

Hello curlers,

On behalf of the members of the CHCC Executive, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the 2017-18 curling season.

This has been a summer of change and progress for the curling club.

- New Ice-Maker
 - We are pleased to have Dennis Elgie as our Head Ice Technician for the 2017-18 season. Dennis is well-known for making good quality, fast ice with lots of curl. Dennis and his assistants (Matt Shillington and Steve Vokey) also bring a professional attitude to client service. Please give Dennis, Matt and Steve a warm CHCC welcome when you meet them.
- Investments in our Ice
 - We now own our ice-making equipment. We have a new Boss scraper, as well as a new 7' nipper, which should reduce ice preparation time between draws. Along with a new water purification set-up, we will have cleaner, more consistent ice. Particular thanks go to Mike Carroll, for his work as the Club's new Ice Chair in a year when transition and change were so prominent.
- Investments in our Building
 - Over the course of the summer, numerous repair and maintenance projects were completed. What you may notice is the re-painting of the entire main floor and stairways, and the re-parging of the concrete block wall on the parking lot side of the ice shed, but many other less visible problems were also addressed. A big thank you to Dale Campbell, the Club's Property Chair, for driving such an ambitious program, along with the many volunteers who lent their time and effort.
 - On September 11-13, we're also scheduled to begin the replacement of our lighting with the installation of LEDs, a move which will not only brighten up the club interior, exterior, and ice shed, but will reduce electricity consumption by an estimated \$5,300 per year, with a 1-year pay-back period after rebates and grants.
- In total, we undertook capital spending of \$20,900 - with more to follow for the LED project.
 - At the same time, we're also in the process of applying to allow members to make tax-creditable charitable donations that will benefit the Club's future capital spending plans and priorities: more details to come in the Fall.

All of these initiatives by the Board have the same goal in mind: to have the best possible curling program for members and rental clients by providing superior playing conditions and well-maintained facilities.

Our open house will be held on Thursday September 14, 2017, starting at 7 PM. I hope to see you all there. Good curling this year!

Rob Kanasy

President, CHCC