



Hello. Here we are about two weeks into the season, things are going pretty good with all the leagues starting play, the ice is still a bit straight but that will change shortly as it gets played on a bit more.....While we are talking ice, the ice conditions are not only determined by the Ice Team, the weather and the plant. Curlers have a lot to do with the conditions. To point out two ways **you** can help with the ice, and this is just a start. 1) Let's talk **Grippers** –Grippers should be changed at least every season. As they wear, they start to lose little pieces of rubber, which will cause picks. Take a look at the bottom of your broom after you have swept a rock, did you ever wonder what those tiny black specks were. Rubber. 2) **Hands and knees** – this one is pretty easy. Body temperature will melt ice. Keep the warm parts off it. So there you have it, the part you play in ice conditions, and there are more.....Hats off to the Ladies and in particular, Carmel and Cathie, with a lot of hard work on their part the Ladies League has been revived with 6 full teams playing and a few more curlers waiting to join next schedule, hopefully it will get up to 8 teams.....Welcome to all the new curlers we have this year, not only to those whose are playing in leagues, but also to the 24, who under the tutelage of Dana Dickson and Stewart Bond, are taking part in the Sunday afternoon Learn to Curl program ..... The importance of being careful on the ice cannot be over emphasized, the ice is slippery, and, especially as you get older a bit more difficult to maneuver on, so please be sure of your footing. It does not hurt to wear two grippers, as the gripper on your shoe does tend to become less effective as it gets older.....I know it is still a bit early and we have to get Christmas over with first, but the club will be holding its major fundraiser again this year, that is Yuk Yuks, the date is Saturday Feb. 2, mark it on your calendar and look for tickets to come out in December.....I would expect by now you have noticed our new website, which has many new features, but it is only as good as the information which is put into it. One area that is not being used to its extent is the Spare area. If you want to be put on the spare list, **first login**, put the cursor over **Profile** click on it, then click on the **Spare Details** tab, fill in the information. Conversely if you want to find a spare, click on **Spares** instead of Profile, apply the filters and click on **Apply Filters**. It is that easy.....Another feature I like is the Member Dashboard, scroll over **Members**, you have to be logged in to see this, go down to **Dashboard**, click on that and all your games for the next two weeks will appear.....Another date to mark on your calendar, Saturday November 17, the Bradford Santa Claus Parade, and **we** will have a float this year. Thanks to; Julie Patten, Ed Sikkema, Brian Febel and Cathie Heppell for making this possible.....Until next time, GOOD CURLING.