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EXPERIENCE. THE TRADITION.

The Board, members and staff welcome you to the 'tradition'!
Here is some information that will make your Ottawa Curling Club (OCC) experience more enjoyable.

TRADITION:

Beginning in 1851 on the Rideau Canal, the Bytown Curling Club became The "Ottawa" on December 23, 1867. Our founder, **Allan Gilmour**, a lumber baron, was a unique individual important to the economic growth of the city and was president of the Ottawa Club from 185 until his death in 1895.

One of his successors (notably **James Manual**) built the present club with their own funds in 1916. Now you can be part of the OCC's lengthy and storied history.

YOU'RE MEMBERSHIP:

As a playing member, your membership includes:

PLAYING PRIVILEGES

- League Play: You can curl in the league(s) for which you paid your membership.
- Sparing: ability to spare in any league (for which you are eligible) three times in a season. Holders of a spare membership can play as many times as they want in any league for which they are eligible.
- Practice Ice: Practice Ice sheets are usually available on weekdays between noon and 2 p.m. Weekend practice ice is available subject to availability. It is always good to check with the Manager to confirm practice ice availability. Members can book ice on-line at www.ottawacurlingclub.com
- Rules of Play: We subscribe to the rules of the Canadian Curling Association and the Ontario Curling Association. Please be ready to start your game on time.
- Cancelling your game: If you have to cancel your game, **you** must inform your opposition as early as possible. You should also inform the Manager. Games can be re-scheduled as ice time allows.

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES & AMENITIES

Accessibility:

- Accessibility: There is a ramp located at the rear door just to the north of the building. There is also an accessible washroom on the ground floor.

Club Governance:

- Decision-making: The OCC is a member driven organization with an elected, volunteer Board of Directors answerable to the membership.
- Member Input: All curling members are Class B shareholders. These shareholders decide on the direction and policies of the OCC. Social members and Class A shareholders do not vote on policy or operations.

Curling Rink:

- Access to the ice arena: Access is limited to the door by sheet 1. The doors beside sheets 5 and 1 are used to exit the ice. There are fire exits at the end of the arena.
- Bonspiel Information: Information on out-of-club tournaments and bonspiels is available in the BIG BLUE BOOK OF BONSPIELS located in the main floor viewing area.
- Clean footwear: Clean footwear must be worn at all times on the ice area, and as much as possible, on areas leading to the ice area. Sticky mats are located at the entrance to the ice so please step through them on the way to the ice.
- Instruction: There is a Getting Started League for beginner curlers. We also have a Club Pro with whom you can book instruction time.
- On-ice water: Potable water is available in two water machines located on the near end boards behind sheets 2 and 4.
- Viewing Curling: There are two viewing areas, one on the main floor and one on the second floor. Television monitors on the main floor-viewing lounge show the far end of each of the five sheets.
- What sheet do I curl on? The allocation of league ice is indicated on the “green” chalkboard located in the main viewing area by sheet 5. Individual league sheets located on the bulletin boards in the main viewing area also indicate ice allocation.

Food & Beverage:

- Food and beverage tab: Members may charge food and beverage to their credit card. Monthly, staff will tally up your tab (a 15% gratuity is added to all tabs) and have the amount debited to your credit card.
- Kitchen: A full service kitchen is available on most evenings. The club is available for business luncheons and casual dining, at noon and dinnertime. See the manager for hours of operation.
- Gratuities: The food and beverage staff appreciates consideration.
- Social Memberships: This membership category is available for those choosing to enjoy the social facilities only.

Locker Rooms & Washrooms:

- Complimentary lockers: Just choose a locker (while available). You provide your own locker. They are also sold at the on-site pro shop.

- Locker rooms: The female locker room is located on the second floor while the males' is down the stairway near Sheet 5. Both rooms have secure doors accessed by a numeric code. Inquire of the Manager or Bar Staff for access numbers.
- Washrooms: There are four. The women's washrooms are in their locker room and on the main floor next door to the Hog Line Pro Shop. The latter is also an accessible washroom for persons with disabilities (both genders). The men's washrooms are located in the locker room and on the main floor down a short hallway just to the right (west side) of the stairs to the second floor.

Member Communication:

- Member Contact: The OCC publishes an occasional electronic newsletter called "AT THE OTTAWA". Occasional mass emails are sent to members as circumstances warrant.
- Members' Directory: This is located by password protection on the club website. It contains contact information for all members. This is useful for obtaining spares. The OCC NEVER rents the membership to third parties.
- Website: The OCC website is maintained and updated often. It contains league schedules, OCC information, updates on how our teams are doing and useful information such as a complete calendar and an electronic member roster with telephone numbers and email addresses. Access to this directory is password protected. See the Manager for the access information.

Member Services:

- Broom and shoe rental: The OCC rents brooms and shoes PER GAME. However, members are asked to purchase their own equipment so the above- mentioned equipment can be used for occasional rentals.
- Curling Instruction: Our club professional, Earle Morris, is available to furnish instructions on a team, group and individual basis. See his brochure or the Manager for details.
- Hog Line Pro Shop: This full service curling equipment shop is located inside the OCC and open to members and the public. Items include shoes, brushes, brooms, equipment, shoe repair and clothing. Call (613) 233-9022 for information or visit www.hoglinecurling.com
- Nametags: These are available for a small fee early in the season. Inquire with the manager.

Parking & Transit:

- Parking Locations: On-site parking is limited; however, there are numerous options nearby. Paid on-street parking is available at certain times of the day. Meter parking stops in the evening. The lot just to the south of the building is a daytime and evening flat fee and NOT operated by the OCC. Many FREE lots are available in the vicinity after 5 p.m.
- Bus Service: Frequent service down Bank Street gets one to the corner of Argyle and Bank Streets north and south. Queensway bus service has stops at the corner of Catherine and O'Connor (west) and O'Connor and Chamberlain (east).

Rentals:

- Ice and lounge rentals: Members can rent the facilities for a reduced fee for business or social functions.
- Rental Leagues: The OCC hosts a number of long standing rental leagues. These include: Teachers League, Sunday Bar League, Customs and Excise League and the Rainbow League.

Social Events:

- Social OCC: The OCC hosts a number of social events throughout the season. These include:
 - ▶ a fun bonspiel called the *Roy Blair* featuring celebrity skips.
 - ▶ an interclub event between Christmas and New Year's against the Rideau Curling Club – the Ottawa Rideau Challenge.
 - ▶ an end of the year semi-competitive fun bonspiel – *The Gordie Perry*
 - ▶ an end of the season - ALL CURLERS welcome – *club-closing banquet*
 - ▶ individual end of the season and/or Christmas league banquets
 - ▶ the early summer *OCC Bonnie Matheson Memorial Golf Tournament*
 - ▶ plus other ad hoc social functions.

Staff & Member Partnership:

- Staff: The OCC employs a full-time club manager and seasonal staff. The Manager is available to help make your OCC experience better. Seasonal staff includes the ice technician, food and beverage staff and kitchen staff.
- Volunteering: The OCC has many activities plus standing and ad hoc committees for which we require help. Your commitment of time is greatly appreciated. Please check the Volunteer Board located behind sheet 2 for the latest opportunities available.

NAMES & NUMBERS YOU CAN USE:

Your Board of Directors			
Geoff Colley Jr.	President	613-692-4556	gcolley@tonygraham.com
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Name	Position	Phone Number	Email
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