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## WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON OF CURLING!

As we kick off another exciting season, we're thrilled to see our community return to the ice - old friends, new faces, and everyone in between. And a very, special welcome to our new players! There's a buzz in the air this year as we look ahead to March, when Riverdale will proudly host the Canadian Pride Curling Championship right here in Toronto. We can't wait to welcome teams from across the country to celebrate curling and community together.

For more than 40 years, our league has been part of Toronto's rich 2SLGBTQIA+ sports history, and Riverdale Curling League continues to build on that legacy as an inclusive, welcoming, and safe space for all to play, connect, and belong.



Cheers to great shots, good laughs, and another unforgettable season on and off the ice!

### RIVERDALE ON THE ROAD!



Riverdale was well represented at both the Big Jib Draw in St. John's, NFLD and at the United We Curl Bonspiel in Oakville, ON! Shout out to **Team Flewwelling** and the **Electric Sliders (Team Fleury)** winning in their respective divisions! Congrats!

### OCTOBER IS



### NAMETAGS FOR NEW MEMBERS

If you're interested in ordering a nametag, please fill out the form linked below. You can customize it with your last name, initials, and/or pronouns.



Please note that nametags are available for new members or returning members who have not yet ordered one. Returning members who wish to replace a lost name will need to pay a \$10 replacement fee.

### MEMBER RESOURCES

Our website hosts a variety of resources just for you! Check out the Orientation Guide for new players, Information for Skips, our code of conduct, and more!



### 2025-26 Season Key Dates

Rotators Bonspiel: Nov 29-30  
Riverdale Bonspiel\*: Mar 4-8  
Playoffs: April 18 - 19

\*The Riverdale Bonspiel will happen concurrently with the Canadian Pride Curling Championships

## I LOVE A PARADE!

Riverdale curler and historian extraordinaire **Tom Hooper** is one of the featured subjects in the new documentary “**Parade: Queer Acts of Love & Resistance**”. The film captures pivotal moments that sparked Canada’s 2SLGBTQI+ movement, honouring the activists and elders whose resistance led to the rights we have today. You can stream the film for free on the **TVO Docs YouTube** channel.

## WHO DOESN'T LIKE A LITTLE FOOD PORN!



Tom Hooper isn't the only media star making waves this season. There's **Brien Wong's** Only Fans page. And RCL executive **Raynie Stubbs** is beaming into our livingrooms every

Tuesday as he competes on **MasterChef Canada** for what could be a life-changing experience. You can follow Raynie's progress on i/g - **#raystx**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MOVIES!



Attention Anglophiles. “**Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale**” has arrived in theatres. It follows the Crawley family and their servants as they enter the 1930s. This is supposed to be the last chapter in the franchise's lore. But like Cher and cockroaches, this may not be the last we hear from the Crawley estate.

## EAT LOCAL!

Hey Curlers!! Once again this year **Tabule Middle Eastern on Queen** will be extending a **15% discount** for you all to use when placing orders online for delivery or pickup through their website! Simply enter the promo code **RoyalCurling25** at checkout! **tabule.ca**

## PICKLEBALL LAWSUIT!



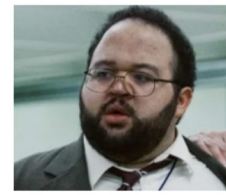
**Pickleball** courts at two Boise, Idaho parks will be closed indefinitely after the city opted to settle a lawsuit with a Veterans Park Neighborhood couple over noise from the popular game.

A couple sued over the “**relentless**” noise from the Willow Lane pickleball courts near their home filed this summer. The settlement included a \$7,000 payment to the couple, as well as an agreement to reconvert the six pickleball courts to two tennis courts and keep the courts locked only for tennis league play to prevent any “**unauthorized access by pickleball players.**”

## HALLOWEEN MOOD BOARD!



Aunt Gladys from Weapons



Dude from Severance



A mattress!

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!



Actress **Diane Keaton** passed away last week at 79. The style icon became a breakout star after her appearance in **The Godfather**. She won an Oscar in 1977 portraying the neurotic New Yorker in **Annie Hall**. And teamed with Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn in the camp classic **First Wives Club**.