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*Galt Curling's Quarterly Community Newsletter*



## WELCOME TO 2023 THE 185TH YEAR OF CURLING

As we enter into 2023 with refreshed vigor (we hope), we recognize that this year will bring a lot of changes, challenges and growth. We are SO SO SO excited to have you back in our club. We can speak at nauseam about all the exciting things that will be happening in and around the club but right now we only want to focus on the first few months. So welcome back, hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and lets look towards another great year (OUR 185th YEAR) of curling.

Happy 2023



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## President Update

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter in our 185th anniversary year. The Galt Curling Club would not be in existence for 185 years without the dedication and support from our members and sponsors. Thank you. There is a lot of history within this club which we will be sharing throughout the year. I am proud to be your President for this special year and am looking forward to seeing more great moments at our Club!

A big shout out to Mark Fisher and Quinn Walsh for making this newsletter a reality.

## Board Update

You Asked, We listened!

As we as a board grow and evolve, we look to you for direction. The way we found it was through the survey. First, to those that filled it out, thank you! We received 114 responses in under 48 hours and 124 in 5 days. This gave us a clear idea of what you wanted.

1. Less email updates (that's what this newsletter is going to replace) You will receive 4 bigger emails with updates annually as well as a way to refer to it without us sending it to you... more about that in Q2
2. You like to EAT! Same same. We will be working towards giving you some fun food options every month for every evening/weekend draw
3. You want an easier way to access your schedule. We're working on it.

The board has been up to some pretty incredible things in 2022 that are going to come to fruition this quarter.

A New dehumidifier! As I'm sure everyone knows by now we received a Trillium Grant for the full cost of the dehumidifier. A massive thank you to Mark Kelland for the hours of paperwork he had to do to make that happen. Another big thank you to Scott Wells for all the research and work he put into securing the dehumidifier.

## FUN FACT

As the board grows did you know that we added 2 new board positions? This past year we added technology and policy positions.

We also had 3 new board members join and all the others stayed.

There are currently 13 board members for Galt Curling Club. No one can remember the last time we had this many board members!

## 185th Merch

Its here! We've lasted 185 years, that's a couple of wars, a couple of pandemics and countless members. What better way to celebrate than with a hat, or shirt, or some Kiss the Rock limited edition beer?



*Order Today!*



## KISS THE ROCK - 185th limited edition beer

In September of 2022, we launched our custom brewed collaboration beer with Jackass Brewery in anticipation of our 185th anniversary celebration. It is a light IPA with less hops than your standard IPA as well as it only has 5.7% alcohol per can. Individual cans can be purchased through the bar at the club for your after-game drinks or you can also purchase cans for at home directly at **Jackass Brewery: 100 Sheldon Dr. Cambridge** (only 3 blocks from the club). Every can of beer you purchase from Jackass Brewery helps the club. They donate a portion of every sale which goes directly to our "New Rock Project"

## New Lights! New Cameras! Same Action!!!

What did you do over the Christmas holidays? We had some wonderful volunteers give their time to run wire and set up new cameras. A huge thank you to (in no particular order) Dan Hilborn, Doug Leusink, Warren Davison, Gordon Pratt, Lisa Winer, Ralph O'Brien, Eddie Houghton, Clint Garniss, Jeff Diebold, and Allan Mikkelson for coming out and helping. As you'll now see there are 8 new HD cameras above the houses, the monitors have been turned sideways and this month we'll be setting up links to live stream our games so you can watch your favourite team play while in the comfort of your own living room.



A separate thank you to Steve Ireland for running all the electrical wire and outlets to the monitors and switches.

## NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

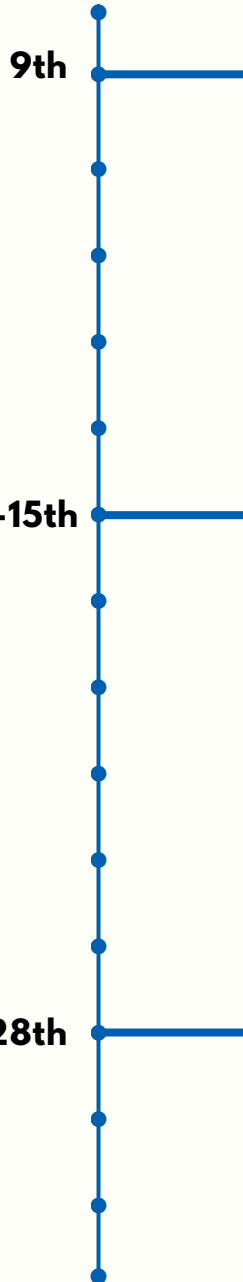
We want your help naming this newsletter. Please send all of your submissions to [newsletter@galtcurling.com](mailto:newsletter@galtcurling.com)

In our March newsletter we'll pick our 5 favourite and let the readers choose. The winner will get a lovely gift basket. Let your minds run free!

### How To Enter:

1. All submissions must be received by March 15th 2023
2. All Submissions must be submitted by a current/active 2023 member
3. The submissions cannot have any profanity or any business/persons name used in it.
4. If there are multiple submissions of the same name they will be higher ranked and all winners (if that name is chosen) will be awarded the same prize.
5. Bonus points are awarded for punny names, names including curling/galt

## Club Events: January 2023



### **Tri County Men's League**

The Tri County Men is a roaming league that takes place at a different member club every week. This time we're hosting. As being a member club we have a team in the league which includes John Egoff, Dennis Kusch, Sam Cameron, and Mark Kelland

### **Ontario Mixed Doubles Tour Championship**

We have been selected by the Ontario Mixed Double Tour to host their 22/23 tour championship event. All are welcome to come out to watch the event. This will be a public event. The bar and kitchen will be open throughout the weekend for all your food and drink needs. Come and check out some of the best mixed doubles curling in the province.

### **185th Anniversary Gala / Trillium Appreciation Night**

We have two massive things to celebrate. 1 - We're 185 years old (and we look pretty darn good for our age) and 2 - We have received a wonderfully generous Trillium grant for our new dehumidifier.

This is a special event to celebrate and will be held at the club.

Stay Tuned for more details!

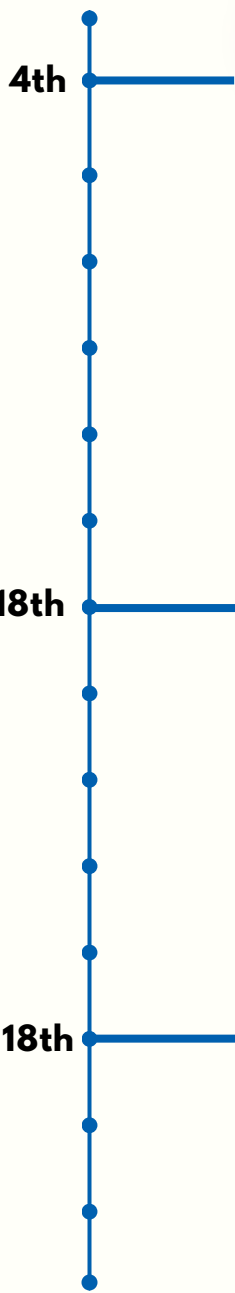


## CURLING FACTS

The Guinness World Record for longest marathon curling match goes to a game played in Coldwater, Ontario, in 2017. It was 105 hours, 6 minutes and 51 seconds – that's over four days!

1998 was the year that curling was made an official sport at the Olympic Games. They were held in Nagano, Japan. The winners were the Swiss men's team and the Canadian women's team. (Go Canada!)

## Club Events: February 2023



### SEXY SPIEL

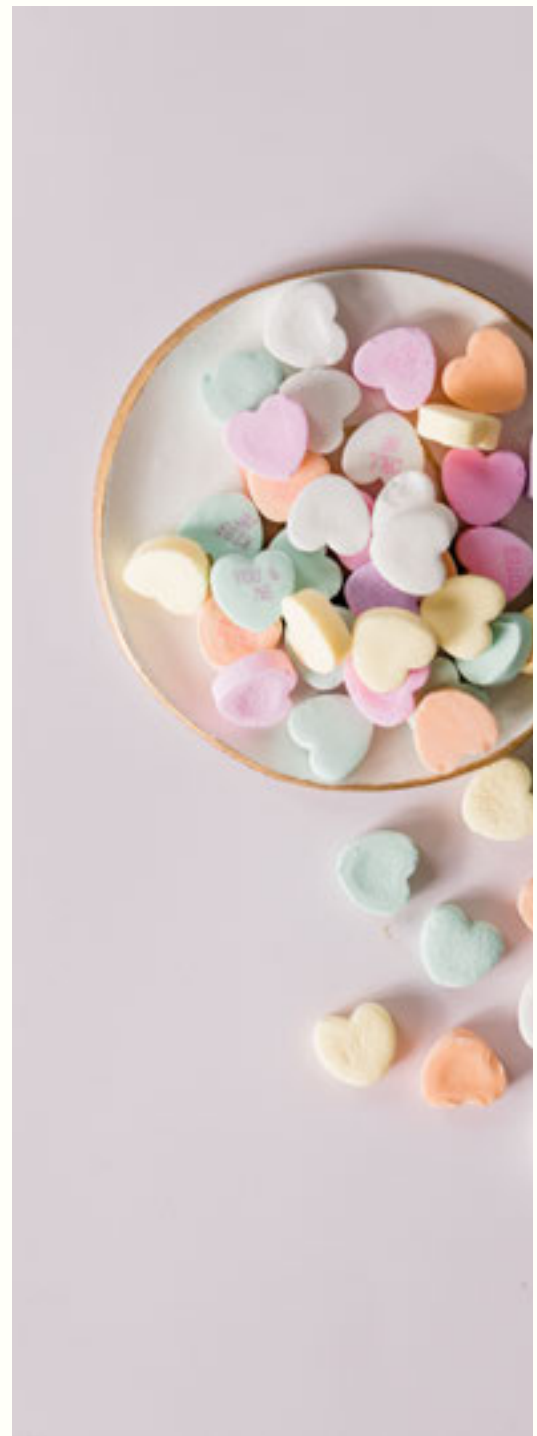
EVERYBODY IS SEXY! So why not show it off on the ice. This event will be NSFW and strictly 18+ Not for the faint of heart or if you can't laugh at sex or themselves! Details to come.  
\*2SLGBTQIA+ Friendly

### ⚡ Ice Maintenance ⚡

With being in the middle of the winter curling session, it's time for Damien to do some upkeep to our ice. With that, ice will not be available in rentable capacity.

### Progressive Euchre Night

Come test your hand, skill and luck at a game of progressive euchre. \$15.00 to enter and play for a night. The bar is open, just in case you need to drown your sorrows while losing. Snacks will be provided and there will be prizes to be won



## CURLING FACTS

A curling rock weighs about 19 kilograms. That's like trying to slide a slightly chonky Beagle down the ice to the target. Sounds like a lot of fun, but that can get really tiring after a couple of rounds!

Canada has won 27 of a possible 42 Men's World Championships (Go Canada!)

## Club Events: March 2023



## FUN FACTS

Kerry Burtnyk is the youngest person to ever win a Brier. He was only 22 years old when he won it in 1981

Manitoba has won 26 of a possible 72 Canadian Men's Championships. The most recent in 1999 by Jeff Stoughton.

Kerri Einarson's team from Manitoba is currently a three time consecutive Scottie's champion



## Fundraising Update

We had some fun fundraising initiatives in 2022.

The Monday Mens Cheer Drive raised a whopping \$975.00 for the club and probably helped someone get through the holiday season a little easier!

Our Sock, Mitt, Hat drive was an unbelievable success because of you. Your donations amounted to more than 700+ mittens, 400+ pairs of Socks, 70 Hats and 7 boxes of food. Distributed to 3 schools and the Cambridge Food Bank.

Kiss the Rock continues to run this year but last year Jackass gave us approx \$650.00 from proceeds.

The continual scrap metal drive raised \$9335.00 last year bringing our overall total past \$72,000.00!

## Sponsorship

As we enter into 2023 we are aggressively looking for new sponsorship and advertisers. We've already got a couple signed up for next season but we have one starting right now!

Cambridgetoday.ca has signed on as a sponsor. They're going to be giving us great coverage of the Ontario Mixed Doubles. They'll be releasing an article about our club and the event that will be published on Cambridge Today, Guelph Today and Stratford Today.

On top of that, during the mixed double events we'll have our own banner with the link to live streaming. Guaranteed 65,000 views!

We are so excited to have Cambridge Today helping us reach new audiences and providing great exposure for the club.

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## Volunteering at the Club

We've mentioned this many times before. We are a community club. We thrive off of volunteerism. We succeed when people from the club give their time and talents to us. We are nothing without you. Cameras are installed because volunteers come out and help. We are so thankful for that. Our board members donate countless hours keeping the club moving forward but we are always in need of your help. If you have a talent, a desire, free time that you want to donate to GCC we want it. Please reach out to [newsletter@galtcurlingclub.com](mailto:newsletter@galtcurlingclub.com) and let us know. Tell us who you are, what you want to do, if you have any special talents that you think might benefit the club and we will be in touch.