

December 13, 2022

## SCC Newsletter:

### Seasons Greetings to All!

What a great start to the curling season. Many thanks to Dean Jones for installing and maintaining our ice at the club. Also, we would like to thank all our volunteers that have contributed to the success of the SCC up to this point.

Once again, our online registration was a hit. Most returning members and new curlers used the form on our website. Thanks to Ken Rae and Armand Houle for their roles in registering and invoicing curlers this year. To date we have 178 adult members and 12 Junior members in the SCC.

There are a number of new members that have signed up as Spares and their names are on the Spare List on our website and posted on the bulletin board at the rink, under each league. If you are short a curler, please call these new members and give them an opportunity to spare for you. Including them will mean they become familiar with that league, improve as a curler, and maybe join as a league member next year, thus growing our club.

### Learn to Curl:

For the second year in a row, the SCC partnered with the Summerland Parks and Recreation Department to offer a 3 day Learn to Curl program. Attendees received 2 hours of ice time each day on 3 consecutive Saturdays in October. We had 14 new curlers participate, and we are very pleased to say that 3 people from the course have joined our curling club.

### Bar Manager Update:

As announced earlier, Lisa West and Ken Rae are managing the bar this year and are doing an excellent job. Volunteer bartenders are back and include the following SCC members; John Dorn, Eric Johnson, Emma Hartwick, Jill Kelland, Roxanne Eyben, Brian Harris, Rosemarie Fenrich and Susan Talkkari. Thanks to our bar staff!

### Member Recruitment Committee:

This committee has now grown to 5 members, Armand Houle, Heather Stuckey, Mike Brandson, Ken Rae, and Don Lawrence. The committee looks to find ways to promote the SCC in the community, offer events that showcase our club, and attract new curlers. To date the committee has completed the following tasks to attract new members:

- Added a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section to our website.
- A new member survey was created to help identify ways to effectively recruit members to our club. The responses show that we need to advertise more online, have fun events and offer more new curler activities.



- Curling, Burger, and Beer events. The first was held on November 26<sup>th</sup>, we had 32 people sign up for this event and it was a huge success. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Curling, Burger, and Beer event is planned for Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>. Check our website for more details.
- On Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> we are holding an Open House at the club from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The intent is to offer an on-ice session for new curlers to improve their skills. Volunteer instructors will be available to assist new curlers in all aspects of the game. We are inviting 3 different groups to attend. They are all SCC Spares, curlers who participated in the November 26<sup>th</sup> Curling, Burger and Beer, as well as any members from the Friday Night Social league that want to take part. There is no charge for this session.

### Scoreboard Repairs:

You may have noticed that our scoreboards are looking a little tired and could use a facelift. The Executive has decided to do some minor repairs this season such as replacing burnt out lights and replacing our existing numbers on the 4 sheets. Then in the summer of 2023, we will do a full scoreboard upgrade which we expect to last many years.

### Junior Curlers Wanted:

Do you know a child aged 10 or older who might be interested in curling? Our Junior Club has only 12 members so far, compared to 25 to 30 in pre-COVID years. We meet Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00, and new curlers are welcome to come out and try curling without commitment. The cost is only \$50 and we provide all of the equipment. There is lots of information on our website or contact Gary Raymond at [gary\\_raymond@uniserive.com](mailto:gary_raymond@uniserive.com) or 250-494-5134.

### Christmas Break:

As you likely know, Christmas signifies the halfway point in our season. The last day of regular league curling before Christmas is Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen for league play on Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

### Upcoming SCC Bonspiels:

- The Bush Spiel is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact person is Glen Brennan.
- The Ladies Bonspiel is on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact person is Emma Hartwick.
- The Men's Bonspiel is set for February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Brian Harris or Ron Freeman.
- Funspiel is set for February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact person is Susan Talkkari.
- Junior Spiel is set for March 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact person is Gary Raymond.

### Website and Contact Info:

Our website is the best source for current information. [www.summerlandcurling.org](http://www.summerlandcurling.org)

To contact the club, send us an email, [info@summerlandcurling.org](mailto:info@summerlandcurling.org).

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season,

*Your SCC Executive*