

<p><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 14, 2021*</b></p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>ONLINE ZOOM MEETING</b></p> <p><i>*TO BE CONFIRMED</i></p>	 <p><b>SOMEONE NEED CHEERING?</b> Let us know at: <a href="mailto:sa50pluscurling@gmail.com">sa50pluscurling@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Volunteers</b></p>  <p><b>Needed</b></p> <p>See below for more information</p>	<p><b>PLEASE SUPPORT MAMA M'S</b></p>  <p><b>TEXT YOUR ORDER TO 587-794-2008</b></p>
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# 50+ MIXED CURLING LEAGUE

## President's message

We are all disappointed with the cancellation of the curling season along with our bonspiels, Christmas party, turkey shoots and other activities. I especially miss the connections with the people and the opportunity to grab a coffee and a cookie and shoot the breeze with our friends and teammates. However everyone's safety is our priority and with the vaccines coming, I'm hopeful that things will be back to normal in the fall. Until then, keep yourself and your families safe and enjoy the off-season!

*Rod Chmiliar, President*

## Refunds and SACC donations

The St. Albert Curling Club (SACC) has announced that any un-played games in both the first-half and the second-half are eligible for reimbursement. Each curler will be provided a refund for un-played games. You can choose to have all (or a portion) of your fee refund donated to the SACC to help offset the losses that the club has incurred because of the abbreviated season. Refunds will be processed by the end of February. Don't forget to complete the on-line refund form sent to you by the SACC!



## Waiving the 50+ fee for next season

Every year our 50+ Mixed Curling League Executive collects a \$10 fee from each curler to offset the costs of prizes, trophy engraving, etc. With the cancelled 2020/21 season, the money raised from this fee will be carried forward to next season and the \$10 fee will be waived for the 2021/22 season.

## Mama M's \$5 vouchers extended

First-half curlers were given a \$5 voucher to be used at Mama M's concession. With the sudden closure of the SACC, many curlers were unable to redeem these vouchers. Therefore, your 50+ Executive has decided to extend the expiry date of these vouchers to December 31, 2021 to give you ample opportunity to use these. We would like to remind you that Mama M's is still open on Friday and Saturday evenings for takeout, so you can still get a delicious pizza or other meal (and use your \$5 voucher). See their online menu and text your order to 587-794-2008.

## Safety initiative results

Safety continues to be a top priority for your 50+ executive. We are pleased to report that we did not have any injuries from curlers falling on the ice during this shortened season! In addition, we had 23 people take advantage of our safety initiative which provided discounts to curlers purchasing helmets or grippers at the pro-shop.

## Volunteers needed!

Over the past couple of years, we have had some long-time members of our 50+ executive step down after MANY years of dedicated service. We were unable to fill the Treasurer position last year after Greg Donnelley's departure. As a result, Rod Chmiliar took on the role of **Treasurer** in addition to being President. This year Al Schultz is resigning his position as **Director of Regular Curling** after many years of service. Ed Beeching has also stepped down as our **Director at Large for Special Events** (Flu Clinic, Turkey Shoots, etc.). We have over 200 curlers in our 50+ leagues. We'd like a few of you to join our great team of volunteers with these open positions.

With the use of the SACC's registration and payment system, both the **Treasurer** and **Director of Regular Curling** positions have become much less onerous. However, if we are unable to fill these positions, we may be forced to turn some of these responsibilities back to the SACC, resulting in higher costs and less control for our membership.

If you would like more information on the open positions, would like to volunteer, or know someone who would be suited to a position but may be too shy to come forward, please contact Rod Chmiliar at [SA50PlusCurling@gmail.com](mailto:SA50PlusCurling@gmail.com) or 780-951-4473. We will contact any potential nominees to discuss the position and willingness to take this on.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

With the current COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold our AGM (and pizza lunch) at the club this year. We are looking at holding this meeting electronically via ZOOM. If you have a computer, tablet, or smart phone, you'll be able to join the meeting by simply clicking on a link that we would send to you. Unfortunately, this means you need cook your own pizza! We have tentatively set the meeting for **April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**. We'll send out more information prior to the meeting.

## Health and Wellness



It has been difficult for me to stay in touch without the in-person contact at the club since COVID shut us down. I would like each of our members to know that we think of you often, wondering how you are weathering these strange times. Please do not hesitate to reach out, even if you are simply in need of conversation! Many of our members are trying to cope on their own - if you do know of someone who is having a particularly difficult time, due to illness, loss or loneliness, drop me a quick email so I may pass along well wishes on behalf of our membership. If you have a few spare moments in your day, sit down

and call a curling friend just to say Hi! It is sometimes these small things that will make the difference between a bad day and a good one. I can be reached through [sa50pluscurling@gmail.com](mailto:sa50pluscurling@gmail.com) or by phone 780-460-6682. Above all, Be Safe, Be Well & Be Kind. Cheers! Brenda E.

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