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The Alliston Curling Club Newsletter 2020-2021 Curling Season

President's Report

Welcome to the 2020-21 Curling Season!

It was an abrupt end to last season and needless to say, it has been a bit of a challenging year since! Hopefully everyone made the most of the beautiful weather this summer and enjoyed time in their smaller social bubbles. Curling is going to look a little different this season due to Covid restrictions and best practices. Nonetheless, we are planning to make the best of it! The curling season will start Tuesday October 13. The ice will be in the week before for the Novice Clinic and scheduled practice times. If you are unable to commit to curl this season or at least for this fall, perhaps you might consider joining as a social member to stay connected.

We are happy to announce that we have hired a new Head Ice Technician, Bryan Brown, who has been and plans to continue as the ice maker at Shelburne Curling Club. Bryan is open to feedback and is planning to be an active ACC member. Please introduce yourself when you see him around the club.

We have just opened the Registration link on our website and online registration should be available on September 1. This is a little earlier than usual so we have a little more time to plan the season. We are considering adding new leagues if there is membership interest. We are also wanting to revitalize volunteerism at the club and are asking members to donate a minimum of 6 hours of their time. Please see the registration form for details.

Speaking of volunteerism...

Congratulations to Scott Woodland who received the:

2020 CurlION Volunteer Award.

A well-deserved recognition for all the work he has done for our club.

Thank You Scott!

After 24 years of volunteering, numerous years on the ACC Board and competently handling the monumental position of Treasurer, Scott Woodland is stepping down for a well-deserved rest. We would like to thank him for all of his many contributions to ACC!

Hope to see you at the Registration Open House!

Susan Froud 416-573-1855
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2020-21 Board of Directors

Congratulation to the recently elected Board of Directors!

President:	Susan Froud
Vice President:	Remi Welch
Past President:	Paul Hargreaves
Treasurer:	Tom Cunningham
Secretary:	Kevin Wiltshire
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Bar:	Loeland Parliament
Clubhouse:	Patti Russell
Covid:	Susan Froud
Health & Safety:	Mallory Caldwell
Ice:	Willie Macpherson
Marketing & Advertising:	Autumn Lundy
Property:	Brian Birtley
Rentals:	Patti Russell
Website:	Judy Howard

League Summary

Monday Afternoon: Ladies' League

Monday Night: Men's League

Tuesday Afternoon: Open League

Tuesday Night: Choose Your Own

Wed Night: Ladies League

Thurs Afternoon: Open League

Thurs Night: Choose Your Own

Friday Night: Mixed League

Sunday Afternoon: Juniors League

Note: Daytime leagues are open to all curlers, not just seniors.

For dates & schedules, please view the calendar at

www.allistoncurlingclub.com

Open House – September 11, 7-9 pm

Due to Covid restrictions, we can't have our usual Wine and Cheese but we can still get together for a Registration Open House! Weather permitting, we'll be set up on the front lawn. We'll also have the ice shed open in case of rain and so you can check out results of the summer projects. Stop by to say hi and if you haven't already registered online, please bring your completed registration form.

COVID-19 Management

Further to our recent member communication and as you can see on our website, we have developed our own curling protocols based on CurlION Guidelines and in accordance with government requirements. Our priority is to maintain a healthy and safe environment to enjoy this game of curling we all love (or perhaps at times, hate!). Initially, at least, we will be limiting club access to Members only to minimize our "social bubble". We hope that the flow of accessing the club, curling, socializing and exiting will become second nature as the season progresses. Thanks in advance for your patience as we work through any hiccups! In addition to the protocols, we will equip the club with extra sanitizing supplies, and will have lots of signs and decals in place to help people to keep their distance. Revenue from in-ice signs/slogans will help offset some of the extra related costs for these supplies. If you are able, please consider sponsoring one, on your own or as a team (see Advertising below).

As noted, we will need volunteer bartenders for all leagues and expect teams to help with sanitizing before and after each draw. We also have a

symptom and return to play tracking system. Thanks to Steve Croft for sharing this tool. Hopefully we won't often need to use it but we are prepared if needed. We will establish phone and email ACC Covid Hotlines where you can report any covid-related concerns or symptoms in accordance with your COVID Declaration. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Susan Froud 416-573-1855
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Men's League: Monday Night

Welcome to the Monday Night Men's League. A fun night of curling with a little bit of a competitive edge. The Monday night league teams are chosen by the Skips through a draft process which creates an opportunity for new and old members to meet different curlers from other leagues. We divide the year into two halves and pick new teams for each half. Last season, it was great that our league grew to 2 draws for the second half. Maybe this year we'll have 2 draws all season!

Thanks to Don Leslie for running this league last season. He is taking a step back this season and so we are looking for a convenor for this league. Please contact Paul Hargreaves (paulhargreaves@sympatico.ca) if you might be willing to get involved or if you have any questions or suggestions for the league.

Tuesday Night Choose Your Own

Tuesday Night CYO is the perfect mixture of fun and competition. It is great for sharpening your skills, whether you have curled for 1 year or 20 years. Teams can be comprised of men, women, juniors or can be mixed. If we have more than 12 teams this year, we will split into 2 divisions to keep each "bubble" under the 50 person limit. We will also break the season schedule at Christmas to provide flexibility to change up the bubbles or teams depending on circumstances.

We look forward to the return of previous teams and to welcoming new teams. If you do not have a team but wish to join the league, please contact me as soon as possible and I will do

my best to connect you with other curlers like yourself.

We appreciate the efforts of Patti, Henry, Brian and Janet who organized this league for many years. Janet has agreed to help with the transition to new league convenor(s). Please let her know if you would be interested in getting involved.

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Ladies' Leagues at ACC

We warmly welcome newcomers and returning members to our ladies' leagues.

Monday Day Ladies

The Monday afternoon "ladies" league is a great opportunity for any female wanting to curl for the love of the game; to practice for higher (curling) aspirations, or to learn the game. Teams are made up jitney style (new teams made up every week) and members can choose the positions they wish or it can/may be determined by the conveners.

Once you have registered, the conveners will review the COVID-19 Monday afternoon rules of play with you.

We hope to see more out on Monday for a great way to enjoy a day!

2020/2021 Conveners:

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Sheila Kaarlela
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Wednesday Night Ladies

The Wednesday Night Ladies' League is a fun evening of ladies coming together in a sisterhood of curling and fun! This is not a competitive league, but one where skilled and new curlers can play together and both learn how to curl and/or enhance their curling skills. There are two seasons, fall and winter, and teams are selected at the beginning of each season. It is a wonderful time of camaraderie and socialization.

We have set aside March 13, 2021 for our annual Ladies' Bonspiel organized and sponsored by the Wednesday Ladies. Usually it's an Invitational

Bonspiel open to curling clubs all around southern Ontario. This year, due to Covid-19, it will likely only open to ACC Ladies. Should still be a fun day! If you are a lady ACC member, consider signing up!

We welcome all women interested in playing or learning the game of curling in this 2020-2021 Curling Season.

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Open Daytime Leagues:

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons used to be just for seniors but we live in a "new-normal" where these leagues open to everyone! Stick curlers always welcome!

Daytime Open curling is an ideal activity for those who do not like to drive at night or perhaps those who do shiftwork.

We use a jitney format so there are no set teams and no requirement to play every week. Due to Covid restrictions, players will have to pre-register (online or by phone) to fill the 32 available spots for each game time. Based on sign-up, teams will be made in advance and posted in the basement so you will learn as you hang your coat and change your shoes which sheet and rocks are yours. Pre-game practice is encouraged for those ready to go early.

We are hoping to continue our annual tradition of a year-end bonspiel. This will be our 24th year. More details to follow.

If fellowship and daytime curling are what you crave, please join us!

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Thursday Night Choose Your Own

This is an unprecedented time for our curling club. I am not sure exactly how the league will look this year. BUT we are planning a season for teams looking for a little competition amongst friends. We will be following the guidelines from CURLON. Games

will be shorter. There will be social distancing. Heck you won't have to sweep as much as last year... though some of us would say there are some who never swept anyways...

This league is designed for already established teams. Let me know if you have a team interested in having fun fellowship and a bit of exciting competition. BUT if you are looking to curl and do not have a team, email me and I will endeavor to find a spot for you. I am thinking we will likely have teams looking for fill-ins as we all personally decide if we are curling this year or not.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday nights!

Richard Nishikawa 705-435-8804
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Friday Night Mixed League

Hey everyone! Hope you and your family are staying healthy and safe during this Covid-19 pandemic. It's that time of year again. Time to stop planning you next "Staycation", grab your curling brooms and plan to come out to the Friday Night Mixed League.

The Friday Night Mixed League is a fun, non-competitive, social night of curling. Friday Nights are ideal for new curlers, so if you know anyone who wants to curl, convince them to give it a try. We're all there to have a good time and help new curlers learn the game.

I hope you all had a chance to read over Susan Froud's email regarding the Covid guidelines and return to play. The club has adopted CurlON's guidelines for play ensuring social distancing on the ice, and have developed protocols to ensure safety and social distancing in the lounge and locker room areas. If you didn't receive the email, you can find it on the club's website or send us an email (see below) and we will forward you a copy.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the ice!

Stay safe,
Anne & Greg
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Junior Curling

These are challenging times! We don't want to add stress to your families' lives but maybe you can consider curling a low-risk extracurricular activity for your children this winter?

The ACC has devised a system to allow curling this season that includes physical distancing and sanitization of equipment with rules around play, etc. that are designed to keep everyone as safe as possible while still enjoying the great game of curling.

With these guidelines, it will be impossible to provide Junior Learn-to-Curl, as I am sure you can appreciate, so we will be not expecting to hold a program for new junior curlers.

For more mature/experienced juniors (age 12+) who are able to respect the guidelines, Sunday Afternoon Juniors will provide an opportunity to play games. Adult coaches will be available to provide technical suggestions and strategy guidance. With pre-registration for attendance (online or by phone), weekly games/teams would be made up in advance and posted upon arrival so sheets and rocks can be pre-assigned. Parents/guardians would be welcome as spectators during junior league play but would be expected to follow our guidelines and wear masks when in the lounge.

Looking forward to some fun curling games with the juniors on Sundays!

Nishika Jardine
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Curling Pro Shop

With the assistance of Dale Matchett, we are excited to be partnering with *BalancePlus* to provide curling supplies at the ACC. Due to space limitations, we aren't likely to have supplies on hand but will order whatever you would like, delivered within a week (more like a couple of days). We have a couple of pre-season specials that expire October 9:

Anti-slider (gripper) for \$15 with trade-in, \$20 without (taxes included).

Broom faceplate or sleeve replacement for \$5 OFF the listed price.

We will be taking orders for these items at our Open House.

We also have a new curler package (shoes, gripper and broom) for \$250 (taxes included). See flyer for more details.

Contact Susan Froud (smfroud@yahoo.ca) for information or to place an order.

Curling Clinics

FREE Novice Clinic!

Dates: Monday Oct. 5, 2020
Wednesday Oct. 7, 2020
Thursday Oct. 8, 2020

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm.

The sessions are for new and novice curlers, and those returning to the game who might benefit from a technical review. The clinics are progressive so attendance at all sessions is highly recommended.

Due to Covid restrictions, registration for this clinic series will be limited to 16 participants with first priority going to new members.

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Adult Learn to Curl

We have introduced an ALTC membership category for those people wanting to try curling for a few weeks to see if they like it and hopefully join the club for the second half of the season. This program is also open to new and second year members for ongoing skills development. The program will run for 6 Sundays (4-6 pm) starting October 25. The clinics are free for new and novice members. A \$100 fee (deducted from second half season membership) applies for ALTC only members.

Due to Covid restrictions, registration will be limited to 16 participants with first priority going to ALTC only and new members.

Susan Froud
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CurlON Free Clinic Series

With CurlON coaches, we will be hosting a 3-hr skills analysis clinic on November 28 (morning). Optional video analysis and strategy sessions will be offered (for minimal cost) that

afternoon. This clinic series is for more experienced members (including stick curlers) who want to refine their skills. More details to follow once the season is underway.

ACC Memberships

ALL MEMBERS MUST FILL OUT A MEMBERSHIP FORM, COVID DECLARATION FORM AND ACC WAIVER. See attached. The Committee uses the form to register data that enables us to notify league convenors and monitor payments.

If you want access to a locker and/or want to attend the Novice Clinic, please make note of this on your registration form.

You will notice a new section on the membership form relating to volunteering. We are asking every member to donate at least 6 hrs of time to help around the club. Based on your area of interest, committee chairs will be contacting you with specific requests to help out. Our club relies on volunteers to operate and to keep fees low. Please do your part!

We rely on new members to help keep our club financially stable. We encourage all members to help the club by inviting new members to join. Our strong point is our welcoming nature. New members consistently comment on this. Let’s continue to show support for our new and novice members.

Register online:
www.allistoncurlingclub.com

Click on “Registration” and follow instructions. Whether you are a new curler or a returning member, please fill out the online registration form, Covid Declaration and waiver. Press Agree/Send.

DO NOT register to Shutterfly yet. You will receive an email later inviting you to join Shutterfly to access the members only part of the website.

If you are coming to the Open House, please print your forms and bring them with you!

The Club is continuing the “Shift Work Special”. If you and a partner want to share a membership due to

work scheduling, please notify us at the time of registration and register as one name. Also, take note if you are a shift worker that our daytime leagues are open to everyone this year so you might consider taking your own membership and curling in these leagues too.

We continue to offer a two payment method (includes a \$20 surcharge). Payment Due Dates – October 25, 2020 first or full payment; Jan. 3, 2021 for the second installment. Post-dated cheques accepted.

You cannot pay on line but, in addition to cash or cheque, we are now accepting payment by e-transfer or credit/debit card at the bar. We will be accepting registration payments at the Open House (September 11) or at your first curling game. Half year fees available upon request. Note: a 4% surcharge applies for credit card payments only.

For more information contact:
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Membership Fees for 2020-2021

New Member	\$320
Daytime (only)	\$320
One Night	\$370
Regular	\$420
Second Year	\$370
Senior (60+)	\$370
Junior Sunday	\$100
Junior Regular	\$200
Social	\$ 50
Competitor	\$ 50
ALTC	\$100

HST included

For registration forms and detailed rates, please view “Registration” at:
www.allistoncurlingclub.com.

Member Category Definitions

New Member
Was not a member last year. You can play multiple leagues.

Daytime
Plays only in daytime leagues.

One Night
Plays only one night any league.

Regular
Plays multiple leagues, daytime and/or evening.

Second Year
If your first year was last year (any league).

Senior
If you are 60 or over, you can play multiple leagues.

Junior Sunday
For the Sunday junior program and occasional family events (if available).

Junior Regular
Can play multiple adult leagues and includes Sunday junior program.

Social
If you aren’t able to curl but want to stay connected with the ACC or just hang out.

Competitor
If you only want to represent club at CurlON events.

ALTC
A member of our ALTC program (6 weeks starting Sunday October 25, 4-6 pm).

Advertising

We partner with businesses in our community to place their advertising signage on the walls of our Club.

With the physical distancing requirements this season we identified a new opportunity for in-ice advertising or for Members to just get their personal/team message out there. Related information was provided in an email to members on August 7.

This advertising revenue helps support programming, offset our O&M costs and helps to reduce our membership fees. The in-ice marker revenue especially is needed to help with extra Covid-related expenses this season. We hope you will consider sponsoring a sign!

We encourage all of our Members to support our sponsors’ business and to thank them when you visit them. It reminds them of the value in continually investing in us!

Efforts to increase membership through branding and awareness have had to be a little different this year. Have you noticed the sign on the north wall of the club, facing out to the old arena parking lot? We are hoping this banner and the new sign out front will

help to make our club more visible to passersby and attract new Members.

Thank you to those who allow us to place lawn signs on your high visibility properties. If anyone is willing to help us expand our reach, please let us know and we will add a sign to your property.

The ACC apparel we had available last season was a big hit. We are looking at new styles for this season. Stayed tuned!

Advertising/Sign Prices

In-ice Markers – physical distancing markers (2’x3’ or equivalent area): \$200 incl. taxes

Wall signs - East/West along sheets #1 & 4 (3’x4’): \$240

Score board signs - North wall: \$300

Tissue Dispensers (10"x4"): \$28.25

* taxes extra, except where noted

For more information contact:

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Ice Maker's Update

It won't be long before we will be starting our ice plant to begin a new curling season. It's going to be different but let's make the most of it!

Over the summer we have been busy with a number of initiatives. Firstly, we hired a new Head Ice Technician, Bryan Brown who is also the ice maker at Shelburne Curling Club. We look forward to having Bryan lead our Ice Team. We think his experience dedication and personality are going to provide us a wonderful curling environment for this season! Bryan will be supported by Scott Sinclair, Dann Rivers as well as our junior helpers, Rory Corrigan and Cole Miele. Marnie Wood has decided to retire from her role as ice technician assistant this year. She will be missed!

We have also undertaken projects in the ice shed this summer including:

- Compressor top end rebuild (required every 6000 hr)
- Rust protection on header pipes (primer paint and grease)
- West door insulation improvements

- South wall and door painting
- Concrete floor stripping and resealing with epoxy
- Heater alignment and ducting improvements

The new dehumidifier is on order and we are awaiting confirmation from the contractor for its delivery/installation (likely in mid-September). We are also hoping to purchase a deionization water filtration system (for ice preparation) that Bryan can install.

Some of the projects were undertaken for aesthetic reasons or as part of our regular maintenance program to protect our assets. The improvements to the door insulation, heater alignment and ducting, as well as the installation of a new dehumidifier and water filtration system are all about striving for enhanced consistency relating to speed and curl. Hopefully the climate on the ice will be a bit more pleasant too!

A huge thanks to Rory Corrigan and Cole Meile for their dedication, and all the volunteers (Loeland Parliament, Kathy Macfarlane, Willie Macpherson, Heather Tugnet, Bob Clement, Tom Cunningham and Susan Froud) for their time and hard work supervising the boys. Also thanks to Scott Sinclair and Colleen Aitchison for their work on the scissor lift, Bob Clement for pressure washing residual white paint off the ice shed walls and Dann Rivers for the ice shed floor cleaning in preparation for resealing.

Special thanks to Ken Eppenberger at Focus on Decorating and Benjamin Moore (corporate) for donating the epoxy product for the concrete floor resealing. With a retail value on the order of \$8000+, this was not a small donation! Focus on Decorating and Wilton's Floor and Wall Coverings also provided us discounted pricing on our painting supplies. We couldn't possibly have done all the work around the club this summer without this amazing support! Please return the favour and support these businesses when planning your personal home reno projects.

Cleanliness is always a concern of the Ice Team but as members we have a responsibility as well. Consider taking advantage of the gripper sale to

minimize "picks" due to gripper debris on the ice.

See you on the ice!

If you have any questions or comments about the ice during the season, please reach out to us.

Head Ice Technician

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2020-21 Ice Committee Chair

Willie Macpherson 705-890-5303
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Property & Maintenance

We have undertaken a few minor projects in the clubhouse this summer – connecting our Freon leak detector into our building alarm system, installing a new custom-built junior cupboard and some paint freshening in the vestibule and back stairs. Huge thanks to Henry Lukassen, Loeland Parliament, Kathy Macfarlane and Willie Macpherson!

Regular maintenance also continues on an on-going basis. We have observed some water ingress during recent storms and are working to make necessary repairs that we hope are only minor.

We had hoped to get 4 doors replaced this summer (deferred from last year's project list) but again, it seems contractors are busy and are slow to provide quotes. Based on discussions at the AGM, we are still hoping to get the two exterior doors replaced before the season gets underway. We will defer replacement of the other two doors until we can consider accessibility issues (as applicable).

A special thank you goes out to Loeland and Janet Parliament who continue to volunteer their time maintaining the grounds around the club in the summer months. The gardens look great!

Unfortunately, Cheryl Sinclair has decided that, due to other commitments, she cannot return as our custodian this season. We are currently contacting companies to assess options and to fill this critical vacancy.

Rob Clement
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Kitchen

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are anticipating the kitchen will be closed this season and used for storage (mostly surplus chairs). If restrictions loosen and we can change our approach, Members will be notified. Thanks for your understanding.

Bar

The second most important activity at the Curling Club is the bar. Its profitability goes a long way to keeping membership fees low. We try to provide good product selection and reasonable prices. You will notice a modest increase in price on a few products to cover higher costs.

Due to Covid restrictions, we will be changing our product delivery slightly to minimize multi-touch surfaces. We will be serving in plastic cups and switching to small cans of wine and smaller cans of mix. We will also be requiring volunteer bartenders for every league to minimize multi-person touch points at the bar.

Only members with Smart Serve Certification on file are allowed by law to serve drinks to themselves or other members. Please co-operate as the club does not want to jeopardize our liquor license. If you have the required training, please consider taking your turn serving at the bar (for a league in which you do not play). If you don't have the training, contact Smart Serve Ontario for details and once complete, please provide your certificate to the Bar Manager.

There are dedicated volunteers who help with ordering, restocking and inventory management.

If you can assist by volunteering a few hours to help at the bar this season, please indicate your interest on your registration form.

Loeland Parliament, Bar Manager
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Rentals

With Covid restrictions, we are not planning to open the club to any rentals in the fall. If restrictions are lifted as the season progresses, we

may consider opening the club for member's events such as baby or wedding showers, an anniversary or a family curling day. Don't forget ACC Members receive a discount! Stay tuned for updates.

New Events and Leagues

Additional leagues or events may be added if there is membership interest as noted in the registration form.

These may include:

- Wednesday Men (Jitney)
- Friday Triples (Open)
- Saturday Family (Once per Month, Jitney)
- Saturday Scotch Doubles (Once per Month)
- Saturday Evening Social (Once per Month, 4 or 6 ends)

Let us know if you are interested in more curling opportunities this winter!

Member Bonspiels

Just because we have a Members Only club this season, doesn't mean we can't run bonspiels for our members.

Please mark your calendars with these tentative dates for Member Bonspiels:

- Open Mixed Bonspiel: Saturday, November 14, 2020
- Men's Turkey Spiel: Saturday, December 5, 2020
- Open Mixed Bonspiel: Saturday, March 6, 2020
- Ladies Bonspiel: Saturday, March 13, 2020
- Continental Cup: Saturday, March 27, 2021
- Senior Spiels: Tuesday, January 26 & March 30, 2021
- Wind-up Bonspiel: Saturday, April 10, 2020.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization! We need to revitalize this approach to deliver a broad range or leagues and program, and to keep our costs down. We are asking members to donate a minimum of 6 hours of their time to the ACC this season. New this year, we need volunteer bartenders for all leagues. There are lots of other areas where we need help. Please see the registration form for details. In addition, all teams

will be asked to do help with sanitizing high touch surfaces to keep us safe. Your contribution in any area would be greatly appreciated.

CurlION Representatives

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Juniors:

Willie MacPherson 705-435-4512

Website:

www.allistoncurlingclub.com

Attached to The Rock is the ACC Registration Form for the 2020-21 Season, COVID Declaration and Waivers.