



THE T-LINE

VICTORIA CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2010



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Another successful year of curling at our club has now finished. This was a tremendous year for curling from the spectator point of view with the Olympic curling in Vancouver among all of the other great curling seen on television this year. While many clubs reported less curlers this year in league play, our club held its own and it looks like next year will see an overall increase in curling at our club. I encourage any curlers to let their league and office know what their plans are for next September. If you are thinking of doing more curling next year, or would like to change the time or league you have been in, let the office know and we will make sure your name gets to the right people.

I know with summer coming along with the better weather, curling may not be on the top of your mind. One of the constant messages that my reports have stressed this year is the need to get more members involved in helping the running of the leagues, the bonspiels and the club. We are successful as a club due to the efforts of members committing some of their time over the previous years. Many of you may not realize that there have been a number of times in which the survival of the club was in question. Members worked together to get over these rough spots and we have the luxury of current club operations running smoothly due to their efforts to meet the financial and membership challenges in front of them.

One of your Board's committees that did not get off the ground this year was the 'Curling Operations Committee' with the mandate to begin investigation of what, if anything, our members would like to change in how curling is done at the VCC. We know there are opportunities to attract new members to our club from the 'Learn to Curl' and 'Try Curling' classes that were held this year. We also know the current curling operations does not provide many opportunities to absorb these new people into our sport.

We have a lot of talented and enthusiastic curlers that come through our door every week and I believe many of you could help us find new ways to make curling even better at our club. I would encourage anyone wishing to spend some time helping the club examine how we might improve curling operations to give me a call (250-385-0319) ...

Let's see how we can generate ideas on making our club curling even better. Depending upon how many of you call me ... I am proposing we have a brainstorming session one evening to get some ideas on the table and some thoughts about how the club might take the next steps in implementing them; all I am asking is for interested members to commit 3 hours of time to this meeting. I would hope to have the meeting in April at the most mutually coordinated time. A full agenda and meeting format would be sent to all people coming to the workshop.

The club will soon be posting a summary of the recent study on a new 'Greater Victoria Regional Curling Facility' that was conducted this year. The driving force for this report was our club's need to begin deliberations on how to replace our aging building. So keep your eye to our web site on which it will be posted. There will be a number of interesting agenda items at our AGM on in September.

Thanks to all the volunteers, board, office staff and the lounge and cafe staff for their work this year, without which we could not have been successful.

So out side of the people that are going to call me to help brainstorm our curling operations.... see you all next year.

John Coombs - President



MANAGER'S MESSAGE



As I write this article I have to wonder where the weeks have gone. It really seems like just yesterday we were setting up the xmas decorations. Last September it took many volunteers and staff approx. 2 weeks to install the ice, and today it took 2 bobcats less than 5 hr's to take it all out!

We will be continuing our equipment upgrading this summer with the addition of a new compressor. This new piece of our ice making puzzle will no doubt make installation quicker as well as more cost effective. Unfortunately due to the fact of government grant cutbacks we will be absorbing the entire cost of \$28,000 all on our own this time.

Coming up around the club in the next few months are the Timebenders in concert, the T/C Book Sale, Xavier Rudd in concert, Ska Fest 2010 as well as various lounge rentals. Remember our "Try Curling" sessions that were held on 2 occasions this past season? If you personally know anyone that took part in these sessions, please be sure to remind them to give us a call in late Aug. or early Sept. to get registered for our Learn to Curl clinics and/or sign up for league play in any of our 22 leagues in our building.

On behalf of all VCC staff, I would like to take this time to thank all club members for your continued support of our club. It is our pleasure to be part of your recreational enjoyment. Curlers are golfers, curlers are lawn bowlers, and curlers are campers too! So be sure to do your part in our club to help us continue to be B.C.'s largest curling club. Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone and see you all again next season!

Bill Chester - General Manager

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Victoria Curling Club T-Line Newsletter was published five times this past curling season.

Thanks to all of you who wrote articles or sent in information about your league or bonspiel for the T-Line. Thanks for a job well done by everyone.

The next edition of the T-Line will be in August. If you have information for the T-Line please leave your copy at the office or email to the club.

Barry Rankin - T-Line Editor

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

I want to start the last T-Line of the season by thanking all the people that participated in the Friday Night Mixed League. I would like to start with the organizing committee, Madeline Aitchison, Deb Bottomley, Marlies Kirpan, Andrew McMullen, & Janessa Mikleus. Without this group of people the Friday Night Mixed league could not be the success that it is. They put in a lot of work throughout the year to make our curling nights and banquet a lot of fun. Second, thank you to the sponsors, S&R Insulation, Irwin Industries, BC Moving and Storage, and Joseph Gereluk Barrister & Solicitor.

Our sponsors provide important support to us for the trophies that we receive for our divisions. And finally, I want to thank all the curlers. It is truly a fun group that we curl with, and it is the eclectic nature of all involved that makes every season a delight to be a part of. I would also like to extend a big CONGRADULATIONS to all of the winners:

"A" Kevin McDonald, Sheila Buzash, Neil Partridge, Donna Hanson

"B" Tom Sandwith, Heather Sandwith, Dave Emerson, Carley Sandwith, Dan Holland

"C" Garry Callander, Susan Quesnel, Jim Justice, Andy Pike

"Sportsmanship Award: Evelyn McKinty, Darren McKinty, Dave Critchley, Pauline Critchley

I will be contacting all the teams that have filled in a registration for prior to the start of next season. I look forward to see you all again next year. And don't forget to invite friends, family and colleagues to join a team for the 10/11 season. Take care and have a great summer.

Darren McKinty



MON/WED MENS

Monday and Wednesday evening Men's League has come to the end of another successful season. We held our wind up night on Wednesday, March 30th and it was well attended. Also that evening we held our final games, both Monday and Wednesday night teams participated in our event finals.

Congratulations to our winners: "A" Event and 2009/10 Club Champions the Rick Cohen team (Wednesday team), "B" Event the Will Sutton team, "C" Event the Darren Boden team and "D" Event the Richard Sloan team. Our 2009/10 Grand Aggregate & League Champions the winners of the "Robertson Rock" the Will Sutton team. The Sutton team lead in overall points during league play, there were several teams right on their tail, but were unable to catch them.

All those attending our wind up night left with one or more prizes. Thank you all for your participation this season. Once again thank you to Al Wood for looking after our draws for both nights and the playoffs. This is a huge job and Al has kindly taken it on for the past several years.

The deadline for returning teams to register and be guaranteed a spot next year is Tuesday, September 7th. Please don't be disappointed, stop by the office and complete a green registration form, they can be located on the door to the office. We already have 18 teams pre-registered.

Our team meeting night for next season will be Monday September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge, so please mark your calendars. Our tentative first night of curling will be Monday, September 27th and Wednesday, September 29th. A special thanks to Bill and Anita for assisting me with budgeting, registrations, wind up night tickets, keeping me in line all season and all the other work they do for us and other leagues.

Thanks to the kitchen staff, bar tenders and ice crew. Hope you have a great summer. Look forward to seeing you next season.

Don McMullen - Men's League Rep.

WED AM LADIES SELECT

The league concluded the curling season with their Annual General Meeting and Awards Luncheon on March 17, 2010. Janie and her kitchen staff did a great job in preparing and serving lunch. To each of you, we say 'thank you'. 'Thank you' to both Anita and Bill for being there when we needed them.

The Round Robin Trophy winners: Sharron Manick, Judy Johnston, Margo Pajunen, Joy Lenton. Runner up: Melissa Soligo, Val Turner, Bonnie Light, Donna Somer.

'A' Event winners: Mavis Drabitt, Moira Bernard, Bev Robertson, Jan Laidlaw. Runner up: Lee Fast, Gloria Lieutard, Diane Caldwell, Del wood, Brenda Looney; 'B' Event winner: Marilynne Convey, Richelle Osborne, Mary Marcyniuk, Marj Silver

'C' Event winner: Marg Armbruster, Sue Cawley, Michelle Long, Debbie Dewis. Burrows, Shemilt, DeFoe were consolation winners.

There was something for everyone. Lorna Taylor assembled a prize table from which the remaining members of each team made a prize selection of their choice. Congratulations to all the event winners and a special 'thank you' to all the ladies of the league who made the league a fun place to be Wednesday mornings during the curling season.

There is a special 'thank you' going out to all the spares that spared for various teams this year. I would also like to mention how rewarding it is to see the spares join us at our Christmas and Awards Luncheons. Anyone wishing to join our league may do so by contacting Eileen DeFoe, membership chairperson, at 250-479-4115.

On behalf of the league executive, I wish you all a very enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Maxine Hanson



SPORTS TRADERS

March 28th was our final night of curling which was followed by the deluxe banquet. After a delicious dinner (thanks Janie Proffitt & crew), trophies were then handed out, firstly to the Jackie Graham team, skipped by Kyle Domes, who were proud winners of the round robin & happily took first choice from a wide variety of 70+ great prizes. Next in line was the Keith Kresse team who, for the 3rd in a row (& 4 out of the last 5 years), have won the A event in the playoffs. Congrats to Lois Richmond, & her new team, for coming in 2nd in the A event. Lois Richmond, along with Laura Angrove, also won the C Event in the Daffodil bonspiel.

This year Megan Mack skipped for most of the playoffs which resulted in the John Mack team moving up from B event runner-ups to B event winners. The Al Mellett team, who has a dusty collection of A event trophies, had to settle for B event runner-ups. The Ben Townsend team, skipped by Neil Porter, must be doing something wrong because they've dropped from being runner-ups in the B event back in 2006 to winners of this year's horses' ass with only 11 points to their name. Lastly, congrats to Dave Blower/Marty Auger who not only managed to come in 2nd place in the B Event in the Thunderbird bonspiel, but also managed to curl in our league later that day, a much harder feat.

Special thanks to Al and Karen Mellett for organizing a great windup for us & for all their hard work throughout the year. We're very lucky that they're willing to take it on again next year for the 16th year in a row. We'll most likely be starting next season October 17th. hope to see you all then.

Cathy Weigel O'Brien

AFTERNOON LADIES



As of this writing, the AGM has been held, the elections taken place, and a wonderful luncheon was had by all! It was a good finish to a stable year, stable even through the highs of the Olympics.

The AGM was held on Monday, March 29th with 47 ladies in attendance, at least for the luncheon. Thank you to Alice Howes for once again entertaining us and dining us so well. Alice has coordinated our luncheons the past five years and deserves a well earned rest. That 'thank you' also goes to Janie in the kitchen for the fabulous turkey dinner. Again, a repeated 'thank you' to not only the remaining executive, but also to the new executive members, and the departing members who worked hard on behalf of the membership.

The trophies and prize money for the 3 draws were handed out. As the first and second draw winners have been previously written up, I will only name the trophy winners for the 1st and 2nd draw. The DUNSTAN TROPHY was won by the team of Barbara Copley – skip, Joyce Parsons, Edith McHugh, and Helen Currie. The ELIN PETCH MEMORIAL TROPHY – was won by the team of Nina Olson – skip, Lucy Denham, Claudia Hemphill, and Jean Zier. The TARVES TROPHY was won by Orma Paton – skip, Val Turner, Dolores Troyer, and Cathy Garrett. The JENNIE DUNCAN MEMORIAL TROPHY was won by the team skipped by Jean Burrows, Lucy Denham, Rhoda Milford, and Ev Sigalet.

The third draw winners do not receive a trophy, but do have the honour and the money to compensate!! The Monday draw winner was the team of Sharon Kelly, Myrna Pringle, Maureen Dawson, and Cathy Garrett. The second place prize money went to the team of Nancy Mawle, Margaret Richmond, Kaye Hirose, and Peggy Knapik.

The Thursday winner was the team of Joan Lopeter, Yvonne Oakley, Claudia Hemphill, and Ev Sigalet. Runner –up was the team of Joyce Parsons, Lucy Denham, Rhoda Milford, and Ann Leadbeater. Congratulations to all the teams who did well throughout the season!

The GOLF "CLASSIC" is to be held at the Metchosin Golf Course on June 3rd with prices to be announced later. If you did not sign up at the AGM but wish to play, you may contact Claudia Hemphill or Wilma Williams.

The General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 20th at the club. Please note the date on your calendar.

Last but not least, a huge 'thank you' to the office staff, Anita and Bill, for their support, patience, understanding and approachability. I look forward to working together again next season. Best Wishes to all for a long and relaxing summer.

Linda Carswell-Bland

THUNDERBIRD MEN'S SPIEL

The 2010 Thunderbird Men's Bonspiel Committee would like to thank the 57 teams for making our event "British Columbia's biggest bonspiel". Congratulations go out to the Mike Wood team for winning the A Event.

We also appreciate the support from our numerous and varied sponsors, which allowed us to build a prize table that was valued at over \$10,000, and to the club/lounge/kitchen staff for their efforts.

Special thanks go to out-going committee chair Dave Mueller for being a class act and for building the bonspiel into the quality event that it has become. Thanks, Dave!

WED. COMMERCIAL



The oldest league in the VCC (remember when all the stores used to close on Wed. afternoon!), the Wednesday afternoon Commercial Mixed Curling League has now room for new members next season. Come on in as a full team, partial team, or as a single. Can't commit for a full season? No problem. Just sign in as a spare. Give us a call. Planned for next year is to increase 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.

THURSDAY OPEN



Championship games in the Thursday Night Open League were on the Thursday between the Daffodil and Thunderbird bonspiels. The competing teams were the top two in each division after the fourth and final session of the season. Dale Clark repeated as A Champion, with almost the same team as last year: Hiro Yokota, Graham McDonough, and Izumi Imoto. Richard Baigent, Mark McKinnon, Micah Clark, and Gayle Palas repeated as B Champions, which was remarkable because it's unusual to finish consecutive seasons in the same division and because they were far behind Rachele Kallechy's team halfway through the final. This year, for the first time, we have champions in Division C. Bill King, Richard Savard, Julie King, and Jacquie Savard were the first to receive our new C trophy. These three trophies, some other prizes, and door prizes were awarded during our wind-up party on March 25, after a fun mix-em-up game

For next season, we hope to build on our present momentum, with 16 teams and lots of enthusiasm. The excitement of Olympic tournament should bring in some new curlers. Our league, with its divisional structure, is the only evening league that is structured to be welcoming to novices. With best wishes for a great summer, and see you all in September,

Jon Preston



BRITANNIA LEGION LEAGUE

The season went by so fast it hard to believe it is golf season already. Our league and A winners were the same team which doesn't happen that often. Stew Thomson skip, Jacquie Watson third, Gary Willner second and MaryLou Page lead. Gary missed a lot of games so thanks to all the spares we used this season.

B winners were the Carmel Marshall team with Don Simpson third, Jane Kelly second and John Richard lead. Carmel had a bad wing this year so she didn't throw rocks, she just used her wisdom and many years of playing to win.

C event was a three way tie with Ray Pittman winning with a draw to the button 7 inches. Ray's team was Dave McPherson, Wendy Hall and Neil Kohne.

As president I would like to thank my executive for a great job done and the many volunteers who help out all year and make my job easy. Look forward to working with you next season. Next season is our 25th year so we have set a committee to work on a special projects. Kathy Allen is the chairman if you have any old pictures from the early days, contact Kathy. Have a great summer and see you next season.

Stew Thomson - President



EVENING LADIES LEAGUE



It has been a very busy spring. The 57th Daffodil Bonspiel 'Pirates of the Caribbean', organized by Lorna Taylor and her many followers (too many to mention) was a huge success with 31 teams. Everyone had a good time with the curling, dancing, food and friends. Winners of each event were:

A Event: Christine Jurgenson Team

B Event: Jennifer Blagbourne Team

C Event: Lois Richmond Team

D Event: Michelle Vecqueray Team

The year-end banquet was a busy time with the Sime Team always finding new ways to do things. Our turkey meal was delicious thanks to Janie and her staff. This year we had 10 teams on Tuesday and 9 teams on Thursday for a total of 75 curlers. Each league divided into an A and B square after 2 round robins. Tuesday: Linda Martin in memory of Flora Martin)

Grand Aggregate: Sue Morriss/Cindy Marvin/Debby Bottomley/Marlise Kerpan Michelle Nott; Round Robin: Sue Morriss Team; A Square: Sue Morriss Team

A Runner-up: Nancy Campbell/Sandy Drever/Catherine Wollner/Brenda Simpson

B Square: Jennifer Blagbourne/Lori Gray/Donna Somer/Gladys Walters

B Runner-up: Janet Sime/Brenda Decksheimer/Jeanine Harrison/Loreen Hodge

Thursday: Grand Aggregate: Michelle Vecqueray/Kristine Dobell/Deb Clarke

Gillyan Haden; Round Robin: Michelle Vecqueray

A Square: Dailene Sivertson/Laurie Sivertson/Brandi Tinkler/Lori Tinkler

A Square Runner-up: Vecqueray Team

B: Eileen Defoe/Lorraine Gardner/Sharon Roberts/June Williams/Darlene Hansen

B: Runner-up: Debbie Sargent/Shanna Haynes/Christine Urchison/Gayle Green

Most Sportsmanlike – Lorna Taylor/Brenda Simpson/Wendy Gudz/Monica Rauter/

Caroline Mueller - presented by Molly Beddington, a long time Victoria Ladies curling club member

Congratulations to the Morriss Team who represented Victoria Curling Club in the Dominion Cup. Their fifth player Debbie Bottomley was cheering from Hawaii. They made it to the semi-finals

I would like to thank Lorna Taylor for all her hard work she has put in throughout this year and many previous years. She will be missed on the executive but I am sure we will be tapping her on the shoulder for her advice. Also, thanks to the Kalhood Team for the Bonspiel prizes and keepers and to the Taylor Team for Year-end Prizes. Welcome to our new president, Eylin Gilbert. I have enjoyed my 2 years as president. I feel that I have learnt a lot and have not done too much damage. Thanks again to everyone on the executive for their support and to all the curlers in the league. Also, thanks to Anita and Bill. They always seemed to have an answer. Have a great summer and see you in the fall.

Marilyn Sutton

TEACHER'S LEAGUE



Our season finished on February 26th with the last night of playoffs and as usual an outstanding banquet put on by Janie and her crew. Before I go any further I would like to take this opportunity to thank the office staff - Anita and Bill as well as the ice makers on the behalf of our league. Everyone has worked very hard to ensure that we have a fun and successful season. Well done!

Now for the prizes:

League winners: Richard Thierbach & his family, Christy, Thomas, Genevieve.

A winners: Mark Stefanson, Shirley Stefanson, Larry Travis and Carol Cooper.

B winners: John Riopka, Cathy O'Brien, Rick Higgins and Debbie Higgins.

Ender Trophy : Gayle Bliss, Dale Francis, Elaine Francis, Gerry Bliss.

Cec Drummond award for sportsmanship went to Kirby Rimer.

The Teachers' League made an informal presentation to the Davis Family for their history of unconditional support for our league. John, Bev and Geoff have held many executive positions over the years and have always been positive and encouraging to new and returning members. It has been great having Tanner join and carry the torch for the next generation of the Davis family. Have a great summer.

Barb Campbell

MONDAY OPEN

The second 10-game session of this newly formed open league was certainly as enjoyable as the first session. There was a round robin draw followed by three "fun" games and the season wrapped up with a tasty lunch provided by Janie and her staff.

We don't really know or care who had the most wins or losses.....that's not the focus of this sociable group. Obviously the concept is working as most league members have indicated they'll be returning in the fall.

We welcome novice and/or experienced curlers to join us on Monday mornings for good fun and good company. Contact Eileen DeFoe at edefoe@shaw.ca or 250-479-4115 for more info.



SENIOR MEN



Continued from previous T-Line. The Crowther Event was won by the John Innis Team consisting of Crawford McLean, Stu Edmonson and Joe Busby. We are still trying to figure out who carried the team to its championship win.?

Our final draw was as exciting as the first draw. The Brandon draw was won by Art Antrobus, Ron Reimer, Jim Pickup and Mal Simpson. The Club Championship in the "B" Division was won by David Jones, Bill McMillan, Dave Martin and Jim McLennan.

The Club Championship and trophy winners were Ed Gent, Al Orton, Phil Marsh and Ed Beauchamp. We all hope Al Orton enjoys polishing his trophy over the summer.

"DON'T FORGET" Stay in shape, and remain in good health. Do some golfing, visit another country, join a diners club BUT most important plan on returning to the ice on September 24th. Have a great summer.

Gordon Churches



MASTERS SUPER LEAGUE



Starting in the Fall of 2010, the Greater Victoria Masters Super League will hold its games at the Victoria Curling Club. In the past, this league played its games at the Juan De Fuca rink.

The Masters Super League consists of 32 teams and will play a total of 13 games on Thursdays from September 23rd to 16 December.

At present, the league is fully booked and has a standby list of teams that want to join. The Masters are looking forward to joining the Victoria Curling Club and hope the 2010/2011 season is a great success.