

From the President.....

Where does one start? I had started this newsletter several times and then something would change, or more and new information would be shared. So I decided that I need to get something out and will plan to send more updates every couple weeks or as needed.

The BIG question???

Will HCC have curling this year??

I can tell as of today, Saturday November 14, 2020 the answer is YES

The Board has been busy planning and preparing to have a safe fun Curling experience. We did delay the start of making the ice by one month. We will start the machine in early December and plan to have ice by Christmas.

CoVid Plan

What changes will you see?

We are making several modifications to the arena, viewing area and back room.

In general, you will see hand sanitizer stations throughout the building, signage reminding us to wear masks (mandatory), social distance and proper protocol for on ice play. Masks will be mandatory. One time disposable masks will be available as you enter the club.

On ice, we will stagger start times by 15 minutes to avoid the large gatherings going onto or leaving the arena. Beverage holders will be provided at the home with designated spots for each stone color and position. Wipes will be available to clean handles, scoreboard and other equipment that may have been used. Only **ONE** sweeper will be allowed. (some may really like this change). We will also be able to control/increase airflow in the arena with an added controller.

Inside, we have added an Active Aire Purifier to furnace and a new thermostat. This will allow us to circulate the air on a regular basis. Air circulates through the furnace and is purified. We are also upgrading the circulating vents in the back room to help with air flow as well.

New soap dispensers in the bathroom with plenty of signage reminding us to wash our hands. Betty's house will NOT be open this year. We are evaluating our options at this point. Disposable glasses will be provided. Tables will be spread out if teams want to Broomstack after the game. We are allowed to have 8 per table. We will also be doing a through clean of the carpets and chairs before the season starts and twice more during the season. We will also increase the weekly cleaning to make sure the club is as clean as it can be. We will also be asking curlers to wipe down chairs and tables that they may use. Again plenty of sanitizer will be available.

A complete CoVid protocol will be on the website shortly. <https://mapletoncurlingclub.org>

Leagues

We will be offering the same leagues as we have in past years.

Monday – Men’s, Tuesday – Women’s, Wednesday – Open

Everyone knows 2020 has been a year of unknowns. The same holds true for Curling. How many will curl? We know some are anxious to curl and some are unsure. HCC is doing their best to create a safe environment for curlers. Will we see new people wanting to curl as there will be limited activities during the winter months? Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested. We will have plenty of ice time to create other leagues. If you have an idea, feel free to contact a board member. We are open to new and creative ideas.

Registration will be done online again using League Apps. A refresher up date will come in another newsletter.

Spiels

We are planning to host spiels. Burns/Pin, Men’s, Women’s, Open and Teen. Most spiels will be one day events if possible. If successful, we can host more one day events. If you have an idea or want to host an event, contact a board member.

Board Members

We want to **THANK** Holly Ward and Jayne Howley for their service on the board.

Thanks to Jake Nienow and Erik Magalee for stepping up to be new Board members. Also Jeff Annis agreed to serve another term.

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Feel free to contact a Board member with concerns, questions or ideas you may have. As we all know, this is a very fluid situation. We are in contact with other clubs around the State sharing best practices. The USA curling web site also has good information as it relates to the National scene.

www.teamusa.org/USA-Curling

Stay safe and hope to see you on the ice!!

