

THE T-LINE

VICTORIA CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER Aug. 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – August 2008

I would like to welcome all curlers back to another exciting season of curling at the Victoria Curling Club. I hope all curlers enjoyed their summer break as we get ready for what will be a great year for the Victoria Curling Club. Please ensure that you have your team entries in as soon as possible to the office confirming that you will be curling this year. Registration is not automatic. You must re-register if your team wishes to curl this year.

There have been a number of changes at the Victoria Curling Club over the summer. The new chiller that was purchased earlier in the year will be installed and up and running for the new curling season. The new chiller will ensure that we have ice for the upcoming season without a catastrophic failure. Good news. As well, there have been some renovations to the interior of the facility that we are hoping all curlers will enjoy!

The **Annual General Meeting will be held on September 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm**. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. It will give you an opportunity to choose your new executive for the upcoming curling season, voice your views on matters of concern, and to see the renovations that the Club has undertaken over the summer season. There will also be reports on the financial health of the Victoria Curling Club, which should be of interest to all members. You will hear from a representative from Grant Thornton on the results of our Audit for the last fiscal period ending April 30, 2008.

The Scotties Tournament of Hearts takes place February 21 to March 01, 2009. With many curlers and members volunteering for various activities, taking in events, and the Victoria Curling Club being the Heart Stop Lounge, it will be a year to remember.

Bud Harbidge - President

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

We are now back in the office and sorting through the emails and messages left during our summer shut down period. The building was again a beehive of activity with the usual concert rentals, and this year the sounds of construction kept us buzzing. When coming in for the first time this season take notice of all the "sprucing up" that we have done! We have painted, re-done flooring and remodeled washrooms on all floors, installed new countertops on the main floor and lounge. New tables and chairs are coming shortly and the new chiller is in for the ice plant. I can go on further but you will have to see it all for yourselves! Have you had a chance to look at our new website? Club member Doug Muir has us looking good with easy to read messages as well as friendly links to the area of your choice. Please be sure to book your league and private shorty's early to avoid missing out as we are already getting booked up quickly with outside rentals for Saturday's throughout the curling season. Remember to all returning evening league teams that you have until **September 2nd** to register in order to get back into these leagues. The club is looking for coffee shop and bar staff as well as a part time maintenance/janitorial person. Please call the office if you are interested.

Bill Chester – General Manager

Victoria Curling Club Annual General Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 11
7:00 pm
In the Upstairs Lounge

AFTERNOON LADIES

Can you believe that we are now heading into the curling season? Summer has passed quickly and it is almost time to turn one's thoughts back to the rink. I am pleased to welcome a new executive (whom I will list in the October issue of the newsletter), who I believe will work hard to make this league a success in terms of comradeship, competition, and fun.

I was sorry to miss the April edition of the T-Line but I was totally unaware of its production!! As a result, I would now like to take the opportunity to congratulate the team winners from 2007-2008. The DUNSTAN TROPHY for Monday afternoon (Fall) was won by Barb White(skip), Val Turner, Alice Howes, and Margaret Sworder. The ELIN PETCH MEMORIAL TROPHY for Thursday afternoon (Fall) was won by Orma Paton (skip), Yvonne Oakley, Alice Howes, and Lucy Denham. The TARVES TROPHY for Spring, Monday afternoon was won by Pam Shemilt(skip), Ruth Cleland, Marjorie Moreside, and Gwen McKinnon. The JENNIE DUNCAN MEMORIAL TROPHY for Thursday afternoon was won by Nina Olson (skip), Barbara Copley, Ev Sigalet, and Cathy Garrett. Congratulations to all the winners.

On June 12th, the ladies participated in a fun-filled, best ball golf game at Metchosin. The weather cooperated, the food was good, and the mystery "goody bags" a huge success. Best score went to the team championed by Rhoda Milford, comprised of Wilma Williams and Linda Carswell-Bland. The longest drive was hit by Claudia Hemphill, with the closest to the pin being won by a guest of the club. Thank you to the team of organizers of Claudia Hemphill, Joyce Parsons, Nina Olson, Ruth Cleland and Alice Howes for setting up this fun day.

This league encourages new members to join by participating in either, or both, Monday and Thursday afternoon draws. If interested, you may contact Joyce Parsons at 250 477-5641 for further information. Spares are also welcome on a daily basis. Please contact Shirley McDonough for the Monday draw at 250 658-2855. Thursday's spares will be looked after by Elaine Shirley at 250 6524775.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing everyone at the General Meeting and luncheon on **Monday, September 15th** at 10:30 am. for the start up of what I believe will be a fun and an interesting year.

Linda Carswell-Bland
lindacbland@shaw.ca

LEARN TO CURL CLINIC
Victoria Curling Club

Novice (beginners only)

Mon. Sept. 15 & Wed. Sept. 17

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Cost: \$26.25

Intermediate

Tues. Sept. 16 & Thurs. Sept. 18

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Cost: \$26.25

Must preregister and prepay
Call the office 250 386-6396

WEDNESDAY A.M. LADIES SELECT LEAGUE

The 2008-2009 curling season is kicking off a couple of weeks earlier this year due to the fact that Victoria is hosting the Scott Tournament of Hearts. The Wednesday A.M. Select league will be starting Wednesday, September 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday morning Ladies have a very exciting league with all caliber of curlers. Enter as a team or as a single and we will do our very best to accommodate everyone. We have several social events during the year that provide opportunities for all the curlers to socialize and make new friends.

If you are a new curler, someone who has recently moved to Victoria, someone that wants to spent a couple of hours every Wednesday just simply having fun.....now is the time to contact our membership chair, Eileen DeFoe at 250-479-4115.

The league members look forward to having you join us for a great season of curling.

Maxine Hanson

SPORTS TRADERS

Curling starts early this year - Sept. 21st - because we won't be able to play for 3 weeks starting Feb. 15th due to the Scott Tournament of Hearts which starts Feb. 21st. Our last night of curling, as well as our windup banquet, will be March 29th. The cost is expected to remain the same as last year at \$225/person, which includes the windup banquet & great prizes. We have room for 3 or 4 new teams so if you're interested in joining a fun but competitive league, either as a single or as a team, call Al Mellett, President of the Sports Traders Sunday night league, at 656-0460.

Those of you who have been in the league for a long time will remember Wendy Hunter who used to play with Ted Eby years ago. I regret to inform you that Wendy passed away on June 30th after a long struggle with cancer.

Cathy O'Brien, Reporter

VICTORIA SELECT CURLING LEAGUE

Applications are now being accepted for those competitive players and developing teams that wish to enter the Victoria Select Curling League. The league will commence play on September 22nd and alternate draw times each week with the Tuesday night ladies league. Any teams interested in registering should contact Chris Atchison catchison@aspect.bc.ca before September 1st, 2008.

This will be the first year in recent memory that Sports Traders will not be sponsoring the Select League and the Executive would like to extend their appreciation to Al Mellett and the Sports Traders Team for their support and contributions to the Victoria Select Curling League over the years.

The Victoria Select Curling League is actively pursuing a new sponsor and anyone interested or knowing of a local business that could be interested should contact Chris Atchison catchison@aspect.bc.ca as soon as possible.



09 VICTORIA SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

The summer is about to be swept aside and curling will once again slide into the hearts and minds of the Victoria Curling Club. In less than 6 months, the greatest women curlers in the game will deliver the 2009 Victoria Scotties Tournament of Hearts to our city.

At present we know of one team that will be competing in February '09 – the 2008 World Championship Team of Jennifer Jones – and as an added bonus to the host city the Jones Team will be appearing in Victoria at the Victoria Curling Club on Saturday, September 20th. The 2008 World Champs will provide a clinic to regional junior curlers at the VCC and make an appearance at the Volunteer Rally scheduled for September 21st at Pearkes Arena.

The Event Office is now open at the southeast corner of the Save on Food Memorial Centre and more than 500 volunteers have been recruited to fulfill the requirements of the championship. Ticket sales are strong and expected to heat up even more during the next few months leading up to the event.

The '09 Victoria Scotties Tournament of Hearts: Bound for Glory.
Chris Atchison, Chair

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Evening Ladies Meeting
Tues. Sept. 9

AGM
Thurs. Sept. 11

Friday Mixed Meeting
Fri. Sept. 12

Aft. Ladies Mtg & Luncheon
Mon. Sept. 15

Men's League Meeting
Mon. Sept. 15

Curling Clinics
Sept. 15-18

Curling Begins
Thurs. Sept. 18

Jennifer Jones Jr. Clinic
Sat. Sept. 20

JUNIOR CURLING

Did we have a summer? I seemed to have missed it, but hope you all enjoyed yours and are getting prepared to start curling again! Coming up: Another fabulous season of Junior Curling at the Victoria Curling Club!!

Registration for 2008-09 Season:

Registration for 2008-09 will be held from 4-5 pm on Tuesday, September 23rd. (Please note there will be no ice available that day.) Regular season curling starts the following Tuesday, September 30th, at 4 pm. Sessions will end at 5:30 as usual. The cost will be \$44 per curler. Junior curlers do not need to have their own equipment to join the program but we do require kids to wear clean footwear, not street shoes, on the ice.

Contact Info:

Ellie Gerhardt – Junior Program Coordinator
Home: 652-3500 Cell: 888-0673
Email: elliemae_g@telus.net
website: www.curlingrocks.ca/vcc-juniors.htm

The Jennifer Jones team is now confirmed to be here at our club to put on a junior clinic for Saturday Sept. 20th. The time slot is to be announced. Following the on-ice festivities, the team and kids will head to the lounge for a question and autograph/photo session. Bring your friends; kids from all clubs are welcome to attend this event!

SENIOR MEN

Hope you all had a great summer! Please register at the VCC office for the 2008-09 season. First curling day will be Friday, Sept. 19, 2008. See you all then.

Issy Horowitz

C-FAX SPORTSMAN

As we say goodbye to this summer our 2008/2009 curling season will soon be upon us. The C-FAX Sportsman Curling League (Saturdays from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm) is now developing it's rosters for the upcoming season. This league is unique as individual players are drafted by skips onto teams rather than individual teams submitting entry to play in the Sportsman League. This

format makes the season's round robin play enjoyable for members as they play with new people and dominant teams are minimized allowing every member to make a run for the coveted "Jackets," symbolic of the leagues round robin champions. The league also sponsors an end of season playoff followed by a wrap-up banquet. The prize table and banquet are second to none and the highlight of the years curling season.

If you are an interested curler, please contact Al Hood (250-474-7872), or Jerry Froese (250-383-0788), or Dan Holland (250-744-4465).

WED. NIGHT MIXED

I can't believe the curling season is already upon us – where did the time go! I trust that all had a great summer and can't wait to start the season. Remember that Wednesday Nite Mixed is a "Fun League" and that we do welcome curlers of all abilities...

However, please get your team registered thru Anita at the club; as in previous years we will be using six sheets of ice – therefore we are limited to 14 teams – so if you wish to curl on Wednesday evening contact the club. Those of you that curled last year must re-register for this year; your place is not automatically guaranteed.

Have a great "rest of the Summer" and we will see you in September – brooms a'flying!

Paul & Veronica

Wed. Commercial

This is a fun mixed daytime curling league. Please register with Linda Weeden 250 384-2444. Curling begins on Wed. Sept. 24, 2008.

Issy Horowitz

LADIES EVENING LEAGUES

Hope everyone is still enjoying the summer and yes, we actually had a summer this year. Curling 2008/2009 is just around the corner. Lets fill Tuesday and Thursday Leagues.

- Annual General Meeting – September 9 @ 7:00
- Register your returning team
- Recruit new curlers – teams or individuals – we will find a spot for them
- Tuesday starting – September 23 late draw
- Thursday starting – September 18 late draw
- Have fun with your fellow competitors and enjoy this crazy sport of curling

Marilyn Sutton

MON/WED NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE

Well it is that time of year again, time to dust off your curling brush, try to remember where you last seen your curling bag (and hope that nothing is growing in it). I hope that everyone had a great summer this year, it started a little slow but the weather finally came round. This year we will be starting the curling season one week earlier than we would normally, in order to facilitate the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The registration deadline for returning teams to hold their spot is **Tuesday September 2nd**. Please take a minute to pick up the telephone and give Anita a call, the sooner the better.

Team Selection is as follows;

- The teams from last year can ensure a spot by registering their team with the club by Tuesday September 2nd.
- New Teams should register as soon as possible with the office and will be positioned according to the following formula.
 - a. New Teams that are club members will be given first priority on the list (you can become a member by paying \$50 a year for 5 years). A team with 4 club members will have the priority over a team with 1 club member.
 - b. New Teams with no club members will be prioritized by date of entry.

If you haven't had the opportunity to check out the new Victoria Curling Club website please take a minute to have a look, it has a lot more features than our old website, in fact you should be able to figure out who you are curling against and at what time (imagine that!). It has been designed so that entering and updating league information is quick and easy. We will be using the website to communicate information so please make yourself familiar with it. I would like to thank Doug Muir for all his efforts and the hard work that he put in to making our website a first class curling information center.

On a final note, we will be holding our **Skip/Team meeting** this year on **Mon. Sept. 15 @ 7:00B.** Please be sure to have at least one member or all of your team attend as it is usually a very interesting and entertaining evening as we hammer out the details on how the league will be formatted this year.

Good curling!

David Mueller, VCC Director

School Instructor needed for Student Classes &
High School League Coordinator
Mon. – Fri. daytime
Set your own hours
Enjoy working with kids
Sunday Rec League Coordinator

*This is a paid position

Bar & Coffee Shop
Staff needed for the upcoming Curling
Season. Must have SERVING IT
RIGHT & FOOD SAFE
Also required part-time
Maintenance/Janitorial staff



Ticket Prices 2008-2009

2009 Bear Mountain Arena Curling Classic
Date: March 26th-29th 2009

"Advanced" Early Bird Sales at Victoria Curling Club

"Hurry Hard" and come sweep up your tickets early !! On Wednesday August 27th and Thursday August 28th from 5pm-9pm at Victoria Curling Club you can come in or phone to reserve your favourite seats for what will be our most exciting event ever !! For these two days only you can purchase your tickets at last years prices !!

Full Event Ends \$ 75.00 Full Event Sides \$ 64.00

******* Special Early Bird Ticket Sales Promotion**

Added Bonus :

Buy your tickets early and enter a draw to win 2 free invitations to golf with the likes of World Champion Kevin Martin in the 2009 Bear Mountain Arena Curling Classic Celebrity/ Curler Golf Tournament March 25th at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort.

Early Bird Ticket Sales

Starting October 1st, early bird tickets can be purchased either in person or over the phone at the following locations here in Victoria and include all service charges.

**Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre Phone # 250-478-8384
Victoria Curling Club Phone # 250-386-6396**

Full Event Ends \$ 80.00 Full Event Sides \$70.00

After December 1st, our regular tickets can be purchased either in person or over the phone at the same locations as above. These prices are as follows:

Full Event Ends \$ 90.00 Full Event Sides \$80.00

International Teams Confirmed

We are thrilled to announce that this year we have been able to move our event up a week on the World Curling Tour Schedule. This means that our dates no longer conflict with the Ford World Mens. This has allowed us to invite the mens champions from Europe , Asia , U.S. and of course Canada. International teams such as 2006 World Champion David Murdoch of Scotland have already accepted and all are very excited about a chance to compete at such a high level just a week before the Worlds. This means we will be able to witness a truly amazing international field who will be competing in Victoria next March for the \$81,000.00 purse.