



# THE UPDATE

NOVEMBER EDITION

OUR MONTHLY NEWS LETTER WILL BE GOING TO ALL MEMBERS,  
SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH.  
THE NEWSLETTER WILL HIGHLIGHT ALL THE EVENTS AND ANY  
LEAGUE UPDATES

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE TO ACCESS YOUR  
WEEKLY SCHEDULES, SEE ANY SPARE LISTS AND FOR  
ALL UP TO DATE INFORMATION

FIRST TIME SIGNING IN? SIMPLY HIT FORGET PASSWORD AND  
ENTER THE EMAIL YOU REGISTERED WITH AND FOLLOW THE  
INSTRUCTIONS..ANY ISSUES JUST STOP IN AT THE OFFICE AND LAYNE  
WILL HELP YOU OUT!

## 2023-2024

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Operations Manager \* Layne Luckwell

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# BOARD WEIGHT

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the '23-'24 Curling Season.

As all sports organizations do, we are approaching this year with excitement and optimism. We welcome new members, new opportunities for participation, a new schedule of events to host, new sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, a new operating agreement with the City, and a new Board structure with some new faces.

This all happens on the foundation of, what I call, the post covid reset of our organization led by the tireless efforts of our Executive Director, Colin Griffith and the outstanding team he has built.

My name is Brian Wilson, I am new to the Board, with privilege of being elected President and in the coming months one of my jobs will be to keep you in touch and offer my perspective on things curling and social, on and off the ice, at the Grande Prairie Curling Centre.

There is a lot going on here, in front of and behind the glass. Our story needs to be shared not only with you but with our community as well. The Curling Centre has been an integral part of the sports scene in Grande Prairie for almost 100 years.

What other sport has participants ranging in ages from under ten to over ninety in competitive and participatory settings with such a wide variety of disciplines? We have it all from Youth league, Competitive development and junior instructional programs led by our Educational Director and Junior Instructor Keri Bruce, to Senior's Drop-in, traditional Men's, Women's and Mixed leagues. The newer disciplines of stick curling, mixed doubles and soon to be introduced, we hope, a triples drop-in format. There is a place for everyone, at the Grande Prairie Curling Centre.

Volunteers and Sponsorship are key to our success and what a great story that continues to be. Our Centre was Curling Alberta's Curling Club of the Year in 2022, in 2023 one of our major sponsors, The Pomeroy Group, was selected as Curling Alberta's Sponsor of the Year and a quick look around the rink tells the story of our significant local sponsorship base. Our Ice Technician, Roger Miskolczi, is Curling Alberta's Ice Technician of the year. Roger's an interesting guy, the other day I heard him tell somebody 'Because you can't swim you don't blame the water....'.

We also attracted 100s of volunteers to host a Pinty's Grand Slam event last October not to mention hundreds of volunteer hours throughout the year.

Our facility is our pride and joy and the envy of most. Almost fifty years old, in impeccable condition, it not only is a premium curling and social venue, the HiTech Shot Rock Bar and Grill is a great place for lunch or dinner or just to enjoy a cool one with a friend. Our location on the west entrance to downtown gives us opportunities to play a role in the area's beautification and enhancement plans.

So, that's part our story, in the coming months we will open some new chapters. I will call this effort 'Board Weight'. Over the years 'From the Back' and 'On the Button' as names for curling columns became overused and trite. Board Weight seems appropriate, and not because as a lead, in my curling days, I threw way too much board weight.

To keep up on club activities follow our Facebook page, check the website and watch and the bulletin boards at the Centre. You will see the names and faces and find out about the events and activities that keep the roaring game roaring in Grande Prairie. Operations Manager Layne Luckwell does a great job of not only managing our events but of posting them as well.

*Brian Wilson*

# 2023-2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 17-18 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES QUALIFIER

## DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1-3 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES QUALIFIER  
DECEMBER 15-17 US ALBERTA QUALIFIER  
DECEMBER 15-17 WENS ALBERTA QUALIFIERS  
DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 7 - CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## JANUARY

JANUARY 12-16 GRANDE PRAIRIE CASH SPIEL  
JANUARY 19-21 US ALBERTA QUALIFIER  
JANUARY 26-28 MASTER WENS ALBERTA QUALIFIER

## FEBRUARY

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

## MARCH

MARCH 1-3 SPCC CLOSING BONGSPIEL  
MARCH 1 ALL AGES TRY IT DAY  
MARCH 15-24 ALBERTA MIXED PROVINCEALS  
MARCH 25-29 FINAL WEEK OF LEAGUES



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## WEEKLY LEAGUES & PROGRAMS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

9:30AM-11:30AM-SENIORS DROP IN  
6:30PM-8PM-EARLY DRAW MIXED  
8PM-11:30PM-LATE DRAW MIXED

### WEDNESDAYS

12:30pm-2:30pm-LADIES LEAGUE  
4:30pm-6:00pm-OPPA-JR ELITE  
7:00pm-9:30pm- WENS LEAGUE

### THURSDAYS

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

### CENTRE WEEKLY HOURS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

### PRACTICE ICE \*BY PRE-BOOKINGS\*

10AM-3PM  
7:30PM-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

OPEN FOR  
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### OFFICE & PRO SHOP

11AM-8PM

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11AM-8PM

11AM-5PM

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EVENTS

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EVERY WEEK



Its that time of year again!!!

We hope everyone has had a fantastic summer, filled with dreams of curling.  
We are so excited to get back on the ice with all of you next week.

[A few important dates!](#)

**Located at the GPCC**

Artic winter Games December 1-3 (Deadline November 8th)

U 18 December 15-17 (Deadline November 8th)

U 15 January 19-21 (Deadline December 20th)

**Located outside of Grande Prairie**

Sexsmith Jr Open December 8-10 (Both competitive and entry level division)

U15 Rock Fest

High River December 1-3 (Deadline November 17)

Leduc February 9-11 (Deadline January 25)

Future Start Link to register to win tickets to the Scottie

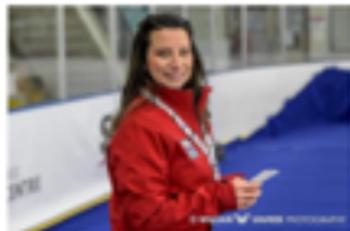
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## MEET THE COACHES



**Keri Bruce**

Educational Director/  
Jr Instructor



**Rachel Deopker**

Jr Special Events Director/  
Jr Instructor

# AROUND THE CENTER

## **Monday Rento youth League**

Monday Oct 30th -

Monday March 25, 2023

Setup to slowly introduce league play into  
the youth programs

## **Wednesday GPPA Advanced Program**

An invitational competitive program designed to develop  
Grande Prairie teams for competition

## **Thursday Jr Atco Program (ages 8-17)**

Thursday November 2 -

Thursday March 28, 2024

This program is a 5 level badge program for  
curlers of all ages and abilities

All programs will take a 2 week break for Christmas

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