



February 18, 2020 Newsletter

Greetings from the Summerland Curling Club

We hope you are all enjoying the curling season and the camaraderie that goes along with it. As we near the end of February our season is almost over, and we wanted to express our appreciation to our Ice Technician Andrew Barnes for his tireless dedication to the Summerland Curling Club. What a pleasure it is to come to the club and see how clean it is, how well organized everything is and to have the opportunity to play on the best ice in the valley. Please join us in saying a big Thank-you to Andrew.

Our SCC is a non-profit organization and we rely heavily on volunteers. The Executive would like to recognize the efforts of all our volunteers from league reps to bonspiel organizers to junior coaches to bartenders that sacrifice their time for the benefit of the club. Well done everyone!

One area of concern at the start of the year was managing the bar. With Rosemarie retiring last year we were extremely fortunate to have Joy Lappalainen, Andrew Barnes and Gail Ostaficiuk step up and take over that role. They worked together to order product, recruit and train bartenders, make bank deposits, keep accurate accounting records and schedule bar staff for events during the week and on weekends. One of our goals for next year is to have more volunteers available to handle bartending duties. If you are interested in assisting as a bartender, please contact Joy or Andrew. Now please join the executive in thanking Joy, Andrew and Gail for all their efforts in the management of the bar this year.

In December 2019 the Executive purchased a modern commercial Beer Keg Fridge from the Cannery Brewing Company in Penticton. The fridge holds 4 kegs at once and includes a third tap in case a new product line (specialty craft beer or cider) wants to be added. A plaque has been added to the front of the keg thanking the Peachland Curling Society for funding this project through a cash donation to the club a few years ago. Thank you Peachland!

Our annual "Bush Spiel", was held on January 2-5 and was once again a great success with 32 teams participating. Many thanks to the organizers, Joy Lappalainen, Andrew Barnes, John Egyed, Gary Raymond and Graham Lyle.

The Ladies bonspiel was held on January 18-19, was also a very fun event with 16 teams taking part. Thank you to each Tuesday Night Women's team for signing up for specific duties so that all tasks were covered off. There was a waiting list of teams, so we hope to have more teams involved next year and grow our Spiel.

The Summerland Men's Cash Bonspiel was held on February 7-9 and according to bar receipts, we believe everyone enjoyed the event. 15 teams took part with teams from Penticton, Osoyoos, West Kelowna, Kelowna and Winfield. A couple highlights: the free jug of beer for a 3-ender scored and our awesome steak dinner.

One area that we have focused on this year is improved technology. Our Vice President Mark Verhelst has done an excellent job of creating videos for the TV in the lobby downstairs as well as the TV in the lounge. Mark created weekly videos to keep the members up-to-date with curling schedules at the club, curling news, upcoming events, results of bonspiels, and accomplishments of our members. Many thanks Mark for all your work!

We are actively looking to increase our on-ice advertising revenue. If you are affiliated with a business and would like to join the advertising program or have a suggestion, please contact Mark Verhelst. The program is cost effective with excellent advertising potential.

Every Spring, each league elects club representatives to sit on the Board of Directors and represent their league. Club representatives attend monthly board meetings on behalf of their league and ensure that all our members have an enjoyable and equitable curling experience. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact your current league rep.

The Year-end Windup party has been scheduled for Saturday March 7, with cocktails at 6:00 and dinner served at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 each and are available for purchase from your league rep or at the bar.

A volunteer appreciation party is scheduled for Sunday March 15 at the SCC lounge. Volunteers and spouses will be invited for dinner and drinks. Start time is 5:00 pm.

Some competitive curling notes:

- Congratulations to the Juniors Boys team of skip Tyler Antunes (Oliver), third Zack Kuechle (Penticton), second Jacob Martin (Summerland), lead Eric Waller (Kelowna) and alternate Rhett St. John (Summerland) for winning the Under 18 Zone 3 playdown in Kelowna. Coach Glen Brennan and his team will now participate in the Under 18 provincials in Parksville in March. Go boys go!
- Congratulations to Jodie Brennan who played third for the Carla Thompson rink that won their zone and participated in the BC Women's Provincial Playdowns in Cranbrook in January.
- Congratulations to Glen Brennan, Art Lappalainen, John McKay, Don Lawrence and alternate Darcy Dunn for winning the Zone 3 BCIMCA Masters Playdown on January 28-29, 2020 in Kelowna. Provincials take place in Penticton and Summerland from March 10 to 14.
- The SCC and the Penticton Curling Club will be co-hosting the BC Interior Masters Curling Association (BCIMCA) and the Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association (PCMCA) provincial playdowns from March 10 to 14, 2020. A total of 32 teams make up the event with 8 Men's teams in the 60+ category, 8 teams in the 60+ Women's category, 8 teams in the 60+ Mixed category and 8 teams in the 70+ Men's category. Games take place at both clubs throughout the day and on some evenings as well. Please stop by the SCC to see some quality Masters, curling.

The Summerland Curling Club is proud of the accomplishments of our members.

Note: The final day for league curling for the year is Monday March 9th.
The BCIMCA/PCMCA takes place from March 10 – 14 at the SCC.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Directors