

WELCOME TO THE 2018 -19 CURLING SEASON

It's September and time to start thinking about CURLING! On behalf of the board of directors and myself, we hope you had a great summer.

Our season starts with our Pork Chop BBQ on September 14. Tickets are available from all board members, Re/Max office Forest, MPW Forest, Arkona Home Hardware, Lizzy's Country Café, Thedford and Ipperwash Beach Club.

League play will begin on October 22, with practise time, the week before.

Every new season we look for new members, with that in mind, we are running TRY CURLING and our Learn to Curl program, both offering great prices as an incentive to get new members. To help with this goal, let us encourage our neighbours, relatives and friends to come out and give curling a TRY.

Many people have asked if we will be moving to the new 5-rock rule that Curling Canada is adopting. After talking with Stephen Chenier (Executive Director OCA), we have decided to remain with the old 4-rock rule. Stephen recommends that at club level, games are long enough and the 5-rock rule would make them even longer.

After reviewing our proposed 2018/19 budget, your board has decided that fees need to be increased approximately 8% this year (see membership form). This increase is based on

- Increased operating costs
- OCA fees (which the club pays for each member), having increased from \$12.00 to \$20.00 in the past three years
- Ontario's new minimum wage kicking in for this season.

We wish everyone a great curling season and a few more wins than last year (unless you are curling against me).

Club President

Dave McAlpine