



Welcome to the 2011/2012 Curling Season!

Welcome back to returning members, and a special welcome to other recipients of this letter who are considering York Curling Club in their future plans.

Many readers may have noticed that activity is continuing at YCC during the summer of 2011 as we complete the renovations started a year ago (continuing the hydro upgrades for instance). That said, the activity level this summer is certainly much lower than that of last year when the club expanded from 4 sheets to 6 sheets and also acquired a new ice plant. We are on track to open the club for a few days of “green ice” in early October, with most of our leagues then starting right after Thanksgiving.

With the issuance of this letter, our registration process for the 2011/2012 season has now begun. Information regarding the club, its leagues and the registration process is available from our club website (specifically, at <http://www.yorkcurlingclub.ca/membership.htm>). For those who receive this letter by email, the club website will serve as your means to obtain the application form and other information regarding the registration process. For those who receive this letter via Canada Post (because club records don't include an email address for you), both the application form and information on the registration process have been enclosed for your convenience.

As outlined in the registration information, the upcoming registration process reflects a few changes from that of last year. While details are provided in the registration materials, the more notable changes are as follows:

- The application form is now a 2-page document, and **the applicant's signature is now required. In signing the form, an applicant agrees to abide by club rules and also releases the club from liability if, for instance, they were to fall on the ice.**
- Fee rates have been adjusted. In particular, **the quoted fee rates now include 13% HST – so HST is no longer something an applicant must add to our rates.** This isn't the only fee change, but it is by far the largest one and at first glance it causes our fee rates to appear somewhat higher than last year.

As in past years, there are two ways in which you can apply for membership:

- *by completing and mailing the application form together with a cheque.* This is the quickest way to register, and most applications are done this way. Details on how to apply this way are outlined in the registration materials.
- *by attending one of the registration events.* For the upcoming season, these registration events will take place at the club (220 Muriel Street, Newmarket) ...
 - on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 from 2 pm through until 4 pm; and
 - on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 from 7 pm through until 9 pm.

Generally speaking, applications will be processed in the order that they are received. We draw this to your attention since past experience, including last season which reflects our expansion to 6 sheets, suggests that some leagues will fill up quickly. An exception to the first-come-first-served processing is that, until August 1, 2011 returning members from the 2010/2011 season will be given preference – but this is temporary and, starting August 1, all applications (whether from returning members or from new members) will be treated equally. Putting all of this together, it means quite simply that those who sign up early are more likely to get registered into their requested leagues than those who sign up later. For a returning member, it also means that there is a further advantage to signing up in July instead of signing up in August.

On behalf of all YCC Board Members, we look forward to seeing you all at the club this fall. In the meantime, I welcome any comments/thoughts that you might have regarding our club.

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