



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER
DARTMOUTH CURLING CLUB
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Hello all – just a little over five weeks before the curling season begins!

By way of this newsletter I'd like to bring you up-to-date on work that has taken place at the club over the summer.

Ladies Lounge:

The ladies have taken on a major upgrade of the Ladies Lounge. First, all the furniture, pictures, bulletin boards, and window treatments were removed. Then the walls were cleaned, patched, and the entire area was painted in a colour that brightens the room. A new wall was constructed around the lockers and some electrical work was also done. The lockers and radiators were painted and new carpeting has been installed. Trim work was also completed. Some trenching and patching of cracks was done along the exterior foundation to hopefully fix the leaks that occurred last winter. New bulletin boards are yet to be installed.

A significant improvement has been made to this area, with almost all of it accomplished through volunteer labour.

Ice Shed:

- Headers: (large pipes that carry the brine that keeps our ice frozen)
 - walkway removed
 - headers and nipples inspected
 - system drained, 5 nipples replaced
 - brine filter, which did not previously exist, installed on refrigeration piping system
 - air vent installed on top of header pipe
 - system refilled
 - pit cleaned of garbage and rubble to make it easier to access crawl space
 - headers and nipples cleaned of rust and sprayed with Rust Check
 - walkway to be replaced



Header pipes Before



Header pipes After

- Glass-end wall:
 - entry doors to shed scraped and painted
 - lower portion of wall to be fully scraped and painted

- West wall (end wall):
 - area behind scoreboard cleaned and vacuumed
 - in preparation for new insulation and siding DCC lettering and exterior lights removed
 - yet-to-come:
 - extra plenums from furnace to be installed
 - large exit double-door
 - exterior insulation and siding to be installed
 - exterior lights replaced

Roof:

- ridge vent removed
- installation of new membrane 8' down on each side of center
- damaged shingles replaced
- leaking roof drain replaced

Men's Locker Rooms:

- all clothing, shoes, etc. removed, including 22 empty boxes
- lockers moved and all areas vacuumed
- tops of lockers, walls and pipe work washed
- broken seal in large window to be replaced

Men's Washrooms: we hadn't budgeted for major repairs to the washrooms which will eventually have to be done (approx. \$25 K), so we decided to do some minor cosmetic improvements:

- ceramic tile removed from exterior walls
- tile board and trim installed
- as we were removing the broken tiles from the larger washroom we discovered a major leak from the window that appears to have been taking place over a period of a number of years. The woodwork below the window was so rotten that it fell apart in our hands. This window and supporting woodwork will have to be replaced.



Wall under window in Men's washroom

Back Entrance:

- old bulletin board removed and new one to be installed

Outside Maintenance:

- Mike Gorveatt has kindly kept the grass whippersnipped all summer.

As you can see from the above, a tremendous amount of work has been accomplished over the summer and we still have a lot to do before the curling season begins. We have an aging facility and, were it not for the volunteer hours contributed by members, it would be a major financial challenge to keep up with the required maintenance work.

In that regard, I want to thank all of the volunteers who have helped over the summer. Some have put in only a few hours, others have contributed many and many. They are: Donna Casavechia (and her sister-in-law who provided designer advice), Fern and George Pettipas, Dianne Scholey, Heather Whitehead, Iris Peebles, Shawn MacPhee, Liz Young, Jacquie McCaughan, Barb Hughes, Gary Casavechia, Joey Carmichael, Ron Decker, Frank Robicheau, Phil Mattatall, Bob Goodwin, Owen McKenna, Al Payzant, Frank Carmichael, and Stephen Glazebrook (for coming in and paying the bills all summer). I'd also like to thank Sharon Gallant and her able assistant, Les Seebold, for organizing the golf tournament.

Lastly, a very special recognition for our Building and Equipment Director, Jim Sifton, who has put in countless hours at all times of the day and night and in a variety of weather conditions. Next time you see Jim give him a thank you for keeping our facility going.

If I have forgotten anyone else who contributed time, my sincerest apologies.

Looking forward to seeing you all as the new season begins.

Al Reardon
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