

# IN THE HACK

The Owatonna Curling Club Newsletter  
January 7, 2010

## \*\*\*2010 Miller Lite Superspiel\*\*\*

The 2010 Miller Lite Superspiel is set for Feb 5-7. This year's theme will be "The Great Super Bowl Tailgate"  
Details of the bonspiel are posted at the club and on the OCC website. Sign up at the club or e-mail me at [jhanson@tpsinsurance.com](mailto:jhanson@tpsinsurance.com)

## \*\*\*Website Update\*\*\*

-Skip's contact info is available on the website. The user ID is "occ" and the password is "curl"  
-All schedules are available on the website. Sub list is available online, too.  
-Check us out at [www.owatonnacc.org](http://www.owatonnacc.org)

## \*\*\*Refreshment Update\*\*\*

Our keg beer is on a brief hiatus. With the extremely cold temps we have had a tough time keeping the beer from freezing. We are currently exploring other option and hope to be back in business soon.

## \*\*\*Dr McGillicuddy Bonspiel\*\*\*

Thanks to all for your donations to the Dr McGillicuddy raffle. The bonspiel was a great success and a big fundraiser for the club.

## \*\*\*Club Reminders\*\*\*

**CLEAN-UP** – I have not had an opportunity to set up a clean-up schedule for the season. I'm hoping we are all willing to do our part. Clean up after yourselves. Run the vacuum, if needed. Wipe off the tables. Take out the trash. We all know what needs to be done, so let's keep **OUR CLUB** clean.

## \*\*\*The Etiquette Corner\*\*\*

**KNEE MARKS** – Please get off your knee(s) after you have delivered the rock. When you sit on your knee as the rock travels down the sheet you melt large holes in the ice. There are a number of knee marks on both sheets. Please remind our experienced curlers and educate our new curlers if you see this occurring on your league night.

**SWEEPER ETIQUETTE** – When the opponent is preparing to or delivering the rock please get off to the side of the sheet. Be very careful not to walk in front of or obstruct the view of the opponent. Remember – once your stone has come to rest is then your opponent's ice.

**PACE OF PLAY** – Start on time. Be ready to curl (slider on and in the hack). Limit strategy talk to keep the game moving. These simple rules will ensure all 8 ends can be played in 2 hours or less.

## \*\*\*Olympics / Open House\*\*\*

With Olympic Curling right around the corner we are currently working on details for at least two open houses at the club. We are starting to see increased interest in the sport of curling. I expect this is only the beginning. The Olympic coverage of our sport will bring people out of the woodwork. We obviously want to foster this interest, so we will do everything we can to give these folks a chance to get hooked on curling. More details will follow once the dates of the open houses are set. Help will be needed.