

THE T-LINE

VICTORIA CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER Oct. 2007

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 20, 2007 and was well attended. The decision was made last year to move the AGM to September after lack of attendance at the previous AGMs held in June. It would appear that curling is more on the minds of our members in September than in June! We will continue holding the AGM in the month of September.

At the AGM in September the membership elected the following members to represent you as your new Board:

President	Bud Harbidge	1 year term
1st Vice President	John Coombs	1 year term
2nd Vice President	Ellie Gerhardt	1 year term
Past President	Georges Bombezin	1 year term
Directors		
New	Todd Troyer	2 year term
New	Dave Mueller	2 year term
New	Brian Morin	2 year term
Returning	Marilyn Sutton	1 year term
Returning	Don McMullen	1 year term
Returning	Joe Kampman	1 year term
Ladies' Rep	Lorna Taylor	
Seniors' Rep	Issy Horowitz	

Thank you to departing board members Nancy Duncan and Brad LaRoy. Your involvement and support of the Victoria Curling Club is much appreciated.

I believe the following issues to be of critical importance in the next several years and the Board will be turning their attention to these important matters:

- Development of a business plan to support a new curling facility
- Development of a strategic plan to carry the club forward from today and five years into the future
- Increased member involvement in decision making

- Increased member involvement in volunteering

Curling has started and by all accounts we are off to another great season. Most leagues have been able to maintain their existing teams with the number of teams remaining about the same as last year overall. We continue to look for ways to introduce more curlers to this exciting game.

The recent announcement that the Scotties Tournament of Hearts will be held in Victoria in February 2009 is great news for curling in general for the Victoria area and for the Victoria Curling Club in particular. We will be approaching the Host Committee shortly with ideas on how the Victoria Curling Club can be involved in this exciting announcement. As soon as more information is available, we'll be sure to keep you informed.

The Board looks forward to representing your interests over the next year. Good curling!

Bud Harbidge - President

MANAGERS MESSAGE

Welcome back for another great year of curling everyone! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Georges Bombezin on the fine work he has done as Club President over the past 4 years. Thank-you Georges! And welcome Bud Harbidge, our new club President. With Bud's determination, I know we are heading in a very positive direction for the future. New staff members in the lounge are Yvonne, Grant and Derek with Teresa returning. New in the coffee shop is Kelsey, and in building maintenance is Jamie. Please welcome all new and returning staff. The Learn to Curl Clinics were a hit once again this year with over 100 people attending. Thank-you to Cindy Tucker and her group of volunteers for putting on a fabulous clinic. Parking in the arena lot has been expanded to include evening use as well as daytime for VCC members. Please see the office for details. New instructors this year include Ed Gerhardt for school classes and Mike Wood is looking after the Optimist High School League on Wednesday's. The club is still looking for an instructor for the Sunday afternoon Rec. League. This league cannot get underway until an instructor is found. Please see Bill or Anita in the office if you are interested. There are just a few Saturday's still open throughout the season for you to book a fun shorty and they are filling up fast. The cost is inexpensive and the fun is never ending, so get your friends and colleges together for a Saturday evening at the club. Lastly, check out our Pro-Shop. New this year are the "Goldline" G-40 shoes, various styles of brooms and "Edge" curling pants for all sizes.

NOTE: REMEMBER THAT YOU NEED TO REPLACE YOUR GRIPPERS AND BROOM HEADS EVERY 2-3 YEARS!

Bill Chester, General Manager

WED. COMMERCIAL

"Welcome Back!

We begin with a full complement of 16 teams - all but 13 curlers returning from last season. A special warm welcome to our new joiners: Eric and Henriette Ballinger, Jean Burrows, Ray Coutts, Paula Del-Bel-Belluz, Ron and Marilyn Mackenzie, Foster and Gloria Roze, Lydia Stempski, Barb White, Marilyn Williams, and Mike Zabrick. I think that you will find this League to be an enjoyable curling experience.

There will be a total of 22 curling dates - 11 prior to the Christmas break, and 11 in the new year. December 12th will be our last date in 2007, and we will return on January 2nd. Our last curling date of the season and the date of our closing banquet, will be on March 19th.

Please direct any Membership questions to Linda Weeden (384-2444), Draw concerns to Bob Johnson (592-3573), and any complaints to Don Weeden (unlisted).

Good Curling!
Issy Horowitz

SAT AM

Welcome all new curlers (Ken & Dianne Downing, Mathew Bryan, Dianne Statton, Paul Langdon and Pam Teasdale) to the Saturday AM Curling League and glad to see so many past curlers returning to enjoy the 2006-2007 Curling Season.

We have 12 teams again this year this should make for a great season of curling (No Byes). There are 18 curling dates on our schedule. The last day of curling will be March 8th 2008.

2007-08 Executive	President	Brian Morin	479-0088
	Vice	Gloria Lieutard	479-4898
	Drawmaster	Al Teasdale	479-3149

Treasurer Marilyn Williams 384-0706

As requested by the membership we have added two more days to the curling calendar for the Skins Games. The Skins Games will be separate from league play. Like last year we will have two games one on December 15th and another March 8th with each game playing for \$100 prize money. This should add some fun to the season and help us appreciate the unique strategy of the game.

We will continue to provide Curl BC clinics. Two sessions are again planned. Arrangements are now underway. The first session is November 24th and the second is December 8th.

Our league has a new web site thanks to Al Teasdale. Check It Out. <http://members.shaw.ca/saturdaycurling/> Get all the news, Schedules, Spare List, Roster, Rules, Last years winners and Shorty Information.

Fun shorty bonspiel the date for this event is February 9th all are welcome.

Right now we have 12 teams confirmed for League play. Our Goal is to have 14 or 16 teams, to do this end we need your help. We could use an additional 18 players, especially ones that could skip or play third. If you know of anyone invite them to join us.

OCTOBER 6, 2007	Game 1
November 24 2007	First training Session Starts at 7:45 am
December 8 2007	Early Start to game at request of VCC 8am Start Training session at 10 am.
January 5 2008	Last Game of Round Robin play establishes League winner and play-off positions
February 09 2008	Shorty Fun Bonspiel starts at 5:30 pm finishes at ?? (Party Time)
February 16 2008	Last game of Play-off format
March 8 2008	Last Skins Game, banquet, presentations and AGM

For Information or registration Contact: Brian Morin 479-0088
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MEN'S LEAGUES

The Monday and Wednesday night Men's League is off to a great start this year. We have a full roster of teams for both nights, 36 teams on Monday and 22 teams on Wednesday. We had a small glitch the first night of Monday curling with one full team dropping out the same day. We have since been able to replace that team. I am happy to say that we were able to accommodate all of

the full teams on our wait lists and get them into the league. We have also been able to accommodate many single players looking for a team. Thanks to the office staff for assisting us in collecting the various fees for our league.

Please have your team promptly on the ice and ready to play at the game start times either 6:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. You will find posted on the draw board the rules agreed upon at the Skip/Team meeting, please have your players familiarize themselves with this year's rules, and highlights from the meeting. Just a reminder for thirds to please post the game results following your game, this greatly assists our draw master. Thanks again this year to Al Wood for taking on the job of putting together and managing the draws for both nights. We are trying something new this year; John Coombs has been busy taking team pictures. We feel this will help get teams on both nights to know each other better, and who plays on which team. Thank you all for helping get the season off to a smooth start. Good luck to all our teams and have a great curling season.

Don McMullen, Director

Friday Night Mixed League

Well folks we are a few weeks into the season. I hope we are keeping to our goal of being a fun league. The bottle draws continue to be entertaining and successful (and I don't say that just because I already won). About the only thing left to do to put us into full swing is collect the prize funds from the skips. I will be working on this throughout the following weeks. If the skips can gather \$10 from each team member it would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to remind everyone that this is your league and if you have any questions, requests or input please don't hesitate to talk to me. You all know where to find me every Friday night. Remember to have fun and good curling.

Darren McKinty

EVENING LADIES

The Evening Ladies are "up and running". We are happy to welcome many new curlers in to the league and welcome back returning curlers as well. We have 15 teams curling on Tuesday and 9 teams on Thursday. We are looking forward to our curling season.

Our annual "**Trim the Tree**" night will be held on **Tuesday, December 4** after the early draw. Thursday curlers please come down and join in the fun. Snacks will be provided for decorators.

Our **Daffodil Bonspiel** is scheduled for **Feb. 28-March 2**. A chairperson is still required for the bonspiel. This could be a team (often works better as a team effort). The executive position of 2nd Vice President also needs to be filled. "New Blood" and fresh ideas would be appreciated. Please contact me if interested.

Lorna Taylor, President

WED. LADIES SELECT

Welcome to all our new and returning curlers. Our season started on Oct. 3rd with 14 teams, up two teams from last year. After the draw we had muffins and coffee while participating in our League's Semi Annual Meeting. If you wish to spare in our league please phone **Eileen Defoe** at **479-4115**. Happy Curling Everyone!

Diane Caldwell

JUNIORS

The junior program is back in full swing and kids are still joining. We have, to date, 16 brand new beginners in the program! We are looking forward to 'Bring a Friend' Day on Tuesday, October 30th, when we will have Halloween games and surprises for all participants.

Our first fun Junior bonspiel, with two experienced and two novice curlers on each team, will be at Kerry Park in Mill Bay on November 10th, followed by our own **Victoria Curling Club Junior Bonspiel** on **December 8th-9th**. Kids who form a team and enter all the Junior Bonspiels will have a chance to compete on the ice at the Bear Mountain Classic in April, 2008. There is more information about this on the junior pole in the lobby.

The **Daisy Dollar** program is still in effect. Please help our juniors out by saving the **UPC labels** from **Island Farms** products and leaving them in the Island Farms ice cream pail on the counter in the lobby. Also, if there is anybody out there who would like to volunteer as a Junior Bonspiel coordinator, you would be a boon to the program and the kids! There is one bonspiel a month until the end of the curling season. Please give me a call at 652-3500 if you can help.

It's great to see the kids back again, and to be back on the ice!! Good curling.....

Ellie Gerhardt,
Junior Director

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

We have begun our season with 39 registered athletes and 10 volunteers. Thanks to Special O for recruiting coaches for all sports this year. We are just into league play with 8 teams and spares. One of our teams, represented by Nathan, Bill, Maggie, Kerry and Winnie is to attend the National Championships this year in Quebec. We are just making plans to attend our annual bonspiel tour, Parksville, Victoria and Nanaimo and also representing Victoria in the Western Championship later in Abbotsford.

Ed Gerhardt
Head Coach

What's Happening?

Tues. Oct. 30

Junior "Bring a Friend" Day

Sat. Nov. 10

Shorty

Sat. Nov. 17

Sportsman Shorty

Nov. 19-22

Ladies Interclub

Sat. Nov. 24

Sat. AM Curling Clinic

Sat. Nov. 24

Shorty

Dec. 8-9

Junior Bonspiel

Sat. Dec. 8

Shorty

Wed. Dec. 12

Wed. Ladies Xmas Luncheon

Fri. Dec. 14

Teacher's Xmas Dinner

Mon. Dec. 17

Aft. Ladies Xmas Luncheon

Tues. Dec. 18

Eve. Ladies Xmas Banquet

Fri. Dec. 21

Senior's Turkey Shoot

SENIOR MEN

The Men's Senior League commenced the curling season on Friday September 28. A total of 28 teams are playing in the first square of the season. The second square starts on November 9. The total Senior Men's membership is down again this year. Presently there are 125 people registered in our league, down from 137 last year.

On September 25, Issy Horowitz, John Innes and I were re-certified for administering CPR and use of the defibrillator.

David Jones chaired a committee struck to discuss the organization of the senior's league. The committee has met and has reported their findings to the Board of Directors. Recommendations will be posted in a future T-Line.

Certificate Shoot will take place on **December 21**. Plan to be there and win a \$15.00 certificate. Also plan now to participate in the **Annual Seniors Bonspiel** which will be held from **January 28 through February 1**. Registration fee is \$160.00 per team. See Issy to register. Wishing you all great curling.

Doug Grant
Seniors Men's League

SPORTS TRADERS

Unlike other years, this year our league struggled a bit to fill the roster with 16 teams because we lost a whopping 19 players (30%) from last year. Of this year's 16 teams, only 7 are carbon copies from last year, 3 have welcomed 1 new player to their teams, 4 have had major overhauls & 2 (the Joy Billings & John Ouellette teams) are brand new. Once again we have a healthy spare list which totals 21 experienced curlers.

Special thanks to Al & Karen Mellett who've retained their titles of President & Treasurer for the 13th year (thereabouts) in a row. Thanks also to the Maurice Auger team who managed the Xmas Cheer Raffle for a guestimate of 8 years &

have now handed over the reigns to the Keith Kresse team. Lastly, thanks to the Geoff Nielsen team for peddling those 50/50 tickets for us once again &, although we're no longer having a weekly Shoot for Loot, thanks to Kelly & Cynthia Doerksen who managed this fundraiser for us since day one (about 6 years).

If you misplace your curling schedule, you can find a copy of it on the Sports Trader's website at www.sportstraders.ca. You can also find out about the latest greatest in curling equipment at this website. Al Mellett has once again generously offered to all league members a 10% discount on curling equipment at his Sports Traders store.

Cathy O'Brien, Reporter

WED. MIXED

This year the Wednesday Nite Mixed League has gotten -off to a great start. We had some "growing pains" trying to accommodate everyone as we welcome several "new teams" and say "Goodbye" to some "long time" teams; that have over the years become friends.

We are operating with twelve teams this year - so there are no byes and hence "lot's of curling".

The league has a few teams - new to the sport - and we wish them well and most importantly "have fun".

Paul Malnarich

AFTERNOON LADIES

Our Monday and Thursday afternoon sessions are now underway. We have 54 signed up members with 13 teams in the Monday draw and 6 teams in the Thursday draw. We have 4 Honorary Members and 9 Social Members.

The **Interclub Bonspiel** will take place from **Mon. Nov. 19 to Thurs. Nov. 22**. This is a great opportunity for interclub playing experience so make sure you let your skip know if you are interested in participating. Please add **December 17th** to your calendar. This will be our **Christmas Luncheon** to be held at the Club. Further information will be given at a later date.

If you want to join the club, please contact Beth Senini 744-1664. We have a strong list of spares but more are always welcome. Please contact Dolores Troyer 5472-1971 or Claudia Hemphill 658-6118. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sylvia Bradley