

The SCC Board of Managers has implemented, for the 2010-2011 season, a new membership dues structure. The Board believes that this new structure will both create a fairer basis on how members' dues are determined and preserve the financial integrity of the Club's operations.

These changes to the membership dues structure will affect a large majority of the club's members. Please review these changes carefully.

The main principle behind this new system is that, instead of regular members paying one flat fee regardless of the number of leagues in which they play, dues will now be determined based on the number and type of leagues in which a member chooses to participate.

The Board will carefully monitor the changes in dues collected for the 2010-2011 season under this new system. If it becomes necessary, the Board will make changes to this new system, or revert to the previous system of determining dues, or take other measures, to ensure the continued financial health of the club.

The changes to the dues structure are summarized below. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please contact the club president, Dion Warr, or the club vice-president, Jim Jordan.

I. Changes to membership categories

The existing category of Contributing Member has been renamed Contributing/Daytime Only Member. Qualifications and privileges for this category are described in Part IV below. The existing category of Regular Member has been changed. Details are described in Part V below.

The following six membership categories are unchanged for 2010-2011. Each of these categories is subject to the same qualifications and privileges that existed in 2009-2010.

- A. Young Adult
- B. Junior
- C. Little Rock
- D. College
- E. Social
- F. Non-resident
- G. Honorary

The following four categories have been discontinued for 2010-2011. Members who were previously in these categories will be required to select a new membership category to join.

- A. Returning
- B. Secondary membership w/ Albany Curling Club
- C. Distant member
- D. Limited Curling

II. Changes to Leagues

Two new leagues have been created for the 2010-2011 season and another is being revived:

A. Friday evening open League

1. This league will meet after the Friday Social League at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m.
2. Up to 12 dates have been set aside for this league in 2010-2011.
3. The league will have either one or two shifts, depending on demand.
4. For this league, teams may enter as a fully constituted group of four players.
5. Singles, pairs, or groups of three may also enter and the league chair will establish a method by which they will be assembled into teams of four.

B. Sovik open league

1. This league will meet every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., and will be a one-shift league.
2. Up to 20 dates have been set aside on the calendar for this league in 2010-2011.
3. Like the current Tuesday evening mixed league, pairs of curlers may enter and designate themselves to play on the same team.
4. Sponsored by Bette and Bob Sovik.

C. Thursday Prayer Meeting (Revived!)

1. This league will meet every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., and will be a one-shift league.
2. Up to 20 dates have been set aside on the calendar for this league in 2010-2011
3. Format will be open.

III. Leagues are now sorted into pricing tiers

All SCC leagues have been classified into one of three tiers:

A. First tier:

1. Blackhall
2. Van de Car
3. Pletenik
4. Bradshaw/Fitzgerald
5. Graham
6. Dr. Ack/All-American

B. Second tier:

1. Erdman/Gabel
2. Friday evening open league

C. Third tier:

1. Friday social league
2. Sovik open league (Tuesday afternoon)
3. Wednesday Morning (1st half)/Griffin
4. Thursday prayer meeting
5. Any other league that vacates the ice prior to 6:00 p.m.

IV. New Contributing/Daytime Only membership category

- A. Each Contributing/Daytime Only member will pay a base membership fee of **\$75**.
 - 1. The base membership fee does **NOT** include
 - a. USCA dues (available to add as an optional extra \$13 fee)
 - b. GNCC dues (available to add as an optional extra \$28 fee)
 - c. SCC voting rights (**NOT** available as an optional fee)
 - d. Eligibility to participate in-house SCC bonspiels (**NOT** available as optional fee)
 - 2. Each **third tier** (see Part III above) league would be an additional \$30. There is no limit to the number of third tier leagues in which the member may participate.
 - 3. Contributing/Daytime Only members do **NOT** have access to any leagues outside the third tier, either as regular players or as substitutes.

V. Regular membership category – changes

- A. Each regular member will pay a base membership fee of \$210
 - 1. The base membership fee includes **ALL** of the following:
 - a. USCA dues
 - b. GNCC dues
 - c. SCC voting rights
 - d. Eligibility to participate in-house SCC bonspiels
 - 2. Each **first tier** (see Part III above) league would be an additional \$100 per league
 - 3. Each **second tier** league would be an additional \$60 per league
 - 4. Each **third tier** league would be an additional \$30 per league
 - 5. Joining a half-year league would pro-rate the cost of that league by 50%.
- B. Total membership dues would be capped, based on years of membership:
 - 1. First year members would be capped at a maximum of \$210.
 - 2. Second year members would be capped at a maximum of \$320.
 - 3. Third year and all years thereafter would be capped at a maximum of \$450.
- C. Substitutes
 - 1. Regular members may sign up as substitutes in any league for which they are eligible to play. For the beginning of the 2010-2011 season, there is no additional cost to a regular member to register as a substitute.
 - a. The Board of Managers, in cooperation with the league chairs, will **carefully** monitor the number of members who sign up as substitutes, and the frequency with which individual members play as substitutes. The Board may, at its discretion, choose to impose additional regulation or take other curative measures to curtail or prevent abuse.