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Welcome back to all of our members!

The DLCC has been quietly working away in preparation for the upcoming curling season, but now that Fall is just around the corner, we wanted to get some communications going and kick-start the return to curling!

As it stands right now, all signs are pointing towards a 'normal' curling season at the DLCC this Winter. The DLCC will be following all Public Health Rules and Recommendations, and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone back at the club and out on the ice.

A quick word of 'Thanks' to all of our members who have stuck with the us and continued to support the DLCC through these trying times. As a Board of Directors, we had to make some very difficult decisions this past year and not all of those were popular decisions. Ultimately, we were the first club in Winnipeg to take out our ice last Winter as we tried to anticipate what was to come. This decision, like all of our decisions, were made in an effort to preserve the necessary funds to pay the bills and keep the doors open for the long-term health of the curling club. Member fees were not refunded and we know that was a sore spot for a lot of curlers as you were paying for a season and a service – not to help finance the club during a difficult time.

All of that being said, we sincerely appreciate the sacrifices made by all. It is because of those decisions that were made and the tireless effort of our Treasurer Bruce Kerr in obtaining COVID-related Grants / Subsidies, that we are in a position to open the doors once again this year and continue building upon the 100+ years of history that has been created at the DLCC.

Looking into the future and moving forward - although the club is not in a position to refund any dues from last season, we have a few things in-place that hopefully will serve as recognition and thank-you for your loyalty to the club:

- First – we are kicking off the season this year with a free bonspiel for all teams that were registered at the DLCC last season or who are registered for this upcoming year of curling. This will be an Open 'spiel starting immediately after Thanksgiving. Get your names in fast as it will be capped at 32 teams in order to complete the 'spiel in time for the start of the regular season. More info to follow!
- Second – we are going to be providing all curlers that register for the opening Bonspiel with \$20 in "DLCC Bucks". These can be redeemed at the Bar for Drinks or for DLCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Clothes/Merchandise.



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- Lastly, the Board of Directors has committed to freeze curling rates this season despite nearly all other clubs in the city raising fees by \$20-30 a curler. Other clubs are also implemented a 'Capital Improvement Fee' or 'Building Enhancement Charge' that is a flat \$20-25 per person. The Capital Improvement Fund is an idea that has been discussed by the DLCC Board previously, but in an effort to alleviate financial burdens and make-up for the lack of credits last season, we will not be implementing any new fees for 2021-22.

In terms of COVID procedures at the club this Winter, we are committed to always following Public Health Rules & Recommendations. We will not be making proof of vaccination a requirement in order to curl at the DLCC or to enter the facilities. However, we will be encouraging mask-use while moving about through the building. On the ice we will revert back to the regular 2-sweepers, and the arrows lining the carpets throughout the building for traffic flow will be no more. Cleaning and sanitation standards will remain at the same high level they were for the start of last season. These policies are always subject to change, but we felt it important to provide some context and information as to how it will look returning to curl at Deer Lodge.

As we gear-up for the season, keep your eyes on the DLCC website and Facebook page for information regarding upcoming events. Registration night will be Thursday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. We are also having 'Golf Day' on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Assiniboine Golf Course next door. For more information email [DLCCContact@gmail.com](mailto:DLCCContact@gmail.com).

As always, we are looking for a couple talented volunteers willing to dedicate a couple hours each week towards club initiatives. Brandon Cohoe is back again this year and will be playing a big role in the club's advertising efforts - so if you or anyone you know may be interesting in advertising at the DLCC, please get in touch with Brandon for more information ([DLCCIceMaker@gmail.com](mailto:DLCCIceMaker@gmail.com)).

If you have any questions or concerns with anything regarding the upcoming season, or comments you would like to share with the Board – please email Corey at [DLCCPresident@gmail.com](mailto:DLCCPresident@gmail.com).

All the best, and cheers to what will be a great season ahead!

Respectfully,

The Deer Lodge Curling Club  
Board of Directors