



RACC Newsletter

August 2022

Welcome to the RACC's late summer Newsletter. In this edition you will find plenty of information to help you prepare and register for the coming season.

The season starts October 11!

Your RACC Council

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Pre-Season Events **Mark Your Calendars!**

September 9: Open House (on-ice) – 1 to 3pm and 7 to 9pm

For those who know how to curl and want to try out our arena ice before they join the club, or if you just want to shake off the cobwebs before the season starts.

September 14: Information Night (off-ice) – RA's Clark Hall, 7 to 9pm

Meet the league convenors and Club Council.

Try Wheelchair Curling Now (on-ice) - RA Curling Centre of Excellence – Date & time to be confirmed

This "give it a go" half-day event is designed to introduce those in the wheelchair community to the sport of curling.



NEW LEAGUES!!

We are excited to announce several new curling options this season. Sign up for one of our new leagues:

- Daytime Stick Curling on Tuesday afternoons
- Youth league on Tuesday afternoons
- Daytime Open Fixed on Wednesday mornings
- A second Daytime Doubles on Thursday afternoons

Tuesday afternoon Stick Curling: Don't know anything about Stick curling? It's a fast-growing game, with its own set of [rules](#) that are completely different from Doubles'. The teams are two persons, everyone delivers with a stick, no sweeping is allowed between the hoglines, and there are only 6 ends and 6 rocks per team per end.

Tuesday afternoon Youth League: The Youth Instructional program on Saturday mornings has been growing steadily, and this growth has led us to this next step of creating a Youth League for the older and more experienced participants who are ready to focus on game play.

Wednesday morning Open Fixed: For those who want to play on a fixed team during the day, but one where the teams are open to any combination of any gender, we have added a new Daytime Open Fixed league.

Thursday afternoon Doubles: The Monday morning Daytime Doubles was popular last season, so much so that in response to demand we have added a second league, on a different day and different time, for those who were interested but unable to make the early Monday morning league.

A tabular schedule for a typical fall week is included at the end of the Newsletter and gives you a quick overview of all our leagues. Check out the website pages for descriptions of the various [leagues](#) and the contact information for the convenors.

A couple of key scheduling changes to make note of:

The Evening 10-week Adult Learn-To-Curl Program is moving to Mondays, with a new start time of 5:30pm. As a result of this move, the Monday Evening Draw league will now run from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.



Membership Options, Fees, and Registration Process

After many years with little change, the time had come to review, rationalize, and update the RA Curling Club's membership options, fee structure, and league structure. As a result of the review, we are moving to a base membership plus per league model, an approach many area clubs have adopted. Moving to this approach presented us with several challenges, from both the technical system software perspective as well as from the league structure side. Our model thus has a few unique features.

Principles and goals that guided the development of the new membership options and fees:

1. Inclusivity and diversity, as well as equity and fairness when comparing within daytime leagues, within evening leagues, and between daytime and evening leagues.
2. Maintaining some flexibility and greater opportunity for play in the Daytime Men's and Daytime Women's Draw leagues.
3. Retaining a lower fee for daytime draw vs evening draw, and for daytime fixed vs evening fixed.
4. Allowing members to choose how many leagues to select, and how to combine those leagues.
5. Trying to remain, where possible, in the middle range of fees compared to other area clubs.

In adopting this approach, several changes have taken place.

Key aspects of the new structure and options:

1. Membership can be one league, two leagues, three leagues, or Unlimited (i.e., a membership fee allowing unlimited play in more than three leagues).
2. There are no "Section" membership fees, only league membership fees. There is no longer an All-inclusive Men or Women membership nor a multi-evening membership.
3. There is a base membership fee for the one league only option to which a per-league fee is added (this per-league fee varies depending on the league category).
4. There is a different base membership fee that applies to both the two league and three league options, and a different set of per-league fees as well.



Leagues and league categories:

1. Leagues are grouped into categories. Per-league fees are highest in Category A, lower in Category B, then drop further in Category C (Doubles) and Category D (Stick).
2. All daytime leagues (the regular four-person team leagues) are in Category B.
3. Daytime Men are now divided into two separate leagues: Men's Fixed and Men's Draw.
4. Daytime Women are also now divided into two separate leagues: Women's Fixed and Women's Draw.
5. The Daytime Men's Draw and Daytime Women's Draw leagues each continue to allow for the opportunity to play in more than one timeslot / draw game (i.e., more than once a week). No other leagues provide this opportunity.
6. Friday Daytime Open Draw is a standalone league, i.e., not included as an extra option for Daytime Men or Women Draw league members; and, as before, it only provides the opportunity for one game per week.
7. Daytime Men's Fixed and Daytime Women's Fixed, each being a separate standalone league, do NOT automatically confer the ability to also play, or to spare in an unlimited fashion, in their respective Draw leagues; or vice versa.
8. No league requires membership in another league as a condition of joining that league.
9. Whether a person registers for one or two or three or more leagues, they must specify/select each individual league at registration.

League Categories and Fees

Daytime Leagues	Category	Evening Leagues	Category
Men's Draw League	B	Open Draw League - Monday	A
Men's Fixed League - Monday	B	Open Fixed League - Tuesday	A
Open Draw League - Friday	B	Open Draw League - Wednesday	A
Open Fixed League - Wednesday (NEW)	B	Women's Fixed League - Thursday	A
Women's Draw League	B	Open Fixed Recreational League - Friday	A
Women's Fixed League - Friday	B	After-Hours Open Fixed League - Thursday	B
Open Doubles League - Monday	C	Open Doubles League - Wednesday	C
Open Doubles League - Thursday (NEW)	C	Open Doubles League - Sunday	C
Stick Curling League - Tuesday (NEW)	D		



The Club's web pages on the RA website provide all the information on the base fees and per-league fees for each of the one league, two or three leagues, or Unlimited league membership options. Please refer to the website for the specific [details](#).

Below is a table with some examples of membership fees for some different league combinations (note that these are fees w/o taxes and w/o the \$25 non-taxable capital levy). Hopefully this will assist in understanding the structure and process and provide some guidance for individual membership choice. But there are many more possibilities.

League / League Combination Examples	Base Fee + per league fees	Total Fee (tax not included)
Single league memberships		
Daytime Women (or Men or Open) Draw	\$230 + \$170	\$400
Daytime Men (or Women or Open) Fixed	\$230 + \$170	\$400
Monday Evening Draw	\$230 + \$235	\$465
Tuesday Evening Open Fixed	\$230 + \$235	\$465
Thursday After Hours	\$230 + \$170	\$400
Any one of the Doubles	\$230 + \$120	\$350
Stick	\$230 + \$10	\$240
Two league memberships		
Wednesday Evening Draw + Tuesday Evening Fixed	\$345 + \$130 + \$130	\$605
Daytime Men's Draw + Monday Evening Draw	\$345 + \$130 + \$105	\$580
Wednesday Evening Doubles + Friday Evening Open Recreational	\$345 + \$90 + \$130	\$565
Daytime Women Draw + Daytime Women Fixed	\$345 + \$105 + \$105	\$555
Daytime Open Fixed + Sunday Doubles	\$345 + \$105 + \$90	\$540
Daytime Stick + Daytime Open Draw	\$345 + \$105 + \$60	\$510
Three league memberships**		
Daytime Draw + Daytime Fixed + Stick	\$345 + \$105 + \$105 + \$60	\$615
Daytime Draw + Daytime Fixed + Monday Doubles	\$345 + \$105 + \$105 + \$90	\$645
Daytime Men Fixed + Tuesday Evening Open Fixed + Wednesday Doubles	\$345 + \$105 + \$130 + \$90	\$670
Tuesday Evening Open Fixed + Thursday Evening Women + Sunday Doubles	\$345 + \$130 + \$130 + \$90	\$695
Unlimited membership		
Any combination of 4 or more leagues		\$735



**** Note:** the maximum 3 league membership fee would be a combination of three Category A leagues: $\$345 + \$130 + \$130 + 130 = \735 . If this is your option, then you may want to move to the Unlimited membership and take advantage of the additional opportunities it offers for the same fee.

**Register
in person at the Membership desk
or by phone (613-733-5100)
starting August 15.**

Helpful registration tip:

To best prepare for and help speed up the registration process, we have prepared a summary sheet (attached at the end of the Newsletter). Print this off, circle your base membership, circle your selected leagues, and have this page at hand when you go to the east desk or phone in to register.

Capacity is capped in all leagues!

Register early to guarantee your spot. If the league is full, you will be put on a waiting list.

Sparing

Unlimited membership comes with the privilege of sparing in all leagues (with a few exceptions, such as the Stick league if you do not deliver with the stick, or leagues with gender restrictions).

The Club Council will be reviewing and updating the spare rules to develop a more consistent club-wide protocol. These revisions will be communicated before the season gets underway.

Adult and Youth Learn-To-Curl – Registration is Open

If you know someone who wants to start curling, our 10-week [Adult Learn-To-Curl Programs](#) start the week of October 17. There is both an Evening course (Mondays at 5:30pm) and a Daytime course (Wednesdays at 9:00am).

Our [Youth Instructional Curling Program](#) runs Saturdays at 9:00am, beginning October 22 through to the end of the season.



Wheelchair Curling Development Program in the works

Wheelchair curling continues to grow in popularity across the country, due largely to Canada's tremendous success on the international stage.

Recent renovations at the RA Centre have made it an ideal venue to host wheelchair and para curling events. Plans are in the works to develop an RA-based "Learn to wheelchair curl" program designed to encourage excellence in wheelchair curling and support teams and individuals who want to play at a competitive and/or recreational level.

The program will be offered in collaboration with a number of community partners, including the RACC, the Ottawa Valley Curling Association, the Ontario Curling Council and CurlION/Ontario Curling Association.

More details coming soon!

What's on at the RA's Curling Centre of Excellence this September!

The Centre is hosting training courses and some exciting competitive events before the Club season starts.

- **September 5 to 8:** Curling Club Ice Technician Practical (part of Curling Canada's Ice Tech Pathway)
- **September 10 to 11:** Competition Coach Course (Ontario Curling Council)
- **September 16 to 18:** CurlION Trillium U-18 Open (U18 Provincial Qualifier)
- **September 21 to 25:** Qualifier for the FISU 2023 World University Games (a Curling Canada event)

Goldline Equipment Sale

Special Offer for RACC Members Continues

Start off the season with new gear! Replace that old disintegrating gripper, or purchase that needed new broom or gloves. This year the Club is pleased to be able to once again offer its members Goldline curling equipment at 15% off retail prices. And once again Pippa Sellers (pippa.sellers.racc@gmail.com) will be coordinating the orders. The first order date will likely be in mid-September – details coming soon. In the meantime, take a look at the [Goldline equipment](#) online – there are some new items this season.



Call for Volunteers!

Coaches

We are always on the lookout for Club members who would like to join our coaching team, for either the Adult Learn-To-Curl and/or the Youth Instructional program. The Club will support interested members in taking Club Coach training, in return for their commitment to coach. We also provide volunteers with a small honorarium.

There are coaching courses being held in our area this fall. (For more details visit the Ontario Curling Council [website](#).)

Club Coach course:

- Carleton Heights Curling Club, Ottawa, October 1 - 2, 9am to 5pm
- Cornwall Curling Club, September 24 to 25, 9am to 9pm

Club Coach Youth course:

- Gananoque Curling Club, October 16, 9am to 5pm

Social Committee

We are looking for members to join our Social Committee and for an interim chair. Our Social Committee chair has had to step back at least for the fall to focus on recovery from major surgery. Please contact Margo Burgess (margo.burgess.racc@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping to organize the two or three spiels we put on for members throughout the season.

Try Wheelchair Curling Now

The RA Centre will be hosting a “give it a go” event for those in our community interested in wheelchair curling. The half-day event will be scheduled this Fall (date & time TBD). We're looking for volunteers for on-ice and off-ice tasks to help make this a fun and meaningful day for participants and to share some RACC pride. Interested? Please contact Kerrie Whitehurst (kerrie.whitehurst@rogers.com).

Call for a new name for the Newsletter

You may have noticed the absence of the old newsletter name in this edition. While the name “Between The Sheets” harkened back to the club’s earlier days, upon sober second thought its suggestive title did not seem fitting for the 21st century. And so the name revival was short lived, and we are looking for a new one. If you have a suggestion, please submit it to John Rowland (john.rowland@rogers.com) by August 31.



Your 2022-2023 Club Council

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RACC Registration Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1 – Select how many leagues you will be playing in.

- ___ I am registering in only **one league** (Base membership fee is **\$230**)
 ___ I am registering in **two leagues** (Base membership fee is **\$345**)
 ___ I am registering in **three leagues** (Base membership fee is **\$345**)
 ___ I am registering in more than three leagues (**Unlimited** membership = **\$735**)

Step 2 – Identify which league(s)

√	Category A
	Open Draw League – Monday evening
	Open Fixed League – Tuesday evening
	Open Draw League – Wednesday evening
	Women’s Fixed League – Thursday evening
	Open Fixed Recreational League – Friday evening
√	Category B
	Men’s Daytime Draw League
	Women’s Daytime Draw League
	Men’s Fixed League – Monday morning
	Open Fixed League – Wednesday morning (NEW)
	Open Draw League – Friday morning
	Women’s Fixed League – Friday afternoon
	After-Hours Open Fixed League – Thursday evening
√	Category C
	Open Doubles League – Monday morning
	Open Doubles League – Wednesday evening
	Open Doubles League – Thursday afternoon (NEW)
	Open Doubles League – Sunday evening
√	Category D
	Stick Curling League – Tuesday afternoon (NEW)

Step 3 – Fee calculation for the one, two, and three league options.

Take your Base membership fee (identified in step 1) then add the relevant per league fee from the table below for each of your selected league(s).

	Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D
Per league fee for Single League membership	\$235	\$170	\$120	\$10
Per league fees for Two or Three League membership	\$130	\$105	\$90	\$60



RACC League Schedule – typical week Fall 2022

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00 - 11:00 am	Open Doubles 9 - 10:30	Women's Draw	Daytime Learn-To-Curl	Women's Draw	Open Draw	Youth Instruction Program	
		Men's Draw			Women's Fixed		
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Men's Fixed	Men's Draw	Open Fixed New!	Men's Draw	Men's Draw		
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Men's Fixed	Open Stick New!	Women's Draw	Open Doubles New! 1-2:30 pm	Women's Fixed		
	Women's Draw						
3:00 - 5:00 pm	maintenance	maintenance	maintenance	maintenance	maintenance		
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Evening Learn-To-Curl 5:30-7:30	Youth League New!					Open Doubles Recreational 6-7:30 pm
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Open Draw 7:30 - 9:30	Open Fixed	Open Draw	Women's Fixed	Open Fixed Recreational		
9:00 - 11:00 pm		Open Fixed	Open Doubles 9 - 10:30	After Hours Open Fixed			

