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VICTORIA CURLING CENTRE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2011



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to another exciting year of curling at the Victoria Curling Centre. There have been many changes from last year in the effort to improve your curling experience. I would like to thank the league reps, draw masters, ice makers, office staff, kitchen staff and let's not forget the bar staff. Good job all in getting us up and running this year!

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

President	David Mueller		1 year term
1st Vice President	Jason Fletcher		1 year term
2nd Vice President	Don McMullen		1 year term
Past President	John Coombs		1 year term
Directors			
Returning	Darren McKinty		1 year term
Returning	Will Sutton		1 year term
Returning	Rick Manifold		1 year term
New	Janet Sime		2 year term
New	Paul Malnarich		2 year term
New	Barry Rankin		2 year term
Ladies Rep	Eylin Gilbert		
Sr's Men's Rep	Les Copley		

Thanks to outgoing board members, Catherine Wollner, Doug Grant and Kathy Mackenzie, your efforts and support of the Curling Centre are greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes out to Al Orton who filled in for Les Copley over the summer months.

For those of you that have not heard yet, Victoria is playing host to the **2013 Ford Men's World Curling Championship**. This is very exciting news, the Victoria Curling Centre has reached an agreement with the Canadian Curling Association for the use of our facility during this time. As in past years, The Victoria Curling Centre facility will be used as the lounge and entertainment center. This will be the third major curling event hosted in Victoria since the opening of the Save-On Foods Memorial Arena in 2005. I look forward to the **2013 Ford Men's World Curling Championship** with great anticipation and to welcoming the world to our facility for another memorable experience.

David Mueller - President – VCC Board of Directors



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CLUB

November 11-13
Junior Cashspiel & Mixed Bonspiel

November 14 & 16
Ladies Interclub



December 3 & 4
Junior Bonspiel



December 10 & 11
Umpires Course

AED-CPR TRAINING

The VCC is looking for persons interested in attending an AED and CPR training course. The session will take place in November during the daytime. Please call Bill in the office for details.



OUR THANKS



Thanks to Nancy Tyler and Country Grocer for the donation of Fresh Flowers weekly for the ladies change room.



FACEBOOK



Victoria Curling Centre is now on Facebook. Please visit our page at: viccurl@victoriacurlingclub.com You may also use the link on the VCC web page. If you have any interesting or historic VCC pictures you would like posted on the facebook page please send them to our Facebook administrator: Don McMullen at: sdmcmullen@shaw.ca



MANAGERS MESSAGE



Can you believe we have been curling for a month already? It is so gratifying to see the building full of curlers again after the summer. I would like to welcome all curlers and our fabulous staff back for another season.

I hope that everyone has noticed the upgrades to the building that were done over the summer months. We continue to replace and/or repair something each and every off season so that we do not find ourselves in an awkward situation where repairs need to be done when it may not be convenient to the membership (have you found yourself still trying to open the other door at the front entrance) haaa.

The Learn to Curl clinics were once again a success for us as many new curlers found leagues that were best suited for their busy schedule. Thanks to Len Stewart and all of the volunteers that assisted him for getting our new curlers off on the right foot!

Coming up in the next few weeks we will be starting to host our usual Saturday night curling rentals. This is where an office group or company staff come to the VCC to play our great game, and then move up to the lounge for food and beverage. If you think that your place of work or group of any sort may be interested in trying the game please contact the office for details. There are limited Saturday nights left remaining now, but as we all know the sport is so much more fun when all 8 sheets of ice are being used, and when the lounge is full of people. We will book smaller groups together at the same times with other small groups to help make your curling experience enjoyable. We also have a number of qualified instructors that we will set you up with in order to get you going in the right direction.

Upcoming events to the VCC will be our annual **Mixed Bonspiel November 11-13** (moved from Xmas time that was known as the Mistletoe Mixed). At the same time will be the **Optimist Club Jr Cash Spiel** on during the Remembrance Day long weekend. These 2 events were slated to play alongside each other so to have the building kept busy on what would normally be a quiet holiday weekend. This year over the Xmas holidays the VCC will be hosting the **Tim Hortons Junior Provincial Championship December 27-31**. This event will showcase 8 women and 8 men's teams of B.C.'s elite junior curlers playing off for the chance to go to the M&M's Canadian Championship in the New Year.

Finally, as you may have heard by now the fabulous volunteers from the VCC will be on the job again **March 30-April 9, 2013** when we will be hosting the **Ford World Mens Curling Championship**. Our facility will once again be used as the entertainment hub for the 10 days of action. More news on the World's to come later! Good curling everyone, and see you around the centre!

Bill Chester – General Manager



AFTERNOON LADIES



Our ladies met on September 19th for our Annual Fall Luncheon and General Meeting. Thanks to Janie and her staff for a most delightful tasty lunch. Thanks to Ev Sigalet for the table centre pieces and arranging such a fine event.

Curling started on September 22nd @ 1:30 pm. This time will continue for the Thursday Ladies until Xmas. Our curling started out with needing many spares. Thanks to Jill and Cathy for trying to accommodate so many tams with missing players. If there is anyone that would like to spare from time to time, please get in touch with either one of these ladies. November is the Ladies Interclub. Those teams that are entering the Interclub, please get in touch with Barb Copley 250-382-3587. I am sure Barb is looking to having many teams entered from our Centre.

The Mon./Thur. Afternoon Ladies ended their 1st six ender with cookies made by our executive. Thanks to Nina for thinking of the little things to make eating cookies with class.

We have a few new faces and we welcome you to our Centre. Our hope is that you enjoy curling as much as we enjoy having you. Again, I wish to stress thanks, to our executive that work hard to make things happen. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Yvonne Oakley for, the format and extensive work done, so Nina and Lorna could take over where Yvonne left off. Both Nina and Lorna have a full plate looking after the Ladies schedules and draws. Joyce is also in touch weekly just for you. Edith, Lucy and Sharon are thinking of your needs, all done with grace. I am very lucky to have such a thoughtful executive.

Ladies, keep in mind the Ladies Daffodil Bonspiel in March need teams and volunteers. Please contact Eylin Gilbert 250-479-1617 for more information.

We again welcome all new curlers that wish to curl on Mon/Thur. afternoons. Also, thanks to Bill and Anita in the office for helping to answer our questions and complaints.

Alice Howes- President

WEDNESDAY COMMERCIAL

Welcome back to all our Wednesday curlers. Hope you had a good summer and are ready to curl! If you have any friends that wish to curl please let us or the club know.

Looking forward to a great season! Jacquie Watson 250-658-1976. June Byers 250-384-2385.

INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST JUNIOR CASH SPIEL November 11,12,13, 2011

Sign up & come out & watch our rising stars

ENTRY **\$150.00** Per Team



First Prize **\$750.00**



Contact: **Cindy Tucker**

250-480-8324 tuckcurl@shaw.ca

SENIOR MEN

The Senior Men Kick-Off A New Season with reduced numbers but undiminished enthusiasm, the Senior Men's League began the first draw of the 2011-12 season on Friday, September 23. Our draw-master Don Weeden had done an outstanding job assembling a roster of 18 reasonably balanced teams. Some teams have a gap to fill in their front ends which means spares are at a premium and new members are being eagerly sought. Nevertheless, the battle for league supremacy is well underway with its principal reward being as always the fun and fellowship that comes from meeting twice a week on the ice.

We are disappointed by the decline in our numbers. An informal telephone survey done in September suggests that it is due primarily to health related issues. We are encouraged that many respondents expressed the intention of returning as soon as these issues are addressed.

Sadly, two long term members, Vern Trupp and David J. Williams, passed away during the summer. In Dave's case, it was the culmination of a long illness but for Vern the illness was largely unexpected and of short duration. Vern was a stalwart member of the Commercial and Master's Super Leagues as well as of the Senior Men's League. As one of his team-mates in both the Commercial and the Master's, Vern impressed me with his cheerfulness and indefatigability. It was always a pleasure to curl with him. Both Vern and Dave will be missed by their many friends around the VCC.

A date to remember is Tuesday, December 20. This is the day we will hold our Christmas Certificate Shoot. Suspended for one year as an experiment, it is being brought back by popular demand. So make sure that you are available and that you have T-line weight in your back pocket.

Les Copley - Senior Men's President

SPORTS TRADERS



The first night of curling for our league was Sunday Oct. 16th. Although league fees were due Oct. 7th, the VCC office kindly remained open for us on our first Sunday to collect from all of the late payers.

Al Mellett, league president, has worked hard to ensure that the league has 16 teams again this year. There are, however, still spots available on 2-3 teams for any procrastinators out there that are interested in joining a fun but competitive league. If so, phone Al at (250) 656-0460.

By the time you see this, the Sports Traders Website will be updated to show this year's draw schedule & roster for the league. Check it out at http://www.sportstraders.ca/curling/sports_traders_curling_sunday_night.htm.

Cathy Weigel O'Brien



TEACHERS LEAGUE



Welcome back to our returning players and a special welcome to our fabulous and enthusiastic new players.

Before the season started, the new executive started planning for another great season of fun, recreational curling. On opening day, we welcomed everyone at the new front door of VCC and gave each curler a nametag. We played 6 ends then retreated upstairs for an engaging social time.

A big thank you to those experienced players that have helped encourage and train new players.

There is a wonderful opportunity to improve your game in 3 upcoming workshops. The first one is Saturday October 15th 2:30 – 4:00 at VCC. The cost is only \$5.00 per session. The coach, Cindy Tucker, is a highly regarded level 3 certified coach. To register or for more information on the other 2 sessions contact Debbie Higgins at higginsr@telus.net. Another way to improve your game is to take advantage of the practice times at VCC. Just call Anita for practice times.

Our next big social event is our **Annual Halloween Party Friday October 28th**. The party and costume contest will begin right after we finish curling. Any questions about this party can be forwarded to Trace Muldoon (trace.muldoon@gov.bc.ca) and/or Lindsay McLean (lindsay.mclean@shaw.ca). Curlers are reminded that we do not have a game on November 11. We could use more spares on our spare list so if you would like to spare in our fun league please contact Carol Cooper, Spare Captain, at clynncooper1@shaw.ca

Shirley Lucyk

ADMIRALS WALK PET CLINIC SUPER LEAGUE

The Select League would like to thank Rick Cohen of **Admirals Walk Pet Clinic** for stepping up to become our lead sponsor for the 2011/12 season. Once again, we have a full complement of 16 men's/women's/senior/junior teams participating. After a 15 game round robin teams will be ranked (based on wins) into A and B playoff pools.

Cash prizes of over \$5,500 will be distributed to teams based on their performances in both the round robin and playoff pools. The top money earning team at the end of the season will have its player's names engraved on the Select League's "Super Cup".

We invite all members & guests to come down to the club on Tuesday nights to check out the action. The Admirals Walk Pet Clinic league standings are on the Select Leaderboard above sheet 8 and the schedule/results can be found on the VCC drawboard or via a link off of the VCC's webpage (thank you Doug Muir for your work on the web page).

Darren Boden

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The GVMSL got underway on Thursday 22 September with a full draw of 32 teams. This league continues to be the major venue for honing competitive teams in the Lower Vancouver Island region. The annual waiting list of teams to join our league speaks highly of both the calibre of play and the ice conditions we enjoy. Once again, the opening games have shown that the Victoria Curling Club ice is as good as it gets in a club setting. The ice is keen with excellent curl; even the outside sheets have been good this season. Comments overheard from Skips about the ice conditions have mentioned that it doesn't get any better except at the Brier! Now there is a compliment to VCC's ice makers.

Once again this year our 50/50 draw is being run by that pressure salesman Don Weeden. Thanks Don, we appreciate your efforts. Upon entering VCC everyone should make their first stop at Don's desk to purchase a 50/50 ticket. Profit from the 50/50 draw directly benefits our league activities, defraying costs for the end of season banquet and prizes. Speaking of the banquet put it in your calendars for December 15th. It will be held in the upper lounge at VCC.

One issue discussed by the Executive over the summer concerned the procedure to be used to assign points for cancelled games. It was recognized that there are too many individual circumstances to allow for one rule to apply. Therefore it was determined that each situation will be reviewed on its own merits and a decision will be made by the Executive. Skips are to contact the Executive in all cases of cancelled games to settle the issue of points awarded each team.

On behalf of the membership I want to thank our Executive for getting us off to a good start again this year. They put in a lot of hard work on our behalf. I encourage all members to give them a pat on the back for their efforts: Chairman Steve Willet, Treasurer Ray Field, Draw Master Rick Gilmore, Secretary Grant Marshall, Director Stu Carmichael, Director Glen Canning and Sponsor Coordinator Al Mellett.

Curlers, remember our sponsors when you are looking for services in Victoria. They contribute to your enjoyment of the game of curling, so return the favour and support them when you can. A list of the sponsors is shown at the logo at the top of this article. Sweep hard.

Dan Eakins - Roving reporter



THURSDAY OPEN



The Thursday evening open league has grown, and everyone seems to be enjoying the new season. One team went away over the summer, but five have joined. Twenty teams are accommodated with two sheets playing beside Thurs. Mixed, and we thank them for their cooperation. We certainly have a variety of teams: teams with nicknames, a U Vic team, company teams, teams wearing uniforms & shorts, teams wearing grunge, and the usual motley collections.

I'm writing this after the fourth game of the five we play in one group. Three teams are undefeated: Tom Child's team, last year's champions; Bob Brandt's team, recovering from an off year; and a new team skipped by Marlene Jeffries. Congratulations to them and a reminder that others are right behind them. By the time you read this, we will be in divisions whose sizes have been cunningly chosen to enhance competitive aspects. After the second and third sessions, there will be promotions and demotions. There will be more teams moving up than down, so good opportunities for everyone.

New this year will be some coaching sessions on Sunday afternoons. I, personally, find that practicing with a coach helps me hit the broom far more often, and hope that others can benefit similarly. These should start on 30 October. Also new this year will be our shorty bonspiel on 11 February. More details on both of these soon.

Jon Preston

MONDAY AM OPEN



The Fall session of the Monday AM Open league began Oct 3rd with seven teams comprised of many returning curlers and several very welcome new additions. It would appear this league's recreational concept has been well received as everyone was eager to get back on the ice and enjoy the camaraderie and good sportsmanship that's been experienced the last two years.

Many thanks to Darleen Warburton for preparing the draw for this Fall session which will wrap up Dec. 19th. The second session will begin January 9, 2012 so if you're not a "snowbird" this may be a good fit for you. Teams or individuals can register and spares are always welcome....contact Eileen DeFoe edefoe@shaw.ca.

JUNIOR BONSPIEL

December 3 & 4, 2011

ENTRY \$20.00 Per Curler

To Register: Call Linda Finlayson at 250-516-1789 or the Centre 250-386-6396

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EVENING LADIES LEAGUE



There have been a lot of great changes at the VCC this year and I would like to thank the executive for all their hard work. In keeping with the concept of change, the Ladies Evening League is looking to change their name to the 'Women's Tuesday Night League'. Given last year's shift to one night a week, the inclusion of skins games and other proposed changes, it seemed fitting to reflect it all in a new, modern League name. We had our Annual General Meeting on September 20, 2011. While a full executive was elected last year, we had some injuries and relocations over the summer, which left a few vacancies. We will be looking to fill some vacancies and reducing the size of the executive overall. I would like to thank Terry for hanging in for now even though she can't play this year!

The executive for 2011/12 is:

President: Eylon Gilbart Past President: Marilyn Sutton

Vice President: Terry Bonin (temporary)

Treasurer: Caroline Mueller Secretary: Vacant

Our membership was challenged again this year, with many injuries (what WAS everyone up to this summer??) and moves. With some re-juggling of teams and the addition of some new faces, Marilyn Sutton registered 9 strong teams and is always looking for more! Thank you Marilyn. A hearty welcome to our new members! Spares - please remember to register on-line at the VCC web site for our league if you are interested in playing. Looking forward to a great season everyone

Eylon Gilbart



MIXED BONSPIEL

November 11,12,13, 2011

ENTRY \$120.00 Per Team

8 END GAMES

SNACK & APPETIZER NIGHT

Deposit \$30.00 - Deadline to

Register: Monday, October 31

To Register: Call 250-386-6396

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WED. LADIES AM SELECT LEAGUE



The popular Wednesday Ladies Select League began the 2011-12 season on Sept. 28th with a full complement of 16 teams and a healthy spare list. It was great to see returning members and to welcome the new curlers in our league. Social Chair, Sheryl Tedesco, organized coffee and muffins for the teams as they gathered for a brief semi-annual general meeting following the game.

Many thanks to Membership Chair, Barb Naylor, for assisting teams throughout the summer to replace curlers not returning this season. Thanks to Past President, Maxine Hanson, and Draw Chair, Judy Bell, for preparing and posting on the web site our 2011-12 round robin draw information and its on-going updated results. Also available on the web page is a complete list of spares.

Bonspiel Chair Lorna Taylor told the members that the next fun event will be the Turkey Shoot on Wednesday, December 7th with prizes to be awarded at the Christmas luncheon scheduled for the following week. In closing, the rink looked great with its new paint job and the ice is wonderful!!

Eileen DeFoe - President

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE



Well folks we are a few weeks into the season and after a bumpy start to the year (with a surprise team drop out) we are officially up and running. I have had a few people ask me about the points for the first night's game. Let me assure you that those points will be accounted for and added to your totals at the end of the round robin.

But now that we have all the bugs for the 2011/2012 season ironed out, I hope we are keeping to our goal of being a fun league. The bottle draws continue to be entertaining and successful. Remember to check the schedule that Sheila posted to see when it's your turn to sell tickets.

I would 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

OFFICIALS NEEDED



The upcoming Jr. Provincial Championship will need officials for many areas of the on ice action of the event. There will be a Level 1 training session at the VCC on Saturday, December 10 and a level 2 session on Sunday, December 11. Times are 9-4pm on both days. Anyone interested can register on line through www.curlbc.ca or call Kathy MacKenzie at 250-383-7751 or kgmackenzie@telus.net



**7th Annual 2012
Victoria Curling
Classic
Archie Browning
Sports Centre Arena
March 29th to
April 1st 2012**

REGULAR TICKET SALES

The first day of regular full event ticket purchase will be **October 17th** and they will be available only at the Victoria Curling Centre office from 9am-5-pm.

Full Event Pass will be available for \$110 before December 31st 2011 Full Event Pass will be available for \$125 after January 1st 2012

The 2012 edition of the Victoria Curling Classic has already attracted the best Men's and Womens teams in the world to compete here in Victoria in late March. They will be competing for one of the top prize purses on the World Curling Tour as well as valuable points towards qualifying for the 2013 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials. On the men's side, teams that have already registered include Kevin Martin, Glen Howard and Jeff Stoughton (all former champion's of the event) as well as Kevin Koe and Brad Gushue. In the popular womens event which is played at the same time curling fans will be able to watch teams skipped by Jennifer Jones, Cheryl Bernard, Kelly Scott Shannon Kleibrink and Cathy Overton-Clapham.

Battle of the Sexes "Skin's Game"

KEVIN MARTIN vs CHERYL BERNARD

We would like to announce an exciting new twist to the event that will have all curling fan's talking. The 2012 Classic for the first time will host a special game that fan's have anticipated ever since the women were introduced to our event. The first annual Victoria Curling Classic Battle of the Sexes Skin's Game will be played at Archie Browning Centre Arena on Wednesday March 28th at 6:30pm. This game will feature a (TBA) top men's team vs a (TBA) top womens team in an 8 end fight for prize money and bragging rights of course. This special night of curling will be included with your ticket as an added bonus.

**TECH TALK WHAT'S NEW
for 2011 at Sports Traders**

ASHAM CURLING: Mr. Arnold Asham has hired an Italian shoe designer to design a new European look shoe called the 'LUCA'. This shoe is all leather, and has the high-end Slam disc sliders, and has a distinct European Athletic look about it. This new shoe is super lightweight and is designed for your 'wild' side as it is white, with silver trim, green and red circles and looks great. It is priced in the higher end at \$289.99 and is designed for the advanced curler with an eye for fashion.

TOURNAMENT CURLING: Has re-designed their main shoe line and have come out with a beautiful 'classic' look shoe called the 'Ultima' and 'Ultima Sport'. For you Balance Plus fans, this shoe completely 'knocks-off' that shoe to the letter and arrives at half the price at \$179.99 complete with 5/32 split sliders, a full leather shoe and has that great 'classic' curling shoe look.

PERFORMANCE: Has invented the ultimate sweeping Replacement Pad, called the Equalizer. As advertised in curling magazines as the 'EQ', Sports Traders and V.C.C. Pro Shop, has them in stock right now. This new pad has a 'reflective' material immediately behind the fabric to reflect the heat generated by the sweeping motion and reflect it back down on the pad to micro-melt the ice that split second longer by sweeping less, and make it much more effective than normal pads. Retails at \$29.99. at Sports Traders and Victoria Curling Centre Pro Shop

Don't forget V.C.C. members get 10% Discount at V.C.C. Pro Shop and Sports Traders.

Allan Mellett - President - Sports Traders

**BRITANNIA
LEAGUE**



Welcome back to all the curlers returning from last season and to all the new ones trying out our league for the first time. The Britannia Leagues main goal is to have fun and enjoy Sunday morning curling. We have 12 teams this year down 2 from last year but many thanks to all who worked very hard to get to 12. We have a healthy spare list but are always looking for more as that is where we find players for next season.

Welcome to Wally Lum to our league executive as Treasurer and Linda McKay returning as Secretary and Stew Thomson President. We will be having a few extra fun days this year to encourage new curlers to try our sport and to show them how much fun you can have in two hours Wishing every one a great season.

Stew Thomson

TIM HORTONS
JUNIOR MENS & WOMENS
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
December 27 to 31, 2011
8 Mens and 8 Womens Teams
Round Robin Draw with Playoffs
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