



November 2019 Newsletter

Greetings to all Summerland Curling Club (SCC) Members

The 2019-2020 curling season is well underway and our members have dusted off their brooms and shoes and are curling up a storm. Thank you to our Ice Technician Andrew Barnes for providing us with great curling ice for all our leagues and events.

Our 2019 Learn to Curl program which ran for 4 Saturdays was a huge success. Many thanks to Art Lappalainen who organized the sessions and to our knowledgeable instructors who volunteered their time. Armand Houle, Gary Raymond, Betty Raymond, Roland Dheilley, Sharon Boyles, Glen Brennan, Art Lappalainen and Don Lawrence. Art will be sending a short survey out to participants soon to gather feedback on how we can improve the program for next year.

The Friday night league hosted a one-day fun spiel on [Saturday November 2nd](#) that was by all reports a lot of fun. Apparently, it involved costumes and dancing. Thanks to the volunteer organizers, bartenders, and cooks who put on the delicious steak dinner.

Gary Raymond is once again chairing the Junior Program at SCC with the help of dedicated volunteers. There are 26 juniors registered. Their first Junior bonspiel, the Summerland Ice Halo Junior Playerspiel, was held on [Saturday November 16](#). Six teams of boys and girls competed from Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton and our Summerland/Penticton boy's team. First prize was won by the Weilgosz boys team from Kelowna. These and other Okanagan teams will be competing this season to qualify for BC Winter Games and BC U18 Championships. Our juniors meet Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00. Fees are only \$40 and all equipment is provided. We are always accepting new junior members.

The senior men have just completed their three-day bonspiel which was a great success. Andrew provided excellent ice to play on, Stan Green prepared the draw, the [Thursday](#) morning ladies provided delicious lunches and our volunteer bartenders kept the social side flowing. Thanks to everyone involved in organizing such a great event.

The Friday Stirling league will be hosting a one day 2 person team tournament on [Saturday December 7th](#). Information is posted at the club and on the club website.

Next up will be the [Christmas](#) events that each league organizes. Many thanks to our league reps and their helpers who plan these special events.

The last day of league curling before Christmas is [Friday December 20](#). The club will be closed on [Dec 21](#), 22, 23, 24, 25, 26. Also on [Dec 31](#) and [Jan 1](#). Practice ice is available [Dec 27](#), 28, and 29 from 1-4 pm.

Right after New Years the Mixed Bush Spiel (lumberjack themed) returns with a blast. Great prizes, costumes, food, dancing, curling and fun are always served up as we kick off the new year. The poster and sign up sheet is posted at the club. There are some volunteer jobs for the bush spiel that need to be

filled. None of them are very time consuming or difficult. Please contact Joy Lappalainen at 250-488-4246 if you are able to help out.

The ladies 2-day bonspiel hosted by Tuesday night ladies league will follow on [January 18th](#) and 19th. Last year was a great time and we are expecting to host another fun event. The information poster and sign up sheet is posted at the curling club and online.

Rounding out the season, The men's bonspiel will be held on [February 7th](#) to the 9th followed by the Ice Halo junior Funspiel on February 29th.

At the end of the season we are excited to announce that the SCC is co-hosting the BCIMCA (BC Interior Masters) and PCMCA (Pacific Coast Masters) Curling Championships with Penticton from [March 10 to 14, 2020](#). These curling associations promote curling and comradery among our senior members. Glen Brennan and Art Lappalainen are the SCC co-chairs along with Cathy Jones from Penticton. 32 teams will participate in 4 different categories, 60+ Women, 60+ Men, 60+ Mixed and 70+ Men. We hope that Summerland CC members will compete in all four categories. This event will affect league play very minimally. Volunteers are required to put this event on and there are a number of jobs to fill to ensure this event runs smoothly. Let's get behind this and show our guests some Summerland hospitality by signing up to volunteer. For more information talk to Glen or Art.

We wish to remind everyone that Ice Halo or other head protection and two grippers in good condition on both feet is strongly recommended. Please see Andrew if you need help accessing this equipment.

We have some grippers and slip on sliders available for sale in the office for \$15. Equipment (brooms and grippers) can be rented for \$1 per item or \$15 for the season.

Registered spares are reminded to pay \$5 per game to their league rep. One time guest spares are requested to fill out their name on a registration form and sign the waiver on the back and pay \$5.

The SCC Executive is pleased to announce that we have 244 registered curlers for the 2019/20 season. This is up from last year's total of 228 members, with 53% being male and 47% being female curlers. Revenue from registration and membership is higher than last year which puts the curling club in a more positive financial position for the year. Thank you to our Vice President Mark Verhelst for compiling and analyzing our registration data so we can better plan for the future.

Our revamped office space at the club is now completely operational. We want to pass along our sincere thanks to Andrew Barnes for all his efforts in completing the work. In addition, a special thank you to Jacob Martin (a junior curler at SCC) who welded the metal broom rack in the office that our rental brooms are now hanging from.

Our treasurer Joy Lappalainen and vice-president Mark Verhelst have finalized registration and submitted our membership numbers to Curl BC along with a cheque. This payment allows each SCC member to enter any Curl BC playdowns, sign up for coaching clinics put on by Curl BC, and provides some insurance coverage in the event of an injury on the ice.

The Executive is currently working on replacing the old bar fridge upstairs. It has been working sporadically and it is time to purchase a commercial grade keg fridge to meet our needs.

Our volunteer bar staff have been doing a wonderful job of serving the leagues. Please remember to thank them for their time and effort. We could use a few more people to fill in as spares when people take holidays or for special events. We would like to have enough bartenders to enable them to work in pairs and have shorter shifts for special events. Please contact Joy at 250-488-4246. If we all help a little we can continue to have a viable club.

TSN and Sportsnet just recently classified the curling club lounge as a Sports Bar because it can hold more than 100 people. As a result, they have increased our Sports TV subscription costs by almost 400%

to a whopping \$290 per month. The Executive voted to cancel TSN and Sportsnet at the club effective [November 18](#), 2019. We have asked for assistance from Curl BC in fighting these rate increases. We will continue to have the music channels available.

The SCC executive is also looking for someone to step up and coordinate the on ice advertising program. There is a lot of revenue potential from this program which helps our club stay viable. This involves renewing existing sponsors plus generating new in ice and wall sign advertising. The program information is very well organized and the pricing is quite reasonable. If you are interested in helping out please contact Don Lawrence or Mark Verhelst.

You may have noticed that the TV downstairs at the rink is populated with a PowerPoint slide package providing pertinent information to members. A big thank-you to Mark Verhelst, our resident technology guy who generates those slides and keeps you current on happenings at the club. If you have something you would like to share with the members please contact Mark.

We were excited to learn that Kelowna is going to host the brier in 2021. This year Kelowna is asking for volunteers to assist them in hosting the World Senior Men and Women's Championships plus the World Mixed Doubles Championships from [April 18](#) to 25, 2020. 30 volunteers are needed as timers, statisticians and updaters. Please contact Brian Lyall at the Kelowna Curling Club for more information.

We hope you are enjoying your curling season so far and as always; we are open to suggestions and would love to hear your comments.

Cheers,

The SCC Executive