)



Wed Jrs and Mixed Doubles Super Series Teams (Oct)



Terry's Christmas gift (Dec)



Team Algot, U20 Men's Champs at the Allstate Junior Classic(Nov)



Spectators on ice for the MDSS(Oct)



Barry enjoying the warm weather (Dec)





Team Plett had an amazing 2023! They won both the U18 (Feb) and U20 (April) Canadian Championships (the first team to ever win both events). They also won silver at the Canada WInter Games (Feb). The win at U20's earned them a trip to the World Junior B Championships (Dec) where they won a silver medal and qualified for the 2024 Junior A Worlds in February 2024.