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EXPERIENCE THE TRADITION

The Board, members and staff welcome you to the 'tradition'! We recommend that you browse the club's website to get the whole picture but the following information will introduce you and make your Ottawa Curling Club (OCC) experience more enjoyable.

THE 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 1851 until his death in 1895. In 1916, one of his successors, notably **James Manuel**, built the present club with his own funds.

You can read more Club History under the 'About the OCC' tab found on the club's Home Page. And now, you can be a part of the OCC's lengthy and storied history.

MEMBERSHIP PLAYING PRIVILEGES:

As a playing member, your membership includes:

- **League Play:** is allowed in any league(s) for which you have paid your membership.
- **Sparing:** is defined in two areas: members and non-members. Please refer to the OCC Sparing Rules on the Rules tab found under the Curling tab on the club's Home Page. In short, as a curling member you can spare in any league, for which you are eligible, as often as you like, as long as the teams you are sparing for are made up of four paid members. Feel free to add your name to the Spare List in any Leagues that interest you. The Spare Lists are located under each League's name on the Curling tab on the club's Home Page.
- **Practice Ice:** in daily ½ hour increments, are subject to availability; weekdays 12 to 2 p.m. and on some Saturday afternoons. Members must book ice on-line under the 'Curling' tab at www.ottawacurlingclub.com. The Club Manager has the final say on practice ice availability.
- **Rules of Play:** are those of the Canadian Curling Association and the Ontario Curling Association. Please be ready to start your game on time.
- **Cancelled games:** can happen, but you must inform your opposition as soon as possible as well as the Club Manager as games and ice can be re-scheduled as necessary.

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES & AMENITIES

Accessibility:

- **Accessibility:** is available at the OCC. There is a ramp located at the entrance on the north side of the building. An accessible washroom is located on the ground floor.

Club Governance:

- Decision making: at the OCC is a member driven organization with an elected, volunteer Board of Directors answerable to the membership.
- Member Input: is provided by all curling members as they 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: 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 scoreboard end of the arena.
- Bonspiel Information: can be found for out-of-club bonspiels in the flyers, in the BIG BLUE BOOK OF BONSPIELS, located under the chalkboard in the main floor viewing area.
- Clean footwear: must be worn at all times in the arena, and as much as possible, in all areas leading to the arena. Please step on the sticky mats located at the entrance on the way to the ice.
- Instruction: is available by joining the Getting Started League for beginners and/or by taking lessons with the Club Pro. The manager will help find the best method of instruction for you.
- On-ice drinking water: is available in two water machines located on the near end boards behind sheets 2 and 4.
- View Curling: in one of two viewing areas; one on the main floor and one on the second floor. The TV monitors in the main floor-viewing lounge show the far end of each of the five sheets.
- What sheet do I curl on? Allocation of league ice is indicated on the chalkboard located by sheet 5 in the main floor viewing area. League posters, located on the bulletin boards in the main viewing area, will indicate game schedules and ice allocation.

Food & Beverage:

- Food and beverage tabs: are available on a monthly basis for food and beverages by registering your credit card information with the Club Manager. At the end of each month, your tab will be tallied; a 15% gratuity will be added; and the total debited to your credit card. The Club Manager will happily provide a print-out but upon request only.
- A full service kitchen: is available most evenings. The club is available for business luncheons and casual dining, at noon and dinnertime. See the Club Manager for hours of operation.
- Gratuities: are appreciated by the service staff and thank-you for your consideration.
- Social Memberships: are available for those choosing to enjoy the social facilities only.

Locker Rooms & Washrooms:

- Locker rooms: The Women's locker room is located on the second floor while the Men's 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.
- Complimentary lockers: are available. Choose an un-named one and check with the Club Manager to confirm you are not in someone else's. You provide your own lock which can be purchased at the on-site pro shop.
- Washrooms: are available on all floors. The Women's washrooms are in their locker room and on the main floor next 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 their locker room and on the main floor down the hallway to the right of the stairs to the second floor.

Member Communication:

- Member Contact: will be by an occasional electronic newsletter called “AT THE OTTAWA” and by occasional mass emails as circumstances warrant. We want to keep you informed.
- Members’ Directory: is password protected as it contains the contact information for all members. It is very useful for obtaining spares and can be found under the Members Only tab on the Home Page. The OCC will NEVER rent this information to third parties. Please see the Club Manager for access information.
- The OCC website: is maintained and updated often. Please reference it often as it contains league schedules; information about the OCC; updates on OCC teams in competition; a complete season calendar; and the electronic member roster.

Member Services:

- Broom and shoe rental: is available on a PER GAME basis but is meant for occasional rentals. Members are expected to purchase their own equipment.
- Curling Instruction: is available with the club professional, Earle Morris for instruction on a team, group and individual basis. See his brochure or the Club Manager for details.
- Hog Line Pro Shop: is a full service curling equipment shop located inside the OCC but 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: are available for a fee early in the season. Please inquire with the Club Manager.

Parking & Transit:

- Parking: on-site 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 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: is frequent on Bank Street, which will take one north and south to the corner of Argyle and Bank Streets. The east and west 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: are available, for a reduced fee, to members for business or social functions.
- Rental Leagues: have a long and successful history with the OCC. The list of long standing rental leagues include: Teachers League (3 draws/week), Sunday Bar League (1 draw/week), Customs and Excise League (1 draw/week) and the Rainbow League (3 draws/week).

Social Events:

- Social OCC: hosts a number of events throughout the season. These include:
 - ▶ a fun bonspiel featuring celebrity skips – *The Roy Blair*.
 - ▶ an interclub event against the Rideau Curling Club – *The Ottawa Rideau Challenge* which is held between Christmas and New Year’s.
 - ▶ an end of the year, semi-competitive, fun bonspiel – *The Gordie Perry*
 - ▶ an end of the season – ALL CURLERS welcome – *club-closing banquet*
 - ▶ individual league *end of the season* and/or Christmas banquets

- ▶ in early summer – *OCC Bonnie Matheson Memorial Golf Tournament*
- ▶ plus other ad hoc social functions

Staff & Member Partnership:

- *The Staff:* at the OCC is all seasonal except for a full- time Club Manager. The Club Manager is available to help make your OCC experience better. The seasonal staff includes; the ice technician; food and beverage servers; and kitchen chefs.
- *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 and talk to the Club Manager.

CONTACT INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

Directors	Board Make-up	Phone	Email
Michael Loewen	President	613-736-6760	murrayloewen@rogers.com
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Convenors	Leagues	Phone	Email
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Jean-Paul Nadeau	Sunday University	613 304-7650	jnade057@gmail.com

Club Manager	Location	Phone	Email
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