

February 1, 2019.

## Greetings from the Summerland Curling Club

We hope you are all enjoying the winter snow and sunny skies that mother nature has bestowed upon us. January has been a busy month at the Summerland Curling Club. All our leagues are running well thanks to Cheryl in the office and our club representative volunteers.

Our annual "Bush Spiel" was once again a great success. Many thanks to Jodie Brennan, John Egyed, Cheryl Jaeger, Gary Raymond, Andrew Barnes and Rosemarie Fenrich & her dedicated bar staff for volunteering as well as the many other people who helped out. The Ladies bonspiel was also a very fun event that made a comeback after not running for several years. Thank you to Lisa West, all the local teams who donated food and prizes and their time, and once again, Andrew Barnes and Rosemarie Fenrich and the volunteer bar staff.

The Summerland Men's Bonspiel is scheduled for Feb 8-10. The bonspiel committee is looking for more teams to participate. Please use the sign-up sheet at the rink or email your intention to play to Cheryl at [summerlandcurling@shaw.ca](mailto:summerlandcurling@shaw.ca)

Unfortunately, the one-day funspiel has been cancelled due to lack of entries. Thank you to Sharon Boyles for stepping up to organize the event.

The Year-end Windup party has been scheduled for Saturday March 9, 2019. Tickets will be available for purchase at the office and at the bar.

Many thanks to Glen Brennan for building the new cupboard for the junior curler's equipment. The junior club is growing thanks to the dedicated work of Gary Raymond, Dave Gartrell and the volunteer coaches. We have older juniors improving their skills by playing in our adult leagues and the juniors will soon be competing in upcoming bonspiels.

If anyone has any throwing sticks that they are not using, the Summerland Curling Club (SCC) would gladly accept them as we attempt to build up our inventory of sticks for our rental program. The Executive will also be purchasing a few new sticks to supplement what we already have available for renters.

Just a reminder that Cheryl has curling shoe grippers and protective head gear such as halos, caps, etc in the office for sale. These are safety items designed to either prevent falls or lessen the impact if a fall does occur.

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 Ken Rae. The program offers very good value for the cost.

At the end of the curling season Rosemarie Fenrich and Ev Gillespie will be stepping down from their roles in managing the SCC bar. Please join the executive in thanking them for all their years of service to the club. This provides an opportunity for other curling club members to step forward and fill these positions. We can divide the tasks between volunteers. The bar is a very important part of our club in

terms of revenue and socializing. If you are interested in helping out please contact one of the directors.

Another vacancy we will have at year-end is that of Secretary. Kathy Larkin will be leaving this position to spend more time on family matters. Many thanks to Kathy for her dedication to the SCC. If you have an interest in filling this role please contact one of the Executive members.

As well, each league will be electing club representatives to the board at the end of the curling season. They may ask for volunteers to help with the operating part of the league if they have a larger role in the operations of the club as a whole. Club representatives attend monthly board meetings on behalf of their league and ensure that all our members have an enjoyable and equitable curling experience.

In February a committee will be formed to develop a long-term plan for the club going forward. It will include looking at items such as current operations, capital projects, government funding and ways to attract new members. This committee will prepare a report and make specific recommendations to the SCC Executive. The Executive will then decide if the recommendations need to be voted on by SCC members.

The Executive would like to thank Andrew Barnes, our Head Ice Technician for all the time and effort he has put into the Summerland Curling Club (SCC) this year. In addition to the ice being excellent, he has streamlined operations, ensured our ice making equipment is up to date and brought forth many good ideas on how the SCC can move forward.

Many thanks to the large number of volunteers at the club who roll up their sleeves and pitch in to make the SCC a better place. With your support and enthusiasm, the SCC is continuing to evolve and prosper.

We'll end with some competitive curling notes:

- The SCC hosted a Curl BC sanctioned Coaches Course from Oct 26-28, 2018. In addition, we will be hosting the BC Interior Masters Curling Association (BCIMCA) Mixed Playdowns from Feb 4 to 6, 2019. Next spring, we will be co-hosting the provincial BCIMCA with Penticton Curling Club.
- Congratulations to Glen Brennan and his rink for winning the BC Police Playdowns in Chilliwack on Jan 11-13. The National Police Curling Championships take place in St. John's Newfoundland from Mar 30 to Apr 6, 2019.
- Congratulations to Tyler Jaeger and Art Lappalainen (coach) for winning the Zone 3 Men's Playdown in Penticton on December 14 to 16. They now play in the provincials in Quesnel from Jan 29 to Feb 3, 2019.
- Congratulations to Glen Brennan and Art Lappalainen for winning the zone 3, 4 and 7 Senior Men's Playdown in Kelowna on Jan 18 to 20. Now they are off to Trail from Feb. 19 – 24th.
- Congratulations to Glen Brennan, Art Lappalainen, John McKay and Don Lawrence for winning the Zone 3 BCIMCA Masters Playdown on Jan 21 in Penticton. Provincials take place in Victoria from March 19 to 23.

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

Sincerely,  
Your Board of Directors