

## Nobleton Curling Club

Nobleton Curling Club was formed early in 1956 with the first games being played in February and March of that year.

The first full season started in November, 1956, with fifty-six playing members. Five sheets of ice were marked on the ice surface of the arena and games were played every Wednesday from 7-9 and 9-11 P.M.

The curling stones were used ones purchased from Bolton and Alliston. Later purchases were made at Fenelon Falls and Cobourg.

In the 1957-58 season the membership dropped to 40 and curling was on Thursdays from 7-9. The following year the times were changed to 7:30-10 P.M. and have remained thus ever since. After the games members move upstairs for coffee and sandwiches. Each week the four members of the designated rink bring a loaf of bread made up into sandwiches, the Club provides the coffee, pickles, cheese etc.

The season 1958-59 saw the introduction of the Annual Banquet and dance. This takes place in the community hall, usually in April, and is the occasion at which the various winners receive their trophies. For the remainder of the year the trophies are on display in the Club's cabinet in the arena.

1958-59 also saw the first of the weekly raffles, the object being to meet some of the expense without a raise in fees. A 25¢ ticket gives the member a chance to win the prize. The first season or two most of the prizes were donated by members, but latterly the majority have been supplied by the Club.

Despite - or maybe because of - the uneven ice surface, members have, on the whole, acquitted themselves fairly well at local Bonspiels, and have on occasion, come home with prizes. Our own first bonspiel - for Nobleton Men's and Ladie's Clubs - was held between Christmas and New Year 1967-68, and was rated successful enough to repeat in future years.

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