

*Rice Lake
Curling Club*



EST. 1967

A "Typical" year
as a member of the RLCC

- July** *Golf Outing*
- August** *Family campout*
Ice is ready
Summer "open" Spiel
Workshops/Camps
- September** *Ice available for practice*
Camps/Workshops
- October** *Open House*
Fall Membership Meeting
Early Bird "Open" League begins
Curl for a Cure
- November** *Mens and Mixed Leagues begin*
- December** *Womens League begins*
- January** *Mixed Invitational Bonspiel*
- February** *Womens & Mens Invitational*
Bonspiels
- March** *Inter League Bonspiels*
(Womens/Mens/Mixed)
- April** *Spring Membership Meeting*
Ice Out
- May-June** *Spend time with fellow curlers !*

**Board Meetings monthly*

***Additional State & National Events often added!*

Welcome & Thank You for Joining us at the Rice Lake Curling Club!

Curling is a game of Skill, Tradition & Excitement. Curlers of the Club play to win & have fun, but never to humble their opponents. The true spirit of curling is getting together with friends & family to enjoy one another's company. Here at the club we practice Excellent Sportsmanship & Courtesy on & off of the ice!!

Thank you in advance for reading this book, it was created for you! Enjoy the information as it will only enhance your knowledge & confidence as members. With that said, Good Luck to another wonderful year as a proud member of the Rice Lake Curling Club.

*As always,
~Good Curling!!*

GENERAL INFORMATION & POLICIES

1. ORGANIZATION

The Rice Lake Curling Club (RLCC) has a Board of Directors that consists of ten members elected by the overall membership. The Board of Directors appoints an Ice keeper and Club Manager at its discretion. See the bulletin board for a list of current members.

Officers: President, 2 years
Past President/President Elect, 2 years
Treasurer, appointed
Secretary, 2 years

Directors: Six Directors are elected for 3 year terms.

2. FUNDRAISING

The RLCC is known for its hospitality and excellent facility. The RLCC relies heavily on several bonspiels to raise funds for the club and control annual dues. **All members are expected to take responsibility for helping during each bonspiel.** Participation in the bonspiels helps control the dues and fosters fellowship with other curlers.

3. DUES

Your dues must be paid in full the first night your league is scheduled to curl. If you are involved in more than one league, your payment is expected on or before the date of the earliest scheduled league play. Your team will forfeit games until all four members are paid in full. The skips are responsible for the enforcement of this rule. Refunds are available up to 3 league games into the season for reasons deemed appropriate by the

board. After 3 games no refunds will be given. Foreign Exchange Students will not be charged a fee for curling.

4. HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES .

During the season of league play each team will be scheduled to “**host**” in the club house. **Hosting is an integral part of our club and is a responsibility that needs to be taken seriously.**

At the beginning of the season when schedules are distributed take the time and note when you are scheduled to host. Depending on the league and/or the number of teams the responsibility of hosting may be for the entire evening of curling or just one shift. ***The Early Host(s) are asked to arrive 15 minutes before curling begins. The Late Host(s) are asked to remain 1 Hr after the scheduled time of completion of the last game.

Members are welcome to stay beyond 1 HR..

however, by doing so they assume the responsibility of “securing” the facility. The actual hosting responsibilities are outlined in a booklet in the “bar” area of the club. Please read and complete the hosting tasks that are assigned for the particular night. We are all members of one of the greatest curling clubs in the nation... whether you are the assigned host or not....at all times care for it as though it is your own home. Be sure to ask your league chairperson or an experienced curler if you are unsure of your responsibilities.

5. LOCKERS

Lockers are available to members. If interested, please advise the treasurer before paying your dues on the 1st night of curling.

6. EQUIPMENT

- A. Brooms are available for first year club members. All second year curlers and older must provide their own brooms.
- B. Shoes: No curler should use footwear that may damage the surface of the ice. Therefore, **do not** curl in the same shoes that are worn to the club.
- C. Early in the season each curler should purchase his/her own slider. Feel free to use a club slider for your first couple of games. Sliders...and all equipment can be purchased from several different vendors. See the bulletin boards.

7. POLICIES

- A. Every team must have at least 4 full members to participate in league play. However, exceptions can be made on a case by case basis by the board, with input from league chairs.
- B. The Club facility is available for members hosting private and/or public events. See the Club Manager for costs/details.



"GOOD CURLING"



CURLING COURTESY

1. Before the start of a game, each member of your rink shakes hands with each member of the opposing rink and wishes him/her "Good Curling!"
2. The thirds of each rink shall settle by flip of a coin, the rink that gets the hammer the first end, or choice of rocks.
3. For ease and for safety's sake, a stone should never be lifted off the ice during the game except during the back swing of delivery.
4. Before each delivery the stone should be turned over and the running surface properly cleaned.
5. No players, other than the skip or acting skip (third), shall stand in or behind the house during play. When someone on the opposing team is throwing a stone, stand off to the side, outside of the house, preferably stand between the Hog Lines.
6. Never distract a player about to deliver his/her stone by talking or moving about. Please hold brooms off of the ice in an angled position when behind the house.
7. Compliment the player on either team on a good shot, but refrain from cheering when the opponent makes an unsuccessful shot.
8. At the end of the game, each member again shakes hands with each opposing member and congratulates him/her on a "Good Game!"
9. It is customary at our club for both teams to sit together afterwards at a reserved table. The winning team buys the losing team the first drink; the losing team prepares the ice for the next shift (See Ice maintenance).
10. Practice good sportsmanship and courtesy in the viewing room and on the ice, ALWAYS!

"GOOD GAME"



RICE LAKE CURLING CLUB LEAGUE RULES

“The following rules apply to ALL leagues & ALL shifts”

1. **TIME COMPLETION....2 Hours!** A typical 8 end curling game should be played in 2 hrs or less! The 20 minute rule...while somewhat controversial is in effect to insure that schedules can be maintained and time consuming “habits” can be broken. Simply stated the rule is.... 1 hour and 40 minutes after the start of the game the team(s) will complete the end that they are presently curling and ONE more . It is the duty of everyone on both teams to curl in an efficient manner while constantly monitoring the time. See....SPEED UP THE GAME/TIME SAVER TIPS SECTION.
2. **OFFICIAL CLOCK...** The clock located in the arena nearest the scoreboards shall be the official clock. In the event that it is not working the clock near the ice keeper room will be the official clock.
3. **START THE GAME ON TIME!!!** For every 10 minutes late, the offending team will be penalized one point, one end, and the hammer. This rule will be waived until such time that the ice preparation from the previous game has been completed.
4. **CURLING WITH 3 PEOPLE...** Every effort shall be given to start with a 4 person rotation. In the event that a team finds it necessary to begin with only 3 members the following penalties will occur: The offending team shall (1) give up the hammer in the 1st end and (2) forfeit one point. The rotation shall then be....first team member will throw 3 rocks, second member will throw 3 rocks, and the skip will throw 2.
5. **SCORE POSTING...** The winning third shall do the scoring after each end . The winning third is also responsible for marking the game result on the bulletin board in the club house. Also...the 3rd

on the winning team by a forfeit is responsible for marking the score.

6. **MAKE - UP GAMES...** Games that are not played when scheduled must be made up within two weeks. After that date the team that originally postponed the game will lose by forfeit . If the matter can not be resolved the League Chair will determine the outcome. It is recommended that if curlers cannot play on a scheduled date, they get someone to substitute for them, as this would be the courteous thing to do.
7. **EXTRA ENDS...** Each team member will throw one rock from the hack furthest away from the club house towards the viewing room. In the event of a three person team the lead will throw 2 rocks.
8. **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...** League champions will be determined by a percentage of the win/loss record. In case of a tie at the end of league play the following applies: (a) if the two teams have met head-to-head during the regular season, the winner of that game will be declared the winner of the season, (b) if the two teams have NOT met head-to-head during the regular season or have split games they shall play an additional game to determine the winner of the season.
9. **Substitutions...(League Play)...**The substitute(s) shall throw the "early" stones. Clarification: if the regular team member(s) present are **new curlers....**IE...1st or 2nd year curlers the substitute(s) shall curl in the position immediately following the new/regular members position. Every effort should be made to play the game!! Even if that means playing the game with only one original team member. **(CLUB SPIELS)** One team member cannot substitute on another team during a club spiel unless the substitute's original team has already been eliminated from competition.
Refer to League Play substitution rules for throwing order.



USCA RULES

1. **FREE GUARD ZONE...** The only rocks affected by this rule are the lead stones. Any lead rocks that are between the far Hog Line and "T" Line but not in the "house" cannot be removed from play by the opposing lead. However, after the lead rocks are thrown, normal play resumes. If this rule is violated, the "offending" rock will be removed from play and the "violated" rock will be replaced in its original spot.
2. **SLIDING...** When sliding out of the hack, the stone **must** be released before crossing the closest hog line . A warning will be given for the first offense. Further violations will result in the stone being "pulled" from play.
3. **DELIVERING WITH THE "STICK"...** Right-handed players shall play from the hack on the left of the center line, and left-handed players from the hack on the right of the center line. Go to: **Curling, the "stick" "another way to deliver the rock"**, booklet for more details.
4. **FALLING DURING DELIVERY.** If while attempting to deliver the rock the thrower falls the stone can be re-thrown as long as it did not cross the nearest T line during the attempted delivery.
5. **"BURNED" ROCK RULE...** If a running stone is touched by any of the playing team or by his/her equipment, the touched stone shall be removed from play immediately by that team. However, if in the opinion of the opposing skip, removal of the stone would be beneficial to the offending team, then he/she may place the stone as nearly as possible to the position

where he/she considers it would have come to rest had it not been touched. He/she may also reposition any stone or stones that would have been displaced had the running stone not been touched and been allowed to continue.

Interpretation: For an opposing skip to reposition any potential displaced stones, the infraction must have occurred inside the hog line at the playing end.

6. **SWEEPING...** When sweeping in front of the stone, the broom cannot be raised from the ice while it is directly in front of the stone's path. Always raise your broom while it is located to the side of the running stone. Once the stone has crossed the "T" line only **ONE** team member can continue sweeping the stone. The sweeper can be any team member as instructed by the skip. In addition the opposing skip/or vice skip is allowed to sweep the opposing stone once it crosses the T Line.
7. **MEASURING...** If the winner between two (or more) stones cannot be determined by sight, the two thirds will measure the rocks. If the two stones cannot be measured for first rock, it shall be a dead end.
8. **Coaching...** No Coaching is permitted from people other than your teammates during a game. This includes those behind the glass and those on adjacent sheets.

**ANY ADDITIONAL RULES IN THE USCA
HANDBOOK WILL
AT ALL TIMES.
ALL RULES ARE
THE WALL IN THE
AREA.**



**POSTED ON
ICE ARENA**

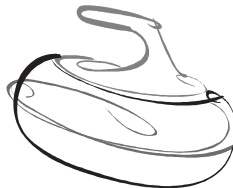
ICE CARE / MAINTENANCE

1. Always wipe your feet before going onto the ice. DO NOT wear the shoes you wore into the club while on the ice.
2. All curlers should use well-cleaned brooms to keep foreign matter off the ice.
3. Try to use the correct delivery when throwing your rock so as not to damage the ice around the hack area.
4. It is tradition at the Rice Lake Curling Club that during league play the losing team cleans the ice at the end of the game. During bonspiels it is tradition that the winning team cleans the ice. This is an entire team effort and includes the following duties:
 - Sweep out the hack and stone areas.
 - Sweep along both sides of the sheet.
 - Mop the sheet, clean the mop, and discard all foreign matter.

If there is another game scheduled perform these additional duties:

- Pebble **and** Nip the ice.

Ask for you are not pebbling/ice



assistance if "comfortable" nipping the

SPEED UP THE GAME/TIME SAVER TIPS

Whether you happen to be a member of a highly competitive team or strictly a “social” team the game can and should be completed within 2 hours. What follows is only a short list of useful “tips” that can help speed up the game.

Tip#1. To the leads...*If you are the lead throwing the first rock of the next end...**get yourself in the hack and be ready to throw...** the other members from both teams can clear the house and set the stones in place.*

Tip#2. To those clearing the house....*There is no need to take extra time to place the eight rocks in an exact order! A quick solution is to place rocks 5 thru 8 (in any order) in the row farthest from the hack. Place rocks 1 thru 4(in any order) in the row closest to the hack. After the Lead and Second have selected and thrown their rocks....the back row will be “open” for the Third and Skip to easily retrieve their stones.*

Tip#3. Retrieve your own rock...and get prepared to throw it **immediately after your opponent has delivered theirs. **Do not retrieve** your opponents rocks as occasionally they are not thrown in the order as they are numbered.**

Tip#4. Get Ready!!...*to throw your rock immediately after your opponent has delivered their Stone. The easiest way to speed up the game*

*is to stop admiring the opponents shot! Watching it travel down the entire sheet will in no way affect the outcome of the shot...it will only slow down the game. Don't waste time....**get in the hack and be ready for your skips call!!***

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

In addition to regular league play RLCC events could be categorized into four(4) separate areas. The hope is that each member of the club will participate in all of the categories thereby taking full advantage of all that the RLCC has to offer! Throughout the year be watching the bulletin boards for more details ! And.. by all means...ask a fellow curler!.

1. MEETINGS

Board meetings are held monthly and are open to all members.

*Membership meetings are held in the Spring and Fall. Officers are elected, budgets reviewed and approved, new and old business discussed and voted upon. **ALL** members are encouraged to attend!*

2. INVITATIONAL BONSPIELS

*On a yearly basis you will find the RLCC hosting a Summer, Mixed, Women's, and Men's Invitational Bonspiel. These four (4) Bonspiels serve as **Major** fundraisers for the club as well as an opportunity to meet other curlers from many clubs in the region. **As a member of the RLCC you are expected to donate your time for hosting and your talent in the preparation of a food donation.** By doing so you will help to continue our long standing positive reputation and at the same time enhance the clubs opportunity for a successful fundraiser. The RLCC is known throughout the Region and Nation for hosting some of the best bonspiels on record. At various times in past years we have hosted events*

ranging from National Mixed, State Jr., Men's State Seniors, and State Elks Bonspiels.

Chair people are always in demand !! You are encouraged to step forward and give of your time and talent.

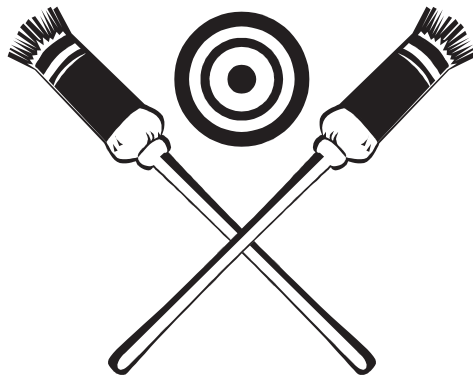
3. INTER-CLUB SPIELS

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year is the three (3) inter-club bonspiels held at the end of the curling year. March normally begins with the women's spiel, followed by the men's, with the seasons final event being the club (mixed) spiel. All members of the club are encouraged to participate in these events.

Members that are curling in these events are expected to donate time for hosting and food to help hold down costs. Chair people for the inter-club spiels are determined by the order of "finish" in the previous years event!

4. OTHER EVENTS

As a member of the RLCC you are welcome and encouraged to participate in events that are far beyond the friendships acquired within the confines of the club. Once you participate in any activity associated with the RLCC you will find that you have friends for life. Check the calendar for a list of club



HISTORY

During the winter of 1967-68, approximately 20 couples, including 4-6 individuals who had curled previously, joined together in the cattle barn of the Barron County Fairgrounds, and began what is now known as the Rice Lake Curling Club. Two Sheets of ice between the rows of stanchions were flooded with a truck. All scraping was done by hand. The “warming house” was a modified school bus that Vonosek & Schieffer construction workers used for a lunch area. The State Curling Association loaned the club some second-hand rocks, and 16 brooms were made out of broom handles and carpet.

In 1975 the club approved a set of by laws, incorporated, elected a complete set of officers and a board of directors. In 1976, the club moved to the 4H building on the fairgrounds after completing an addition to the building, which included 3 sheets of ice and a viewing room.

That same year the RLCC also saw the acquisition of a double-wide trailer for a club house complete with indoor bathrooms. That same season the first invitational mixed bonspiel was held.

In 1980 Rice Lake graduated to Artificial Ice.

On August 1, 1988, the 4-H building burned down. With the hard work and dedication of the membership, the impossible was accomplished; the building that now houses one of Wisconsin's largest, most modern curling clubs was financed, constructed and ready for curling for that 1988-1989 season!

Since occupying the present location many improvements on the ice as well as the club house have been made. The club has hosted many events at Local, State & National Levels.

