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The Indian Hill Winter Club: From the Beginning Until Now – Part III

New innovations over the years have occurred. The Club Room began hosting live music on Friday nights, typically with local musicians or member bands performing. This is a big draw. Sizable adult crowds flock to hear people they know perform. And the musicians have fun entertaining the grown-ups while youngsters have free skating at the rink. It's a fine way to start the weekend. The sport of curling (Canadian Bowling) was introduced – a team sport where players slide granite stones across the ice towards a target. This has



Interior of the Winter Club

been beneficial for aficionados as well as for corporate team building events. Adult hockey leagues, which were not part of the original plan, have proven very popular. After the rink closes for youth hockey, men and women compete in adult leagues. There are 2 games, one at 9:00 p.m. and the other at 10:15 p.m., with 2 teams per game. Most players adjourn to the Club Room afterwards to socialize and recap highlights of their games. Food at the club altered after Covid. Previously there had been in house cooking, but now edibles are procured from nearby establishments such as Jet's Pizza,



Curling

Midwest BBQ, and Trailyard, who deliver to Fletcher Road. Volunteerism has increased over the years. Many people who have had previous hockey experience have stepped up to coach teams, donating their time and expertise. There is now an annual alumni game held right before Christmas to pay tribute to departed-too-young former players. The Varsity plays the "old guys" and everyone enjoys the game as well as remembering past players who will forever be teammates. All



Adult Hockey

these changes/ additions continue to enhance the overall experience at the club.

From its beginnings until now, the Indian Hill Winter Club has fulfilled its mission: "Bringing the community together – friends and family – during the winter months." Founder and former President Mike Collette has received many compliments on the club's success. One member commented: "You've changed the way our family does winters." Another said: "You helped us realize we had a need for something we didn't realize we had." He acknowledged the

efforts of many and unwavering support in the community in creating it. The Indian Hill Winter Club has been the scene of many happy memories for decades and continues to be an awesome asset to residents and neighbors.



Figure Skating



Band at the Winter Club

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