

Castlegar Curling Club Fall Newsletter

September 17, 2024

The following is a quick update from the Castlegar Curling Club Executive to keep our members abreast of what we've been up to over the summer and to let you know about some events that we have planned as we head into the new curling season.

Firstly, last spring the Executive undertook the development of a strategic plan for the Club to identify and put in place some key objectives and actions centered on improving the viability of our Club as we move forward. While we are currently in reasonable shape financially, we are at risk if we need to borrow money for a major repair such as replacing the roof. The 3 main objectives we set out for the Club are as follows:

- 1) Membership – Increase from our current level of 287 members in 2023 to 350 members by the start of the 2025 season. We have started to put in place actions to both attract and retain members and will be reaching out to all of you for input and support for this goal.
- 2) Financial – Build a reserve fund of \$50,000 over the next 3 years. Establishing this fund will give us some financial security and will also demonstrate our ability to manage debt servicing if we need to take on debt going forward.
- 3) Rentals – Attract 10 facility rentals over the 2025 calendar year. In recent years we've had pretty good success attracting rentals during the curling season, however the Club sits idle most of the off season. The lounge and kitchen have the potential to be used for meetings, receptions and other functions and could possibly allow us to generate some additional income.

A complete copy of the Strategic Plan document is available through a link on our website Castlegarcurling.ca.

With the new curling season just around the corner the website is also set up to accept your registration to any of our leagues for the 2024 season. Be aware that your league representatives are busy planning the season and the sooner they know who is going to be curling the easier it makes their job. So please take time

to get yourself registered and reach out to your teammates to ensure they are registered.

Our website also features a calendar of events and below I will highlight some of the things we have planned for the start of the season:

Rock N Ball Classic – Some of you will remember this event from the past which features a 9-hole scramble at the Castlegar Golf Club followed by a dinner catered by Chris McPherson and social evening at the Curling Club. This year's event is set for 2:00 pm Saturday September 28th and you can register by emailing Shawn Biln at biln@shaw.ca, calling him at 250-365-9470 or stopping in at Pharmasave to see him. If you can put together a foursome that would be great or if you don't have a team sign up as a single or couple, we will make sure you get on a team.

We are planning to have the ice ready for play by Tuesday October 15th this year and have scheduled the **Annual General Meeting** for 7:00pm that night. Plan on attending the meeting, which is generally pretty brief and throwing some rocks that evening. The ice will be available in the mornings that week for the Retirees, Wednesday night for the Men's, Thursday night for the Ladies and Friday night for the Mixed leagues. Our season will start on Monday October 21st with all leagues in action that week including the Juniors.

We have **Learn to Curl** clinic scheduled for Saturday and Sunday October 19th and 20th. If you are new to the sport this is a great opportunity to learn the basics of the game and develop your skills prior to starting the season. For those that have some experience and would like to improve your shot making and understanding of strategy I think you will find this rewarding as well. If you are interested in helping us host this event or you would like to attend either or both days, please sign up at the rink or contact Shadow Biln at shadowr@hotmail.ca or 250-304-4937.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club.