

# The Mayflower

The Curling News

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## Executive for 2008/2009

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Junior Curling - Andrew Abraham  
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## From the Club President....

I would like to extend a **WARM WELCOME** to all of our returning members and our new members to our 2008-2009 curling season.

For the first time in the club's history, we put the ice back in during the month of July. This was largely accomplished with the installation of an Aluma-zorb ceiling and of course with the efforts of our ice making staff. We are optimistic that the efficiencies noticed on our ice making equipment over the summer will continue throughout the years to come.

Your new Mayflower Board has been meeting throughout the summer. We are looking forward to a very productive year working as your new board.

Please let us know if there is something that we can assist with throughout the year.

Once again, welcome.... And have a great year of curling!

**Paul McDonald**

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## The Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer

Here we are in the midst of the summer and I'm thinking and talking about curling. We've begun to "tweak" the on-line registration system from last season, asking members of the Curling Committee if they'd be willing to continue to be League Representatives this season, updating the rules and calling Dave at the Club at least once a day.

The on-line system worked great last season. It enables us to get more members registered earlier than usual and identify teams and partial teams sooner so that the League representatives could begin the time consuming task of putting together and getting a schedule planned earlier.

I'm still looking for a few people to round-out the Curling Committee this season, representing every night and league, specifically Monday "A" Super league and Sunday Section play.

You'll most likely recognize many of the League Representatives. When they've been confirmed, I'll advise the league. In addition to them being my eyes and ears on the ice and at the Club on the nights they curl, these representatives will be your voice on the Curling Committee. If you have an issue with a specific rule, scheduling problem, question or complaint, they will be able to help. In order to insure proper communication with the Curling Committee and the Board and I, these issues should be brought to the attention of the league representatives, not John

and Dave. We can't deal with any issue unless we're made aware of it.

In addition to helping with the clarification, interpretation and suggestions to the rules, we will be approaching members to help with some up-coming spiels that the Curling Committee is responsible for organizing. These events are:

Family Fun Spiel - 22, 23, 26 or 27 of Dec. 2008  
(Actual Date TBA Later)

Mixed Play downs - TBA - if necessary

Closing Spiel - Monday - Thursday  
(13 - 17 April, 2009)

Finally, if you have any suggestions for the *General Rules of Play* for Club Curling, or the Individual Section/League rules, we would be pleased to hear from you. I'm also looking for representatives for the vacant positions /representatives noted above AND if you have any interest in organizing one of the above mentioned spiels, please contact me directly.

Looking forward to another exciting year of curling and camaraderie at the Mayflower!

**Bernadine Halliday**

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**Getting started on the right foot....**

Attend the Mayflower Curling Club's Adult Learn to Curl course during September and be ready for league play this season. The course will consist of four on-ice instructional sessions of 2 hours per night with Canadian Curling Association Certified instructors. The course starts at 6 PM on September 04 and will continue on each Thursday evening in the month. Registration is \$50 per person and will entitle new members to a 10% discount on 2008-2009 Membership Dues. Contact the club or register online at [www.mayflowercc.com](http://www.mayflowercc.com)

With the ice going in, it is time to start thinking about the 2008-2009 curling season.

**Club Improvements..**

Our club has been a beehive of activity since the end of the curling season in April. Dave our club manager) has been very busy coordinating the installation of the Aluma-zorb ceiling that has been installed in the ice shed (approximately a three week job). Pipe and TV cable has been installed over the sheets 1-2-5 and 6.

Practice ice will be available on August 18<sup>th</sup> with clinics and selected league play starting in September. The Opening Spiel takes place on October 06-09 followed by regular league play starting October.

Online registration will be available soon as will hard copy forms at the club.

Fees for the 2008-2009 are as follows:

- One night member - \$320.
- One night super league \$399.
- Full member - \$532.
- Full daytime member - \$320
- Social - \$100.
- Lockers - \$25.

**Ross Woodworth**

Eight (8) more on ice cameras (2 per sheet) will be installed in the near future.

A new digital clock has been purchased and installed out in the ice shed. Bill Harris, along with Dave, have spent a fair amount of time down in the plant room making sure everything is ready for the early opening of our club. Dave and Dale started making ice around July 14<sup>th</sup>. Our long range plan for the next 5 years calls for more upgrades.

**Bob Vanbuskirk**

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**T**he Canadian Curling Association site announces the ***Dominion Curling Club Championship***. This is planned as an annual event for men's and women's curling teams who have won their respective local club championships. The Championship provides the first ever opportunity for winning club teams to represent their club at the zone, provincial or territorial level and ultimately offers them the opportunity to rank nationally.

Profit generated from the Dominion Curling Club Championship will be directed to charities including the paraplegic association as well as developmental curling initiatives in communities across Canada.

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**F**ord World Men's Curling

Championship comes to Moncton in 2009!!!

**Contact the Club or check the CCA website for more details on these and other events!**

**T**he Mayflower Curling Club is very pleased to have been selected as the site for the Nova Scotia Provincial Training Centre. The Training Centre is operated by Helen Radford, national level coach and will offer tactical and technical training in both classroom and on-ice sessions along with access to the best resources in the Nova Scotia Sport Science community. For more information go to [www.nscurl.com](http://www.nscurl.com)

The Mayflower CC Semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to seeing you there.

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**L**akeshore Curling Club has been selected to host the 2009 Wheelchair Curling championships.

**Stay tuned for more information on these and other events!!**

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