



LCC NEWSLETTER

April 2025 - Season Recap.



Introducing the new LCC Newsletter!

Dear curlers, sweepers, SWEEP-yellers, and club enthusiasts of all kinds,

As the 2024 season glides to a halt, we figured it was time to launch something that's been in the works longer than the perfect guard: our very own club newsletter!

From packed leagues to epic bonspiels and special events — and all the fantastic people who keep the club buzzing — this season has been yet another success! This recap Newsletter edition has (maybe too) much in store for you, including messages from the Boards, season highlights, other Club news, important volunteer contributions and much more!

This inaugural issue was enthusiastically assembled by your fellow curlers, Alida and Laurie (who may or may not have resorted to bribery to gather content) with indispensable translation support by none other than Matthieu. For next year, they'll be on the lookout for creative minds and helping hands to get this newsletter going strong next year. Interested? Reach out!

Rock on,

— Your LCC Newsletter Crew (based out of the Membership Committee)





BULLETIN BOARD

PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Over the years, I, along with others on the board, have sat in varied positions, and I'm currently in my second term as President. While it's been a rewarding experience, it's also important for all of us to step back occasionally and allow others to contribute their energy and ideas.

Our club thrives on the dedication of its members, and to continue moving forward, we need fresh perspectives and new faces on the board. Board positions are open to all full-time members, whether you play during the day or in the evening. This is your club, and your involvement can make a real difference.

Many current board members have remained in their roles out of a sense of duty, ensuring the club doesn't go without leadership. However, now is the time for others to step up. If you're interested in joining the board or learning more about the responsibilities, please don't hesitate to reach out. We need you.

Together, we can continue to build a vibrant and successful club for all members.

JOIN THE BOARD!

Nominees sought for vacant board positions for this coming season (2-year mandates)!

Email **info@lachinecurling.com** for more info and we will get in touch

Deadline to make your interest known is before May 28th (in time for AGA)!



Upcoming Events

MAY 28th – AGA (General Annual Members Assembly)

June 14th – LCC Golf tournament and dinner (Dinner is open to all!)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A year to be proud of!

Hello fellow members,

With leagues running almost every day of the week during the day and evening, close to monthly bonspiels bringing together Day, Evening and Saturday curlers, the hosting of curlers from across Montreal and Québec for interclub and competitive bonspiels, a bar crowded with hearty conversations and our Club bustling with members always busy planning the next event, repair or project... the 2024-2025 curling season was a real success!

It goes without saying that the LCC Board is extremely grateful for and proud of the many efforts of our many members taking on indispensable tasks and roles, such as our league conveners, trainers, coaches, bonspiel organizers, cuisine crews, social event leaders, repair and maintenance gangs, LCC reps at all levels, and committee members... just to name a few. The Board is also highly appreciative of the many contributions of the Day Curling Association newly created this year and headed by **Luc Grenier**.

Of course, our Curling Club would be nowhere without our diligent managers steadily working behind the scenes and our Ice crews, including our dutiful **Coolrocks** Ice team, our pebbling and nipping volunteers (steered by our very own pebbling coach **Steve MacDonald**), and our newest addition to the LCC Board, **Louis Gendreau**, as our Ice chairperson.

Over 50 volunteers donated some of their precious time this year, and it shows. Thank you all. Many of our members and guests have expressed to me, how we at Lachine are such a welcoming and friendly bunch. Let it be everyone's goal is to keep that vibe alive! Many of our members and guests have expressed to me, how we at Lachine are such a welcoming and friendly bunch. Let it be everyone's goal is to keep that vibe alive!

Over the next few months, we will be assessing our short, medium and long-term requirements with respect to the clubhouse and facilities. Please let me know or any Board member know if you have any suggestions, input or expertise to offer about what you would like to see done.

Best regards,

Dave Stanway (LCC President), on behalf of the LCC board



DAY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A year to be thankful for

This year was a great year for the day curlers! For one thing, it was our first year operating under the guidance of the Day Curling Association, created by the merger of the LLCC (Ladies of the Lachine Curling Club) and the Senators at the end of the last season, as you may recall.

This year we had 70 day curlers, of which not all had grey hair! We range from 36 years young up to 87 years of life experience. The group has both competitive and social leagues throughout the week to accommodate everyone's skill level and availability.

Our coordinators, **Anthony** and **Sue Joseph**, ensure that everyone is busy curling and happy. The Gerry Blair ladder league was started this year on Tuesdays, which diversified the league offering to day curlers and was a huge success thanks to curlers participation and Anthony's hard work. We also have 2 schedulers, **Joan Tousaw** and **Nancy Mark**, who coordinate the Wednesday social league and the coffee and snacks afterwards. **Bob Chambers** is also busy looking after the InterClub league as well as our Super Seniors. Without these folks, we would likely end up like some other clubs and only play pick-up games, so a big thank you to their dedication. And let's not forget **Francine Grenier** who represented us again this year at the LCA (Ladies Curling Association). She does a great job of coordinating all related activity, including finding participants for the 8 bonspiels attended.

At the Christmas luncheon, three of our members were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Club: **Mike De Tracy** who has looked after the building and its surroundings for years, **Denis 'The Fixer Upper' Gravel** who regularly fixes stuff before we even notice that it needs fixing and **Bob Chambers** who takes care of all the equipment sales and deliveries, among other things. A big thanks to **Donna Dvorsky** and **Pierre Ferland** who have kept us well fed all season!

We concluded the year with our closing lunch featuring the ever popular méchoui. If you have not yet had a taste, better keep it in mind for next year!

Hoping to see new faces in the day leagues next season!

Luc Grenier, Day Curling Association President



SURVEY 2024 RESPONSE

Here is what our members of the Board had to say in response to the 2024 members survey

A big thank you to **Laurie Chambers** and **Chantal Beliveau** who conducted last year's Survey. Recently, we reviewed it again, in detail, your responses and suggestions. In doing so, we found that most of the important recommendations have already been been done! Please take the time to read on the pages ahead the notes from each board member and what they have helped accomplish. **--Dave Stanway, President**

MEMBERSHIP

We would first like to thank you for all the great insight you shared in our first Members' survey. Chantal and I meticulously combed through all your responses and presented a summary by category to the Board members in the summer of 2024. All were very appreciative and looked to prioritize feedback given!

With regards to Membership, our team's main action items, thus far, have been to modernize the registration process, provide and broadcast info more effectively and increase the outreach for our public events. Finally, just before the bell, we got our first Newsletter out! A suggestion box in the lobby awaits! More progress to come! Stay tuned. ;)

-By Laurie Chambers

HOUSE

During the summer of 2024, as you all know, several major improvement projects were carried out. Thank you for all your suggestions but especially a huge thank you to the fifty volunteers who gave their time and energy for the benefit of all members. Despite an already extensive list of future projects, do not hesitate to let me know about any suggestions of improvements as well as to indicate your availability for the summer 2025.

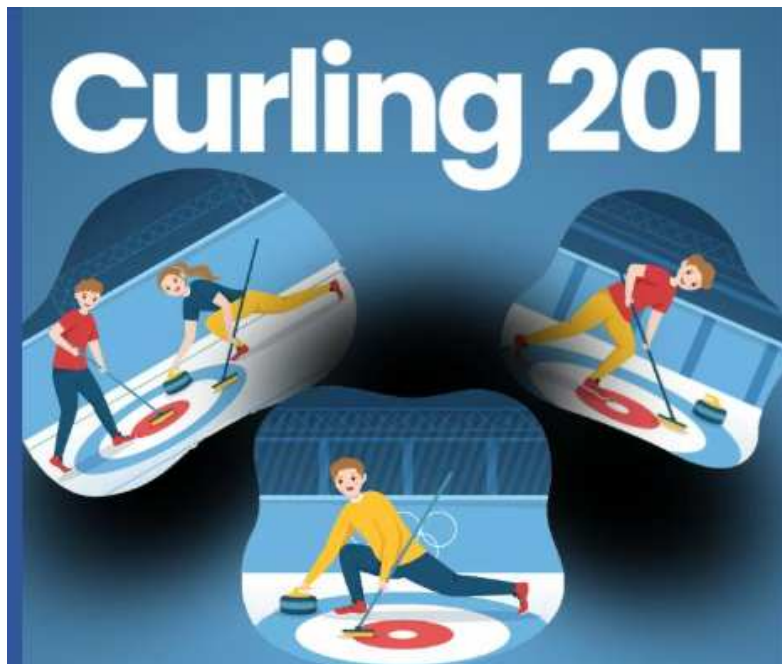
-By Edith Hould

ICE

Board position had been vacant this year with our president overseeing the projects until **Louis Gendreau** stepped up in February to come aboard the team. Major repairs and maintenance jobs for ice upkeep executed or still on the go include replacing the heaters, condenser and lighting in shed. Some initial improvement initiatives made to ice cleanliness include vacuum cleaner bought for boards and repainting of the boards. Though, comments remain that this area could still use some attention.

CURLING EDUCATION

A new Board position was added in September this year, held by **Chris Comeau**, wearing yet another hat. The survey results highlighted the interest in having more opportunities for member training. A new intermediate 201 course was offered for two 6-week periods and seemed greatly appreciated. Look out for what new initiatives await next season.



INFO TECHNOLOGIES

A new Board position was added in November this year, held by **Alex Santorelli**. Alex has supported a quick and thorough digital evolution, responding to the needs relayed by various members related to systems' efficiency and info sharing (ex. Website, multiple TV displays, online registration to events, iPad stat input, etc.). He and his right hand man Pierre Sopel with great efforts from the Club managers, Barb and Edith, implemented the new "Club Manager" web portal... a daunting yet much appreciated task!

BAR

Many of the suggestions were implemented already. It has been a few years now that new products have been added to the bar selection. Please note that certain products are at times discontinued, which is out of our control. We however try to replace them with equivalent products or better. Thank you for your understanding and support.

- By Kathy Hébert

2025 survey

**In your
inboxes!**

2024-2025 SEASON AT A GLANCE



Open House



New Member Bonspiel



Day Curlers' Opening Lunch



Poker Tournament



Board vs. Board Friendly - LCC hosting Laval



8 ender by the junior's team



Day curling Christmas meal



The Highland Fling



**Mexican Fiesta night -
Saturday Social Curling**



The Gordon International



Darts Tournament

Cindy Rompré writes:

And yes, it's the end of another great season for our youngest players, which wrapped up on Saturday, April 5. With 16 Saturdays of practice, games, and a few interclub events, our youth players improved while having fun.

For the U21 girls, U18 boys, and U15 mixed competitive teams, it was, in addition to practices, a big year filled with tournaments. Sometimes there were wins, sometimes losses, but always lots of fun. Two Juniors teams made it to the Woodward Finals this year! We are very proud of them for all these accomplishments. Keep having fun!

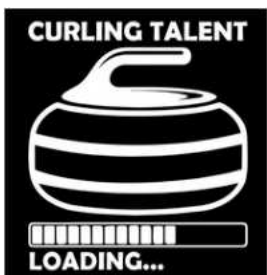




JUNIORS



A special thank you to **Martin Vaillancourt and Trevor Smith**, who are stepping down from the junior program. After many years with the organization, upholding the program with pride and energy, you've truly earned the chance to sleep in on Saturday mornings and enjoy your weekends doing other things. Thank you again for your dedication. You will always have a place in the program.



Also, thank you to **Eric Gagné**, coach of the U18 boys, who is also stepping away, unfortunately due to a lack of players. You'll always be welcome back to the squad.





JUNIORS

We would like to thank all the parents and supporters for experiencing the 2024-2025 season with us. Thank you as well to the coaches who, week after week, dedicate their time to introducing, motivating, encouraging, listening, and teaching life through the game.

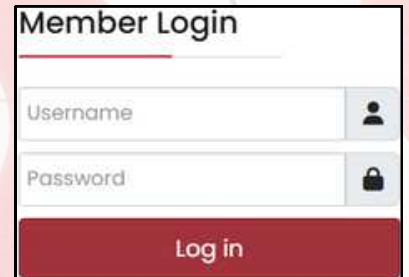


We hope you had as much fun as we did, and we're already looking forward to seeing you again in September for another great season of junior curling! --Cindy Rompré, on behalf of the coaching team



More thank yous!

NEW THIS YEAR!



Special thanks to all the organizers and helpers who made these projects AND MORE possible!!

TOGETHER, WE MAKE OUR CLUB GREAT!



WHEELCHAIR CURLING

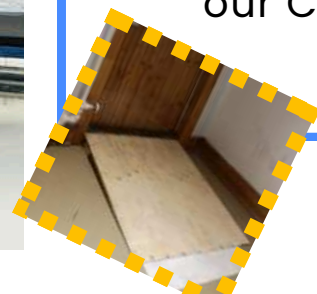
NEW THIS YEAR!

It all started with a wonderful young lady who wanted to curl alongside her parents and big brother.

Charley Barsanti has cheered her family on in their curling games for the past couple of years. Little did she know, this year it was her turn on the ice!



Hearing her wish, one of our most kind and handy curlers, **Denis Gravel**, went to work on building a ramp to get into the shed and onto the ice. Thanks to Denis, Charley was the first wheelchair curler ever onto our Club's ice!





WHEELCHAIR CURLING

Charley's next wish was to play alongside other juniors! She joined her brother in the Club's Juniors' program. More fun had!



In January, **Jenn Kokesch** (Mom/Juniors coach), **Dan Barsanti** (Dad/LCC curler) and **Laurie Chambers** (LCC Board/ enthusiast) started up *Intro to Chair Curling* practices with the help of the MAB-Mackay Rehab Center for kids and other fellow LCC members. 7 Junior chair curlers hit the ice in 2025. We plan to have them and more back next year for an official Chair program. Parasports Qc is getting involved to help us steer our ship! A big thank you to **Matt André, Erica** and **Bob Chambers** for the extra hands on deck, **Denis Gravel** for the way onto the ice and to the Board for full-heartedly supporting our efforts!





VINTAGE CURLING



Stephanie Berger recounts: I met **Giovina Rogers** at the ladies' international bonspiel early in the 2024/2025 season hosted by the Royal Montreal Curling Club (RMCC).

We stumbled onto the topic of curling on the river years ago and how cool that must have been. Then we had a spark of imagination at the same time...



Our club was 130 years old. The Ladies Association of the Royal Montreal Curling Club was 130. Could we do something special to celebrate the sport and our clubs? Could we do an outdoor bonspiel like in the old days? Would the weather cooperate? Would people come?



VINTAGE CURLING



I told **Danny Gallant** and my husband, **Alex Santorelli**, about the idea as soon as I got home from the bonspiel. Danny went right out and measured the hockey rink at Carignan park. He had wanted to do something like this for our 125th! Alex took his measurements and drew up digital plans for the layout of the 3 sheets. Alex spoke to **Nick Côté**, the iceman for both RMCC and Lachine, who said he was game to do it if we were. I asked the club's Board for support and reached out to the mayor of Lachine. Balls were rolling. Ideas were flowing.





VINTAGE CURLING

The request sent to the City and then we waited... And waited... Patiently, then not so patiently...

When the OK came finally, the scramble to get things together was on! Zamboni-less, the shovels came out, then the houses were carved, the hacks built and finally the WEIGHTY rocks were transported to the park.

-By Stephanie Berger



And so, OUTDOOR VINTAGE CURLING was born!



THE SUBMARINE CLUB

Did you know there was a club within our club? The submariner club founded by LCCs own Bob Cox.

In early December of 2024, **Bob Cox** had the idea of introducing Manzo submarines from Manzo Pizzeria to the LCC. This introduction led to the creation of the infamous Manzo Night. The first Manzo night took place on a cold Monday night of January during the Woodward competition. On its inauguration, the Submariner Club, 27 participants joined in a *degustation* of 278 inches of finger-lickingly-delicious submarines.



delicious!



THANKS
TO BOB!

How does it work ?

The club is free to join and members can choose from 5 different types of subs, in 3 different sizes. Types and sizes of submarines are listed in our newsletter, so stay up to date with us!. The total price includes tax and tip for the restaurant and a free submarine for the bar keep.

Every Manzo night, we host a “wheel of fortune” style of contest for new members to have the chance to win a free submarine on their next order. (can only participate once, after your first submarine) .



The LCC is always looking for:

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FOR SUMMER
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**AND EXTRA
HANDS!**

MEMBERS
FOR DAY, EVE,
WEEKEND, JUNIORS
(INC. CHAIR) AND
SPECIAL O!

For more info, inquire at:
info@lachinecurling.com



**Do you have something you
wanna have featured in the
next newsletter ?**

**An event, pictures,
information, advertisement or
promoting local (business or
cause)?**

Do you want to join the team?

Let us know!

