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Letter from The President

Fall is upon us and with that comes the anticipation of a new curling season. There are a lot of exciting things going on at our club right now and I hope many of you will be a part of it.

The biggest item, of course, is the prospect of a new facility. Never before has the FMCC faced such a large opportunity and challenge. We have the opportunity to dramatically improve and expand curling in the Fargo-Moorhead area. However, we will need our entire membership to help make this a successful effort. Our time is running out and this is the year where we need to make a significant push in our fund-raising efforts. Here's just a few of the ways YOU can help:

- Make a tax deductible donation to the building fund
- Use your employer's matching gift program to "double your gift"
- Sell an on-ice advertisement to or solicit donations from a local business
- Support our club's bonspiels
- Volunteer to work at a Fargo Force game
- Have a company outing at the curling club
- Bring a friend curling
- Pay your dues quickly

Secondly, we've made a few changes that should hopefully provide an even better curling experience at the FMCC. The league nights and formats have been modified in order to accommodate a larger number of curlers and improve levels of competitiveness and parity. Please see the section regarding leagues for more details. You will also notice a new paint job in the viewing area. It looks great and has helped to brighten up the club tremendously.

Thirdly, there are a couple of exciting events going on in 2010. The FMCC will be hosting the regional qualifier for the US Nationals. This is a great chance to get out and see some world-class curling in person. Amelia Pirkl will be chairing the bonspiel, so please contact her if you would be willing to help. The Winter Olympics are also being held in late February of 2010. We have a brand new big screen tv at the club (see article regarding raffle) and plan to hold a number of social events in conjunction with the Olympics and other curling events. This is an excellent opportunity for each of us to be an ambassador to the sport of curling. The Olympics generate a lot of interest in the sport and will help us grow our club if we market ourselves correctly.

Lastly, I'd like to my express my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers that enable this club to function. It is only through their gracious service to others that we are able to have curling in Fargo-Moorhead. It is through their countless hours and unwavering dedication that we are able to enjoy the camaraderie and competition of curling.

Thanks for all you do and good curling!

Brent Christensen
President, FM Curling Club

Fall Schedule

October 5th—Plant started, ice prep begins, club clean-up

October 19th—Annual Fall Meeting and Barbeque

November 5th—Community Education Class

November 5th—15th—Open Houses

November 15th—Youth Open House Night from 2—4 PM

November 12th—Community Education Class

November 19th—Community Education Class

November 16th—Adult Leagues Start

November 22nd—Youth Leagues Start

2009 –2010 FMCC Bonspiel Schedule

Our bonspiel schedule for 2009—2010 curling season is as follows:

Fargo—Moorhead Open

December 4th, 2009—December 6th, 2009

National Qualifier

January 5th, 2010—January 10th, 2010

Triathalon

January 23rd, 2010

American Inn Mixed Bonspiel

February 19th, 2010—February 21st, 2010

FM Club Championship

February 26th, 2010—February 28th, 2010



League Schedule for 2009-2010

Our league schedule has been set. We've made some changes in an effort to accommodate our increasing membership and to hopefully improve everybody's curling experience.

The biggest change you may see is the implementation of 'Pool Play' in selected leagues. Pool Play bifurcates the league into an upper half and a lower half. Teams will only play other teams in their pool. This should hopefully provide for more competitive games. Also, halfway through the season, the two lower pool teams with the best record will swap pools with the two upper pool teams with the worst record.

Another change this year, we will be replacing the year-end playoffs with a year-end club bonspiel. Any four club members can form a team for the club bonspiel with the winner of the bonspiel declared the club champion.

We've also added two new leagues to provide access for increased membership. Tuesday night will now have an Open league which will alternate times with the Women's League. Friday will have a Friday Night Fun League which will be open to members and guests. This league is geared towards the social side of curling heavily promoting the interaction between curlers of all levels.

The Board hopes you will find these changes to be positive and looks forward to hearing any feedback you may have.

The best way to register for a league is to sign-up on www.fmcurling.org. We will be holding spots for existing teams until **October 19th**. Please sign your existing team up by that date. After October 19th, any remaining slots will be made available to new teams. If you do not have internet access, a message indicating your desire to register a team may be left on the club's answering machine at 701-232-0341.

Monday Night Men's League

Alternating start times at 6:30 and 8:30 with Pool Play format

Tuesday Night Women's League and Open League

One shift each with alternating start times at 6:30 and 8:30

Wednesday Night Open League

Alternating start times at 6:30 and 8:30 with Pool Play format

Thursday Night

Mixed Doubles at 5:15

One shift of Competitive League and one shift of Novice League with alternating start times of 7:00 and 9:00

Friday Night Fun League

One shift starting at 7:00 (subject to change). Teams will be formed from those present.

North Dakota State Playdowns

North Dakota Mens and Womens Club State Playdowns—Devils Lake, ND

January 21st, 2010 —January 24th, 2010

Entry Deadline: January 7th, 2010

North Dakota State Mixed Playdowns—Bismarck. ND

February 11th, 2010 — February 14th, 2010

Entry Deadline: January 21, 2010

North Dakota State Highschool Playdowns—Devils Lake, ND

March 12th, 2010—March 14th, 2010

North Dakota State Junior Playdowns—Grafton, ND

January 1st, 2010—January 3rd 2010

Entry Deadline: December 1st, 2010

North Dakota State Senior Playdowns—Minot, ND

March 5th, 2010—March 7th, 2010

Dues for 2009—2010

The dues structure is as follows for the 2009-2010 season:

1st year curler \$100

2nd year curler \$150

3rd year or more curler \$180

Social \$ 50

High School \$ 75

College \$100

If you play more than one league there will be an additional \$50 fee.

Locker Rental \$15 per season

Shoe Rental \$2 per game

Remember, dues are to be paid by Dec. 15th or a \$15 late fee will be applied.

Curling Etiquette

Before the game:

- Respect the starting and stopping times of your game.
- Shake hands with your opponents, tell them your name and wish them good curling.

During the game:

- Be ready when it is your turn to deliver a rock, or your teammate's turn to deliver a rock.
- Be quiet and do not move when your opponent is about to deliver a rock.
- Stay on your own sheet of ice, close to the outside of the sheet when it is the opposition's turn
- Pay attention to what is going on in your game. Use the opportunity to learn when a rock needs brushing or to learn game strategy.
- Compliment any player on a good shot. Do not show your frustration at an opponent's lucky shot or a teammate's poor shot.
- If you touch a moving rock while you are sweeping, tell your skip immediately but do not stop the rock unless told to by your skip

After the game:

- Give each of your teammates and opponents a handshake and thank them for the game before leaving the ice.
- Offer to help any new curler or new member of the club with information about the curling or the club. Do not critique the skills of new members publicly, nor complain about your team's misfortunes.

Youth League

The Fargo Moorhead Curling Club and the Fargo Park District will again be sponsoring a youth curling league for boys and girls ages 10-18. League games will be held at 1 PM or 3 PM on Sundays from mid November thru February. Practices will be scheduled during the week depending on available ice time and the team & coaches schedule. The fee is \$52 per curler which includes a T-shirt. Contact the Park District for registration. Sign-up deadline is November 17, but registration will be limited to fill 16 teams with 4 or 5 youth on each team. Each team will have a Coach or Coordinator.

Club members or parents who would like to be a coach or team coordinator, contact Frank Podoll. A Youth Open House will be held on Sunday, November 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Instruction will be available with no obligation needed. Pizza and Pepsi products will be provided while supplies last. Park District representatives will be available to take registrations and answer questions. Contact the Park District (241-1353) or Frank Podoll (232-5049) for more information.

Fall Meeting/Barbeque Pot Luck

The Fall Meeting this year will be held on October 19th at 6:30 pm. It will be a pot luck with hot dogs and condiments provided by the club. Please bring an item to share with others. Topics of the fall meeting will include fundraising pamphlets for the new club campaign, volunteering opportunities, curling clinics, upcoming events, new league format, and league sign-up.

If you have any other suggested topics you would like to board to address at the Fall Meeting, please email your suggestions to the Board at board@fmcurling.org.

2009-2010 Raffle

This year we are raffling off a big screen TV! For \$5 a ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets. Tickets will be available at the club for members to sell or for purchase.

The TV will be available for viewing throughout the year in the club's social room. We plan to televise the upcoming Olympics, the 2010 Brier, 2010 Scott Tournament of Hearts, as well as select skins games and Cashspiels.

If anyone wants to host a special viewing event using the TV, please contact one of the board members in advance.

Groups

The Fargo-Moorhead Curling Club hosts many groups of varying sizes during the year. The cost is \$15/person for 2 hours of ice time. This includes equipment & instruction. This is one of the larger sources of income for the club. The times vary from daytime to evenings and weekends. We try to have one instructor/helper per 8 people. If you would like to help with a group, please contact the Group Coordinator (position currently vacant).

This is a fun way to show others how to curl and also a great way to promote our club.

The Scotts Are Coming!!!

January of 2011 the USWCA will be hosting the Scots Tour Team. The Scots Tour Team will be starting their tour in Boston, MA on January 6, 2011 and ending in Seattle, WA on January 28, 2011.

The F-M Curling Club has agreed to host the Scot Tour Team during their 2011 visit. They will be arriving in Fargo on Monday, January 24, 2011. We will have a dinner for them that evening followed by a four game draw. On Tuesday, January 25 we will have a four game draw followed by a lunch. They will be departing for St. Paul after lunch.

In order to host this event successfully we will need to form a committee of 5-6 club members, men or women, that will meet monthly beginning January 2010. Our primary responsibilities as host includes providing two meals, host homes for overnight stay, and 8 women curling teams to play in two draws. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact me at carmenrae@q.com or call 701.200.2237. I look forward to a fun year of planning.

Carmen Rae Delaney
Chairperson

USCA National Playdowns

Most of you may already know that Fargo was awarded to be one of the Midwest sites for the Men's National Playdowns 2010. This event will be taking place January 5th—10th (dates will depend on the number of teams who chose to playdown out of Fargo). We will be in need of volunteers during this time and an email will be going out early November requesting your help for this event.

Amelia Pirkl has volunteered to chair this event, so if you would like to volunteer, please contact her at mel_ndsu@hotmail.com or 701-238-1556.

We encourage you all to come out to the club during Playdowns to cheer on the teams and to watch some great curling action!

Doing Your Part

As an active member of the Fargo-Moorhead Curling Club you are given many privileges and responsibilities. The Board of Directors and numerous volunteers put in a great amount of effort to make your experience pleasurable. Please do your best to assist them when you can and help continue to make our club a better place.

There are four sheets of ice maintained throughout the curling season. Our ice crew puts in countless hours and is dedicated to providing our club with high quality ice conditions. Please give them a big “thank you” whenever you can. Also, please remember, that their effort can quickly be undone by a moment of carelessness. Please remember to:

- Always wear curling shoes or shoes that have not been worn off the ice.
- Take care when moving the rocks and protect the hacks when possible

Never put anything (including yourself) on the ice for any period of time as it will melt the ice. A stationary finger or knee can quickly melt a hole that is difficult to repair.

The inside viewing and club areas also need to be maintained. Please pitch in to keep it as clean as possible. We, as club members, are responsible for the up-keep of our facility – please do your share.

Our membership is vital to the functioning of our club. All the work that goes in to the club is provided by volunteers. Without your help our club will cease to function so please give serious consideration to volunteering.

Renting the Club

As a club member, you have free access to the club to practice or show a friend. Of course, you must respect times of the various leagues, but with 24 hours in the day there is plenty of available ice.

If you know of a group that wishes to rent the club, please make arrangements with the Board (board@fmcurling.org) or the Group Coordinator (position currently open, please volunteer if you are able). Fees are currently \$15 per person for two hours and include instruction.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club and are always in short supply. If you are willing to volunteer for any of the following opportunities, please let a board member know or e-mail board@fmcurling.org.

- Bonspiel chairpersons and workers
- Marketing coordinator
- New building fundraising
- External group coordinator
- League captains
- Club clean-up
- Advertisement sales
- Ice set-up and maintenance
- Building maintenance
- Historical preservation

Officers and Board Members

The 2009—2010 board members and officers are:

Brent Christensen.....	President
Madonna Fitzgerald.....	Vice-President
Natalie Melland.....	Treasurer
Amelia Pirkl.....	Secretary
Scott Abrahamson.....	Board Member
Kevin Berg.....	Board Member
Terry Dimmer.....	Board Member
Mitch Oakland.....	Board Member
Kyle Young.....	Board Member

The phone number of the board members can be found on the front page of the SweepSheet.

The board is always interested in hearing your feedback. Please feel free to catch us at the club, call us or e-mail us at board@fmcurling.org.

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*** See you all at the Fall Meeting Monday, October 19th, 2009!**