

The Victoria Curling Club's 57th Thunderbird Men's Bonspiel March 19 – 22, 2009

Welcome to the 57th Thunderbird Men's Bonspiel!

Included with your bonspiel entry:

- ◆ Four banquet tickets
- ◆ One ticket for a free jug of beer
- ◆ Automatic Entry for each team member into the "Sierra Systems" Skills Competition
- ◆ Automatic Entry for each team into the "Joe Gereluk" Reverse draw

Check out the draw online, through the VCC website at www.victoriacurlingclub.com

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C Event – Villages Pizza
D Event – McCall Bros. Funeral Directors Ltd.
E Event – New York Fries (Terry Walker)
F Event – Sports Traders
Reverse Draw – Joe Gereluk
Skills Competition – Sierra Systems (Simon Lanoix)
Friday Night Snacks – North Douglas SYSCO Food Services Inc.
Saturday Night Banquet – Blenkinsop Valley Golf Centre/Just Add Golf
Saturday Night Dance – Prime Time Sound

Draw and Rules

- ◆ 6 events, 4 games guaranteed
- ◆ All games will be 8 ends, with the four rock free guard zone rule in effect
- ◆ CURLBC General Rules of Curling (un-officiated play) are in effect
- ◆ Exception we will use a 10 minutes per end rule instead of 5 minutes per end for late teams. That is 1 point and an end complete for every 10 minutes late, plus loss of hammer, game is defaulted if 30 minutes late.
- ◆ All ties will be broken with the play of an extra end
- ◆ Winning teams are responsible to turn in scorecards at the draw board
- ◆ Please put into the envelope at the draw board if there is no one attending. Please do not mark the draw sheets yourself.
- ◆ The order of prize selection is on the final sheet of this package (24 teams will select prizes)

Parking and Parking Passes

Passes are available at the front office for parking in the Green Street parking lot (near Royal Athletic Park). Please note that you must circle the date when you park in the lot prior to leaving the pass on your front dashboard. Please obey the signs (i.e. do not park in the 24 hours reserved parking spots).

Tickets may be purchased from the City's parking boxes should you wish to park in the Arena parking long beside the curling club. Please do not park in the reserved spots of the lot adjacent to the curling club.

The Victoria Salmon Kings play Friday and Saturday night at 7pm, and on Sunday at 1pm. For members using Arena parking lot passes, do not park in this lot after 5pm on Friday/Saturday or after 11am on Sunday morning (or you may be ticketed).

Reminder - Do not park on the east side of Quadra Street between 4:00pm and 6:00pm on Thursday/Friday afternoon or you may be ticketed or towed. Most of the street parking is only for 2 hours during the day on Friday/Saturday.

Joe Gereluk Reverse Draw

All teams are entered into the reverse draw, which will be conducted throughout the spiel. The board will be near the bar upstairs. Insurance may be purchased for \$10 which provides your team with one re-entry back into the draw. The winning team will receive their \$220 entry fee back. There are also 20 jugs of beer for consolation prizes.

Calcutta

A live auction Calcutta is scheduled for Saturday evening during the banquet. Individuals can bid on the remaining teams in the A and B events, with payouts for owners of the winner and runner-up in each of these events. The auction will begin at 6:00pm in the Stone's Throw Lounge with Calcutta auctioneer supreme, Dave Mueller.

Amarula Promo

Back by popular demand after a successful week-long tour during the Scotties, the Amarula Girls are tentatively booked for 8pm on Friday night. Do not miss them!!!

50/50 Draws

50/50 Draws and Card Draws will be held throughout the spiel. Winning ticket numbers will be posted on the draw board and may be collected at the office should they not be collected at the time of the draw. Proceeds support the prize table so please play often. Good luck!

"Sierra Systems" Skills Competition

Similar to last year we are hosting a team skills competition this year. A "pot shot" draw to the house will be carried out following every team's first game. It is each team's responsibility to ensure that a committee member is available to record the results of the pot shot. Every player will throw one stone, without sweeping (should only three team members be available for the first game, your spare or one team member may shoot for the missing player).

Points for the pot shot are as follows (all four shots will score):

Button – 10 pts.

Piece of Eight Foot – 3 pts.

Full Four Foot – 7 pts.

Piece of Twelve Foot – 2 pts.

Piece of Four Foot – 5 pts.

In play – 1 pt., Out of play – no pts.

The 8 highest point accumulating teams from the "pot shot" draw (ties will be broken with a coin flip) qualify for the "Sierra Systems" Skills Competition finals (we will contact you should you qualify) to be held on **Friday, starting at 6:45pm sharp**. Qualifying teams not in attendance and not ready to throw at **6:45pm** will forfeit their spots (you may have "reasonable" substitutes for this part of the draw – "reasonable" substitutes include anyone that did not curl playdowns this year). Qualifying teams will be ranked first through eighth according to their "pot shot" score and will compete team vs. team in quarterfinals (1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5), semi-finals, and finals. Each player will throw one stone, this time with sweeping. Each stone will be measured, and the best three throws will be counted towards the team's score for that round. The team with the better score advances to the next round, while the loser is out. Each player will have one warm-up throw before the quarter-finals only (please do not go on the ice before this contest to practice... Denis Sutton, this means you!!!).

Prizes are as follows:

1st place – \$200 cash

4th place – \$40 cash

2nd place – \$100 cash

5th through 8th places – a jug of beer

3rd place – \$60 cash

Banquet and Dance – Sponsored by the Blenkinsop Valley Golf Centre

Once again, the world famous Thunderbird Bonspiel Banquet and “Prime Time Sound” Dance will be held on Saturday night. Included with your registration package are four banquet tickets. There is no charge for the dance. Additional tickets for the banquet may be purchased for **\$15** from the office. These additional tickets must be purchased from the office or Dave Mueller by noon on Saturday (no exceptions, due to the required food preparation time), as additional tickets will not be available at the banquet.

There will be three banquet sittings this year.

- ◆ For the curlers that are on the 7:15pm draw - your seating will start at 5:45pm. You will need an Early Bird seating tag for this seating, which will be handed out to you as Saturday draw times are determined during the bonspiel.
- ◆ For the curlers that are on the 5:00pm draw – your seating will start at 7:15pm.
- ◆ For all other curlers – your seating will be at 6:30pm – the main seating.
- ◆ Tickets must be presented at the Buffet table to get a plate. Dance to the music of **Prime Time Sound** starting at 9:00pm. The dance ends when Neil Dangerfield starts hanging onto people and telling them that they’re his new best friend (believe me, this has happened in the past and it’s not pretty!).
- ◆ All ladies that attend the dance will receive a draw ticket for a chance at a door prize. The draw will occur at approximately 10:00pm.

Please do not drink and drive. Make a plan ahead of time to find a safe ride home or utilize the services of a designated driver, dial-a-driver or one of Victoria’s fine cab companies:

- ◆ Victoria Taxi – 383-7111
- ◆ Yellow Cab – 381-2222
- ◆ Blue Bird Taxi – 382-4235
- ◆ Dial a Driver (minimum charge of \$15) – 213-2901

Spares

A team may curl with three players, without forfeiture. A team may utilize up to two spares, but must curl with at least two regular players, or they will lose by forfeit. Spares may not play Skip (i.e. throw fourth stones). A player that has already curled on his regular team in the bonspiel may spare for another team if necessary, and only after his regular team has been eliminated. Penalties for failure to comply with this rule will be applied as seen fit by the bonspiel committee (most likely this will result in the forfeiture of one or more games).

Teams that use one or more spares during the bonspiel may reward their spares however they see fit, however, those teams that advance into the prize level will only be rewarded with four prize selections from the prize table.

A spare list will be available (please contact the office if you know that you need someone, and we will do our best to accommodate you).

Lead/Event Sponsors

Thanks to the following sponsors and volunteers for their generous support of this spiel! We would not be able to do this without you.

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Bear Mountain Curling Classic

Volunteers – We couldn't have done this without you!

The Club

Bill Chester
Anita Price
Ice Makers
Bar Staff
Coffee Shop Staff
Banquet Staff

Bonspiel Committee

Dave Mueller
Neil Dangerfield
Darren Boden
Glen Allen
Will Lamb
Al Wood
John Coombs
Andrew Hughes

Prizes

Mike Wood
Paul Connolly

Draw Masters

Gordon Brown
Paul Mantell
Don Weeden

Draw on the Website

Doug Muir

PRIZE TABLE SELECTION ORDER

ORDER	PLACEMENT	EVENT	TEAM NAME
1	FIRST	A	
2	SECOND	A	
3	FIRST	B	
4	FIRST	C	
5	FIRST	D	
6	FIRST	E	
7	FIRST	F	
8	THIRD	A	
9	FOURTH	A	
10	SECOND	B	
11	SECOND	C	
12	SECOND	D	
13	SECOND	E	
14	SECOND	F	
15	THIRD	B	
16	FOURTH	B	
17	THIRD	C	
18	FOURTH	C	
19	THIRD	D	
20	FOURTH	D	
21	THIRD	E	
22	FOURTH	E	
23	THIRD	F	
24	FOURTH	F	

If you have any questions please feel free to ask any member of the Bonspiel committee.

We hope everyone enjoys themselves and has a great time!