

# Brighton & District Curling Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

Thank you all for doing your part to make sure we can enjoy our favourite winter sport – safely. Our Board of Directors is committed to working hard to keep you having fun and staying safe into the New Year. We monitor government and public health announcements and backgrounders on COVID each day. As well, Curl Ontario has direct connections with the provincial public health authority and are able to provide clarity with the direct impact on curling facilities.

As you may have heard, we had some changes on the Board of Directors in November. Craig Kerr resigned as President. We are very glad that he agreed to accept the nomination to stay on the Board as Past President. This means that we'll be able to easily tap into his experience and advice as we move forward.

Craig was the key to our Club being able to open this fall. He pushed all of us on the Board to get our "ducks in order" and come up with a strong protocol that passed all the regulatory bodies. Craig, from all of us, thanks for your leadership.

This change meant that Brian Brose, our previous Past President, is no longer on the Board. Thankfully, he remains an active member and has taken on a number of tasks, including league convenor and 50-50 draw manager. Brian, we appreciate your ongoing commitment to the Club and I am glad we will be able to count on your advice.

I'm looking forward to continuing my volunteer work at the Curling Club in my new role. We have a wonderful membership who are always willing to pitch in. Thanks for your support. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns or would like to offer help on any aspect of the Club's operations.

Best wishes from all of us on the Board to you and your loved ones for a safe and peaceful holiday season.

*Susan Ruffo*



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## Welcome New Bar Coordinator!

The Club saw another big change this fall when June Miller decided not to continue as our Bar Coordinator. June and her husband Dave have been fixtures around the curling club for many, many years. They kept our thirst quenched and our commitments to the bar service at the Community Centre always fulfilled. On behalf of all the past and current members, thank you June for your commitment and hard work!

We welcome Caroline Watt into the role! Caroline comes to us with extensive experience managing bar and food service at golf courses. She spent 12 years in the golf industry. One of the golf courses also had an authentic Mexican Restaurant - she and her friend managed both the courses and the restaurant... *cerveza por favor*. And they could make a mean margarita!

Caroline and her family are active curlers at our Club, so she has a first-hand knowledge of what we need. Anyone involved in the Steerspiel last season will remember the superb job she did with the meals throughout the weekend. If you have any questions or concerns about the bar, please contact Steve Miller who is her Board Liaison.

Sign up for the second season begins on December 8th and continues through to the 18th. You will receive e-mail prior to this date. Nancy Saunders is the person to call for assistance and enquiries (Grace is moving to a support role as she and Nancy transition this important piece of Club work).

Nancy's phone number is 613-922-1552.

On behalf of the Curling Club the Board voted to donate \$50 to Stockings for Seniors.

A box will be set up at the Club for one week beginning December 7 for donations to the Food Bank. All contributions of food items and cash gratefully received. Thank you.



T'was a month before Christmas,  
And all through the town,  
People wore masks,  
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun  
Way back in the Spring,  
When a global pandemic  
Changed everything.

They called it corona,  
But unlike the beer,  
It didn't bring good times,  
It didn't bring cheer.

Contagious and deadly,  
This virus spread fast,  
Like a wildfire that starts  
When fuelled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded,  
Travel was banned.  
Borders were closed  
Across air, sea and land.

As the world entered lockdown  
To flatten the curve,  
The economy halted,  
And folks lost their nerve.

From March to July  
We rode the first wave,  
People stayed home,  
They tried to behave.

When summer emerged  
The lockdown was lifted.  
But away from caution,  
Many folks drifted.

Now it's November  
And cases are spiking,  
Wave two has arrived,  
Much to our disliking.

Frontline workers,  
Doctors and nurses,  
Try to save people,  
From riding in hearses.

This virus is awful,  
This COVID-19.  
There isn't a cure.  
There is no vaccine.

It's true that this year  
Has had sadness a plenty,  
We'll never forget  
The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -  
The holiday season,  
But why be merry?  
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house  
And put up the tree,  
When no one will see it,  
No-one but me.

But outside my window  
The snow gently falls,  
And I think to myself,  
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,  
The garland and bows,  
As I play those old carols,  
My happiness grows.

Christmas ain't cancelled  
And neither is hope.  
If we lean on each other,  
I know we can cope.

