

Youth Curling Report

This year brought many successes to our Youth Curling Program. I am happy to report that we once again had a great team dedicated convenors and coaches across each age group. All of whom were at minimum Club Coach - Youth Certified through the Ontario Curling Council. These coaches once again supported approximately 50 young curlers, including almost 20 Little Rock Curlers which is exciting news as this shows consistent growth since this program restarted after a two year hiatus. Special thanks to Convenor Natalie and husband Dan Paradis for their efforts in leading this group of curlers.

This year, we were happy to see teams represent the BCC in the following CurlION events: U18 Men's and Women's Playdowns, U21 Women's Playdowns, Elementary School Provincial Championship, U15 Challenge Cup, and the Provincial Hit, Draw, Tap Competition.

Our program has produced several individual and team accomplishments including a Back-to-Back National Gold Medal (Matt Abrams - Humber College Men), a U21 Provincial Bronze Medal (Team Johnston), and a GBSSA Gold Medal (Taylor Hardwick). Along with these medals, our teams and individuals produced many other strong results including several wins on the Junior Curling Tour of Ontario, the Junior Slam Series, and several other fun and competitive events around the Region. This year also saw the return of the Spirit Cup and plans are underway for its return to the calendar next season. All together our program saw over 20 members who play at a Provincial Championship this season! Congratulations go out to all who have represented the BCC!

We are also happy to share that we had a great time participating in this year's Santa Claus Parade in downtown Barrie. I am sure many of you have seen photos of an extremely large Curling Rock making its way through the downtown area. Once again, I would like to thank Natalie and Dan for taking the lead on this venture, and hope we will be able to see this new tradition carry on for many years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our coaches for their support week in and week out ensuring that the program continues to run smoothly through the season. I also want to thank our Convenors for all of their hard work in planning and communicating their plans with the coaches and parents to ensure there were no hiccups along the way.

In all, we have had a successful year with many wonderful accomplishments, and I look forward to another great year in 2024-2025!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hardwick