

# THE T-LINE

**VICTORIA CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER Oct. 2008**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 11, 2008 and sufficient members attended to provide a quorum. The decision was made two years ago to move the AGM to September after a lack of attendance at the previous AGMs held in June. We will continue holding the AGM in the month of September to allow as many members to attend as possible to be brought up to date on the affairs of the Victoria Curling Club and ask questions of the Board.

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

President	Bud Harbidge	1 year term
Second Vice President	John Coombs	1 year term
Second Vice President	Todd Troyer	1 year term
Past President	Georges Bombezin	1 year term ( no election required)

### **Directors**

New	Don McMullen	2 year term
New	Joe Kampman	2 year term
New	Catherine Wollner	2 year term
New	Rick Manifold	2 year term
Returning	Brian Morin	1 year term
Returning	Dave Mueller	1 year term

Ladies' Representative	Marilyn Sutton
Seniors' Representative	Doug Grant

Thank you to departing board members Ellie Gerhardt, Lorna Taylor and Issy Horowitz. Your involvement and support of the Victoria Curling Club is much appreciated. On a sad note, Issy Horowitz passed away shortly after the Board meeting this September.

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 down slightly from last year overall. We continue to look for ways to introduce more curlers to this exciting game.

The Scotties Tournament of Hearts is only a few months away as we prepare for February 2009. This will be an exciting time for curling in general for the Victoria area and for the Victoria Curling Club in particular. With the Victoria Curling Club being the "HeartStop Lounge", we look forward to playing host to the Scotties as the "Entertainment Hub". The Board will be looking for ways to capitalize on this exciting event.

I hope all members are enjoying the recent renovations to the Curling Club. Although we are still pursuing the feasibility of a regional curling facility, the Club was in need a general upgrading in a number of areas that just couldn't wait.

I look forward to serving you as President for the next term. Good curling!

Bud Harbidge - President

### **Manager's Message**

Hello Club Members and fellow curlers. As October comes to an end, we start to shift our focus on to Christmas season, and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our short curling season. By now you have been hearing lots about the upcoming 2009 Scotties, and how it will affect the VCC. Our club will become the entertainment hub for 9 days next February. In order to guarantee your seat in the Heart Stop Lounge for great entertainment and laughs, you will need to have purchased a game ticket at SOFMC for that day. More information will come out in the Christmas T-Line.

At press time we are still waiting for some league rosters to come in. Please get these in to the office as we must get moving with the roster book. To all curlers, please remember that our grippers and sliders that are kept in the foyer cupboards are for juniors, schools and rec league curlers **only**. Do not ask the ice makers or office staff to allow you to use this equipment! You must supply your own curling gear by now. Broom rentals are \$1.00 payable in the plastic boxes located on the outside walls on the ice area. Please use the brooms that are located on the ice area only, the lighter weight brooms in the barrels located in the foyer are again for use of the juniors and school kids only, they are not meant for adult use as adults may damage them easily. All monies collected for broom rentals go towards our Junior Curlers.

The club is looking for a **Junior League Coordinator** at this time to start immediately. Volunteers and instructors are already in place. Please contact the club office if you feel you can take over this very important role for our club.

Congratulations to the October winners of 2 Salmon Kings game tickets. Don't forget, as a VCC member you are eligible to win 2 tickets to see the S-Kings in action for each home game this season. Keep your eye on the "What's Happening Board" for your name to be posted! Speaking of hockey, the SOFMC and Victoria Salmon Kings will be hosting 2 VCC Appreciation Nights. The 1<sup>st</sup> night is Saturday Nov. 22 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is on Friday February 6. These game tickets will cost only \$13.00ea for VCC members. These game tickets must be purchased in advance of these dates through the VCC office.

Bill Chester – General Manager

### **WEDNESDAY COMMERCIAL**

Our league commenced play on Sept. 24 with a reduced compliment of teams ~ 14 to be exact which is down from 16 last year. It was an earlier start than normal due the Scotties being held here this year.

The unexpected loss of a good friend and president of the league "Dr. Issy, has not only impacted our league but throughout the curling club itself. He will be missed by many.

I will continue on assuming Issy's duties until our Annual Meeting and Dinner when a more permanent arrangement can be made.

Don Weeden  
"50/50 Bully"



## **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 have already won). About the only thing left to do to put us into full swing is finish collecting the prize funds from the skips. There are only a couple of teams left, and then even this chore will be wrapped up. I will be working on completing this throughout the next couple of 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

## **Senior Men**

Our first month of curling was saddened by the death of Dr. Issy Horowitz, our League President and Roy Derry. Both will be sorely missed. At the directors meeting on 06 Oct, Vice-President David Jones was appointed President and Les Copley volunteered as vice-president. Also, Jake Brown was nominated to the Board.

Our membership continues to decline but the league is most viable with 22 teams in two draws and we expect 24 teams for the next square. A hearty welcome to our new members.

David Jones

## **Sportsman**

Halfway through the month of October sees the Bob Wilson, Al Wood and Dennis Omelchenko rinks battling it out for first place in the C-Fax Sportsman League. Through the hard work of Al Hood and his recruiting efforts this year's Sportsman League has grown by one team for a total of 15. Having the 15 teams gives every team an opportunity for a bit a weekend relaxation with a "bye" week.

As we move closer to Christmas, the Sportsman league will once again be raffling tickets for its charity draw where participants have an opportunity for Canuck tickets for two plus overnight accommodation. Other prizes this year will include tickets to the Scott Tournament of Hearts.

For further information regarding the CFAX Sportsman curling league please contact the league president Dan Holland at 744-4465.

## **Ladies Evening Curling**

The Tuesday/Thursday night Ladies League is off to a great start with returning curlers and new curlers. We have 12 teams on Tuesday and 10 teams on Thursday which means 'No Byes'. Thanks to Debbie Bottomley for compensating all of our last minute draw changes. Our Annual General Meeting was a success with all remaining positions being filled. Thanks to Bonnie Light for taking on the Historian (photographic) position and Lorna Taylor for taking on the Sunshine position.

Our 'Trim the Tree' night will be held on Thursday, Dec 4 after the early draw. Tuesday curlers are welcome. Our 'Christmas Banquet' will be held Thursday, Dec 18.

Marilyn Sutton

### **Mon/Wed Men's League**

The men's league got off to a smooth start this year. As most leagues we started our season early in order to accommodate the Scott Tournament of Hearts in the new year. So a big thank you to the men's teams for having your teams ready for the early season start. This year the Monday Night Men's League has 34 teams and Wednesday Night Men's has 20 teams. Please be reminded that all **curling fees are now overdue**, so if you have not paid please do so as soon as possible. We have a number of teams this year that have 5 and 6 player teams, just a reminder that the office is only collecting fees for 4 members of the team. The additional members are required to pay \$20.00 if they plan to attend our wind up night at the end of the season. Please pay this amount to myself or Dave Mueller as soon as possible. Please place the \$20.00 in an envelope with your name and team name on it. Only players who have paid will be able to attend the wind up at the end of the season. Also 5 and 6 players on a team although they do not have to pay curling dues directly to the office, they are responsible to attend the office and pay the "Building Fund Fee" which all curlers pay each year. I believe the amount is around \$5.25 per curler. Thanks to the men's teams that attended the pre-season meeting and voted in favour of allowing our juvenile boys team to always have the early draw. I know the boys appreciate the men's league accommodating them. The youth is our club's future so it is great to see members support, not only in men's league, but all our leagues and programs. Once again I must thank Al Wood for volunteering to make up this year's draw. As always Al has done a great job, it is a time consuming process and Al makes the draw work for everyone. Just a reminder if you were not aware Victoria Curling Club has a new web page, <http://www.victoriacurlingclub.com/> You can log on and check your Monday and Wednesday night standings and who your team will be playing in the future. Please remember to post your scores on the draw schedule at the club immediately following your game. If the points are not posted Dave and I are unable to add the missing teams points to the web page, and we want to keep it up to date. Most times we can figure out the who got points, but if both teams forget to post the scores we can not up date those teams on the web page. The **Men's Thunderbird Bonspiel** will be **March 19 to 22, 2009**. We hope to see lots of teams represented from Victoria Curling Club. The bonspiel was a great success last year, and we plan to repeat again this season. Thanks to Bill and Anita for getting the season off to a smooth start, but if you have not paid for your curling season, you better get to the office and pay Anita soon, OR? Also thanks the kitchen staff, ice staff and bar staff for getting us off to a great start this season. If you have any concerns, questions or ideas please feel free to contact Dave or me. Our email addresses and phone numbers can be found on the new web page. If you have not had the time please check out the new web page Doug Muir has designed for our club, it is a great improvement and has a lot of interesting information on the site. Good luck and continued good curling.

Don McMullen  
Men's League Rep.

### **Sports Traders**

81% of last year's curlers have come back again this year to play in our league. Of this year's 16 teams, 9 are carbon copies from last year, 4 have welcomed 1 new player to their teams & 3 have had major overhauls. Once again we have a healthy spare list of 24 experienced curlers. Special thanks to Al & Karen Mellett who've retained their titles of President & Treasurer for the 14th year (thereabouts) in a row. Thanks also to the Keith Kresse team who is managing the

Xmas Cheer Raffle for another year & to the Geoff Nielsen team who is peddling those 50/50 tickets for us once again.

Please note that we start curling at 5:55, not 6:00, to allow a bit more time to play as there is an 8:00 draw (UVIC Alumni) after us. When the buzzer goes off at 7:40, you are to complete the end you're playing & play 1 more. If you're not at 3rd's rocks by the buzzer, you're going to be late & so should speed up play considerably to finish on time.

If you'd like a copy of the latest edition of the curling roster, or to look at the latest in curling equipment, go to the Sports Trader's website at [www.sportstraders.ca](http://www.sportstraders.ca). Al Mellett has once again generously offered the league a 10% discount on all regular priced curling equipment & supplies at his Sports Traders store.

Cathy O'Brien

### **What's Happening**

October 25  
Shorty

November 1  
Shorty

November 3  
Senior Men Board Meeting

November 8  
Shorty

November 11  
Remembrance Day  
No daytime curling

November 15  
Shorty

November 17-19  
Ladies Interclub

November 22  
Shorty

November 29  
Shorty

December 4  
"Trim the Tree"

December 6 & 7  
Junior Bonspiel

December 10  
Wed. Ladies Turkey Shoot



The 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts is just months away and the planning for the event is in full swing.

In September the reigning queens of the curling world were in Victoria to promote the Scotties, offer a Junior Clinic at the Victoria Curling Club and to meet our volunteers at the inaugural volunteer rally on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Jennifer Jones rink of Manitoba, and the only team so far declared for our championship, were wonderful ambassadors during their brief stay and we look forward to hosting them once again from February 21<sup>st</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

October brings the last chance for curling fans to purchase Gold (end zone) Full Event Packages. On November 1<sup>st</sup> we launch our Championship Weekend Passes which will provide two exciting options of passes to choose from – both offering excellent value and a minimum of 7 draws of Scotties championship action. Don't be disappointed – get your tickets today.

Chris Atchison, Chair  
2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts

### Sat Am

The **Saturday AM Curling League**, which curls from 9 to 11 am on Saturday mornings, is an open, relatively unstructured mixed league for men and women, playing any position, in any combination. Players range from novice to experienced, with the objective of having fun as well as good curling.

The 2008-09 season began on September 27 and will end on March 7. Our season schedule consists of 16 round robin and playoff dates, as well as two skins game dates with each game playing for \$100 in prize money. In addition, a shorty bonspiel has been scheduled for the evening of Saturday, January 31.

For information contact: Roger Davidson at (250) 477-8515 or [roger.davidson@shaw.ca](mailto:roger.davidson@shaw.ca)

**JUNIOR BONSPIEL**  
**Dec. 6 & 7**  
**\$40/per team**  
**\$10/per curler**

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**BONSPIEL**  
**Dec. 26 – 28**  
**Entry \$170.00**  
**Deposit \$42.50**

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