

“What’s on Ice”

Peace Arch Curling Club
Newsletter – September 2015



From the Editor

Dear PACC Member,

Kent Bird and the ice team are underway with this year's ice installation. Everything is shaping up for another great season of curling at PACC.

Della Bird is our new manager in the front office, so give her a warm welcome when you come in. She will be guiding the operations at PACC to ensure the ice is chilled to perfection, the bar is flowing smoothly, the lounge decor is soothing, the Pro Shop is stocked with some hot new items, and all our members are happily fitting in to leagues this Fall.

With our new water treatment system well underway, we should experience some very good ice this season.

September through November brings some great PACC events for all to enjoy, so make sure you check the calendars. Keep reading this newsletter to find out about some of the upcoming events and news.

REGISTRATION DAY

Registration day is set for

-> Saturday, September 12th

-> From 12 Noon to 6 pm.

The bar will be open so bring the team down and get ready for another great year of curling. Seniors, there is room for more daytime curling. Get your friends, neighbours, and relatives, to curl.

The new registration form is now available on the PACC website to sign up for this curling season. Just print and fill out the form to bring with you to register.

Learn to Curl Clinics

& Beginners League

If you have never curled before be sure to sign up for one of our Learn to Curl programs and join a league. Bring a friend or a team/ group, everyone and all ages welcome.

There are 4 people on a team, any gender and age can play.

You will need clean shoes and warm flexible clothing. We provide all of the equipment and instruction and hot drinks.

September 21-22 from 7-10 pm, cost \$30 or

September 26-27 from 12-3 pm, cost is \$30

For more information or to sign up, email Della at the office at PACC@shaw.ca

We also have a beginner league on Wednesday nights starting September 30 running until March (you can sign up for half season, Sept. to Dec. if needed), start times alternating from 6:30 to 8:45 every week. There will be instructors to assist.

Beginner leagues are limited to 8 teams so sign up soon, as we only have openings left for a few teams.

Win a pint of Beer!

One lucky PACC curler can win a pint of beer.

Remember this quiz from last season.

The pint of beer was awarded on March 28, 2015 when the PACC bar was OPEN.

Q: How many curlers were the first to sign up on the first day of registration at PACC for the 2014/2015 season?

Answer: 1 (after that anyone was not the first.)

Peace Arch Curling Club an Award Winner

Peace Arch Curling Club can be proud of their achievements. CurlBC has made it official by recognizing PACC with a Customer Service Award.

Peace Arch Curling Club has increased their membership by over 20% in the last two years. This is the result of hard work by the management and the volunteers who have run open house days and learn to curl clinics.

Peace Arch was also an excellent host of the recent BC Mixed Doubles Championship, providing the competitors with a great experience.

Hold your head high PACC members, and remember you too can volunteer to make this great club even better.

Bartenders Wanted for 2015-16 Season

The Peace Arch Curling Club is looking for 2 or 3 bartenders to work weekday evenings, 7 to 12 pm, in the lounge of the curling club. There will be some weekend work for events as well.

The newest Serving It Right™ certificate, may be in your future. As of September 15, 2015, all SIR certificates will have a 5 year validity period, after which they will expire and need to be renewed. Any current SIR certificates without an expiry date will be deemed to have expired on September 15, 2020.

If you are interested or want more details about the bartending job, please contact Della by email at PACC@shaw.ca.



PCMCA Zone 2 Champs

Do you want to represent Zone 2 in the BC Provincial PCMCA event in mid-March 2016?

A newly formed PACC Senior Mixed team won last year's PCMCA Senior Mixed Zone 2 playoffs. PACC needs to have more Senior Mixed teams at the club level to ensure that PACC sends its best team to the Zone 2 playoffs.

The Mixed and Women's event joined the Men's Provincial event as newer events on the PCMCA calendar in March 2015. The same will be done in March 2016. That means PACC needs Senior Women's teams at the club level too.

The PCMCA bonspiel is a round robin event with each of the other seven zones in the Province; four in the PCMCA of which two are on Vancouver Island, and four in the BCIMCA.

Zone 2 winners will receive some perks and some funding to attend this year's PCMCA bonspiel.

Seniors, pencil this in on your agenda and keep your eyes open for the schedule of the PACC playoffs to determine the PACC team(s) to go to the Zone playoffs.

Peace Arch Curling Club Bonspiel Calendar

Fall 2015



Oct. 3 to 4 Novice Bonspiel

- Peace Arch Toyota
- Chair – John Newbury

Oct. 16 to 18 Women's 'Ice Mice' Bonspiel

- Onside Restoration
- Chair – Jane Hawkins, Lynn Gunter, Maria Cross

Oct. 24 to 25 Junior Bonspiel

- Crown Contracting
- Chair – Ross Scott and Susan Loken

Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 Masters 'Ted Anderson'

- Blackforest / CJ's restaurants
- Chair – Bryan Jensen

Nov. 16 to 19 Day Leagues Bonspiel

- Bathfitters
- Chair – Bryan Jensen and Jenny Fitzharris

Nov. 27 to 29 Mixed/Open 'High Tides'

- Splashes
- Chair – John Bogar

Dec. 28 to 29 Hutch Bonspiel

- Chair – Bryan Jensen

Put these on your list of "To Do's".

PACC Events

Calendar 2015 Snapshot

September 12 Registration Day
Sept. 21 to 25 Open House 9am to 5pm
Sept. 21 to 22 Learn to Curl Clinic
Sept. 26 to 27 Learn to Curl Clinic
Sept. 28 League play begins
Oct. 3-4 Novice Bonspiel
Oct. 12 Thanksgiving – Club Closed
Oct. 16 to 18 Women's Bonspiel –
Ice Mice
Oct. 24 to 25 Junior Bonspiel
Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 Masters Bonspiel –
Ted Anderson
Nov. 1 Annual General Meeting
November 11 Remembrance Day –
No 'Day' curling
Nov. 16 to 19 Day leagues bonspiel
Nov. 27 to 29 Mixed/Open Bonspiel –
High Tides
November 29 Greycup Party
Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 Christmas Break –
Office closed
***Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Dec. 28 to 29 Hutch Bonspiel

All Ears

Heard some 'juicy' curling news lately.
Submit it for the newsletter.
→ Email it to z1turner@yahoo.ca

PACC Management Update
"Letter from the President"

April 28, 2015

Dear Peace Arch Curlers,

What a great year and congratulations to all the teams who competed during the 2nd Annual Day of Champions.

Next season looks to host full draws with some openings for the Saturday Open and Wednesday Night Open Novice leagues. If you know anyone who is interested let them know and we will train them to curl. The year will not be as busy with extra provincial events so we will be able to have some clinics to help new curlers improve their game, as well as clinics for skips and intermediate curlers who want to raise the level of their game.

Peace Arch Curling Club has faced many challenges and with the dedication of its Board of Directors and support of the members at large we have turned a financial corner. We are still working on a better relationship with the City of White Rock as we still have financial obligations to them as well as a loan with Scotiabank.

Part of our club success is due to our manager/ice technician Kent Bird and our friendly bar staff led by Della Bird. Our contract with Kent will continue into the next season but with some modifications. Under Kent's contract he is allowed as a contractor to seek additional employment. Kent has accepted a position with the Abbotsford Curling Club as manager but wishes to continue to support Peace Arch. The board has accepted his proposal for the 2015-2016 season to continue to have his company maintain the ice as well as provide managerial services.



Della will be the new face in the office and Kent will continue to oversee the operations for a couple of nights and supervise our ice maintenance. He has also stated that he will be able to be present for our bonspiels and other events as needed.

The Board of Directors will continue to listen to your concerns during this transition, however, we have complete trust in Della to fulfill daily duties as well as the current ice tech team in ensuring our ice continues to be a quality surface.

Under the Societies Act we must have an Annual General Meeting. It is scheduled for November 1 and the club is always looking for new ideas and members for the board.

Looking forward to see you all on registration day September 12.

Sincerely,

Ross Scott, President

A great curling season

May all your rocks be true
and your brushing miraculous.

PCMCA Zone 2

Senior Mixed Team



What's up PACC

It was the first year of the event, and there was only one PACC team to compete at the Zone 2 level. The good and bad news was there was only a 3 game playoff to see who represented Zone 2 and PACC won.

Now heading into Richmond in April 2015, facing the other Zone teams who had depth, it was a challenge. The ice in Richmond was a challenge.

When the dust settled, the PACC team had won 3 and lost 4; not a bad showing. They were the only team to have a woman Skip; the theory being that the men could sweep a little harder on the final rocks.

It was a great event with a lot of fan fare and good representation from all the Zones.

If you like fantastic fun bonspiels, and having some of your expenses paid for, you definitely want to look into the PCMCA schedule for this event. There is a representative team for Senior Men's (60+), Senior Men's (70+), Senior Ladies, and Senior Mixed. Club playoffs are held in the new year and Zone playoffs follow.

For complete news on last years event, go to <http://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Combined-report.pdf>

Need to hear from 'You'

This newsletter is always looking for interesting articles, team updates, league winners, bonspiel insight and results, and of course a good clean joke. Be the first one to dust off your fingers and submit an article to z1turner@yahoo.ca.

You'll get kudos and a big THANK-YOU.

Remember when in a group of people that the curling centre is open to all members of the public, offering league play, learn-to-curl programs and ice rentals. And also that the licensed lounge is available for rental for parties and other functions, and the dry floor curling rink area is available to rent in the curling off-season.

The fact is **when people need space** to hold functions and seminars, space can be hard to find. **Help them out** by letting them know about our Peace Arch club and encourage them to call 604-531-0244 and find out more.

Quick facts:

- The licensed lounge can be rented, with or without bar service, for meetings, banquets, etc. The lounge has a capacity of 84 people, but that can be increased to 133 people by opening a sliding wall. The area has speakers that can be connected to a microphone or stereo equipment.
- Fully-catered meals can be provided through our on-site caterer, [The Rustic Gourmet](#).
- The curling rink floor includes a perimeter and a concrete slab that is approximately 146 feet by 60 feet.
- Friendly reasonable rates

PCMCA Master Men's Bonspiel Calendar Fall 2015

Name	Location	Start date	End date
Chilliwack Master's Men's Bonspiel	Chilliwack CC	15-Oct-15	17-Oct-15
55+ Coquitlam (PCMCA) – closed	Coquitlam CC	19-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
Esquimalt (PCMCA)	Esquimalt CC	19-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
Master's Ted Anderson Bonspiel	Peace Arch CC	30-Oct-15	1-Nov-15
Kerry Park PCMCA +55 Men's Bonspiel	Kerry Park CC	2-Nov-15	6-Nov-15
Royal City 60+ Men's (PCMCA) – open	Royal City CC	2-Nov-15	4-Nov-15
Abbotsford Master's Men's Bonspiel	Abbotsford CC	13-Nov-15	15-Nov-15
Juan de Fuca Masters	Juan de Fuca	16-Nov-15	18-Nov-15
Richmond Masters' 55+ (PCMCA) – closed	Richmond CC	16-Nov-15	18-Nov-15
Langley 60+ Master's	Langley CCTre	19-Nov-15	21-Nov-15
Nanaimo Masters Open (PCMCA)	Nanaimo CC	25-Nov-15	27-Nov-15
Golden Ears Winter Club Men's Masters	GoldenEars WC	26-Nov-15	28-Nov-16
Chilliwack (80+)	Chilliwack CC	28-Nov-15	29-Nov-15
55+ Tunnel Town (PCMCA) – closed	TunnelTown CC	30-Nov-15	2-Dec-15

Note: 'closed' means all players on the team must be from the same curling club, whereas 'open' means your team is not necessarily from the same curling club.

Why should I be a PCMCA member?

Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association will no longer be a men only group. Women are being encouraged to join the organization. There are now many more Masters women curling, and it makes sense to round out the Masters Provincial Championships with not only men's teams, but women's teams and mixed teams.

The PCMCA is an organization run by volunteers, and has a track record of good management and funding over the years.

The PCMCA was put in place:

- to support and promote healthy competition and fellowship for curlers 60+ years of age.
- to allow curlers the opportunity to compete at the 60+ Master and 70+ Grand Master age Championship level.
- to allow Senior curlers a chance to compete on a regular four-member team, to compete in Zone playdowns, and provincial competition level if a "stick curler".
- to keep the cost to enter a Zone competition very reasonable
- to encourage Provincial level play, as the Zone winner is provided with some funding from the PCMCA that generally off-sets the majority of out-of-pocket expenses associated with playing at the Combined Provincial Championship Event.

Facts and Figures

The PCMCA currently enjoys a membership of over 2,100 curlers in 29 clubs and this can only get bigger and better with all the potential women bring to the association.

Junior Update

Peace Arch junior, Sarah Loken went with Team Drexel to Lake Cowichan on March 5th to compete as part of the Girls Juvenile Provincial Curling team.

Her team, coached by Al Smith, won the BC title in a convincing manner, with a 5-0 record. This earned them a berth in the U18 Optimist International Championships in Edmonton.

This event attracted teams from across the country as well as from the United States and Japan.

Sarah was thrilled to have the opportunity to play at the Saville Centre and meet some of her heroes – Kevin Martin, Val Sweeting and Joanne Courtney.

Between the camp put on by Kevin Martin, Dana Ferguson and Rachelle Brown and the great competition brought by the other teams, the BC girls learned a lot. Though the outcome wasn't what they'd hoped, it was an amazing experience. The girls finished in tenth place with a 2-5 (win-loss) record.

Sarah hopes to return to the U18s in the coming year as skip with her new team.

Parking Pass

Remember to get your parking pass for the current season! Some passes may be available, as a convenience, courtesy of the registration desk when you sign up for the season on September 12th.

The cost is around \$16.
It beats getting a ticket!!



Availability of Lockers

The locker policy is that club members, and those who have had a locker in the past, have first choice to renew.

Get to Registration Day and make it known as they go quickly.

You can share lockers if you like.

Lockers are usually all gone by the first day of curling. You can request to be placed on a waiting list in case a locker comes available.

Open House

The only open house this Fall is from September 21 to 24 from 9am to 4pm. The bar will not be open.

The focus will be on the ice. PACC is looking for volunteers to be available during those times to meet and greet people and possibly do some basic curling introductions.

If you can help out, let Della know at PACC@shaw.ca.

Amateur Photographers Needed!

Please take that great little camera you own and snap a few pictures for the next newsletter. Add a caption and names of 'victims' and send it to z1turner@yahoo.ca. Many thanks.



First Official Curling Day

The first day of Curling is actually Friday September 25 starting with the Souper league at 9:30am and then later in the day, the Mixed league at 6:45 pm.

New Filtering System

The new water filtering system for the ice is working well. The system gives PACC a cleaner water for pebbling. This means the pebble will last longer and not break down as fast.

The other nice thing about the new system is that it will also extend the life of our jet ice tanks saving PACC money.

Any Interest in Clinics?

Are you interested in an intermediate clinic? Currently we have nothing scheduled, however, PACC can look into this if there is sufficient interest. Please let Della know at PACC@shaw.ca

New Cameras & Monitors

Technology has now given PACC curlers the ability to view the 'far house' from the upstairs lounge. Sit back as you sip on your favourite beverage and enjoy the excitement knowing exactly who is counting at the far end.

Cameras have been installed and they will be operational for September 25th, the 1st day of curling.

The monitors are 32" TV's and can be operated by the bartender or curlers. Please, all PACC curlers, be nice to this equipment and it should last a long time.

The bartender will make sure all of the TV's and lights are all turned off at the end of the day.

Coffee / Tea

Coffee and Tea is offered in the Upstairs Lounge.