

Dear fellow CHCC curlers,

I hope everyone is enjoying the arrival of spring, and that you and your loved ones remain healthy and well. The purpose of this letter is to update you with information about CHCC.

The Club's Annual General Meeting **has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, June 22 at 7 pm**. The meeting will once again be held virtually this year – details about how to register for the meeting will be forthcoming soon. We will be distributing an information package to all members a few weeks in advance of the meeting.

At the AGM the club will hold elections for next year's Executive Committee. Although many Committee members remain in the same position from one year to the next, all positions are elected each year. Also, though a slate of candidates is typically nominated beforehand as a group, nominations can be received from the floor during the AGM. If you are interested in participating as part of the Committee in any position, or if you simply want more information about the Committee, please let us know and we can help get you started.

I know a lot of people are wondering about the club's plans for the upcoming season. As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic situation remains fluid; things change daily. As such it is impossible to say right now with any certainty whether the club will open in the fall until we know more about the conditions that we will be facing. Ultimately the decision to open will depend on your willingness to curl given the circumstances and restrictions, if any, that exist.

To this end, we will soon be conducting a short survey to determine your current sentiments and attitudes towards curling in the fall. We expect the survey to be distributed in May.

Financially, the club is in a relatively good position to weather any short-term demands. We have minimized the club's ongoing costs and have taken advantage of various government initiatives to bolster our cash reserves. There will, however, be increased demands on the club's finances, primarily to replace our aging physical assets. For example, our ice plant is more than 30 years old. Realistically, we could be forced to replace it at any time, at enormous expense. We are working diligently to prepare for these types of expenses, but members and users will need to be realistic and creative when it comes to how we fund these expenditures.

CHCC is participating in the OCA's monthly 50-50 lottery. I am happy to announce that for the March drawing we will receive over \$1,500 from ticket sales, which will be returned to our club to support youth curling. I want to thank you for your support and encourage you to continue to participate in the lottery if you are able. **The next drawing is this Thursday, April 15**, and the estimated jackpot is over \$24,000. To purchase your tickets, visit [5050 Tickets \(curl-on.ca\)](https://www.5050tickets.ca) and be sure to select Carleton Heights Curling Club's "Buy" button.

Be sure to follow CHCC on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CarletonHeightsCC>. The page is active again and will be used more and more in the coming months to communicate with our curlers.

As always you can contact the club via email at [carletonheightscc@gmail.com](mailto:carletonheightscc@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.carletonheightscc.ca](http://www.carletonheightscc.ca) for more information.

Take care and stay safe,

Mark Bodnar

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