

Curling Across the Nation tour stops in King

By Shellee Morning

Ron Swan is slowly becoming a household name as he is attempting to curl in 100 sponsored games in 100 different clubs across Canada.

His journey began in October in Winnipeg with efforts to help raise money for his own hometown curling club in Harvey Station, New Brunswick. After calling a list of clubs last July to schedule games to play, he has gathered far more attention about his cause than he would ever have believed, including a segment on Canada AM. Members of his community have also grasped his energy with a fierce amount of pride, seeking sponsors for every game he plays. All money that is raised will go directly toward the 53-year-old club and its repairs.

This past weekend, Swan was invited to play in the King Country Invitational, hosted by the Men's League at the King Curling Club. His game in Schomberg was the second game for the day, as he played one in Bradford in the morning, then completed his day with a third game in Scarborough later that evening. Swan, who has a cousin who lives in Schomberg and who he hadn't seen in many years, was able to visit in between games as the two travelled together for the day.

Swan, a very humble man, hopes that what he is doing will also shine some light and create more of an interest in curling. With many older clubs being shut down, he said it is 'vital' to help promote curling and get the younger generation involved in a sport that has minimal costs to join and can be played from an early age and well into the senior ages, unlike many other sports.

King Curling Club Men's League is proud to support Swan's ambitious efforts with a donation on Swan's behalf and wish him and his club best of luck in the repairs. Relatively a new club themselves, King Curling too was fortunate to receive aid in financial support from various local, regional, provincial and federal funding platforms. The King Curling Club is pleased to 'pay it forward' and wish everyone good curling in Harvey Station. It was an honour to have Swan join us in our bonspiel.

Anyone wanting to follow Swan on his Curling Across the Nation mission can visit him on Facebook and make a donation to his cause

