

February 6, 2021

SCC Spring Newsletter:

Hi, we hope everyone is safe and healthy!

Wow that was a short curling season filled with new rules, anxiety, and uncertainty. The decision to close the SCC early was a difficult one but made for all the right reasons. Ensuring the safety of our members is paramount for the Executive.

Thank you for understanding the Board's decision as we wrap things up for this year and begin to look ahead to next season.



CEBA Loan Application:

On November 8th, 2020 a Special General Meeting of the SCC was held, and approval was granted to apply for an interest free loan from the Federal Government. We are pleased to inform you that our application was successful, and we received a \$40,000 loan to assist with operating expenses during the pandemic. Our plan is to utilize this money to offset any budget deficit we incur in 2020/21 or 2021/22. We will be paying back the required portion of the loan (\$30,000) on the due date December 31, 2022 with no penalty. At that time, the remaining \$10,000 of the loan is considered forgiven by the Federal Government and will belong to the SCC.

Refunds to Members:

As you know we were forced to close on Dec 3, 2020 after only 8 weeks of curling. The Executive voted to refund a portion of the league fees to all members of the adult leagues. The option was given to each member to request this refund, or to "donate" this refund to the club to offset our expected loss for the year. All members that have requested a refund have had their refund e-Transferred or a cheque mailed to them.

Approximately 40% of our members decided to donate their refunds to the SCC. **Many thanks to those members for their generous donation!** These donations amounted to about \$9,600 and combined with reduced rent paid and the benefit from our Federal Government loan, we might break even this year. Considering the impact of COVID-19 and our proposed budget in October 2020 this is excellent news for our club. Community spirit is alive and well at the SCC and the Executive thanks you for your generosity.

Grant in Aid Application Withdrawn:

As a result of the BC Provincial Health Order restricting all Adult Indoor Sports, the District of Summerland agreed to cancel rent payments while the curling club is shut down. This resulted in a significant reduction in rent paid this year to the District. Therefore, the SCC Executive has

decided to withdraw our request for a break on our rent for the 2020/2021 curling season through the Grant in Aid Program.

We have an excellent working relationship with the District Parks and Recreation Department and this good will gesture will undoubtedly help in future dealings such as re-negotiating our License of Occupation Agreement in July 2022.

50/50 Draws:

Congratulations to Jules Dore who won the November 27 draw and to Ken Rae's Wednesday team who won the December 18 draw. The Executive hopes to be able to run 50/50 draws again next year at the club.

New Stove in our Kitchen:

Many thanks to Marion Enns for donating her slightly used stove to the SCC. The timing was perfect as our old stove was running on its last legs. Thanks also to Andrew Barnes for picking up the new stove and installing it. Much appreciated Marion!

Optimist Curl BC Raffle:

BC Optimists, in conjunction with Curl BC, support junior curling in BC through money that they raise from the sale of raffle tickets. In the past, we have had these tickets for sale at the SCC but that is not available to us this year. If you are interested in supporting this BC junior curling fundraiser, please click on the link below.

Click here to [buy your raffle ticket for the 2020/21 season](#)

Only 2000 Tickets, 20 Dollars Each, 5000 Dollar Grand Prize plus ten 500 Dollar Prizes!

Looking Ahead:

COVID-19 will certainly dictate whether we can open the curling club in October 2021. Our plan is to monitor Provincial Health Orders this summer and stay in contact with Curl BC as to their guidelines and recommendations. In August you will receive our Summer Newsletter with current information on the status of curling.

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.

Sincerely, Your SCC Executive