

14th Annual Jeff Harris Curlathon

The 14th Annual Jeff Harris Curlathon is less than two weeks away! The event runs from Friday afternoon March 22nd and all day and evening Saturday, March 23rd. Our theme this year is the **(Eh!)ras Tour 2024** - a cheeky play on the very popular Taylor Swift tour. Following below is our guide to the Curlathon, answering the who/what/why of the event and highlighting where we would love your help as a participant and/or volunteer. Even if you can't attend — please keep reading for a free chance to win the Curlathon giveaway!

Why:

Jeff Harris, a member of the Philadelphia Curling Club for much of his teenage and young adult life, suffered a life changing spinal cord injury in the summer of 2007 leaving him a quadriplegic, with no use of his legs and only limited use of his arms. Knowing the difficult challenges ahead for Jeff, the PCC jumped in and organized the first Curlathon (February, 2008) to help Jeff begin to cope with the extraordinary and life-long financial expenses attendant to his condition. All funds raised are deposited in a special account at [HelpHOPELive](#), providing donors with a tax deduction and ensuring the careful application of those funds to Jeff's injury-specific needs. You can find more specific info (including a wonderful video about Jeff which was partially filmed at PCC!) on Jeff's HelpHOPELive webpage---linked [HERE](#).

It Takes a Village:

And a huge part of Jeff's village is PCC. Whether it is reuniting with club members who have become family over the years or meeting & getting a chance to hang out with new members, Jeff is so very grateful for this amazing community. It takes a lot of help to pull off a party this big. On-ice help and donated food/beverages & auction items are integral to the successful operation of this multi-faceted and very fun annual event.

- If you are interested in volunteering on-ice, please access the **Training** sign-up [HERE](#).
- If you are interested in volunteering in the kitchen, please access the **Kitchen Help** sign-up [HERE](#).
- If you'd be willing to donate a food or beverage item, please check out the **Food Donations** sign-up [HERE](#).
- If you are interested in donating an item for our silent auction / raffle - this year, we are particularly seeking donations around the following themes:
 - Curling related items
 - Philly sports and recreational (arts, local events, etc.) tickets
 - Adult beverages - beer, wine, spirits, etc.
 - Local businesses
 - Art and/or crafts
- If you have an item to donate, please reach out to Jenny Fenton at Curlathon@gmail.com to let us know and then please plan to drop the item off to the club no later than Thursday, March 21st. And if you have an idea for an item outside of these categories, connect with Jenny to see where we can incorporate it in.

What:

The Curlathon is a series of events running from Friday, March 22nd through Saturday March 23rd — meals, silent auction/raffle, the Pennsylvania Corporate Curling Championship (all day Saturday), open curling Saturday evening (curlers and non-curlers alike), lots of prizes, the unveiling of this year's Curlathon themed T-Shirt and the Curlathon Give Away (fka “raffle”) — just to name a few!

Stop by anytime... leave... come back... fit it in your schedule anyway that works for you; and bring your friends and introduce them to curling, either as a spectator or participant. There is a suggested at-the-door donation of \$20 for members (\$40 for non-members) to enter in and enjoy all the fun.

The First “Event”, the Curlathon Giveaway, has already started:

Starting NOW and ending at the close of the event, is the Curlathon Giveaway of a \$500 American Airlines gift card. There is no cost to enter this drawing, you merely need to email sharris@midcoastcapital.com with your name, email address and phone number and you will be entered into this random drawing for the \$500 gift card.

Of course if you care to make a donation to HelpHOPELive on Jeff’s account you can do so easily by going to Jeff’s HHL page [HERE](#) and clicking on the yellow **GIVE** button.

Each year, the Harris family is humbled by, and so very thankful for, the out-pouring of help and support for Jeff. We thank you for this continuing gift!

Have any questions?

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