



President's Report

It is hard to imagine that we have come to the end of another successful curling season, and already plans are well underway to ensure we have an amazing 2023-24 season.

The past curling season we saw a return to a more normal curling game, and had the opportunity to experience curling for both the camaraderie, as well as amazing competition. It has been said that a curling club is successful for two things: the ice and the people.

The ice:

- Although we have had a few challenges throughout the season with the ice, our ice team has done an incredible job at keeping us all playing. We can't thank them enough for the work they do.
- I also want to extend a personal thank you to James McNabb, who has given us countless numbers of volunteer hours behind the scenes, monitoring and repairing equipment to keep our ice plant functioning. He has been in the basement quietly working away, and seeing potential problems before they become big issues. He is not someone who needs (or wants) the public recognition, however, without his contribution, I am not sure what our season might have been.

The people:

- Over and over again this season, we have heard from many visitors, and organizations who use our facility, how amazing the people at the Barrie Curling Club are. You have to look no further than the Friday night league, where curling is secondary to the friendships being made off the ice after any game. For those who are more competitive, any of the Choose Your Own Leagues will see how competitive those curlers can be, and yet, share a drink and laughs as they recount the game in the lounge after the game – everyone the best of friends. It is because of the people in our club we had a wait list for the Beef and Beer bonspiel, and visitors continue to return year after year for our events.
- We can not say enough about our volunteers. Our volunteers have done everything from helping to install the ice, assist with events, coach our youth players, assist with the learn to curl program, prep ice between games, running events, fund raising, and even use a staple gun to put new chair covers on our lounge chairs.
- Some of our biggest volunteers have been our board members who have taken on the challenge of being the stewards of our club – of ensuring we have a viable club for years to come. Thank you to our board for the work you have done, and continue to do, as we look forward to the exciting things to come in the next few years.

- Bar - I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to our amazing bar staff – Dave, Tina and Melanie, for keeping us well hydrated.
- TCB catering – thank you to Jessica and Luke, for the incredible food. Although our members are used to having great food, visitors often comment about the quality of the food offered “at a curling club”.
- Melanie Hughes – club manager – thank you for what you do. She has provided me with support and assistance in my role as president, as well as to all members of our club. With new challenges, goals set, and a clear vision, she is preparing to make sure the upcoming years at the BCC will be successful.

Think you will all agree with me that we have incredible people at the BCC.

As I come to the end of my term on the board, and my year as president, I am excited for what is to come to the BCC in the next few years.

- This past year we saw our numbers increase, however, not to the pre-covid numbers we were hoping for. As a result, plans are underway to encourage our former curlers back to the ice, as well as creating interest for brand new curlers.
- Some big events are coming to the BCC for 2023-24 and the 2024-25 seasons including the Stu Sells events, and the Everest Canadian Club Championships. There will be lots of Provincial and National attention given to the BCC during these events.
- The construction of a new neighbourhood is something that appears to be moving ahead. Although there will still be some time before shovels are in the ground, the pre-planning is happening. This will affect our club with potential new members, however, may also require some compromise as we welcome our new neighbours. There will be some pain before we see the gain.

I wish Kyle Kitchen well as he steps into his role as the incoming President. In working with Kyle over the past few years, it is obvious that his only intention is to work hard for the members he represents, in making the BCC the best curling club possible. He is deserving of your respect and support, in his new position as President. You are going to be awesome, Kyle!

Respectfully Submitted:

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President – 2022-23
Barrie Curling Club