



THE UPDATE

JANUARY EDITION

Well, We can all agree that winter has now arrived!

The Centre ended 2023 with an amazing 2 months of hosting events on top of all the leagues and school programs. We still had 5 Christmas events in January but overall we hosted over 60 events!

We have 3 More Qualifiers, the Alberta Winter games and Alberta Mixed Provincials to come so watch for upcoming posts and sign up sheets!



When in Rome... Well Italy at least, They win GOLD!!

Congratulations to Team Small- Doug Small, Vernon Boyd, Darlene Bathgate and Connie Anderson who won Gold at the Winter World Masters Games in Lombardia, Italy, January 15-January 21.

2023-2024

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GRANDE PRAIRIE CURLING CENTRE

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BOARD WEIGHT

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to 2024 at the Grande Prairie Curling Centre.

While the weather came in like a lion, it did little to slow the action on the ice as we hosted a very successful Cash Spiel featuring 27 competitive teams plus six junior teams, in the heart of the cold spell. Colin did all the leg work ensuring everything was covered prior to the event as well as participating while Keri organized all the Junior Teams. The competition was at it's best in with Team Vavrek prevailing in the Competitive Division and Team Doepker winning the Challenge Division. What I like about this format is that it is developmental as well as competitive and that they were able to fit six junior exhibition games into the schedule. It's so important to give the younger players a taste of the larger events and something to aspire to in the not-so-distant future.

League play went on pretty much as scheduled through the cold spell, everybody appeared to be anxious to get back from the holiday break.

BIG NEWS on the curling social front is the new Triples Drop in as well as the Mix and Mingle drop in starting Friday nights. Triples is a new format that allows curlers of all ages and abilities to play together in an abbreviated game format and enjoy a casual game in a more social setting. The triples format features 3 person teams, playing six end games consisting of three, two end sets. This is a drop in league as well as the traditional 4 player Mix and Mingle and both cost is \$10 per player, and your team is drawn at random, or you can register as a team. Game time is 7:30 and the HiTech Shot Rock lounge will be open before and after the game to make this a great addition to your Friday night social calendar. This type of league will play a significant role in the future of curling and the success of the Centre. Come on out and give it a try.

The calendar is busy over the next few weeks with events:

Kananaskis Nordic Spa Master Men's Qualifier Jan 27 -28,

a stop on the provincial 2 Player Stick Curling Tour Jan 27. Ken Fedoruk and Bob Pisatcky have been active on the tour and are instrumental in bringing the event to The Centre. We are looking forward to hosting Provincial and National Stick Curling events next year.

Curling Alberta Senior Mens Qualifier Feb 3-4

We are the host facility for the Canada Winter Games February 16-19.

The Kyra Doepker Team and Kale Myker Team will represent our club in this event.

Our biggest upcoming event at the Centre will be the Provincial Mixed Championships, March 19 to 24. This is another opportunity to showcase our facility and organization to the province. Plans are well underway with Mike Bain and Colin Griffith co-chairing the event. There will be lots of volunteer opportunities coming up so keep your eyes peeled around the Centre and on the website as they unfold.

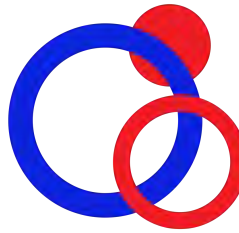
Our club and area will be well represented at upcoming provincial events with Dayan Vavrek and Scott Webb going to the Men's Boston Pizza Cup in Hinton and Jaxon Hiebert and Hayden Young competing in the U18 Girls and Boys events.

At the Board level, we're looking at ways to raise the profile of the Centre, planning for our fall awards presentations (look for nomination information soon), considering a bid for another major event, completing our Safe Sport certification with Curling Alberta and tackling the exciting job of reviewing and updating our by-laws (ho-hum). Colin is hard at it, doing the leg work on these initiatives so I can assure you we have our best man on it!!

Keep sliding and keep sweeping, we'll talk to you again in February.

Brian Wilson

2023-2024 SPECIAL EVENTS



GRANDE PRAIRIE
CURLING CENTRE

OCTOBER

WEEK OF OCT 2 ADULT LEAGUE STARTS
OCTOBER 28 GPCC ONE DAY HALLOSPIEL

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 17-19 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES QUALIFIER

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1-3 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES QUALIFIER
DECEMBER 15-17 U18 ALBERTA QUALIFIER
DECEMBER 15-17 MENS ALBERTA QUALIFIERS
DECEMBER 23- JANUARY 7 -CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

JANUARY

JANUARY 12-14 GRANDE PRAIRIE CASH SPIEL
JANUARY 19-21 U15 ALBERTA QUALIFIER
JANUARY 26-28 MASTER MENS ALBERTA QUALIFIER

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2-4 SENIOR MENS QUALIFIER
FEBRUARY 15-18 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES

MARCH

MARCH 1-3 GPCC CLOSING BONSPIEL
MARCH 3 ALL AGES TRY IT DAY
MARCH 19-24 ALBERTA MIXED PROVINCIALS
MARCH 25-29 FINAL WEEK OF LEAGUES

WEEKLY LEAGUES & PROGRAMS

MONDAYS

1:30-3:30-STICK CURLING LEAGUE 7:00-9:30-SUPERLEAGUE
4:00-6:00-RENTCO YOUTH LEAGUE 7:30-10-MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE
5:30-6:30-SPECIAL OLYMPICS

TUESDAYS

9:30AM-11:30AM-SENIORS DROP IN
6:30PM-9PM-EARLY DRAW MIXED
9PM-11:30PM-LATE DRAW MIXED

WEDNESDAYS

12:30pm-2:30pm-LADIES LEAGUE
4:30pm-6:00pm-GPPA JR ELITE
7:00pm-9:30pm- MENS LEAGUE

THURSDAYS

9:30AM-11:30AM-SENIORS DROP IN
4:30PM-6PM-ATCO JUNIOR PROGRAM
7PM-9:30PM-THURSDAY MENS LEAGUE

CENTRE WEEKLY HOURS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

PRACTICE ICE

BY PRE-BOOKINGS

10AM-3PM
730PM-9PM

12PM-4PM
9PM-10PM

10AM-3PM
9PM-10PM

12PM-3PM
9PM-10PM

10AM-5PM

CALL FOR
BOOKING

2PM-5PM
EVERY WEEK

RESTAURANT & BAR

11AM-2PM
5PM-11PM

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SOME EVENINGS

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OFFICE & PRO SHOP

11AM-8PM

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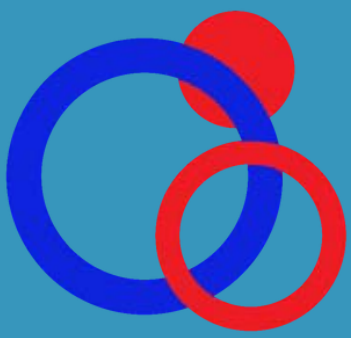
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January 2024

Around The Centre

It has been a busy January around the Grande Prairie Curling Centre! All Jr leagues and programs are back up and running, and will continue to run until the last week in March.

The Grande Prairie stop on the Pomeroy Peace Curling Tour was a HUGE success! We entered 6 Jr teams from our Thursday Atco program, along with 4 additional Jr teams out of the GPCC. We seen some great curling from everyone! For more information on the Pomeroy Peace Curling tour check out www.pomeroycurlingtour.weebly.com

Family Day Weekend, the GPCC will be hosting the Artic Winter Games. Make sure to come down and watch some fantastic curling.



Located at the GPCC

AB Winter Games Feb 16 - 19, 2024

Hit - Draw- Tap Feb 2 6pm

Little Rock Try it Day - March 3

Located outside of Grande Prairie

U15 Rock Fest

Leduc February 9-11 (Deadline January 25)



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**GREAT
CURLING**

**The Grande Prairie Curling Centre
Will have 2 teams representing
our club.**



Team Doepker



Team Philips

GOOD LUCK IN U15 PROVINCIALS

MEET THE TEAM



**Roger Miskolczi
Head Ice Technician
Make sure to say Thank you to
Roger for the amazing Ice**

CONGRATULATIONS

to one of our Volunteer Jr Instructor



Team Small

Connie Anderson, Vernon Boyd, Darlene Bathgate
and Doug Small
Great work bringing the Gold Medal home from the
Mixed Winter World Master Games in Italy