

August 11, 2021

SCC Summer Newsletter:

Greetings Curlers!

Hopefully your summer has been great, despite COVID or the nasty smoke from our fires. As you likely know the province is slated to move into Step 4 of BC's Restart Plan on September 7, 2021. This is great news for everyone that wants to curl this winter.



The Executive's plan is to open our doors to regular league curling on Tuesday October 12 following Thanksgiving. If BC does move to step 4 of the Restart Plan, then there will not be any restrictions in place at the SCC. This means no sign-ins at the front door, no social distancing, no limits to the number of people in our lobby, limits in our lounge as specified on our Liquor License, and masks will be optional. Yahoo-- no masks out on the ice!

Our goal again this year is to make the SCC as safe as possible for all curlers. Advanced cleaning and sanitizing will remain in place as will the plexiglass barrier at the bar. Science continues to show that vaccinations are the best means to control the COVID virus. Please do your part by getting vaccinated to protect you and others you are in contact with.

Curling Registration:

Online Registration was a huge success last year with about 90% of curlers signing up that way. Many thanks to Mark Verhelst for creating this system and for managing it. Registration will open September 1 with curlers being notified via email when the system is live.

For those that want to sign up in-person, Registration Night will take place on Monday September 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the curling club lounge.

CEBA 2nd Loan Application:

If you recall we utilized the Federal Government's Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) to secure a \$40,000 loan to assist with operating expenses during the pandemic.

With the pandemic continuing longer than originally expected the CEBA program was extended with small businesses and non-profits able to apply for an additional \$20,000 in loans. The SCC applied for this extra benefit and was successful.

Our plan is to utilize this loaned money (totaling \$60,000) to offset any budget deficit we incur in 2020/21 or 2021/22. We plan to pay back the required portion of the loan (\$40,000) on the due date December 31, 2022, with no penalty. At that time, the remaining \$20,000 of the loan is considered forgiven by the Federal Government and will belong to the SCC.

BC Gaming Grant Application:

Gary Raymond has been working closely with Curl BC personnel to understand the gaming grant process. In June he submitted an application requesting funding for the SCC Juniors and Seniors program. The results of Gary's application should be known by the end of the summer.

Curling Club Fees for 2021/22:

We are pleased to inform you that all curling fees will remain the same as last year.

- League fees are \$195 for leagues one and two and \$50 for each additional league (3rd, 4th or 5th league) you play in.
- The Club Membership fee is \$30 and the Curl BC fee is \$20 per adult and \$10 for youth up to 13 years of age. FYI - the SCC submits the Curl BC fees on your behalf.
- Lockers are returning this year with the rental fee remaining at \$20 per locker.

Bonspiels:

If BC moves to Step 4 of the Restart Plan on Sept 7, then the SCC will hold our regular list of bonspiels for the 2021/22 season.

Urgent! Vice-President for the Curling Club:

The SCC urgently needs to fill our vacant Vice-President role. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help the club this year, please contact one of the League Reps or send us an email at info@summerlandcurling.org The obvious downside to this VP role is working with Mark and Don!!!! Qualifications include having a few people skills and any business experience.

SCC Annual General Meeting:

Our AGM will be an in-person meeting in the curling club lounge. October 3, 2021. at 7:00 PM.

Curlers will be notified of the AGM via email and in the Summerland Review. Please note that quorum for this meeting is 15 members. So, sign up for the meeting and take part.

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.

Out of town Summer Curling Events:

1. Chilliwack August 27-29. Open Spiel, 4 games guaranteed, \$260. For more information Contact Bruce Renwick at www.curlchilliwack.org or call 604-792-1572.
2. Vernon – Sept 17-19. Academy of Curling Clinic. To register or for further information contact Mary-Anne Arsenault at academyofcurling@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you on the ice in October.

Sincerely, Your SCC Executive