



GOOD LUCK & GOOD CURLING

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff welcome you to Soo Curlers Association (SCA). Here is some information that we hope will make your experience at our club more enjoyable.

TRADITION:

Soo Curlers Association was established in the late 1800's. Among the curlers at The Sault Curling Club at the turn of the century were L. Williams, S. G. Stone, W. Best, E. McClurg, L. B. Ross, J. McKellar, J. L. O'Flynn, J. Sutherland, Rev. B. Jones, W. O'Brien, V. Mann, and W. B. Webber.

The first curling club was attached to the skating rink and located near Gouin and Bay. It was destroyed by fire in November 1910. The fire was referred to as "mysterious". The annual curling club meeting had been held at the Town Hall the evening before the fire. Dr. McClurg was on his way home at 2 A.M. when he saw the smoke and gave an alarm. The fire had started in the skating rink but it couldn't be stopped from spreading and taking the curling club. Every last curling stone in town had been destroyed. The fire happened on Tuesday and by Thursday the club had a meeting to discuss a new rink on property they owned on Bay Street. A month later, in December 1910, they secured the use of a new large shed at the New Ontario Dock to accommodate 3 sheets.

In the spring of 1912 construction began on a new arena which included five curling sheets and a club house. Soo Curlers Association was officially registered a non-profit corporation on December 12, 1944. A second fire occurred on July 2, 1965 and destroyed the curling rink. All of the rocks in the club were destroyed. As a result of the fire there was no Soo Curling Club in 1965-1966 season.

Property was purchased on Anita Blvd. and construction of a new eight sheet curling club. Even though there was still lots of construction to be finished the ice was ready in November 1966 and the first ceremonial rock was delivered on November 24.

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES & AMENITIES

Playing Privileges:

- League Play: You can curl in the league(s) for which you paid your membership.
- Sparing: You may spare in any league three times during a season.
- Practice Ice: Practice ice is usually available on weekdays from 12 noon until 1 p.m. and after 9 p.m. It is good to check with the office or management to confirm ice availability.
- Rules of Play: We subscribe to the rules of the Canadian Curling Association and the Northern Ontario Curling Association. Please be ready to start your game on time.
- Cancelling your Game: If you must cancel your game, YOU must inform your opposition as early as possible. You should also inform the Club. Games can be re-scheduled as ice time allows.

Club Governance:

- Decision Making: The SCA is a member driven organization with an elected Board of Directors answerable to the membership.
- Member Input: All curling members are Class B shareholders. These shareholders decide on the direction and policies of the SCA. Rental and Associate members do not vote on policy or operations.

Member Communication:

- Member Contact: SCA sends mass emails sharing current club information.
- Website: www.socurlers.com - The SCA website is maintained and updated often. It contains schedules, SCA information, updates on how our teams are doing, and useful information such as upcoming events and links to our sponsors.
- Email: Soo Curlers can be reached by email at socurlers@shaw.ca

Our Facility:

- Access to the Ice Arena: Access is limited to the doors behind sheet 1 and sheet 8. The doors behind sheets 4 and 5 are used to exit the ice.
- Bonspiel Information: Information on out-of-club bonspiels is located on the "Out of Town Bonspiels" board in the Mezzanine behind sheet 2.
- Clean Footwear: Clean footwear must be worn at all times on the ice arena, and as much as possible in areas leading to the ice surface. A shoe-cleaning machine is located between sheets 4 and 5. Be careful NOT to lose your gripper in the machine.
- Instruction: A curling clinic is usually held in the fall and there is a small fee.
- On-ice Water: Potable water is available in two water machines located on the near boards behind sheets 3 & 6.
- Viewing Curling: There are two viewing areas, one on the mezzanine level and one on the lounge level.
- What sheet do I curl on? The allocation of league ice is indicated on the league sheets located in the locker rooms, on bulletin boards on the Mezzanine level and on the Web site.

Locker Rooms and Washrooms:

- Lockers: Lockers are assigned when you pay your membership. There is a fee for Associate and school curlers and lockers are subject to availability.
- Locker Rooms: The ladies locker room is located off the lobby to the left just past the office. The men's locker room is located off the lobby to the right just past the Pro Shop.
- Washrooms: The women's washrooms are adjacent to the locker room. The men's washroom can be accessed across the hall from the office or from the locker room.

Food & Beverages:

- Bar: Is located on the lounge level and is sure to have your favourite beverage.
- Kitchen: A full service kitchen is available on most days and evenings. It is also available for business luncheons and dinners. See the manager for availability.
- Gratuities: The food and beverage staff appreciate consideration.

Rentals:

- Ice and Lounge Rentals: Members may rent the facilities for a reduced fee for business or social functions.
- Rental Leagues: SCA hosts several long standing rental leagues. These include the Friday Night Forestry Mixed League and the Saturday morning Mercantile league.

Parking and Transit:

- Parking Locations: On-site to the west and east of the building. Please DO NOT park between roped off areas in the entrance driveway.
- Bus Service: There is frequent service from the downtown terminal to the corner of North St. and Northern Ave. and return to the terminal from the Northern Ave. and Kitchener Rd. corner.

Member Services:

- Broom Rental: SCA rents brooms PER GAME and these are available from the bar or the kitchen. Members are encouraged to purchase their own equipment so the above-mentioned equipment is available for club rentals.
- Curling Instruction: Our club professional, Tom Coulterman, is available to furnish instruction for a team, group or individual. You may contact him at tom.coult@sympatico.ca or through the office.
- Pro Shop: We host a full service curling equipment shop, located in the lobby, and open to all members as well as the general public. We stock, shoes, brooms brushes, sliders and other curling supplies. Call 2564-6174 for more details.
- Nametags: These are available for a small fee. Inquire at the office.

Special Events:

SCA hosts a number of special events throughout the season. They include:

- Nov. 21 & 22/10 –RIB EYE Bonspiel men's mixed and women's non-com petitive teams.
- Nov. 26-28/10 – Northern Ontario WOODLANDS Spiel
- Dec. 3-5/10 – KIA CURLING CLASSIC – Cashspiel and Provincial Men's Qualifier
- Jan. 15 & 16/11 – BANTAM CHALLENGE
- Jan. 21-23/11 – MERCANTILE FUNSPIEL-open to all men's, women's and mixed non-competitive teams.
- Jan. 28-30/11 – Men's East Provincial Qualifier
- Feb. 19 & 20/11 LADIES ANNUAL FUNSPIEL
- Feb. 26/11 – HEART & STROKE Fundraiser OPEN TO ALL
- Mar. 5/11 – KIDS & COPS Bonspiel OPEN TO All
- Mar. 24-27/11 – PROVINCIAL MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS
- April 7-10/11 – PROVINCIAL DOMINION CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Ladies & Men's
- April 16/11 – Annual SKATING PARTY noon to 4 p.m.

Staff & Member Partnership:

-Staff: SCA employs a full-time club manager and seasonal staff. We are available to help make your SCA experience better. Seasonal staff includes office, ice techs, pro-shop, kitchen and bar.

-Volunteering: SCA has many activities for which we require help. Your commitment of time is greatly appreciated. Please check the Volunteer Board located outside the office for the latest opportunities.

SOO CURLERS ASSOCIATION - Leagues

Our leagues are happy to accept team or individual entries. Fees are determined by the amount of curling the member wants. The unlimited fee allows the curler to curl as often as they want. Curling begins the Tuesday after Thanksgiving with the season finishing in April. The convenors of these leagues are all volunteers.

Daytime Leagues

Men's Classic League – Curls during the day. Teams curl twice a week, Monday **and** Wednesday **or** Thursday. The league is available to men of all ages but consists mostly of retirees. Convenor Bob Valade – bob.valade @simpatico.ca

Tuesday & Thursday Ladies – Curl Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Tuesdays are regular team competition, eight end games. Thursday mornings are a pickup league determined each day by a draw from the hat. Games are six ends.

Stick League – Curls Wednesday & Friday Afternoons. The league is open to all members. Teams consist of two players each and are governed by stick league rules.

Saturday Morning Mercantile League – This league is an associate league and fees are paid by the team. The league is open to everyone and they curl Saturday mornings unless there is a weekend event. Convenor – Peter Zultek -

Evening Leagues

Monday Night Co-Ed League – This league curls Monday evenings with draws at 6:30 and 8:30 - times are rotated. The league is open to everyone - there are mixed teams, men's teams and women's team. Teams are set up in skill level divisions. Convenor – Pete Jamieson -

Tuesday & Thursday Night Men's – Open to all men. Competition levels are determined by skill of team. There are two draws per evening and draw times are rotated. Convenor – Pentti Tyynela – soocurlers@shaw.ca

Wednesday Night Business Girls – League curls at 6:30 and is open to all women. The league curls 4 events during the season. Convenor – Linda Neilson

Learn to Curl – Coached by qualified coaches, we have a Learn to Curl program for adults from October until Christmas. This includes delivery and strategy sessions both on and off the ice. After Christmas the new curlers are put on teams and curl in the Wednesday Night League. This program is open to all.

Forestry Friday Night Mixed League – The league is an associate league which pays by the team and curls two draws each Friday Night. It is primarily a fun league but is open to all curlers. Convenor – Ago Lehela -

Youth Curling

Youth Learn to Curl – Program runs after school on Mondays from November until March. Program is open to students from Grade 5 on.

Youth League – This league is open to all youth with at least 1 year of Learn to Curl. Curlers may enter as teams or individually. They curl from 4:15 until 5:30 p.m. Curling begins early November until March. Convenor – Blythe Servant – theservants@shaw.ca

High School League – The league consists of teams from any local Secondary School. The league is governed by Secondary School competition rules. Curling takes place each Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. Teams begin practice late October, draws begin mid November. Season concludes with NOSSA playdowns in March. Convenor – Blythe Servant – theservants@shaw.ca