

August 15, 2022

SCC Newsletter:

Hello Curlers!

Hope your summer is going well. We know it is hard to think curling with such warm temperatures. However, planning for the upcoming season is well underway and the Executive is excited to get the club up and running again.



2021/22 was a difficult year as fewer members signed up to curl and the BC Health Authority implemented measures to control the spread of COVID. These measures resulted in the SCC implementing a vaccination policy, moving from volunteers to hired bartenders, not being able to hold any bonspiels, and closing our club for 2 weeks in January 2022 due to an outbreak. Even with financial assistance from the Federal Government the club has experienced a loss over the past two seasons.

In response to this shortfall, the Executive is looking to recruit new members, operate a Learn to Curl Program in conjunction with Parks and Recreation (www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-guide), and increasing our fees. In addition, we are planning to use volunteer bartenders again and will hopefully hold our regular set of bonspiels this year. These steps are intended to help us balance the books this year.

Regular league curling will begin on Tuesday October 11, 2022.

Ice Technician 2022-23:

Great news! The Ice Technician Committee consisting of Lisa West, Glen Brennan and Art Lappalainen have recruited Dean Jones as the SCC Ice Technician for the coming year. Dean served as Andrew Barnes backup last year and is very familiar with our ice making operation and the equipment. Please join the Executive in welcoming Dean to the club in his new role.

SCC Treasurer Position:

Mark Verhelst will be stepping down from the Executive, so a new Treasurer is needed. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering your time in the role of Treasurer, please contact Mark or any current Executive member for more information on this role.

Bar Manager Position:

Many thanks to Lisa West, Rosemarie Fenrich and Ken Rae for agreeing to share the Bar Manager duties this year. With COVID less prevalent than last year and most of our population now fully vaccinated, the SCC is moving forward with volunteer bartenders once again. We anticipate that this will have a positive impact on our financial statement this year. If you are

interested in bartending at the club, please contact Lisa, Rosemarie, or Ken for more information.

Member Recruitment:

As a curling club member, we need your help to attract new members. The Executive is asking that you spread the word about curling in Summerland and if possible, introduce a friend to the sport. Our Learn to Curl Program will run again in October, in conjunction with Summerland Parks and Recreation (www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-guide). We also offer practice ice times 3 days a week for any member wanting to help newcomers to get started. Adding new members will ensure the SCC is prominent in our community for years to come. Thank you for supporting our club.

As a helpful resource, the Member Recruitment Committee has created a list of Frequently Asked Questions. It can be viewed on the SCC website at www.summerlandcurling.org/faq

Curling Fees for 2022/23:

- The Executive have set League fees at \$235 for league 1, \$195 for league 2, \$110 for league 3, and \$50 for league 4. There is no charge to curl in leagues 5 or 6. GST will be added on to above league fees.
- Membership fees remain at \$30 plus GST.
- Curl BC fees remain unchanged at \$20.
- Junior Curling fees remain at \$50 for the year.
- Locker fees remain at \$20 plus GST for the year and can be applied for at the time of registration.

BC Gaming Grant Application:

At the April 3rd, 2022, Executive meeting a motion was passed to not submit a 2022 Gaming Grant application. Correspondence from the Gaming Grant Committee indicated there were 3 areas of concern, where the SCC does not meet the requirements for a BC Gaming Grant. The SCC Board has decided to address these concerns before we submit another application for a gaming grant.

Registration Details:

- Online Registration opens September 1, 2022. You will receive an email with a link to the registration site as soon as we are ready to accept your registration information.
- In-Person Registration will be held on Thursday September 22nd, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the curling club lounge.

SCC AGM:

- Will be held Sunday October 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the curling club lounge. All curling club members from last year are welcome to attend. Quorum is set at 15 members, so please attend. Drinks will be available in the lounge after the meeting.

- This is also a great opportunity to hear how the club fared last year, our goals for the club in 2022/23 and operational changes in store for the curling club this year.
- In accordance with our updated bylaws, the Board of Directors will be elected from the league nominations at the end of last year.
- Additional modifications to the bylaws will presented at the meeting.

Upcoming Bonspiels:

The Chilliwack Curling Club is hosting a Summer Bonspiel on August 26th to 28th. For more information contact Bruce Renwick at 604-792-1572.

The Marpole Curling Club in Vancouver is having their Simply Seniors Ladies (+50) Bonspiel Sept 23rd and 24th. For more info contact laurarampton@telus.net

Website and Contact Info:

Our website is the best source for current information. www.summerlandcurling.org

To contact the club, send us an email, info@summerlandcurling.org.

Looking forward to seeing you on the ice in October,
Your SCC Executive