

CurlION Rep's Report

Club Manager Melanie Hughes, along with CurlION Club Representative Dave Hardwick attended this year's Annual CurlION AGM and Symposium at the start of the curling season at the KW Granite Curling Club. There was an opportunity to meet the new Executive Director for CurlION, Matt Allen, and listen to his thoughts and vision for where he sees curling headed in Ontario, and how he hopes to lead us to success as a governing body. There was plenty of valuable insight shared on a wide variety of topics, but three central topics with discussion panels were the main focus of the Symposium. These agenda items included discussions about the future of Youth Curling, Safe Sport mandates and regulations, and starting the conversation regarding Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, and how we can make our clubs a more welcoming place to play. Many great ideas were shared and we have been exploring ways to incorporate some of those thoughts into our environment. You will continue to see some of these ideas implemented within our club (for those who have noticed a few small improvements) as we work towards a better and more inclusive future.

The 2023-2024 season once again saw an increase in the number of teams representing the BCC in the many CurlION events hosted this season which led to either a provincial or national championship. The BCC was fortunate to have representatives entered in every youth event, several seniors events, and various teams participated in the different men's, women's, and mixed events. To my knowledge, we witnessed at least a dozen teams play in a qualifying event, and dozens more curlers participating in individual competitions across the various age groups.

As I have mentioned previously, since the registration system is now being used online, we no longer receive notification that a team from our club has entered an event. So as always, if your team registers in a CurlION event, please let our Club Representative know so that we can share your successes with the membership and we can continue to cheer you on during your journey. In an effort to prevent exclusion of any teams in this report, I will ask if you are interested in reading more about those who have been out representing your club, or for information on how you can find events in the future, feel free to talk to the Club Representative, or have a scroll through our past club emails and social media posts for archived updates. Likewise, please feel free to contact us if you wish to be recognized for your efforts if you have not been previously mentioned. We love hearing about and sharing your experiences!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hardwick