



Curl Mesabi

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING – PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND TO FIND OUT WHAT IS NEW AND HAPPENING AT CURL MESABI THIS SEASON.

- **Date: Wednesday 11/2/16**
- **5:30 - 6:30 Food & Drinks**
- **6:30 - General Membership Meeting**

Anyone wishing to get something on the agenda for the meeting, please contact Phill Drobnick at 218-780-6061 or curlmesabi@hotmail.com.

News from Club President:

Hello Members,

The 2016-17 curling season is upon us. My name is Phill Drobnick and I will be serving as the club president this season. We have a lot of new and exciting things going on this year and you will be able to read all about them in this year's newsletter.

We are pleased to announce all of our staff at Curl Mesabi will be remaining in place. Mark Mikulich will once again be our icemaker, along with his assistants, Scotty Love and Jim Wainio. We are very happy to have MariAnne Damkrouger back in the kitchen and Barb Hovet as our Building Manager. When you see them throughout the season, be sure to thank them for all they do!

We once again had a successful off-season. We hosted 33 events in the arena or upstairs. Our Manager, Barb Hovet did a great job attracting new events to our building. The more things we have going on in the summer means more money coming through our tills.

The highlight of the summer was our annual golf outing. It was great to see so many members involved by either playing or sponsoring the event! We had a record turnout and hope to continue to build on that success next year.

This winter is going to be busy at Curl Mesabi. Along with our normal bonspiel schedule we have added a couple more events to showcase our club. On January 23rd & 24th Curl Mesabi will be hosting the Scots Tour, and welcoming men from all over Scotland into our club for a friendly game and dinner. On January 26th - 29th the best curlers in the country will be sliding into our club; we are hosting the USA Curling Mixed Doubles Challenge Round. The top 6 teams from this event will qualify for the USA Mixed Doubles Curling Nationals in March.

This year at Curl Mesabi we are making a push to bring in new members to our club. It is my goal as president to try to get back up to 300 members over the next couple years. As a board we decided to put the ice in a week early to enable us to run open houses and a burger night before the season start. This will allow us to get any new members from those activities into a league. We also created a new Open League on Tuesday nights to encourage people to try skipping and bring in new members. This league will be non-competitive and very social. It will be a great way to get new faces up to the club!

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the club this winter. I encourage everyone to volunteer for the various events we host, starting with the Cash Spiel. These events bring in money so we don't have to raise our dues. Curl Mesabi has an amazing reputation throughout the curling world for hosting great events and providing some of the best hospitality. So when we have these events going on, grab a friend and come on up to the curling club. Enjoy some of the best curling in the world right in your own back yard!

See ya on the ice, Phill Drobnick

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, Nov 7th & Wednesday, Nov 9th / 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Tell all your friends who might be curious about the "Roaring" Game
- Ask them to come give it a Try!
- It will be the best way to learn about the game and make some new friends.
- It's FREE of Charge - Instruction & Equipment Provided
- All they need is a pair of clean gym shoes.

More Information?

Website: www.curlmesabi.com

Facebook: Curl-Mesabi-Curling-Club

Call: Jim @ 218-730-7229 or 218-744-2656 - or - the Curling Club @ 218-744-1302

Membership Registration Opens Oct 28th

This year you can register and pay your dues online by going to curlmesabi.com. New this year is payment on line. To encourage everyone to register early: If you pay your dues by Nov 11 you will be sent a coupon good for a drink at the Free Guard Zone.

You will still need to enter all of your membership information when registering. Next year we hope to have an account set up for everyone, so when you sign-in all your membership information will pop up and you will just have to make any updates.

Junior dues have been reduced. All the other classifications have been kept the same except for rounding off the amount to simplify bookkeeping. Please make payment online if possible. Check or credit card payment can be accepted at the Club. No cash payment please.

Membership Dues

(Note - Senior League is considered a multiple league since you curl twice a week.)

- New Curler (same price for single or multiple leagues) - \$120
- Second Year Curler Membership (same price for single or multiple leagues) - \$175
- Standard One League Membership (Club member for three years or more) - \$230
- Standard Multiple League Membership (Club member for three years or more) - \$290
- Senior League - Six-Week Snowbird Membership - \$145
- Junior Membership (21 & under - single or multiple leagues) - \$80
- Social Membership (not curling...but still want to be a member of the Club) - \$80

Locker Fees

- Men's small locker - \$20
- Men's medium locker - \$30
- Men's large locker - \$40
- Women's locker (only one size) - \$30

BURGER NIGHT CALENDAR

\$10 buys you a burger and a game - open to everyone!

Dinner at 5:30, Curling at 6 p.m.

Nov. 11th
Dec. 2nd
Jan. 13th
Feb. 17th

Please consider bringing a new curler to Burger Night this year. It is a great way for people of all curling abilities to experience this great sport.

News from Mark the Icemaker:

2016 Ice Making Schedule (if everything goes as planned)		
Fri - Oct 21, 2016	9 a.m.	Arena prep
Mon - Oct 24	9 a.m.	Flood
	1 p.m.	Flood
Tues - Oct 25	9 a.m.	Flood
	1 p.m.	Flood
Wed - Oct 26	9 a.m.	Prep and/or whitewash
	1 p.m.	Whitewash
Thurs - Oct 27	9 a.m.	Cleanup - spray, spray, spray
	1 p.m.	Light flood
Fri - Oct 28	9 a.m.	Flood
	1 p.m.	Flood
Mon - Oct 31	9 a.m.	Scribe...etc.
	1 p.m.	Paint circles
Tues - Nov 1	9 a.m.	Finish painting, lay down decals, lay down lines, etc.
Wed - Nov 2	9 a.m.	Spray
	1 p.m.	Flood
Thurs - Nov 3	9 a.m.	Flood
	1 p.m.	Flood
Fri - Nov 4	9 a.m.	Flood
	1 p.m.	Scrape, pebble, etc
Mon - Nov 7		READY TO CURL!
All help will be appreciated!		
Contact Jim Wainio @ 218-780-8275 or jim.wainio@mchsi.com		

Pro Shop Report

The Pro Shop Committee is looking forward to a new season! We are excited to announce that we will have a new line of Goldline shoes and brooms in stock. Additionally, new Curl Mesabi apparel is coming in next month. So if you are in need of any equipment or clothing be sure to stop by the Pro Shop. There will be great deals on brooms, pants, shoes, and replacement broom heads. The Pro Shop will be open every night of league play, and during the open house, so you can start the season with new and improved equipment.

News from Building Manager, Barb Hovet:

October 17, 2016. It's the day after the last Arena Rental Event of the season for which we provided Bar Service. Two days from now there will be one last "Student Oriented" Event in the Arena. Four days from now the Ice Making Process will begin. This is a small time frame to transfer the entire bar related items to either upstairs or out to the storage building, along with preparing for the last upcoming event. Because of the amazing help of the group of VOLUNTEERS today: IT WAS DONE! "The Guys" also got a jump-start on transferring any other items that could, at this time, also out to storage. This saves valuable time when the Ice Making begins in a few days. It's been a record breaking Rental Season in Rental Revenue and Bar Sales. The help of those volunteering their time for Building Upkeep and Maintenance Issues throughout the Rental AND Curling Season make my job so much easier. YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

LEAGUES START WEEK OF NOV 14

All leagues start the week of November 14. The ice is scheduled to be ready a week earlier on November 7. Members can come to the club to practice or bring friends to try out curling during this week. Open Houses will be conducted on Nov 7 and 9. A Burger night has been schedule for November 11th, to encourage new members to join.

Please call the league coordinators to sign up your team! Or if you know of someone who would like to curl on a certain league, please have him or her call the league coordinator.

- Monday & Wednesday Sr Open League - 1:00 pm
Jim Newman - 744-2656
- Monday Afternoon Open League- 4:30
Ross Harvey 780-5165
- Monday Women's League- 6:00
Sandy Dahl- 780-3908
- Tuesday Afternoon Open League- 4:30
Gary Majeski- 290-3703
- Tuesday Night Open Split League - 6:30
Tom Hafdahl. 218-741-2018 or 780-8653
*** Information regarding this new league is listed below
- Wednesday Mixed League 5 & 6:30
Phill Drobnick 780-6061
- Thursday Afternoon Open League- 4:30
Gordy Dahl - 630-306-3916
- Thursday Night Open League- 6:30
Rory Malnar- 750-6683

***A new league is forming on Tuesday evenings. The league will split the curling year into two separate seasons. Each season will cost only \$50 per participant. Of course, there is no extra charge if you are already registered for unlimited curling. This is an opportunity to get those that don't want to make a season-long commitment to try curling out for a shorter time. You can choose either or both seasons. You can even join in the middle of the season!! No need to commit to the second season until January.

Here's a short list of reasons one would like this league:

- Play starts at a time that is convenient for your team's work schedules. 6:30 start – 6 ends.
- Get your friends that are curious about curling to get off the fence and give it a try.
- Form a new team of your own so you can try playing a different position, such as Skip.

- Curl with your same team but play different positions.
 - Play in a less competitive format.
 - Form a team without specific age or gender restrictions. Fully open league.
 - Curl in a league before you leave for warmer climates. First season ends January 10th.
 - Curl in a league after the hustle and bustle of the holidays is over. 2nd season starts Jan 17th.
 - “Expecting” curlers can choose the season that fits their due date.
 - Get your bonspiel team together before the bonspiel season really kicks in.
 - Great league to transition from learning to playing.
 - Great league to transition from Burger Nights to slightly competitive play.
 - Great league to form a family team for some quality family time.
 - Great league for experienced curlers to take on new curlers who are looking to give it a try.
- ✓ Call if you have a team.
 - ✓ Call if you want to play but don’t have four players. Tom will try to find others to curl with you.
 - ✓ Call if you are an experienced curler willing to take on new curlers.
 - ✓ Call if you have any questions. Tom @ 218-741-2018 or 780-8653

Website, Facebook and Emails:

We're excited to tell you that the Club is getting up to speed with technology - check these out:

- The website has been re-designed to be more user friendly and appealing to non-curlers...encouraging them to explore the sport and rent the RRCC. Plus there will still be up to date information for you about bonspiels, league schedules and league standings.
<http://www.curlmesabi.com/>
- You will now be able to register on-line and pay by credit card for leagues! But don't worry...if you're not too tech savvy...we're still happy to take checks or credit card payments at the bar - please NO cash.
- We're going to keep you up to date on club activities with regular emails - watch for messages from info@curlmesabi.com.
- Be sure to "like" us on Facebook - will keep you posted on curling happenings...locally and nationally.
- **We REALLY NEED photos** for Facebook & the website - great people shots, action photos, photos of the building - send anything you have to info@curlmesabi.com.

8 Enders

Anyone who has a picture of an 8 Ender at our Club could you please contact Gordy Dahl. We are going to have copies made to have them framed and hung in our club with all players' names, date and what league or Spiel that the 8 Ender was laid.

Update on RRCC Board and Building:

RRCC Board continues to be pleased with Curl Mesabi managing the facility for them.

- Re-calking of the pre-cast panels that make up our exterior walls has been approved, scheduled work pending.
- We had a water leak this summer inside the wall in the upstairs janitor's room. There was some water damage upstairs but most water damage was in the ladies locker room where most of the ceiling tile came down. The water flooded the locker room floor and made it out into the hallway before being detected. Ceiling tile was replaced, duck work insulation above the ceiling replaced, carpet cleaned, dehumidified and other items replaced. Some hallway lights were replaced with LED's because of water damage. Insurance paid for all repairs.
- Some repairs were also done on the rubber roofing this summer.
- A new sink garbage disposal was install (RRCC pd)
- Repairs to the hot water heater was also done (RRCC pd)

Thanks to all the volunteers who have help keep up the building!

2016 Golf Fundraiser

The 2016 Annual Golf Fundraiser was a great success. The weather was beautiful and we had a record number of golfers, 33 teams and over 150 golfers. After golfing 9 holes at the Eveleth Golf Course, everyone went back to the club for social hour, food, awards, and raffles. The event earned the club a profit of approximately \$13,000. Thanks to all of our sponsors, we had 60 hole sponsors and 55 donors to our raffle and silent auction. And a special thanks to our event sponsors: Hometown Focus, Goldline Curling Supply, Aspire Insurance Agency, Lakehead Constructors, Inc., Norri Distributing Company, Country Auto Body, Starkovich Distributing Co., Farm Bureau Financial Services, Margie's Roosevelt, and the Short Stop. The Annual Golf Fundraiser is a great way to catch-up with your curling friends during the summer. Again, thanks to everyone that got involved! Golf Fundraiser Committee

CURL MESABI - DATES TO REMEMBER

10/21/16 – Ice starts to go in.

10/28/16 – Online Membership Registration begins

11/2/16 - Fall meeting (5:30 - 6:30 Food & Drinks & 6:30 meeting)

11/7/16 & 11/8/16 – Open House 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

11/11/16 – Burger Night

11/14/16 - Leagues start.

BONSPIEL CALENDAR

12/9/2016 - Laurentian Chamber Fun-Spiel (Open)

12/10/2016 - Margie's Roosevelt (Open)

12/11/2016 - Mesabi Range College Fun Spiel (Open)

12/16/16 - 12/18/16 - Curl Mesabi Classic (Men's & Women's
Competitive Cash Spiel)

1/6/17 -1/8/17 - Elks Doheny (Open)

1/14/17 & 1/15/17 - Eveleth/Mt. Iron Lions Club Junior Bonspiel (Youth)

1/20/17 & 1/21/17 - DARE Spiel (Open)

1/26/17 - 1/29/17 Mixed Doubles National Qualifying Competition

2/3/17 & 2/4/17 - Curl Mesabi/Quad Cities Fun Spiel (Open)

2/11/17 - Minorca Spiel (Open)

2/25/17 - United Way Spiel (Open)

3/3/17 - 3/5/17- Curl Mesabi Mixed Spiel

3/10/17 & 3/11/17 - Elks Open Spiel (Open)

3/17/17 – 3/19/17 - Curl Mesabi Spring Spiel (Men's)

3/24/17 & 3/25/17 - Eggy's Red Garter Spiel (Open)