



FACILITY UPDATE

The Latest from **Glacial Ridge Curling:**

Yes that's right! We are now Glacial Ridge Curling. The new name was voted on by the Board of Directors recently. The main reason for this change is to promote curling more regionally, rather than exclusively a city thing. We live in a large, virtually untapped area that isn't keeping up with the rest of the state, region or country when it comes to curling.

With the potential of a new dedicated facility on

the horizon giving us the opportunity to offer much more, it stands to reason that people from a larger area would be able to find times when they can get out and curl.

If a new facility is indeed in our future, we won't be limited on ice time any longer and it will be possible to offer expanded leagues as well as Open, Adaptive, Youth, School, (and more) programs.

What Willmar and Spicer

are both looking for are ways to enhance their respective communities, so wherever we end up building, the name Glacial Ridge will be appropriate. It's also natural to make the "ice" relation between curling and glaciers.

Soon you'll be seeing a new and really cool logo, so keep your eyes open for that. Oh and by the way, the season is just around the corner. Hard to believe with all the mosquitos around now, eh?!

*Your Facility Committee members:
Troy Gorans,
Gary Johnson,
Kevin Madsen,
Mark Olson,
Art Benson,
Gary Laughlin,
Scott Guptill*

Things:

- Other new facilities around the country include places such as Wasau WI, Denver CO, Raleigh NC, Tempe AZ.
- Please make yourself available to help this project succeed if you can in any way.
- The ice is on at the **Blue Line**. It's early this year to accommodate for the new junior hockey team, not for us.
- Open curling is being cut back a little more this year - again.

Willmar and Spicer location news

The site selection deadline is getting nearer and every committee member is busy ramping up for the next steps in the process.

Of course there is one thing that can put a damper on the project. That is if we don't all support it and do our best to make it successful. Then we might not be curling at all in a few years, let alone expanding our offerings.

No wealthy benefactor has offered to give us more than a million dollars as they did in Brainerd. No big business

leader has offered to lead the project and donate large sums as they did in Fargo and Denver. No city has offered to build us a twenty million dollar, six sheet, year around facility with a restaurant, exhibition hall and park as they did in Chaska.

There were visionary people involved in all of these new facilities, and as a result, hundreds of new curlers have been born and communities have gained a fun and inexpensive new (sport or leisure activity) thing to do.

Fortunately for us, we have

visionary people like you in our current membership - loaded with all kinds of potential - just look at how well we pulled off the two USCA National Championships, the way we grew to 100 members in just a few seasons, all of our volunteers that have put on bonspiels and the way we can change ice from skating to curling in a matter of just a few hours each week.

So, be looking at the papers and the website for more news later this month.