

Amherst Curling Club Newsletter

Come to the Big “Good Bye get together” for Teresa Currie at the Catholic Church on Sept. 24th, Sunday night from 7 to 9. She has asked that if you wish to give her a gift to please donate to the Curling Club or the Food Bank.

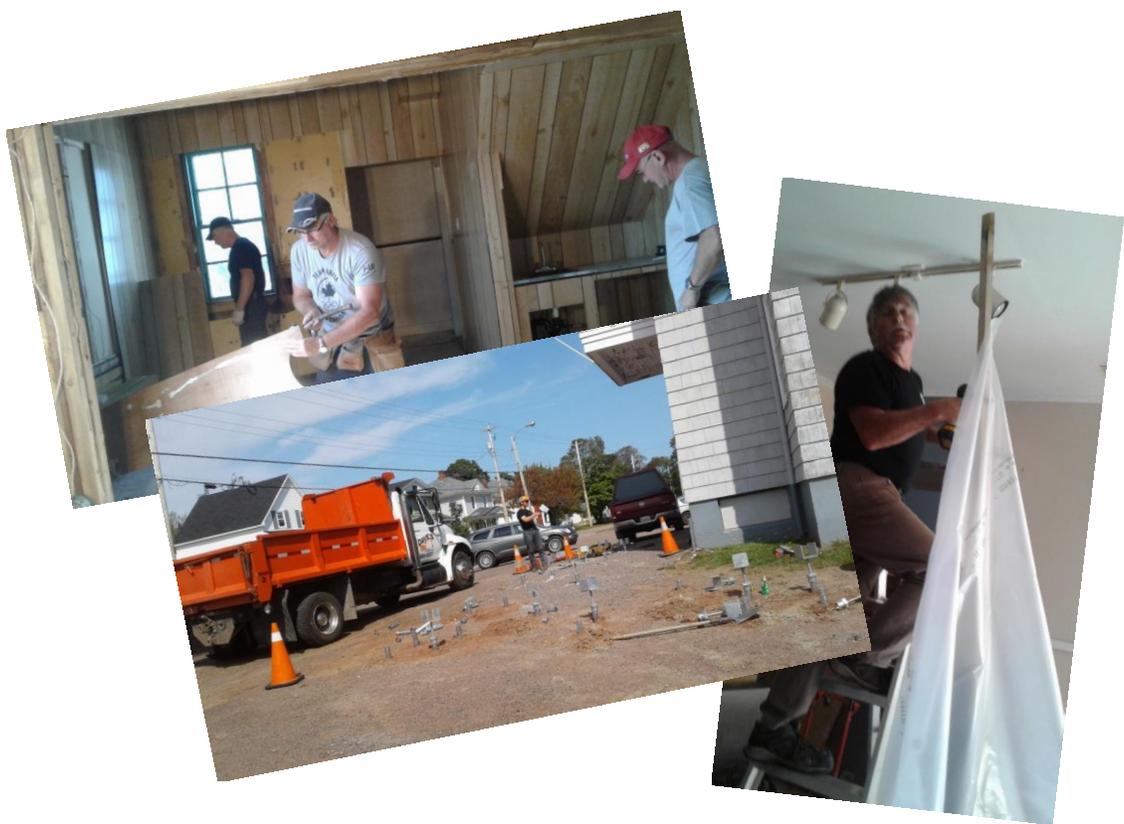
Teresa has been called back to the Mother House in Charlottetown to continue her good work there and are we ever going to miss her. When she wasn't falling on the ice and scaring us to death she was making us laugh with outrageous banter. She has led us ladies through many Ladies' Carters' Cresting Bonspiels and her love of life brought many teams here to play. Teresa makes everyone feel welcome as they come in the Curling Club door and we will miss her terribly. I still find it hard to believe that after almost 40 years of her smiling face we are not going to have her on the ice this year. **Teresa, we at the Club, will miss you dearly but wish you the very best in your new life's challenge.**

Bit of an update at the Club:

Paul Hawkes has provided a summary of renovations happening at the Club

- The Amherst Curling Club has undertaken major renovations to our building and entrance for the 2017/2018 curling season. The renovations include the replacement of the electrical entrance, installation of an accessible washroom on the main floor and the installation of an accessible ramp entrance to our building. Following is a quick update on the progress to date.
- The replacement of our electrical entrance to the building is well underway with a contract being awarded to Rayteck Electrical of Amherst. Rayteck has already started the job with the disconnection of power to the building and the installation of a temporary entrance in the parking lot. All of the old equipment has been removed and new equipment is being installed this week. We should have partial power restored to the building by September 22. Although this part of our renovations is proceeding well there is a delay in obtaining a critical part for the completion of this job thus there will be a delay with the installation of our ice and the beginning of our curling season. At this time we are expecting approximately a 2 week delay. We will have further updates as the project gets closer to an end.

- The accessible washroom work has started with the removal of old materials from the walls and demolition of the bar area which has been completed by club volunteers. Our contractor for this portion of the work is Grant Lewis who plans to start work at the club on Sept 25.
- The accessible ramp entrance has also started. If you have driven by the club lately you will notice the concrete stairs have been removed and there are screw post placed in the ground to form the foundation for the new deck and ramp. As of September 20 we are waiting on a building permit to continue with the construction. The ramp will be mostly built by volunteers with some members already advising they will help. Paul Hawkes will be the contact for this portion of our renovations and will be calling for help as the project moves along. If you are able to help please contact Paul by email at hawkesy59@hotmail.com.
- The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Oct 11 which would be a good time to come down and see what your club renovations are looking like. Any questions you may have on the project can be answered at that time.
- We have another Exit Door in ice shed as well.
- Some of the men at the Club have been tearing down the bar to get ready for the contractors to come in. The day that I (Janice) was in Peter Rushton, Paul Hawkes, Dan Jolly and Robin Keith were hard at work and Dave's Excavating was outside preparing the footings for the ramp



- The **Fall Annual General Meeting** will be on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 7PM
- The **Junior Curling Program** will go ahead as usual on Tuesday and Thursday after school
- The **Challenge League** will play on Tuesday nights this year rather than the usual Sunday night.

Hope that this update is helpful. See you tomorrow night.

Janice (Amos)