

November 24, 2023

SCC Newsletter:

Hello Curlers!

WOW what a great start to our season! October was very busy. In addition to regular league curling starting on October 10, we also held 3 Learn to Curl sessions, 2 Curling, Burger, and Beer events and 3 Triples Curling activities. Thanks to Dean Jones for preparing the ice for all those events. Also, a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that donated their time to help teach our new curlers.



Membership Numbers:

With COVID less of a factor, the SCC has seen an increase in members this year. Our off-season marketing program seems to have worked and we have about 220 Adult curlers signed up and 29 Junior curlers.

Note: One league that is short on players is the Senior Men's League on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in joining, please contact either Eric Johnson or Dave Gartrell to sign up.

Key Volunteers at the Club:

- A huge thank you to our new Treasurer, Roxanne Eyben, who has stepped in and done a fantastic job with Registration and Invoicing and other regulatory and reporting duties. Well done, Roxanne!
- Our new website person, Beth Haggerty, has transformed our website into a user friendly, bright, and vibrant information display and storage area. Many thanks Beth for your work on the website.
- Graham Lyle has taken over the role of recruiting advertisers for the SCC. To date he has signed up about 6 new clients for in-ice and wall signs. Well done, Graham!
- Another member that is giving back in a big way, is Art Lappalainen who is providing members with free curling tips and lessons on weekends until Christmas. Thanks, Art for volunteering your time.
- Thank you, Lisa West and Ken Rae, our Bar Managers again this year. In addition, a big thank you to our volunteer bartenders: John Dorn, Eric Johnson, Lisa West, Brian Harris, Emma Hartwick, Jill Kelland, Roxanne Eyben, Susan Talkkari, Jeannie Rigoni, Rosemarie Fenrich and Ken Rae.
- Junior Coaches: Gary Raymond, Betty Raymond, Dave Gartrell, Glen Brennan, Graham Lyle, Alan Laye and Cam Weir. Thank you for your hard work with our junior curlers.
- Recruitment Committee: Heather Stuckey, Armand Houle, Mike Brandson, Ken Rae, and Don Lawrence. Good work in setting up the Sunday Fun Curling Package.

Sunday Fun Curling:

- As mentioned, the Recruitment Committee held a bunch of events for new curlers in October, with the intent to attract new players to our club. At the end of October, 18 of those new players wanted to continue curling in some form.
- In response, the SCC Executive approved the creation of a 6 game Sunday Fun Package. These games are interspersed with our existing bonspiels and other commitments. Dates for this 6-game package are Nov 12 and 26, Dec 10, Jan 14 and 28 and Feb 11.
- The cost for this 6-game package is \$94.50, which includes ice time, Curl BC fees and GST.
- A year-end windup for these new players is being planned after their final game on Sunday, February 11.

Odds and Ends

- Any ice concerns you have should be sent to the Ice Committee (Lisa West, Glen Brennan, Art Lappalainen). They will follow-up with Dean on matters.
- Signs have been posted to stay off the side boards. This will help keep our ice cleaner.
- Name Tags have been ordered and should be here by the end of November.

Curling Fees are Past Due:

- We are now well past our October 31 Bylaw deadline for paying curling dues. You would have received a detailed invoice of your fees via email from our Treasurer, Roxanne Eyben. If you have not paid your dues yet, please settle up as soon as possible. Thanks.

Spare Fees:

- As a spare in our curling club, we value your willingness to show up and curl with sometimes very little notice. We would however, like to remind you that spare fees of \$100 that you paid are set up as follows: \$50 for 5 games with the remaining \$50 going to membership fees and Curl BC insurance. After 5 games have been played, you should be letting Roxanne Eyben (treasurer) know and paying \$50 for the next 5 games. This is an honor system, and in fairness to members who are paying full price for league fees, we hope that you will be tracking your game play.

Christmas Break:

- The last day of curling before the holidays is Friday, December 22.
- Dean will flood the ice after Xmas. Stay tuned for practice ice times on Dec 29 or 30.
- Regular league curling resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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.

Your SCC Executive