

<b>2020/21 START DATES</b>		<b>STICK CURLING CLINICS</b>	
<b>REGULAR CURLING</b> <b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 5</b> <b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7</b>  <b>STICK CURLING</b> <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9</b> <b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13</b>	<b>SOMEONE NEED CHEERING?</b> PLEASE TELL BRENDA EGER	<b>NEW STICK CURLERS</b> <b>FRIDAY OCT 2, 9:00AM</b> <b>TUESDAY OCT 6, 9:00 AM</b>  <b>Register on-line!</b> <b>STRATEGY CLINICS</b> <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16</b> <b>10:00AM &amp; 12:30PM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> <b>September 2nd</b>

## 50+ MIXED CURLING LEAGUE

### President's message

I hope everyone is healthy and safe and enjoying the summer weather. The pandemic has certainly impacted our lives and changed how we conduct ourselves. Who would have thought just a few short months ago that we'd all be wearing masks, buying truckloads of hand sanitizer, and be watching hockey in August? Times have certainly changed!

Your 50+ executive has been busy preparing for the upcoming curling season. We've adopted a new registration system and been working closely with the St. Albert Curling Club (SACC) to ensure a safe, successful start to the 2020/21 season. We've also expanded our Stick Curling leagues to 10-games in each half to align with our regular leagues!

**Your safety is our top priority** and we are confident that the measures that are being taken by the SACC and your 50+ leagues will give you assurance that curling will be a safe activity to participate in. Please see the section below on some of the specific precautions that are being taken to protect your safety. We also understand that everyone's situation is different and we respect anyone's decision to sit out or to delay their return to the ice until an effective vaccine is available.

We've recently opened on-line registrations and our 50+ curlers are now taking advantage of the convenience of registering and paying on-line. Please note that **all curlers will need to complete the on-line registration and pay their dues by credit card on-line prior to the September 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline**. In the interest of safety, we are canceling our registration night on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and are asking all curlers to register on-line. We will be contacting those that do not have access to a computer to explain how they can register. For more information, please see the registration section below.

If you are not planning to return to curl this season, please let us know so we can invite curlers on our waitlist to take your place. If you know anyone who would like to curl this year, please encourage them to join one of our 50+ leagues!!

Those wishing to spare, sign-up for additional leagues, and/or change their time-slot can also do this on-line. For more details, please see the sections below.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we hope to see you back curling in October. Stay safe!  
 Rod Chmiliar, President

### Ensuring your safety

The SACC has been working with Curling Alberta and Alberta Health to establish cleaning & sanitizing protocols and changes to off-ice and on-ice procedures to keep our members safe. To date, SACC has identified over 400 touch points that will be sanitized regularly, most of these between every draw. Sanitizer will be available in multiple locations in the lobby, lounge and on the ice. Safety shields and other barriers are being installed where two metres of social distancing cannot be achieved. As per City of St. Albert requirements, curlers will be asked to wear a mask indoors, but not when curling.



Locker rooms and lockers will be closed and curlers are asked to come dressed in their curling attire. Chairs will be designated for each team and will be sanitized for every draw. Both the lobby and lounge will be used for alternate draws so arriving and departing curlers will not interact. Teams will be marshalled onto the ice separately (2 metres between curlers). Sheets 2 and 4 will begin curling at the far end. All rocks and scoreboard numbers will be sanitized before each draw and only one curler will mark the score for both teams. For regular curling, only one sweeper will be allowed per rock. There will be designated (socially distanced) areas marked on the ice for curlers to stand when not sweeping or delivering their rock.

These are only some of the additional measures being taken. We continue to review guidance and refine the procedures to ensure your safety!

## Registering for the 2020/2021 season

You should have already been sent your SACC Login information. After logging in, select "Members Home" at the top of the screen, and then click on "Membership & League Information" under the League Information column. Click on "Proceed to Registration" button, and follow the instructions. If you have any problem registering, please contact Randy Olson at 587-290-4266 or [randyolson@shaw.ca](mailto:randyolson@shaw.ca).



## Full leagues, waitlists, and how to request a change to your time slot

Some of our leagues are marked "full" to protect the spots for returning curlers. However, as in past years, we do expect that some curlers will not return. If you want to register for a league that is currently marked as "full", please put your name on the waitlist for that league. After the September 2<sup>nd</sup>, registration deadline, we will fill any open spots from those on the waitlist.

If you have registered for a different time slot and intend to give up the spot that you occupied last season (or if you put your name on one or more waitlists), please contact Dennis Manning (stick leagues) or Al Schultz (regular leagues) to let them know your intentions so they can best accommodate your request.

Dennis Manning 780-993-6271 [dennmarg03@gmail.com](mailto:dennmarg03@gmail.com)

Al Schultz 780-460-7793 [schultzal@shaw.ca](mailto:schultzal@shaw.ca)

Note: Al will be away for a short time in August, but will get back to you ASAP when he is back online!

## How to put your name on the Spare List

If you wish to spare in any 50+ league this season, you will need to be a full or associate member of the SACC. If you are NOT curling in a regular league, but do wish to spare, you will have to log in (with the credentials you received by previous email) to the Member's Area at [stalbertcurling.com](http://stalbertcurling.com) and complete the [Signup \(Registration\)](#) to become an Associate Member. An associate membership is \$9, which includes the Curing Alberta and Curling Canada association fees.

Members can indicate their sparing availability online on the SACC website by logging in and clicking on "Members Home" at the top of the screen and selecting "My Sparing Availability" to select the leagues you wish to spare in. Anytime your availability changes, just go back and de-select the league. Don't forget to click the SAVE button at the bottom!

## Registering for the Stick Clinics

Two stick curling clinics will be held for **new stick curlers** on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am and Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All clinics will be limited to 16 curlers, so please register early! To register online, login to the SACC website and click on "Members Home" at the top of the screen and select "Bonspiels and Events". There will also be two Strategy clinics on October 16 at 10:00 am and 12:30pm. Registration for the Strategy Clinics will be done once curling begins.

## Health and Wellness

We extend our well-wishes to any members who may be feeling under the weather or caring for loved ones. In particular, Edith Lander has broken her ankle, and Ken Winslow underwent heart surgery and is now recovering at home. If you know of someone who could use some cheering up, or might need some assistance in these days of 'physical distancing' and 'self-isolation', please tell Brenda Eger (780-460-6682; [esbb@telus.net](mailto:esbb@telus.net)). In the wise words of Bonnie Henry: Be Kind, be calm and be safe.



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