

# BEAUMONT CURLING NEWS

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## HURRY! SWEEP! HARD! THE EVOLUTION OF THE BROOM

For centuries, the household “corn broom” was the ultimate tool for clearing debris from a stone’s path. While the rhythmic slapping sound was an iconic part of the game, the brooms were messy, often leaving “corn crumbs” behind that could ruin a perfect shot.

The 1980's brought a major shift: sweepers stopped slapping and started scrubbing. With the introduction of synthetic horse hair and eventually synthetic pads, the science of the game shifted from cleaning the ice to managing friction. By scrubbing the ice’s surface, sweepers could help a stone travel further or keep its line straighter.

This innovation led to “Broomgate” - the most dramatic era in curling history. Manufacturers developed highly aggressive fabrics that enabled sweepers to “steer” a stone or even make it slow down. This began to overshadow the shooter’s finesse.

To protect the integrity of the game, the World Curling Federation eventually mandated a standardized material. Today, broom pads are strictly regulated, ensuring curling remains a game of skill, rather than a battle of equipment.

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## SWING & SWEEP & YEAR END PARTY

As the curling season winds down, many start to dream about their second favourite sport, golf! For those enthusiasts, we are hosting another virtual golf and curling event with the season ending wind-up party to complete the day.

Join us for our Swing & Sweep on March 21, 2026, from 10 am to 5 pm. Spend the day playing 9 holes of golf at the Aurora Golf Simulator Lounge and enjoy a six-ender at the Beaumont Curling Club. Pizza will be served at lunch and the club lounge will be open throughout the day.

If you are not able to golf or curl, we’d still love to have you come out and join us for dinner and live musical entertainment as we celebrate the end of another incredible curling season. League trophies and other awards will be presented.

- 5:30 pm Cocktails
- 6:30 pm Dinner and Awards with Entertainment to follow.

Contact [info@curlbeaumont.ca](mailto:info@curlbeaumont.ca) to register and pay.

## Sponsor Shoutout

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing sponsors. Their support helps the Beaumont Curling Club thrive — please consider supporting their businesses in return.

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We would also like to extend a special shoutout to Eagles Nest Catering Ltd. who has been our caterer of choice this season!

## Junior of the Month



When Isabella Kress was choosing which sport to master, she was deciding between bull riding and curling! With safety in mind, we’re grateful she chose to throw rocks! Isabella has been curling for four years and enjoys playing skip.