

September 1, 2020.

## SCC September Newsletter:

**Hi Everyone!** The Executive is pleased to inform you that we have decided to proceed with re-opening the curling club in October. The success of our season will be determined by the COVID-19 virus, the number of curlers that sign up to play and our ability to follow the rules set out by the Provincial Health Organization, viaSport, Curling Canada and Curl BC. Every curling



club in BC must create their own “Return to Curling Plan”. The SCC Plan incorporates the recommendations and guidelines set out by these organizations and tailors them to activities at our club. The intent of the Return to Curling Plan is to identify all COVID-19 risks at the club, determine a way to mitigate those risks, implement safety procedures, and train curlers, staff, and volunteers so we can safely return to curling.

One of the biggest challenges to safely moving forward with curling is opening the lounge for curlers. The guidelines set out for pubs, bars and lounges are strict, but we have a plan to meet the regulations. Please understand that having the bar open is a significant benefit for our curlers and it is imperative that every member of our club knows the rules and abides by them. The Executive is calling on each league and each person to assume responsibility for the rules. Please be a leader by helping to enlighten those that are not displaying acceptable behaviour. We must all be vigilant about the rules or we stand the chance of having our lounge shut down.

### **viaSport and Curl BC Announcements:**

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 viaSport, the provincial body that oversees amateur sport in BC announced that it was moving to Phase 3 called Progressively Loosen. Curl BC followed suit and issued an update to their curling guidelines stating curling was moving to Phase 3. This is great news for our club as we can now start the season with 4 person teams on the ice. Social distancing remains in effect both on and off the ice, including allowing only one sweeper. League start times will be staggered to limit numbers in our lobby and lounge.

### **Registration:**

The new online registration tool is now operational and open to curlers to register right now. Here is the link: <http://summerlandcurling.org/register>

1. Once you fill in the personal information section, sign up for the leagues you want to play in, hit the “submit” button and the system will accept your registration.

2. The system then generates a bill and a personal information page for you, and it will be sent to your email address.
3. Payment options include Interac e-Transfer using online banking, debit card, or cheque. The SCC is automating our banking transactions and moving away from the use of cash.

For those curlers that want to register in person, Registration Night will take place on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the SCC lounge.

- The Executive encourages curlers for the evening leagues to register as 4 person teams if possible. If you register as a single the league rep will help place you on a team.
- Due to staggering of start times for games we may have to cap the number of teams in each league at 8 or have byes if we get more teams. So early registration is encouraged as we will be implementing a first come first served registration for each league.

### **League Play/Volunteer Updates:**

1. The Executive has decided not to host any skins curling on Friday morning this year. Instead the Friday afternoon stick league will be moving back to Friday morning.
2. We have also decided to offer 2 new leagues this year. A Friday afternoon Open League and a Saturday Night Social League.
3. In the past the lounge has been a good source of revenue for the SCC, but we are expecting a decline in bar sales this year with fewer curlers and COVID-19 issues. This is coupled with a shortage of volunteers to provide bartending services. If we are not able to recruit new volunteer bartenders, we will need to hire bartenders which means drink prices will increase.
4. Volunteer bartenders are needed! If interested, you need to complete the online Serving It Right course which the club will reimburse you for. Please contact one of the Executive members for more information.
5. If you know any business that wants to advertise at the club, let the Executive know.

### **Important Curling Dates:**

- Online Registration starts immediately.
- Registration Night is Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the SCC lounge.
- Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 is our SCC Annual General Meeting at 7:00 pm. We anticipate that the AGM will consist of a zoom meeting. A notice will be sent out to you inviting you to participate. Quorum is 15 members.
- Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>. League play is scheduled to begin.

The SCC has a new email address, [info@summerlandcurling.org](mailto:info@summerlandcurling.org).

Remember to check the SCC website for newly posted items. [www.summerlandcurling.org](http://www.summerlandcurling.org)

*Sincerely, Your SCC Executive*