



THE T-LINE

VICTORIA CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2010



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The Victoria Curling Club is now starting-up for yet another year of curling. Read Bill's (our Club Manager) report on the number of investments we have made over the last few years to improve our building and ensure we can make and have the use of great curling ice. It takes a lot of people and effort to bring the building back into a functioning curling rink so when you see our office staff, kitchen staff, bar staff, ice makers, our own Board members and our curling league organizers', say Thank-You to them.

The coming year looks like it is getting off to a fast start. Curlers are phoning the club to register, new leagues are starting up this year (further information in upcoming reports), the bonspiel schedule is set (see our web site) and your VCC Board of Directors is planning for the upcoming Annual General Meeting on September 14, just a few short weeks ahead. I encourage all VCC members to attend this meeting and help us create an even better club than we have today.

One of the changes you will start to see being implemented in the club this year is the opportunity for VCC members to begin to again appreciate the 'Benefits of Being a Member'. Membership is only \$50 per year for 5 years and the benefits of membership is far greater than this! If you are not a member please talk to the office staff or pick up promotional material around the club. Curling can be as simple as turning up to throw your 16 rocks or it can be as meaningful as finding new friends and helping to create a wonderful place to bring your family.

The VCC Board is sponsoring a weekend for interested members to help develop a Business Plan for the club. If you are an active reader of the T-Line you will know the Board has been working on the development of a strategy to build a new curling facility. We now know that the idea of a new building is not only seen as a good idea from our club's perspective, but it is affordable if we can bring all of the stakeholders together. The development of our business plan will allow us to be more effective in supporting our day to day curling as well as better positioning us to take the next steps towards planning for our new building.

You will all be invited to participate in this Business Planning Workshop in the coming weeks. See you on the ice and have a great year.

John Coombs - President of VCC

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CLUB

September 7

Deadline for registering returning teams

September 13

Men's League Meeting

September 14
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 16

Evening Ladies AGM

September 17

Friday Mixed Meeting

September 18 & 19
ICE BREAKER OPEN BONSPIEL

September 20

Aft. Ladies Mtg & Luncheon

September 20-23

Curling Clinics

September 23

Curling Begins!

EDITORS MESSAGE

Welcome to our first Edition of the Victoria Curling Club T-Line Newsletter of the 2010 - 2011 curling season which is set to get underway.

This is the first of five full color issues of our Curling Club Newsletter. The next edition will be the Halloween issue in October.

If you have information for the T-Line please leave your copy with the club office or email to the Club at viccurl@victoriacurlingclub.com

Please take time to attend the Victoria Curling Club Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 14 - 7 pm in the Lounge.

VICTORIA CURLING CLUB

"ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 7:00 PM

PLAN ON ATTENDING



MANAGERS MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all have had a relaxing summer of watching re-runs of the Olympic Curling on TV in between your many golf outings? Have you all had a chance to take notice of the new paint scheme on the outside of our building? While many of you have been away for the past few months, we have been busy at the club with new paint, the installation of a new compressor that replaces one of the original York machines that have been servicing the ice plant since 1952! Also, we have hosted the ever popular T/C Booksale, 4 separate concerts for all ages, weekly training sessions for the Victoria Police Reserves, as well as numerous other building rentals. Yes, we are in operation for more than just curling!

Now on to what is coming up for this year. The club will be implementing a new ice time procedure for practice ice. We have noticed in the past, a trend that we feel is no longer suitable for our industry of non VCC members dropping in for curling privileges at no charge. As we do feel that this may be a benefit to attract new members to our sport and our facility, we are seeing people utilizing our ice for the main purpose of curling for free. And with this happening, we see our members at times not being able to get on the ice for practice. The new procedure will now mean that if you are wanting practice ice time when ice is available, you must first book a time slot through the office prior to coming to the rink. There will be no fee charged for all VCC members, and anyone that is not a VCC member in good standing in our facility will be charged an ice rental fee according to the fees set each season. All users will be required to check with the office when you arrive, and you will then be given a sheet of ice to practice on. Locker room accessibility will also be reserved for VCC members only. Any non VCC members wishing locker room privileges will be required to pay a fee. These regulations are truly for the benefit of your membership.

"Help Wanted" We are looking for staff to work with us in the bar and coffee shop, as well as we are in need of a weekend person to work in the club office. Please call Bill if you or someone you know may be interested in any of these positions.

"Parking" At this time all parking passes will be the same as in years past for both the arena lot and Green St. lot (still waiting for cost confirmation for both). Parking passes will be available from the club office in mid September.

As you all know the HST has arrived! You will notice the increase in dues that have been set. And in saying that, this may sound like a substantial hike in fees, but we are using all revenues each year to cover ever rising club expenses, and for much needed capital improvements such as the new compressor this year to balance our budget. Did you know that over the past few years we have replaced the chiller, condenser and now the compressor? We have a new ice scraper (2 years ago), basement meeting room renovation (4 years ago), a major building renovation (3 years ago) including the main foyer, lounge, all washrooms, and building tables & chairs and TV's & equipment. Facility improvements are ongoing when we are using a 60 yr old building! We are "The Place to Curl" in Victoria and still the busiest curling club in B.C. And we want to keep it that way! To all 2009/10 teams returning to house leagues, deadline to re-register your team through the office is Sept. 7/10 for the upcoming season.

Bill Chester - General Manager



AFTERNOON LADIES

Summer greetings to everyone. I trust that you all have had a relaxing and eventful summer. Now, the time is near to take the focus from summer activities to the winter ones. The first part of the season will be a challenge with our hosting of Interclub in November, but I feel confident that we will rise to the occasion and do a successful job.

Although our curling season ended back in March, a group of ladies participated in the golf tournament at Metchosin on June 3rd. Numbers were down but those who did participate had a terrific time. Special thanks to Claudia Hemphill, her committee, and all those who donated prizes for this fun event. It was a close competition and really, everyone who participated was a winner, but the team with the least points consisted of Claudia Hemphill, Wilma Williams, Ev Sigalet and Alice Howes.

The question mark will be answered in the October newsletter. Long ball hitter was once again Leanne Adkin with the closest to the pin being yours truly and I was barely on the green! All in all, food was good, prizes great, weather cooperated and a great time was had by all.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our Social members, Irene Hayman back in May. Expressions of Sympathy were sent to her family and to her sister, Marjorie Goodwin.

The General Meeting and luncheon will be held on Monday, September 20th at the Victoria Curling Club commencing at 10:45am (we do not need a lot of time). Your executive will be phoning you for a commitment to this event. The first day of curling for our league will be on Monday, September 27th.

Our league welcomes new members for either or both of the Monday/Thursday afternoon draws. For information regarding joining our league, please contact Joyce Parsons at 250 477-5641. If you are interested in sparing, please call Cathy Bartlett at 250 477-0649.

A big "Thank You" to the executive members who are continuing for another year and to the new members as well. I look forward to the new season.

Linda Carswell-Bland

SATURDAY AM



The Saturday AM Curling League enjoyed another successful season in 2009-10 and is looking forward to the upcoming season which will get underway in late September.

Our league, which curls from 9 to 11 am on Saturday mornings, is seeking additional curlers interested in filling places available on existing teams as well as new teams in order that we can make better use of the ice and facilities available.

We would welcome new members who would enjoy curling in an open and relatively unstructured mixed league for men and women playing any combination of positions. Our players range from novice to experienced, whose objective is to have fun as well as good curling. We accomplish this by keeping the league a casual place to curl and enjoy the fellowship the game offers.

Curlers who may be interested in joining the Saturday AM League are invited to get in touch with Roger Davidson at (250) 477-8515 or roger.davidson@shaw.ca.



JUNIOR CURLING

The 2010/2011 curling season is upon us. I trust the off season was productive and enjoyable for all. Junior program registration will take place on Tues. September 28th, at the curling club, beginning at 4:30pm, and wrapping up at 6:00pm. The program will begin with on-ice instruction the following week, October 5th, 4:00pm – 5:30pm, and will run every Tuesday, through to the Christmas break (and beginning again in the New Year). New and returning young curlers will be welcomed by our wonderful group of volunteer coaches. And speaking of volunteer coaches, the program is always looking for coaches to assist with instruction and skill development; what a great way to give back to the game we all enjoy!! Anyone interested in coaching or helping out in any way can contact Linda Finlayson at 250-516-1789.

New this year is a youth interclub development league that will see teams from south and mid island involved in regular league games on Sundays. Cost for entry into the league is \$250.00 per team, and players must be connected to a junior program in order to be eligible for play. Each team must have a coach that is willing to travel with the team to all games, to provide support and assistance. Registration deadline is September 30th. Games will be held in the Greater Victoria area, and Nanaimo; Nanaimo games will have teams playing two, six end games against mid and up island teams.

The idea of the league is to build the on-ice skills and game strategy for our junior curlers on the island, in preparation for juvenile and junior play downs and beyond. More information on this league can be obtained by contacting Linda Finlayson, 250-516-1789, or Bill Chester, VCC Manager. You can also check out the league website at <http://www.islandyouthcurling.ca/> The website has wonderful information, along with registration forms, and will be able to answer many questions you may have.

Linda Finlayson - Junior Program Coordinator

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee has been elected by the Board of Directors to bring names forward at the upcoming Annual General Meeting to form the new Board of Directors for the upcoming 2010/2011 year. The Nominating Committee submits to the Board of Directors the names of those Active Members of the Club whom the Nominating Committee wishes to propose for election to the Board of Directors at the next Annual General Meeting which is to be held on September 14, 2010 at 7 pm.

This is your opportunity to make a contribution to the management of the affairs of the Victoria Curling Club and to set the future strategic direction.

There are vacancies for the position of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President for a one year term and three Director vacancies, each for two year terms.

If you are an Active Member of the Club and wish to put your name forward to the Nominating Committee for any of the vacancies listed above, please forward your name to Bud Harbidge at budharbidge@shaw.ca or call Bud at 250 658 3834. Alternatively, you can leave your name with the office.

Get involved!

Your Nominating Committee.



SENIOR MEN LEAGUE

Senior Curlers. Welcome back to another season of Curling. We have been enjoying some hot weather, but it is now time to shift gears and think about the coming Curling Season. Many of us have been looking forward to being back on the ice and getting caught up with all our friends.

It is time to get your dues in guys, (\$280) with your registration form. If you have friends or know of someone who wishes to join us, they can phone Cedric @ 250-477-4800 for details or phone the Victoria Curling Club.

Are you a male curler? Are you 55 years or older and would enjoy curling on Tuesdays and Friday morning? We would welcome you to our league.

Don Weeden will have the draw done by our Directors meeting on Sept 14th. Skips will advise team members if they are on the 9:00am or 11:15 draw beginning on Sept. 24th.

The fellows who got out on the golf links had a great summer. I did hear of one or two complaining about the heat. At least they did not have to contend with flooded greens.

The Seniors league had a good turnout, great fun and a super meal at our golf tournament in May. The low gross winner was Tom Dheenshaw.

Curling weather will arrive soon. Your Executive and the Victoria Curling Club wishes you a season of fellowship, good curling and new friendships.

Gordon Churches



FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

Well Friday nighters, it is time to start getting ice on the brain again. We are heading into another great year of curling, and having fun on a Friday night. I will be calling everyone from last year's league over the next few weeks and touching base with you about the details for this year's league. Many of you have already filled in a team registration sheet. But for those of you who have not, you can pick them up at the club. Even if you don't have a full team I would encourage you to fill one in and we can assist you in piecing a team together. Remember the teams that curled last year have first priority in the league, but we can't wait forever to hear from you and I won't chase you too far. I am way to out of shape for that. If you wish to be very helpful and contact me with your info, I can be reached in the following ways: Home phone: 383-8960 - Cell phone: 881-4844 Fax: 391-9995 - Email: dmckinty@shaw.ca

We have scheduled a league meeting for Friday night, September 17th, and our first night of curling is on September 24th. With the popularity of curling on a rise, I am hopeful for a good turnout to the league this year. But I would like to remind everyone of the challenge that I gave at last year's banquet.

Think of how much fun you have with a group of relative strangers, and how much more fun you can have with a group of friends. This year I challenge everyone to bring in new curlers (individuals, or teams), and to get to know the team you played against a little better. After the game, go up and have a beer with them. Isn't that why the Scottish invented curling, to expand their social and activity levels and have another reason to have a pint? If you have new curlers interested, or need a little refresher course yourself, the club is offering clinics for beginners on Sept 20 & 22, and intermediate curlers on Sept 21 & 23. Remember that we are all in this together to have a good time. I'll talk to you all soon.

Darren





CURLING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE VICTORIA CURLING CLUB 2010-2011



LEAGUE MIXED/OPEN

DAYS/TIMES

Mon. am 9:00 am
Wed. aft. 1:00 pm
Wed. eve 6:30/8:45 pm
Thurs. eve 6:30/8:45 pm
Fri. aft. 4:30 pm
Fri. eve 7:00 pm
Sat. am 9:00 am
Sun. am 10:00 am
Sun. aft. 12:30 pm
Sun. eve 6:00 pm

REGISTER

Eileen DeFoe
Jaci Ross
Club Office
Club Office
Heather Cozens
Club Office
Roger Davidson
Stew Thomson
Club Office
Al Mellett

PHONE

250-479-4115
250-658-8847
250-386-6396
250-386-6396
250-658-2874
250-386-6396
250-477-8515
250-479-8075
250-386-6396
250-656-0460



WOMEN

Mon/Thurs. 1:30 pm
Wed. am 9:00 am
Tues. eve 6:30/8:45 pm
Thurs. eve 6:30/8:45 pm

Joyce Parsons
Eileen DeFoe
Club Office
Club Office

250-477-5641
250-479-4115
250-386-6396
250-386-6396



MEN

Mon. eve 6:30/8:45 pm
Wed. eve 6:30/8:45 pm
Sat. am 11:30 am

Club Office
Club Office
Mark Mackereth

250-386-6396
250-386-6396
250-727-3666

SR. MEN

Tues./Fri 9:00/11:15 am
Thurs. am 9:00/11:15 am

Cedric Trueman
Steve Willett

250-477-4800
250-478-3222

JUNIORS



Tues. aft 4:00 pm

Club Office

250-386-6396

HIGH SCHOOL

Wed. aft 4:00 pm

Club Office

250-386-6396

All leagues are welcoming curlers. If you are unable to reach any of the league contacts, you are welcome to leave your name and phone # at the Club Office and we will get you in touch with the appropriate person.

VICTORIA CURLING CLUB CURLING CLINICS

NOVICE CLINIC: Mon. Sept. 20 & Wed. Sept. 22
6-9 pm Cost \$30.00

INTERMEDIATE CLINIC: Tues. Sept. 21 &
Thurs. Sept. 23 6-9 pm Cost \$35.00

"YOU MUST PREREGISTER"

Call the Club at 250-386-6369
viccurl@victoriacurlingclub.com



Instructors needed for the Learn to Curl clinics. If you are a new coach/instructor and in need of volunteer hours for qualifications, this is a perfect opportunity to get started. Please contact Cindy Tucker (250-478-9301) or the VCC office for more information.



THURSDAY OPEN

The Thursday open league is a friendly league that can be competitive yet still welcoming to curlers of all abilities. We achieve this by splitting into divisions after the first quarter of the season, based on results up to then. Last year, with 16 teams, we had 5 teams in A, 5 in B, and 6 in C. After the second and third quarters the top two teams in B and C get promoted and the bottom two in A and B are demoted.

You can start slowly and move to the A championship – although some of the other teams might have something to say about that. Composing the draw is a lot more work, but it pays off in close games between well-matched teams.

We are a weeknight league that is truly focused on welcoming beginners and those returning to the sport. “Open” in our name means that teams can be any mix of men and women. Interested in joining us? You can register with Anita at the office or contact me directly at jon@preston.ca.

Jon Preston

WEDNESDAY LADIES SELECT LEAGUE



As summer draws to a close, it is time once again to locate your curling gear and head down to the curling rink to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Wednesday A.M. Ladies have an exciting (16-team) league with all calibre of curlers participating. Enter as a team or as a single and we will do our best to accommodate everyone. The league hosts a Christmas and Spring Windup Luncheon with prizes for everyone at the end of the season.

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

The Wednesday A.M. Select Ladies League curls Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Maxine Hanson



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON COMMERCIAL MIXED

Welcome back to another curling season. We are ready for an exciting start to the new year. As announced in the spring Tee Line we are open to new members both full time and as spares. We are a friendly competitive social league which enjoys meeting new participants.

Plans for this year include social activities such as a fun opener, a turkey shoot at Christmas, and a skins game with us all gathering in the upstairs lounge afterwards.

League play is between 1:00 and 3:00pm. Please contact either Jaci Ross at jaciross@shaw.ca or Georges Bombezin at gbombezin@shaw.ca or give us a telephone call at 250-658-8847 for more info.

**THE VICTORIA CURLING CLUB
WANTS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**

TEACHERS LEAGUE

I am sure that you have all had a restful summer and are gearing up for another curling season! Or perhaps this publication will remind you that September flies by pretty quickly and we all need to start registering.

Remember that the Teachers’ league is a social league and that the goal of our matches is to meet old friends, make a few new ones all while having a good time.

We have a couple changes on the executive this year:
President - Heather Cozens Treasurer - John Plantinga
Social Directors: Trace Muldoon and Lindsay McLean
Drawmaster: Neil Campbell Spare Captain: Larry Travis
Trophies and Prizes: Rick Higgins Past President: Kirby Rimer
Communication/Media: Barb Campbell

Please register as soon as possible so we can evaluate our numbers and start planning dates. For more information, please call Heather at 250 658-2874.

See you on the ice!

Barb



EVENING LADIES

I’d like to welcome all previous Ladies Evening League curlers along with all new curlers to the 2010/2011 Season!

With the successful ladies clinic held last year, I hope to see many new faces among us. Our league is comprised of two groups: Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The new season begins on Thursday, September 23rd - late draw and on Tuesday, September 28th – late draw.

Returning teams should register with the VCC office. Individuals interested in joining our league are invited to contact Marilyn Sutton at suttonfamily78@hotmail.com or at (250) 896-4154 for further information. We have a wide caliber of curlers and are excited about creating new individuals and teams to the mix.

The Ladies Annual General Meeting will be held September 16th at the VCC lounge at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Eylin Gilbert

“Help Wanted”

Would you like to earn some extra income and at the same time have some fun being around the great members of our club? Curling Club staff are needed in the Coffee Shop and Lounge areas. As well we are looking for a staff member to look after office/pro-shop duties on weekends.

Anyone interested can call Bill Chester
General Manager in the club office for details!

Deadline for payment of dues for all house leagues: **Evening Ladies- Men’s- Evening Mixed- Monday AM Open** are to be paid to the VCC office no later than Oct.8/10. The club office will be open evenings until Oct. 8th for dues collection and distribution of parking passes.

MENS LEAGUE

The 2010-11 curling season is fast approaching, I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the great weather we finally enjoyed. For all returning teams that have not yet registered please contact the office as soon as possible and register your team.

Several returning teams completed their registration form for the upcoming season at the men's wind up night.

To hold your team's spot on either Monday or Wednesday evenings you will need to register no later than Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Team/Skips meeting will be held on Monday September 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge.

Please try to have at least one member of your team attend the meeting. This meeting is your team's opportunity to make suggestions and participate in any discussion for the upcoming season.

Don McMullen

**THE COFFEE SHOP
OPENS FOR
BUSINESS MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH
DROP BY FOR
COFFEE OR LUNCH**

SPORTS TRADERS

This year our league is slated to start on October 17th, which is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, & our last night of curling, as well as our windup banquet, will be on March 27th. League fees have yet to be finalized, but last year the cost was \$250/person, which included the windup banquet & great prizes for everybody.

Al Mellett, who has kindly agreed to be our president for the 16th year running, will soon be contacting league members to see what teams are coming back so please be prepared. If you've misplaced last year's curling roster, it is still available on the Sports Trader's website which is www.sportstraders.ca.

We will most likely have room in the league for new players &/or teams so if you're interested in joining a fun but competitive league, please contact Al Mellett at (250) 656-0460.

Hopefully see you at the Ice Breaker Bonspiel on Sept 18-19th at VCC.

Cathy Weigel O'Brien

**VICTORIA CURLING
CLUB ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 14 AT
7:00 PM IN THE
LOUNGE**

LEGION LEAGUE



Summer can't be over it is still too hot and feels great. Curling season must be just around the corner as I am starting to get calls about our Legion curling league.

Most curlers are returning for another season but there should be room for more people who want to have fun Sunday morning. We start at 10:00 am to noon.

All teams are drafted each year so everybody gets to make new friends.

Contact Stew Thomson at annstew@telus.net or 250 479-8075. The draft will take place in the middle of September. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Stew Thomson



SELECT LEAGUE

Applications are now being accepted for those competitive players and developing teams that wish to enter the Victoria Select Curling League.

The league commences play on September 28th (early draw) and will alternate draw times each week with the Tuesday night ladies league.

Contact Neil Dangerfield or the VCC Office for an entry form, which must be received by September 7th.

Any partial teams (or single players) interested in registering should contact Neil (neil.dangerfield@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

MONDAY OPEN

What could be better than starting your week with a friendly game at 9:30 on Monday mornings?

This open league has two 10-game sessions offered at a VERY REASONABLE RATE for all levels and ages of curlers.

Full or partial teams can register and, as well, individuals wishing to be placed on a team comprised of curlers of either gender playing any position.

This league stresses enjoyment of the game and good sportsmanship amongst friendly people, so if this appeals to you, contact Eileen DeFoe at (250)479-4115 or email edefoe@shaw.ca or contact the VCC office.

"BREAK THE ICE" OPEN BONSPIEL

September 18 and 19, 2010

ENTRY \$130.00 Per Team

Cash Prizes - Open Format

6 END GAMES

Deadline to Register: Thursday, Sept. 9 Deposit \$30.00

To Register: Call 250-386-6396

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