

Thistle Whistle



Meet our Newest Life Member - Barry Westgard



Life Member

“Barry Westgard - June 1, 2024

In recognition of Barry’s work as a competitor, volunteer, and ambassador for the Thistle, he will forever be recognized as a Life Member of the Thistle Curling Club!

Thank you, Barry for all you have done!”

Barry Westgard has been a member of The Thistle for 40+ years. He has dedicated numerous hours to the Thistle, both on and off the ice.

He is still throwing rocks or spectating at the Thistle several times a week. He has represented the Thistle at numerous City Championship, regional qualifier, Provincial, and National events; always eager to tell everyone how great it is to be part of the Thistle family.

He volunteered for The Board of Directors for 25+ years, being President twice, and to this day is always willing to help whenever asked. He has been instrumental in bringing numerous successful events to the Thistle by either chairing the event or sitting on the organizing committee. The largest of these events included the 2007 World Senior Men’s and Women’s Championships, the 2015 Canadian Senior Men’s and Women’s Championships, several Alberta Provincial Championships, as well as numerous qualification events and bonspiels.

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Thank you, Barry for all you have done!

Bonspiels and Events

Fundraiser Funspiel - November 2, 2024

Great opportunity to introduce new curlers to our sport while supporting our fundraising efforts for a lift elevator! Entry \$260 + GST per team includes:

- 3 games (4 ends)
- Lunch tickets for 4 players
- Prizes for 4 players

Register using the “Events” tab, “Events Registration” on the Thistle webpage (www.thistlecurling.ab.ca).

Wednesday Afternoon Drop-In Sturling (2-person) Curling

Want to get out on Wednesday afternoons? This is a great chance to get out and throw a few rocks. Throw with a stick or from the hack. No sweeping required. Games take about 1 hour.

Time: Wednesday 1:30 p.m.

Price: \$10.00 per game. Pay as you play.

Gift Card Fundraiser - Order deadline November 8, 2024

We will be selling gift cards again this year. Great idea as a gift for those hard to buy for people, or loyal employees. Or buy for yourself to use on new clothes, books, groceries; get yourself a gift. Details in the email sent October 21.

Got questions? Check with Bob in the office (thistlecc@shaw.ca) or Shelley Grove (sjgrove@telus.net).

Stock the Bar for Christmas!

Watch for details to come on our Stock the Bar for Christmas event.

New League Starting in January 2025!

The Edmonton Sport and Social Club (ESSC) will be hosting a new league at the Thistle at 8:15 pm Wednesday nights starting January 15, 2025!

This will be an open recreational league that runs for 9 weeks. You can register as a team or an individual.

Please see the ESSC webpage (www.edmontonsportsclub.com/leagues/curling) to register or for more details.

Welcome Back Message from President David Moore

Welcome Back to the Thistle for the 2024/25 Curling Season.

The Board and I would like to welcome everyone back! I believe we have the best curling centre in Edmonton, if not all of Alberta. We continually hear from our new curlers how friendly and welcoming the Thistle is. This is because we have the best people who make the Thistle what it is. We strive to make sure we are a place inclusive to everyone and appreciate the community members who come in for a drink and a bite to eat. I want to personally thank each and every Thistle member for their welcoming attitude toward new curlers and visitors.

We are at what we consider maximum capacity with many days having draws from morning to night! I have been at the club for over 30 years and have never seen it this busy!

Tim's Ice Services is back for another year. Their team worked hard over the summer getting the sand base ready for the season. They put in many hours bringing in new sand and leveling and drying it. They also papered the rocks to create more curl. I would say the first few games showed a lot of curl. The ice will continue to change until the temperature outside cools and the humidity decreases. Until then, we deal with ever-changing ice conditions from day to day, sometimes draw to draw.

Susie and her team from Let's Eat Catering (www.letseatcatering.ca) are also back this year with concession and catering services. Watch online or on the board for her specials. She also has take-home meals again this year!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out in September to do the yard work, and the club clean up. We could not do the things we do without our great volunteers!

As always, we continue to strive to be better. One of the ways we do this is by having our curlers give recommendations regarding how we can do better, be better, and improve our facilities. We do plan to do a few things over the next year. I am sure by now everyone has had a chance to look at the drawings the renovation committee had done up. That is a long-term goal (maybe a dream). In the meantime, we will continue to make improvements to the facility. Our next goals are to install a lift (elevator) to make the facility more accessible and make improvements to the washrooms.

If you see me or any board member, please come say hi!

Thanks again for helping the Thistle be the best we can be!

Dave Moore
President, Thistle Curling Center

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