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| |  | | --- | | **August 2021** | | **In this Issue**   1. **President’s Address** 2. **Grants and Government Financial Support** 3. **Metal Collection and BBQ Fundraiser** 4. **Volunteering Opportunities** 5. **September Fish Fry** 6. **Mad God Kelly Bonspiel** 7. **2022 U Sports Championships and Mixed Doubles Championships** | |  | | Copper Cliff Curling Club President’s Address This past year has proven to be one of the most challenging in the history of Copper Cliff Curling Club. The onset of COVID-19 has impacted our membership, cash flow and our ability to offer curling on a scheduled basis.  We were fortunate to have even curled this past year as many clubs across the country had no curling played in their facilities this year. I am proud of your board of directors who have worked extremely hard to implement safety measures to salvage what we could of the 2020\_21 curling season.  Even though COVID-19 greatly impacted our season it presented the club with an opportunity to learn a lot about the operation of our new plant and facility from a utility use perspective. The new plant is very efficient and only needed to operate on a very limited basis when we had to shut down. Also, measures were implemented so that very little water was used during this time resulting in considerable cost savings. Without the support of Ontario Trillium Foundation to buy new ice making equipment this would not have been possible.  Although we saved significantly in utility costs, I cannot express how appreciative I am of the substantial financial support received from the provincial Small Business Support Grant and the federal Covid Emergency Benefit Account. This funding has placed the club on a solid footing for the upcoming season.  Enjoy the following newsletter to bring you up to date on summer and fall activities, volunteering opportunities at our club and an exciting curling event to be held in Sudbury that our club is participating in.  I’d like to thank you, our dedicated membership, leagues, and our strong sponsorship for your ongoing and future support of Copper Cliff Curling Club. Let’s make our 2021\_22 season one of the best yet!  Regards,  Tim Lloyd  President Grants and Government Financial Support Text  Description automatically generated**A big “Thank You” goes out to the Ontario Trillium Foundation who has provided the funding ($109,500) for our new plant. The new plant will ensure that curling will continue to be played at our facility for many years into the future.**  Copper Cliff Curling Club has been the recipient of Ontario Small Business Support Grants to help offset the cost of personal protective equipment, property taxes, energy bills and extra support. Starting at $10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant provides businesses with funding to a maximum of $20,000 to help cover decreased revenue expected because of the Provincewide Shutdown.  We also received the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) that provided an interest-free loan of $40000, $10,000 of which is forgivable if repaid by Dec 31, 2022. We have applied for a second CEBA loan of up to $20,000 – on top of the initial $40,000 that was available to small businesses of this additional financing, up to $10,000, will be forgivable if the loan is repaid by December 31, 2022. This funding is pending approval.  This support from the provincial and federal governments has allowed the club to operate through this difficult time. |

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