
Curling club was a hub of Blind River volunteers

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One day, all the ice in the completed rink did melt, but it was not so bad. Forest says the bar did fantastically well.

Everitt says at one time ordinary water was frozen, but now jet ice is used instead.

"Jet ice takes all the impurities out of the

water when we flood (the rink,)" says Forest.

"It freezes harder and quicker," adds Everitt.

"Curling ice is harder than skating ice," continues Forest.

Back when ordinary water was used, rocks slid slower and the ice was not as cold and was harder to maintain.

Forest says using jet ice makes the game 100% better and all NHL hockey games are played on jet ice.

The painting equipment used on the curling club's ice is also used on the ice at Blind River's arena.

Forest says there were always good relations

between the community centre and the curling club even when both places competed to use the one ice plant.

Forest says it is always a challenge to keep the place open.

"It is a fight to turn a profit every year," says Everitt.

Everitt says volun-

teers were, and are, everything to a club like this.

"This place wouldn't run if it wasn't for volunteers," says Forest.

With a twinkle in his eye, and with the voice of someone who said this many times before, Everitt says every curler should be a club volun-

teer.

"If they are not a volunteer, we try to find a way to get money out of them so we can pay somebody to do what they won't volunteer to do," he says with a laugh.