

HEATHER CURLING CLUB



THE HEATHER NEWS



DECEMBER 2015

The Heather Curling Club is celebrating its 100 years of recreation. We have two major events left and its time to show our Heather pride.

CENTENNIAL “ONE-PLAYER” BONSPIEL

The Centennial Bonspiel is based on the 'Iron Man' Curling concept and changed to the 'Centennial Bonspiel' to honour 100 years at the Heather. Come out and show off your shot making skills one-on-one against the competition. Space is limited so enter early.

**Heather Curling Club
Centennial “One-Player” Bonspiel
Wednesday, January 13 & Sunday, January 17, 2016**
 (“Book-ending” the 127th Manitoba Open Bonspiel Weekend)
 at the Heather Curling Club, 120 Youville Street, Winnipeg.

Head to Head Curling

1. One person to a team;
2. No sweeping;
3. One rock free guard zone;
4. Four rocks per player per end;
5. Four ends makes a complete game;
6. Three games guaranteed;
7. Cash prizes for each win.
8. Eight categories:
Masters 60+, Senior Mens 50+, Senior Womens 50+
Men’s, Women’s, Junior Men’s, Junior Women’s, Open.
9. Thirty two teams per category. Full draw 256 teams.

\$45 dollars per entry.

100% of registration money to be used for cash prizes and food.

Sunday meal included in entry fee.

HCC members have first priority.

Bonspiel registrations will open to the general public on Friday Dec. 11th.

Register at the clubhouse Lounge or call (204) 237-4821

First Come, First Entered.

Registrations close Jan. 6th.

**Note: The Men’s and Woman’s draws will not start before 5pm on Wednesday.
Watch the website for an official schedule in early January.**



Incredible
Centennial Events
You have to be there!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

CENTENNIAL “ONE-PLAYER” BONSPIEL	1
CENTENNIAL BANQUET	2
HEATHER CURLING CLUB WEAR	2
CURLING ROCK HANDLE FUNDRAISER	2
FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS	3
THE HEATHER CURLING CLUB WEBSITE	3
NEWSLETTER CONTENT	4



CENTENNIAL BANQUET

In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary at the Heather, we are holding a Centennial Banquet on January 30th, 2016.

Ed Ledohowski, a Centennial Committee Co-Chair, has been digging through past rosters, articles, approaching Heather members in regards to memories and is preparing an archived history on the Heather Curling Club for the spring. He has promised to share some of his work with Banquet attendees. Ed has great experience researching and developing histories and has been a natural fit for the Centennial Committee.

In addition, we are having a Curling and Artifacts Exhibit depicting some of the stages that curling has pioneered through. Importantly, there will be other special speakers to celebrate and share their Heather experiences.

Tickets are available for \$50 and seating is limited. Cocktails are from 6:00 to 7:00, a buffet meal begins at 7:00 and the program of speakers is set to commence at 8:00. Come and share the evening with the Heather community.

HEATHER CURLING CLUB WEAR

Are you tired of your bland old clothes? Do your friends make fun of you for not dressing “Heather enough”? Well, have no fear – the Heather Curling Club is here to help, with club-branded sweaters, golf shirts and so much more!

This stylish Heather-wear will have everyone giving you a double-take when you enter the room, and its HCC branding will give you that confident, mysterious aura you’ve always wanted.

So don’t get left out in the cold – order yours before January 17th! Order forms are available at the Bar!

CURLING ROCK HANDLE FUNDRAISER



Curling Rock Handle Fundraiser

Engrave your name, that of a loved one or
your company name

\$200 per handle
Guarantee 20 years

Contact Lance Gussie **204.981.6768**

or

Heather Curling for more information
204.293.7944

All proceeds go to the Heather Curling Club Building maintenance fund

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

The Club uses a programmed bell time for each draw. The bell or buzzer sounds indicating the start of the game, then sounds again at a pre-programmed time at the end of the game. While you are curling in the game, the bell indicates that you are to finish the end you are on and play one more. The programmed bell time varies depending on the draw times, so as to allow the ice staff sufficient time to prepare for the next draw.

Do you find that your team often plays less than eight ends? The bell times are programmed so that you should be able to play eight ends in most games. Have you frequently experienced being one of the last teams on the ice while all others are in the lounge with their favorite beverage? Have you been frustrated by the “other team” taking way too long to decide on which shot to make? If you have answered yes to any of these questions you are not alone.

Over the years we have all picked up some bad habits that tend to slow down the game and cause it to finish late. This has become more of a problem since the advent of the free-guard zone, since draws do take longer to make those take-outs. Some of these bad habits include:

- Not being ready to throw your rock when the skip calls the shot. If you watch curling on television you'll see the lead and second in the hack ready to throw just as their skip takes over the house to call the shot. Not being ready to throw can add minutes to each end and a half hour to a game.
- Having lengthy discussions with the whole team to decide on which shot to make. Remember that the skip is there to call the game with the assistance of the third when required. While the lead and second can provide useful input, they should only do so when requested. Also, there is often much discussion about each of several possible shots that could be attempted. However, in club curling, it is less an issue of shot selection and more an issue of shot execution.
- Not vacating the house after your teams rock has come to a stop. Once your rock stops you are obligated to get out of the way so that the other team can shoot. And remember, only the skip and the third should be at the end when the other team is shooting – the lead and second should be off to the side.

Besides slow play, getting a late start to the game can lead to getting off the ice late. Before the start of the draw, typically all teams are standing around in the clubhouse waiting for the bell to ring. Once the bell rings, we saunter down to the ice, stretch a bit, shake hands, take a few practice slides, toss the coin and then start the game. It can often take 5 minutes before the first rock is in play. Ideally, it would be better to complete as many of the pre-game activities in advance of the bell.

So if your team always seems to be playing less than eight ends, consider the above bad habits and see if you can change your own team to get to that refreshing post-game beverage sooner rather than later.

THE HEATHER CURLING CLUB WEBSITE

The Heather Curling Club website was upgraded at the start of this curling season to a new WordPress format, at the same web location: **HeatherCurlingClub.org**

The new website provides a great opportunity for each league to manage their own league webpage content. This might include posting messages for your league members, providing a team schedule and standing details during the season.

If your league would like an administrative account for your league webpage, please email **Dave.Towns@gmail.com** for more information.

Coming soon: A new online Pro Shop is being setup with a variety of curling products that can be purchased at the club and online. Asham products like brooms, shoes, slider, gloves, replacement heads and shoe disks will be available, along with Heather branded shirts, sweaters, vests, pins and other items. Have a look at the display case of items at the club.



HEATHER CURLING CLUB

120 Youville Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R2H 2S1

Phone: 204-237-4821
Fax: 204-237-4822

E-mail: heathercurlingclub@mymts.net

WE'RE ON THE WEB
HEATHERCURLINGCLUB.ORG

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Welcome back to our membership newsletter, bringing exciting information and updates to all members, curlers, renters, and visitors to the Heather Curling Club. Our goal at the Heather is to provide a voice for all of our membership. Your feedback is requested as we continue ongoing efforts to make the club a great place to be a part of.

We will be producing several newsletters during the curling season; both in paper form and online on our website. If you are interested in contributing something to the newsletter, or if you have any general comments, we'd love to hear from you!

Co-Editors:

Marguerite Mclellan maggiieburlak@shaw.ca

Dave Towns dave.towns@gmail.com

THE HEATHER CURLING CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY IN 2016!!

