

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER
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The 2009-2010 curling season is well underway and our curling year began with the very successful Opening Bonspiel.

Now that we are into the year I'd like to highlight some of the capital improvement projects and associated costs that have been completed and to brief you on recent decisions taken by the Board of Directors regarding future capital expenditures.

Completed Capital Improvements:

- insulation, siding and double door installed on end wall	\$20,393.
- new supply air duct work and two additional diffusors	\$ 3,230.
- roof repairs	\$ 5,237.
- repairs to header pipes	\$ 2,500.
- other projects:	
carpet in ladies lounge	\$ 3,060.
painting of a variety of areas	
repairs to mens' washrooms	
new floor in cleaning supply room	
replacement of some lights in ice shed	
other misc. repairs	

In addition to these capital expenditures, you should be aware of two of the largest budget amounts of our regular operating costs, namely:

- Heat	\$22,500.
- Light and Power	\$40,000.

Building and Equipment Fund:

The Board agreed to set up a fund to cover unexpected significant equipment repairs or replacement. This year (2009/10) \$25K in restricted funds have been set aside. Next year a maximum of \$15K, based on available funds, will be put into this fund and the amount will build each year to a maximum of \$50K.

While we would like to continue with additional improvements to the Club, the Board recognizes that the expenditure of significant funds for improvements may not be prudent at this time. After discussion regarding developments in downtown Dartmouth and the continued absence of a long-term solution to our parking situation, the Board has agreed to take a conservative approach to capital improvements and repairs for the next year. Large expenditures, over and above regular operating requirements, will only be approved to cover safety and security issues, e.g. approval has been given to replace the stair treads in the entrance and the two stairwells to the upper level. In addition, a safety handrail will be installed on the steps in the front entrance.

And now, some closing comments.

I hope you are all enjoying the great ice conditions that Tracy has been giving us, and on that note please take advantage of the great deal the Curling Store has provided for the purchase of new grippers, available at the bar: \$11.30 including HST.

Our GM, Stephen, has been in discussions with a number of people from HRM regarding repairs to the pot holes across the street and the problem with the drain at the side of the Club. They keep assuring us that these repairs will take place!

Stephen has also negotiated a new three year deal with Pepsi which, in addition to a rebate for products purchased, provides an annual amount of \$500. as payment for their advertising on the scoreboard.

Treasurer, Ralph Beal, and I attended a very informative Member Club Forum and the semi-annual meeting of the NSCA in Truro on October 3rd.

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to volunteer for the Brier coming in March: sign up at www.seasonofchampions.ca/2010brier/volunteer_information.asp

And one final comment: if you get **H1N1 - PLEASE STAY HOME!!!**

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