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To All Curling Members;

It is that time of year again. Leaves are turning and thoughts start to change from summer activities to *Curling!*

If you have followed the messages I have sent out during the summer, the club has undergone many improvements. Some are still underway and won't be completed until later in October.

- All of the lighting in the ice house and warm room has been upgraded to more efficient fluorescent lights. This reduced our electrical use for light by 50%. We were also able to take advantage of Focus on Energy funds to subsidize the project. JT Anderson was key to making this happen.
- All of the electrical panels in the compressor room were updated. No more fuses. No more tripped breakers when we have things going on in the kitchen. No more losing the lights and having to replace a LARGE fuse in the dark. Pete Leahy drove those changes
- We will be installing an emissivity barrier just below the trusses. This will have an energy saving component (about 25% of the heat load on an ice rink compressor is radiation heat transfer from the ceiling) but it will really improve the esthetics in the ice house. We will also be installing a new fabric duct down the middle of the ice below the emissivity barrier. This work will be done by late October. This is a large endeavor and will require about 10-15 hours for a crew of 6 to install. We will have a work schedule set out within the next week or two. We plan on working for a couple of hours each night until the work is done. Please volunteer to help if you can. There are a variety of tasks involved so don't think you will be in over your head and you don't need to be there every day.

We will be hosting a club banquet on Saturday Nov 8, 2008 starting at 5:00pm. This will also include a business/board meeting as we plan to file for 501c3 status. More details to follow.

Based on feedback from the membership (new members in particular) we will be scheduling additional training sessions to give those who want to an opportunity to improve their skills and understanding of the game

Here is the schedule for the start of the year.

Oct 6, 2008	Compressor is turned on
Oct 14, 2008 (approx)	Put paper down on ice
Oct 22, 2008 6-9pm	Open House (D. Pias)
Oct 25, 2008 1-5pm	Open House (D. Pias)
Oct 28, 2008 6-9pm	Open House (D. Pias)
Nov 1, 2008 1-5pm	Curling training for new and old (D. Oswald)
Nov 3, 2008	Leagues Start
Nov 1, 2008 1-5pm	Curling training for new and old (D. Oswald)



Nov 8, 2008 5pm
Nov 15, 2008 1-5pm

Dec 12-14, 2008
Jan 23-24, 2009
Mar 13-15, 2009
Mar 27-29, 2009

Opening Banquet
Curling training for new and old
(D. Oswald)
Stevens Point Cashspiel
WinterFest Club Bonspiel (date to be finalized)
Men's Bonspiel
Mixed Bonspiel

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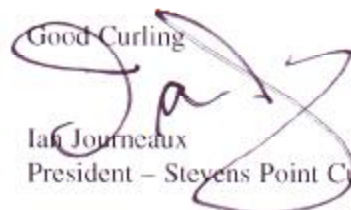
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Hopefully you will like the changes we have made. As always, We, the Stevens Point Curling Club Board, and myself personally, would appreciate your feedback. What are we doing well? What do we need to do better? How can we improve things?

Make sure your sign up sheets are returned promptly as this definitely helps in setting up the different leagues. Please verify your contact information. Our main vehicle for communication is email. This is fast and easy. If you don't use email, make sure we know that you would prefer to be contacted by phone and we will try to get a message to you by phone.

Always remember that we are a volunteer based organization. From club improvements, to assisting with the bonspiels, general cleaning, etc, it is all done by volunteers from the membership. This allows us to accomplish many things we could not afford to do otherwise.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone as the season starts.

Good Curling

Ian Journeaux
President - Stevens Point Curling Club