

The Fundy Curling Club: Past, Present and Future

Submitted by Alan Demaline

With the 2024 curling season well under way, this is a great time to look back at how a curling club ended up in Riverside Albert, what is going on presently and what the future holds for the only curling club in Albert County!

With some help from long standing FCC member Ivan Keirstead, let's dive into the past. The first curling club in Canada was established in Montreal in 1807. In the early 1960's a local group of private individuals with a passion for curling decided it was high time for curling to come to Riverside Albert. Meetings were held, details hashed out and funds were raised from various sources to work towards turning the dream into a reality. To get the club up and running, everyone who wanted to join needed to pay a yearly membership fee as well as purchase a \$50.00 bond which is the equivalent to a whopping \$500.00 in today's dollars! Miraculously, the community came together and raised enough funds for the Fundy Curling Club to be established in 1962. The doors were opened soon after to welcome the first members.

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Things were much different back in the beginning as there was no ice plant meaning the game was played on natural ice. A mighty backswing and slide was needed to hit the button for sure. The game was also much louder as instead of the modern brooms we now use, corn brooms and soon

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Like us at <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>ConnectingAlbertCounty</u> after, synthetic "Rink Rats" were used to sweep the ice. The slapping sound of these brooms was deafening in the hands of a skilled brusher and I am sure if you listen hard you can still hear them echoing off the walls. In the early 1970's a used ice plant was installed and the FCC had entered the modern age of curling!

The early adopters of the FCC gave us the foundation to get to where we are presently at the club today. After over 45 years of service the old ice plant was showing its age and was being held together with copious amounts of JB Weld and maybe even a bit of Duct tape. It was clear the ice plant was on its last legs and without a new one, the club would go silent and all that would be left would be the echo of those old "Rink Rats". Fortunately, at the very same time, the CCRC approached the FCC to start the very first "Chase the Ace". This partnership, along with the unbelievable support of our fabulous community, raised enough funds to install a brand new chiller barrel and ice plant in 2018. Since then, the proceeds have also enabled us to put a new roof on the ice shed and install a central heat pump to replace our old oil furnace.

The support provided by local businesses, tradespeople, contractors and volunteers has also been incredible in keeping our major projects affordable. We can't thank you enough for helping us get to where we are today.

The club has doubled its membership since 2018 and we now have over 100 members ranging in age from 6 to 80. Adult curling happens every weeknight, "Chase the Ace" on Fridays and our Little Rocks and brand new U18 programs take over the ice on Sunday afternoons. Throw in a few Bonspiels and you can see that the FCC is the place to be this winter just as it was at its inception in 1962.

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With a storied past paving the way to a vibrant modern day club, what does the future hold for the FCC? We will continue to develop our Little Rocks and U18 curling programs to offer a fun, safe and affordable activity for youth right here in our community. They are the future of our club and deserve all the help and support we can give them. Continuing to grow our adult membership will provide an inviting atmosphere for folks to get out and try a new sport while at the same time reconnect with old friends or make new ones. Investing in infrastructure at the club will ensure it is around for another 60 years for future generations of curlers. Whatever else the future holds for the Fundy Curling Club we know it will include the one thing that has remained consistent for over

60 years ... Community!

FUNDY CURLING CLUB

The above picture is of the original FCC sign. From the past.

The picture below is of the U18 Youth curlers and their coaches. Our future







Improving Lives Through Literacy with Read Moncton



Submitted by Sheila Bennett

President of the Board of Directors for Read Moncton

"Improving lives through literacy" is not just the slogan for Read Moncton, but is truly our raison d'être, as we recognize that lives are enhanced and our communities are made stronger through improved literacy skills.

Read Moncton, the local council of Read NB, founded in 1977, is a non-profit organization which offers free one-to-one tutoring to individuals over the age of 16, who are looking to upgrade their reading and writing, work towards their General Education Development (GED) certificate, or to improve their math or digital skills. We have recently added English as Another Language training to our services, due to the growing demand in Southeastern NB, however, this is not one of our core services.

The literacy statistics in New Brunswick are staggeringly low. An astonishing 48% of New Brunswick adults have below average literacy skills, meaning they function at a basic literacy level. Filling out forms, following a map, reading a menu or understanding an instruction manual, all of these may pose difficulty. We are here to help.

Our learners include adults of all ages, from all walks of life. From grandparents who want to be able to read a bedtime story to their grandchildren, adults who want to feel the accomplishment of attaining their GED, and folks who know that improving their literacy skills may provide the opportunity for a better paying job and better quality of life.

It is not always easy to ask for help, however. There is a perceived stigma attached to the inability to read. We have learners who have graduated from high school, who were pushed through the system, never getting the actual help that they needed. We have learners who completed some high school, but never graduated, and we have learners that never had the opportunity to attend high school at all. What all of our learners have in common though, is the amazing strategies that they have developed to hide the fact that reading is difficult or impossible for them!

Contacting us at Read Moncton is the first step to improving literacy skills. Potential learners meet with our tutor coordinator for a



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reading assessment to determine their current level of literacy. They are then matched with a tutor who works one-to-one with them on a schedule that is mutually convenient. Learning sessions are held in public places, most frequently at public libraries, but a few tutor/learner pairs meet at Tim Hortons or other public areas that provide a quiet corner. Learning programs are individually tailored to each learner. Learners may be at a beginner level, starting with the alphabet. Or they may be more advanced, wishing to improve their reading comprehension or writing skills. Sometimes learners want to concentrate on a specific area: the language used in their workplace, a learning manual such as the driver's handbook, or one particular subject for the GED.

Our tutors are all trained volunteers who, like our learners, include people of all ages and come from all walks of life. Qualities we look for in our tutors include: patience and understanding, having a good attitude along with being enthusiastic and encouraging. Tutors must recognize the need of maintaining complete confidentiality with regards to their learner. We ask for a minimum of six months to a one year commitment from our tutors, fully understanding 'life' happens.

The tutor intake process includes an application form, minimum of two references, and a criminal record check. Prospective tutors complete an online training series and participate in a final workshop with other new tutors from around the province. Our local tutor coordinator is available to answer any questions throughout the training process and while tutors are being paired with a learner. We offer ongoing support and hold in-person tutor meetups three times a year. All resource materials are supplied.

It is not uncommon to complete the tutor training and question whether or not you are qualified to undertake tutoring. But you are. Unlike the learner, whose first step was contacting us, a tutor's *real* first step is that initial session with their learner. It can be a little nerve-wracking for both participants, but once you have a few sessions in the books it gets easier and easier.

And it is incredibly rewarding. Many tutors will say they get more out of tutoring than they feel their learners do.

Every effort is made to pair a learner and a tutor who will be compatible – who may share similar interests, demeanour, or whose personalities will 'gel'. It is not simply a pairing of the next one on the list. A few factors need to align and be considered before a match is made, such as available times for sessions, gender or age preference, along with personalities.

Read Moncton operates under the guidance of a volunteer board of directors and one part time employee, our tutor coordinator. We have an office located at 96 Norwood Ave., Suite 208, in Moncton, with office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment. We may be reached by phone at 506-382-3303 and by email at tutor@themrlc.com or info@themrlc.com

If you are interested in becoming a learner or becoming a tutor, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch.

Improve your life or someone else's life through literacy.





February 10th - 19th in Fundy Albert is a winter wonderland where communities and nature come together to celebrate this amazing region!

Fundy Albert Businesses and Community Organizations are planning lots of ways to connect with nature!

- · Join Cliff Valley Astronomy and Parks Canada to explore and learn about the importance of Dark Sky Preserves;
- Get a head start on your garden planning at Seedy Saturday at the Hillsborough Market;
- · Have a peek into the musical world of birds and their songs with Jesse Mea's Interactive Nature Sound Exhibit and concert:
- Do a little bird watching yourself with a guided

hike for the Great Backyard Bird Count after a Birders Breakfast hosted by the Maplegrove Inn;

- Broadleaf Ranch has two days packed full of activities and workshops;
- Maplegrove Inn is hosting Valentine's Day
- Farmer Brown's Greenhouse has a weekend of outdoor activities:
- Hope-Wellness Eco-Resort has a wonderful romantic Valentines's Day package.

Plus there are art workshops throughout the week, plenty of curling and Chase the Ace at the Fundy Curling Club, and a sliding at the bowl in Fundy National Park to wrap up the Frolic!

Head to our facebook page for more details: https://www.facebook.com/FundyFriends/

Keep an eye out for ticket sales for select events on Facebook!







The Bennett and Albert County Health Care Foundation (BACH) hosts a Rafflebox 50/50, which started June 1st. Proceeds are used to enhance community health services and primary health care throughout the catchment area served by the Albert County Community Health Centre. Draw dates are listed for your convenience!

Wednesday, February 28

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Tom Collins 1905 Written by Gayle (Copp) Steeves (October 2019)

I stand on the wharf in England; tired of all this strife.

I am an Irish boy who longs for a better life.

This ship will take me far away to a beautiful prosperous land.

I will work my fingers to the bone and blisters on my hand.

Our ship it lands in St. John, in the middle of the night.

A black haired boy just nineteen years old, can hardly believe the sights.

I just have to follow the Immigrant Road and I won't feel alone.

I hear of a place called New Ireland, very similar to home.

I am a little "hot headed" and occasionally tip the bottle to my lips.

I won't walk away from a scuffle and carry a knife on my hip.

I have no friends, I am alone in this foreign land of yours.

I long to fit in but who do I trust since I landed on your shores?

The magnificent mountains, the evergreen trees that stand high above the shores,

The lakes that give us fish to eat makes for easy chores.

The land is fertile and gives us food that keeps the wolves from our door.

Oh! New Ireland, we are so glad we landed on your shores.

I am not considered to be an educated boy and labour jobs are few.

So I worked a while around the docks making friends with some of the crew.

I didn't know how to chop wood, harness a horse or do handyman chores,

But Father McAulay hired me and welcomed me through his doors.

Miss Mary Ann, niece and housekeeper to Father McAulay was a bully.

When the priest was absent Mary Ann was in charge and ruled boldly.

She was unfriendly, gutsy, bossy, demanding and could not be satisfied.

Mary Ann and Tom were not friends and these feelings were justified.

The force behind the axe as it crashed against her head

Her throat slashed from ear to ear would guarantee she was dead.

Two people found her lying in the wood pit of the house

The blood is seeps between the cracks – things are quiet as a mouse.

The deed was done and Mary Ann will never speak again.

The mystery of her death will carry on, but this is not the end.

So many questions go unanswered, so many rumors told.

Could an Irish teenage boy or a respected parish priest have the answer to her soul?

Father McAulay returns to the rectory and finds missing suitcases, jewelry and handkerchief.

Although the closet to the priest room was axed, nothing was lifted.

The doors were open, horse in the barn and Mary Ann dead in the pit

What a frightful sight on a cold dark night – who could have done it?

St. John was the place Tom decided to work and spend his time,

Later being captured in St. George the story of his life made headlines.

He was questioned and searched and the press reported all details.

Would he go to trial, would he hang by the neck for the death of this female?

Now things take a twist that no one can forsee -

Most of the people and press want Tom to go free.

Who robbed the rector and murdered Mary Ann,

Was it the priest orthe kid from a foreign land? The first trial, it lasted nine long days,

Tom was found guilty and sentenced to the grave.

Oh but the defense was to successfully argue

The judge had committed errors and a new trial was granted.

The second trial was a community affair.

Innocent or guilty could be heard everywhere.

Excitement ran high and bets were placed,

As old man Tweedie tipped the drink to his face. Tom took to the stand and admitted he was a thief and a liar,

But he did not murder Mary Ann – it did not transpire.

After seven days a verdict was read – hung jury the crowd yelled,

Circumstantial evidence was at fault – a new trial would be held.

Ten days after Tom was sentenced to hang.

Father McAuley departed this land.

The axe was found in the priest's bedroom.

Over the village lay a feeling of fear and gloom. The sound of the bolt as it locked Tom's cell,

As the odour of fried bologna and beans filled the air,

Tom laid on the bunk hands beneath his head,

Dreaming of Ireland and wondering if soon he would be dead.

What did Tom do as he waited in his cell?

He played on his harmonica and wished others well.

He thanked the people who brought him stew

And for the jailer's daughter a valentine he drew. The third trial lasted seven trying days.

Tom was found guilty and sentenced to the grave.

The scaffold was built with an eleven foot drop.

The men dug Tom's grave as quietly he watched. A pathetic feature was Tom giving away

The small trinkets and gifts he received during his jail stay.

Those who showed kindness were dear to his heart

He embraced them and whispered and tears would start.

The night was long and peace had been made.

The songs had been read and gospel praised.

A quiet sleep, a warm cup of tea

And the start of the morning would set him free.



(Photo taken from www.albertcountymuseum.com)

Footnote – Rev. Thomas claimed that the young man (Tom) had a wonderful religious training, and could quote passage from the New Testament.

Tom Collins died November, 1907.

Years later a flat stone was placed on the burial mound near the jail and someone splashed the crude letters "T.C." on it with paint.

The body of Tom Collins now rests at the Hopewell Cape Cemetery.

The Impact of Volunteer Drivers for Medical Appointments

Submitted by Kelly Taylor

Volunteer Drivers for Medical Appointments: Unlocking Access to Healthcare

Access to medical care is a fundamental human right, yet for many individuals, it remains an elusive goal due to transportation barriers. Lack of reliable transportation can lead to missed medical appointments, delayed treatments, and worsened health outcomes. Volunteer Drivers for medical appointments play a vital role in bridging this gap, offering a lifeline to those who struggle with transportation access. In this article, we delve into the reasons why individuals should consider becoming volunteer drivers and the myriad of benefits that stem from this selfless role.

Why Volunteer as a Driver for Medical Appointments?

- 1. Make a Tangible Difference: The primary motivation for individuals to become volunteer drivers is the opportunity to make a tangible, immediate impact on someone's life. By offering a ride to a medical appointment, you enable individuals to access healthcare services that are essential for their well-being.
- **2. Address Healthcare Disparities:** Volunteer drivers contribute to addressing healthcare disparities that stem from transportation challenges. By providing equal access to medical appointments, you contribute to a more equitable healthcare system.
- **3. Empower Individuals**: For those who struggle with transportation, the inability to

- attend medical appointments can lead to a sense of powerlessness. As a volunteer driver, you empower individuals to take control of their health by ensuring they can attend appointments on time.
- **4. Support Vulnerable Populations:** Vulnerable populations, including the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals, are disproportionately affected by transportation barriers. By volunteering, you directly support these populations in accessing vital healthcare services.
- **5. Forge Meaningful Connections**: Becoming a volunteer driver opens the door to building meaningful connections with the individuals you assist. You'll hear their stories, share their triumphs, and be a source of support during their healthcare journey.

Benefits of Being a Volunteer Driver

- 1. Sense of Fulfillment: The sense of fulfillment that comes from knowing you've made a positive impact on someone's life is unparalleled. The gratitude and appreciation you receive from those you help can be profoundly rewarding.
- 2. Social Engagement: Volunteering as a driver introduces you to a diverse array of people. You'll interact with fellow volunteers, passengers, and healthcare professionals, expanding your social network and fostering a sense of belonging.



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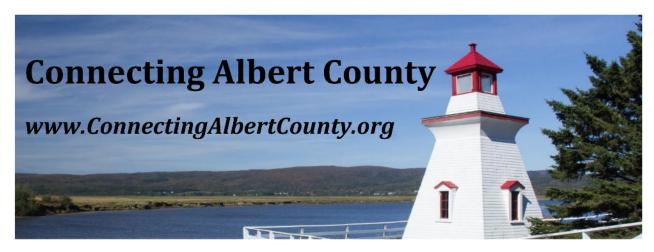
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Volunteer as a driver and change lives one ride at a time!

- **3. Alleviating Isolation:** Transportation barriers often lead to social isolation, particularly among the elderly. By offering rides, you're not just providing transportation; you're combating loneliness and contributing to mental well-being.
- **4. Skill Development:** Volunteering enhances a range of skills, from communication and problem-solving to time management and interpersonal relations. These skills are transferable and can boost your personal and professional growth.
- **5. Positive Health Outcomes**: Engaging in volunteer work has been linked to improved mental and physical health. The act of giving back and the resulting sense of purpose can reduce stress and boost overall well-being.
- **6. Fulfillment of Civic Responsibility:**Volunteering aligns with the concept of civic responsibility. As a volunteer driver, you actively contribute to your community's health and welfare, embodying the essence of good citizenship.

The role of volunteer drivers for medical appointments cannot be overstated. These dedicated individuals serve as a lifeline, ensuring that those who face transportation challenges can access essential healthcare services. By becoming a volunteer driver, you become an agent of change, addressing healthcare disparities and fostering a more inclusive and equitable society. The impact of your actions extends beyond the immediate ride; it influences the well-being and future of those you assist. The benefits of being a volunteer driver are multifaceted, from personal fulfillment and skill development to enhanced social connections and positive health outcomes. If you're seeking a meaningful way to contribute to your community and make a lasting difference in the lives of others, consider signing up as a volunteer driver. [author Mike B of Spedsta.com; used with permission]For information on how to get started, contact Urban/Rural Rides at 506-962-3073 or online at http://urbanruralrides.ca.





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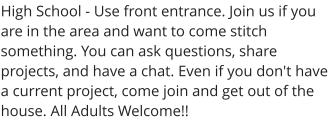


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Mondays

Stitch Night. Every Monday February from 7:00pm -8:30pm. Caledonia Regional



Wednesdays



Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo.

6:30-9:30pm. Doors open at 5pm. 47 Legion St. Canteen available. Everyone welcome.

Fridays

Chase the Ace. Ongoing. 5:30-7:30pm. In partnership with the Fundy Curling Club, the CCRC hosts a weekly Chase the Ace raffle every Friday Night. Tickets are on sale from Monday to Thursday 8am-9pm at Crooked Creek Convenience in Riverside-Albert, and on Friday at the FCC from 5:30 to 7:00pm prior to the draw at 7:30pm. There is usually a meal served around 6pm. Check facebook page for details.



Saturdays

Karaoke Shenanigans.7-11pm. Ships Landing Bar at the Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St., Hillsborough. Entertainment, 50/50 draw and bar. Cover charge \$5/person.

Friday February 9 - ACHS Sweetheart Social.

1:30 - 3:30 at Riverview Town Hall. Included in the events of the Annual Riverview Winter Carnival, the Albert County Historcal Society will be celebrating Valentines Day with a heartwarming Sweetheart Social! Enjoy an historical presentation, themed activities, and an opportunity to mingle while savouring light refreshments. This is a "New Horizons for Seniors Program" presentation. Free Event.



Tuesday, February 13 - Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper. 4:30 - 6:00pm at
Hillsborough United Church. On the menu is
pancakes, maple syrup, sausages, baked beans,
rolls, cookies and tea/coffee. Gluten Free
pancakes are available. Admission = Donation/
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Activities at the Hillsborough Public Library

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Parent and Baby Drop In Thursdays from 10am-12pm

Bring your baby or toddler to the library to read books and play while meeting and socializing with other

families.

Toddler Time Wednesdays from February 7 to 28 10am-10:45am

Stories, songs/rhymes and crafts for 18m to 3yrs. Registration Required.

Tech Tuesday Tuesday February 13 1pm-4pm Are you having difficulty with your tablet, computer or phone? Contact the library and book a time, bring your device and we will assist you.



Felt Friday February 2 and 16

Online felt stories for toddlers. Available on our YouTube channel (Biblio Hillsborough Library) or

through the link on our Facebook page Story Time Saturday, February 17 at 10:30am A snowman themed story time for kids up to age 5. Registration Required.

Family Craft Saturday, February 17 at 1:30pm A snowman themed craft for all ages. Registration Required.

Adult Craft Saturday, February 25 1:30-3:30pm Come and learn how to make a Macrame wall hanging. Registration Required.



VILLAGE OF FUNDY ALBERT FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Members of Council and employees of the Village of Fundy Albert wish to welcome Linda Sabourin as the new Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk for the municipality.

Linda assumed her role as Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk on January 8, 2024, and is currently responsible for all aspects of administration, oversight of the implementation of services and programs, and the overall proper functioning of the municipality. Linda brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of success to this position. With over 20 years of government experience and knowledge in the areas of strategic planning, project management, reporting metrics and compliance/risk management, she will no doubt bring about positive change and value to the residents we serve.

Please join us in welcoming Linda to our team! Mayor Robert (Bob) Rochon Village of Fundy Albert

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Budget - During the Special Council Meeting of January 6, 2024, Fundy Albert Council approved the 2024 General Operating and Utility Budgets. For more information, please refer to the January 6th, 2024, meeting minutes found on the Village website www.fundyalbert.ca

ACOA Funding - The Village of Fundy Albert is to receive \$49,680 from ACOA - The Hurricane Fiona Recovery Fund to upgrade the generators at the Alma Activity Center and Hillsborough Kiwanis Center both used as climate comfort centers to help support the community during weather events and ensure community members can access the essential services, they need to stay warm and safe.

Summer students: The Village of Fundy Albert are seeking energetic and motivated summer students to join our team. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain work experience and contribute to your community. We will be announcing the following positions soon Public Works Labourers and Trail Maintenance, Program coordinator, Summer Visitor Information Specialists, and Lifeguards.





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