

## **Membership Report-March 2022**

Curling for the Pembina 55-Plus League in 2021-22 was another season disrupted by COVID. We were able to complete the first two rounds of the season with 60 regular full-time curlers using five sheets of ice three times a week. The Omicron variant was a factor in Round 3 in early January but we improvised with recreational curling for one week and then an interim round with 48 curlers consisting of 7 or 8 games for those curling in this round. We were able complete a full 10-game schedule in Round 4 with 60 curlers and conclude the season with the Last Chance Bonspiel.

The approximate number of full-time equivalent curlers (i.e., the average number of regular curlers for all rounds) was 57, down slightly from 59 that registered in the 2020-21 abbreviated season, but well below the 71 who registered and played in the 2019-20 season.

The number of individuals registering as spares for different rounds ranged between 14 and 17 this season. Five new regular curlers who played one or more rounds joined our league this year, counting Drake McMurphy, who just returned from an absence of a few years after moving back to Winnipeg. Other new curlers were Guy LeGras, Glen Sutley, Joe Urbanowich, and Ivan Feriolo. There were also four new curlers who registered and played as spares. These were Bruce Henderson, Lloyd Kuczek, Denis Wanlin, and Dale Williamson.

We need to continue our efforts to recruit new curlers for the 2022-23 season to achieve 72 regular curlers which we require if we are to rent six sheets of ice next season. Failing this our next goal would be to have at least 60 regular curlers for all rounds so we can rent five sheets of ice three days a week.