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PENETANGUISHENE CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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OTF GRANT EVENT

On Tuesday, April 8, we welcomed the Honourable Jill Dunlop, MPP of Simcoe North, to the Penetang Curling Club to celebrate the club's receipt of a \$21,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant to refurbish our stones.

The stones are being shipped to Komoka, Ontario, this spring to have the work completed.



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration will open on June 1, 2025.
Details coming soon.

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2025 GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars! Our annual garage sale and bottle drive is coming up on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. All proceeds will go toward important summer projects and repairs at the club.

When:

Friday, May 2 – 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM | Saturday, May 3 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Donation Drop-off Dates:

- Monday, April 21 – 1:00pm to 3:30pm
- Tuesday, April 22 – 5:30pm, to 7:30pm
- Wednesday, April 23 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm
5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Thursday, April 24 - 5:30pm, to 7:30pm
- Saturday, April 26 – 1:00pm to 3:30pm
- Sunday, April 27 – 1:00pm to 3:30pm
- Monday, April 28 – 5:30pm, to 7:30pm
- Tuesday, April 29 – 5:30pm, to 7:30pm
- Wednesday, April 30 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm
5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Thursday, May 1 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm
5:30pm to 7:30pm



Where to Drop Off:

Bring items to the back rink surface garage door at the Penetanguishene Curling Club, 8 Owen Street.

Please note:

We accept clean, usable items in good condition. We cannot accept tube TVs, children's car seats, booster seats, cribs, highchairs, bike helmets, large or outdated furniture (e.g., entertainment units), or anything unsafe.

If you have items that are large or questionable, please contact David Brunelle for approval before bringing them. Save your treasures and look forward to seeing everyone there!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with set-up, running the sale, and clean-up afterward.

If you are available and would like to help, please contact David Brunelle at davidbrunelle@rogers.com or 705-716-7124.

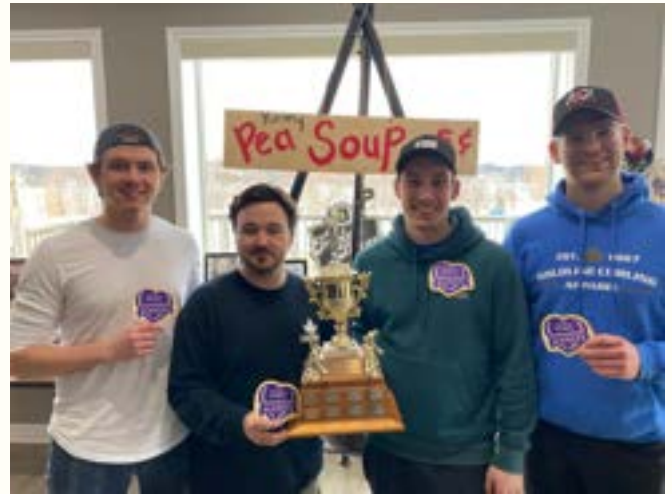
PEA SOUP

This past March, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Pea Souper Bonspiel with 28 teams taking part from across the province. This year also marked a milestone where the Pea Souper became an open bonspiel with women joining in on the competition and enjoying all the bonspiel has to offer from a participant perspective.

Congratulations to Team Armstrong, which beat out the reigning two-time champion Team Foster in the semi-finals and past champion Team Jenkinson in the finals to claim the 50th anniversary title.

Big thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, and members who helped make this year's Pea Souper a great success.

Look forward to next year and the return to a four-division format with a maximum entry of 24 teams



THOMPSON SPIEL

Once upon a time, in a curling club not so far away, curlers from all around gathered for a bonspiel full of laughter, healthy competition and good company. They came dressed for the occasion and ready to party all night. Rocks were thrown, ice was swept, and a feast was had, and they can't wait until they gather again. The end.

Congratulations to the Midland Curling Club for their win. And a massive thank you to the Thompson Family and the Penetang Ladies League for hosting such an amazing event.



LAST BLAST

Our first year of the bonspiel was a great success! The Canada theme was well-represented on and off the ice. For this spiel, you registered as an individual, and the teams were created for the event. Everyone had a great time and requested the bonspiel be an annual event!



MONDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

Winmar Monday Night Men's League - a small but dedicated group of curlers met each Monday night for fun and friendly competition. We held four sessions over the season but unfortunately had to cancel our traditional year end skins game due to the ice storm and power outage. A make up event is planned for the fall. The league welcomes curlers of all skill levels to register next year. Contact kenmccrimmon@hotmail.com for details. See you next season

TUESDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

The Tuesday Night Major Curling League concluded another successful and dynamic season this year. The league experienced significant growth with the addition of three new teams, expanding our roster to a competitive field of eleven.

Following a rigorous 15-game round robin, which showcased the talent and dedication of all participating teams, the top eight advanced to the playoffs. The playoff picture culminated in an exciting final match between second-ranked Team Meadows and fifth-ranked Team Paccanaro. Ultimately, Team Paccanaro emerged victorious, capping off a compelling playoff run.

The continued success of the Tuesday Night Major Curling League is directly attributable to the invaluable commitment of our team sponsors and our esteemed league sponsor, Chin & Orr Lawyers. We extend our sincere gratitude to all sponsors for their generous support.

Finally, we wish to thank each and every participant for their enthusiasm and dedication throughout the season. We look forward to another strong and competitive season next year.



WEDNESDAY LADIES NIGHT

We're excited to share that our Ladies' League just keeps growing! We've got a solid group of regulars, with some being brand new to curling. It's been such a fun experience helping them get started and watching their confidence grow.

The league has been a great mix of friendly games, good conversation, and a chance to unwind mid-week. We love seeing the friendships forming and the support everyone gives each other both on and off the ice.

THURSDAY COMPETITIVE

The Thursday Competitive League once again had a great year with a full roster of twenty teams competing in three divisions. Teams wrestled for top spots in the divisions to either move up or at the least avoid moving down.

After three sessions throughout the year our club champions for each division are as follows:



A Division – Club Champion

Brian Duval (Skip), Dave Ruston,
Jason Lefaive, Marc Duquette



B Division

Scott Bailey (Skip), Steve Bailey,
Keith Press, Marc Marchildon



C Division

Kirk Ruston (Skip), Sherri Lotton,
Roy Mundy, Serge Moreau

DAY LEAGUE

Despite a challenging week with the devastating ice storm, we were very grateful this week that the club had power, the ice surface was undamaged, and we were able to get together for our final event. Day League wrapped up the season strong with a great turnout, Skins game, and another amazing dinner catered by our own curling mate and professional Chef, Glen Gardner.

Join us for Day League next year and experience the camaraderie and fun that our members rave about:

- "An awesome group of really nice people."
- "Very friendly and welcoming."
- "As a new curler at the club, I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the Pentang Clu.b"
- "I appreciate the tips and advice I get on the ice."
- "I loved the mini coaching sessions from Dave Henderson and Ron Moore" (eg. strategy, etiquette, directional sweeping)
- "It's a great league for new curlers to get more ice time and assistance."

We wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you again next season.



FRIDAY INTER-CLUB

This season, the Friday Open League operated with 16 teams and transitioned from a rental league to a member league open to members of the Penetang and Midland Curling Clubs.

The two clubs took turns hosting play on alternate weeks. After 17 weeks of round robin play and 4 weeks of playoffs, the season wrapped up on March 21 with the four playoff event finals and the four consolation finals followed by our customary potluck dinner.



A team skipped by Al Gignac with Peter Garraway. Mike Garraway and Paul Gravelle defeated Pierre Dubois in the "A" Event final to become our first "three-peat" league champions.

In other final day action, Ken Irvine captured the "B" Event, Ian Jones won the "C" Event and Keith Press took the "D" Event.

FRIDAY SOCIAL LEAGUE

Our Friday Social League has truly taken off this year! We've had a solid turnout week after week.

It has been great for our new curlers as it offers a laid-back, friendly atmosphere where curlers can build their skills, get more comfortable on the ice, and just enjoy the game.

The Friday Social League has really helped grow our club and we love seeing such a mix of ages and experience levels out there.

SUNDAY REC LEAGUE

The Thornbury Craft Co Sunday Morning League concluded on April 6, with six teams playing skins and four teams playing in the semi-finals.

Due to the ice storm power outage the winning teams in the semi-finals had to play a second game for the finals. The finals saw Team Brian Duval vs Team Paul Lefaive. The regular season's top 2 teams.



Photo submitted by Russ Zmijowskyj

It was a great game from start to finish, with great shots from both teams. Congratulations to the repeat champions - Brian Duval, Katie Moreau, Kadence Stevens and Lori Zmijowskyj.

SAVE THE

2025 Inaugural Opening Spiel

"The Sheet Show"

When: November 8th, 2025

Two Draws (9:00AM/11:00AM)

Two Six End Games

6 Person Teams

Lunch, Dinner, Prizes and more!

Team themes are encouraged!!

More information to come!

If you would like to pre-register a team, please contact

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