

March 1, 2024

SCC Newsletter:

Greetings to All!

With the curling season coming to a close, the Executive wanted to say thank you to all SCC curlers for their support of the club. The 2023/24 season has been a very successful year. Some highlights include:

- a. The club's Learn to Curl Program saw 40 new curlers participate, which resulted in a new Sunday League being created so our new curlers could continue playing the rest of the season.
- b. The SCC held 6 bonspiels this year and 2 Curling, Burger and Beer events. Participation in all our events has been great and kudos to the organizers for their work.
- c. The SCC rented out the curling ice to 6 outside groups over the year and we have 20+ school groups booked into the club for curling instruction, organized by Dave Gartrell.



New Member Recruitment:

One of our primary goals this year was to increase our curling membership. We are thrilled to say our membership is up by 53 people this year. This is a direct result of the Recruitment Committee's marketing and advertising efforts last summer and fall. Many thanks to the Recruitment Team of Mike Brandson, Armand Houle, Heather Stuckey, Ken Rae, and Don Lawrence for their work in advertising our events and spreading the word about curling.

Lounge/Bar Operations:

Volunteers are the life blood of the SCC. Many thanks to Lisa West and Ken Rae for jointly managing the bar again this season. They in turn would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the volunteer bartenders that worked all season long to enrich the curling experience at our club. They include John Dorn, Eric Johnson, Jill Kelland, Roxanne Eyben, Rosemarie Fenrich, Brian Harris, Les Brough, Emma Hartwick, Heather Stuckey, and Jeannie Rigoni. Thank you all!

Ice Technician 2023-24:

The Executive would like to thank our Head Ice Technician, Dean Jones for all his work this year. This is a demanding job and Dean has shown his commitment to providing good ice for the SCC.

In addition, the Executive would like to thank our volunteer Ice Technicians Garry Farnsworth and Ken McDiarmid for helping to prepare the ice for our bonspiels. Well done.

Teaching/Skill Development:

The Executive would also like to recognize Art Lappalainen for volunteering his time over 6 weeks to hold individual lessons for all levels of curlers at the SCC. This was a huge hit. Thanks!

Executive Positions:

In 2023/24 the SCC was very fortunate to have Roxanne Eyben join the Executive as our new treasurer. Roxanne has been a tremendous addition to the team and her transition to the treasurer role has been seamless. Many thanks Roxanne!

Succession planning is always a key step for any organization and this year it is time for our president, Don Lawrence to step aside. Don has just completed his 5th year as President, and it is time to find a replacement with some fresh ideas and new plans for moving theCC forward. Please contact any Board member if you are interested in this role.

League Representatives for 2023-2024:

Our SCC Bylaws state that each league will nominate one person as their representative for the next curling season. This needs to be completed before the end of March. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) slated for October 6, 2024, the representatives nominated from each league will be officially voted to the Executive by the general membership.

Junior Curling:

Our Junior Program is strong again this year with 29 curlers signed up. Many thanks to the following Junior Coaches and volunteers: Gary Raymond, Betty Raymond, Glen Brennan, Graham Lyle, Dave Gartrell and Alan Laye for teaching our Juniors the great game of curling. On Saturday Mar 2, 2024, the SCC will be hosting a bonspiel for Junior curlers with teams from Penticton, Kelowna and Summerland taking part. This event will be sponsored by Ice Halo.

Playdown Results:

BC Winter Games Under 16 Curling: Congratulations to Hanna Lyle and her teammates Ella Walker, Gwyneth Jones, Jacey Hallstrom and Teagan Poole for winning the bronze medal.

BC Interior Masters Curling Assoc: The Glen Brennan rink with Art Lappalainen, Tom Sheasby and Don Lawrence won the 60+ Men's Division for zone 2. The provincial championship is being held in Vernon from Mar 23 to 27, 2024. Good luck to you.

Year-end Windup Party:

Friday March 22 for all members and their guests with doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner served at 6:00. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance from your league rep or at the bar. A total of 120 tickets have been printed for this event, so get yours early.

End of Season / Lockers:

Our last day of curling is March 22, 2024. Please remove your lock and empty your locker.

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.

Enjoy the rest of the curling season and have a wonderful summer,

Your SCC Executive