

AVONAIR CURLING / CLUB

Where Curling is for everyone, everyday!

Hello Avonair Members,

I would like to inform everyone of an unfortunate situation that has developed at the club.

During the startup of the rink last week the ice plant experienced some mechanical issues and after some testing it has been determined that the chiller has failed and will need to be replaced. This is a very important component of the ice plant, and this will impact our season this year. Our ice crew is working hard at finding the best repair options, but it is looking like we will need to get a replacement chiller manufactured and this could take 3-5 months. There have been several companies looking at the plant to provide us with quotes for a replacement with the goal to be up and running in January.

In order to keep everyone curling this season, our managers, Sarah and Matt, have been working very hard at contacting the other city curling clubs to see if they will be willing and able to temporarily accommodate our leagues this fall and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. At this time, they have found clubs that will be able to accommodate all our leagues at nearly the same league times. The majority of the leagues will be relocated to the Thistle, with the ACT League heading to the Crestwood, the Firefighters to the Shamrock and the Electrical to the Garrison. The Edmonton Rocks Wheelchair League is still in discussions, but has several options available to them. We are still finalizing the location of the Thursday Mixed with the Saville Centre and Thistle as options. Your league will be contacting your teams individually with final details regarding start dates and other details.

The board felt that it was very important that we kept our leagues intact so that when we are up and running again, that we will be able to return as a club. While this situation is far from ideal, it will allow everyone to be able to continue to start the year with your leagues as you were expecting and maintain the Avonair Curling Club.

If you have any questions regarding your league, please contact Sarah in the office at 780-477-2427 and she will be able to help you out. I want to thank everyone for their patience as we work through these challenges. We are still working out the rest of the details and once they are finalized, we will send out further information.

Fred Greenhough

President, Board of Directors