

“What’s on Ice”

Peace Arch Curling Club
Newsletter – March 2015

Curling in White Rock

White Rock curling got its start when Cloverdale constructed a curling rink in 1954. Avid curlers from White Rock decided White Rock should have a curling rink as well. Interested curlers held a meeting at the Silver Moon Hall at Victoria Avenue and Martin Street and convinced the owner, Len Long, to put three sheets of ice downstairs where he had a roller rink. Curling commenced in the following year in December 1955. Cecil Ortner was the first president. Ivan Pepper was the first ice maker and Howard Neff was the first manager. The Ivan Pepper and Howard Kennett rinks won the first two coveted club championships. Enthusiasm carried on into 1958 when Florence Sully was elected President of the Ladies Curling Club. Les McQuisten was President of the White Rock Club and try as the Club might they were unable to negotiate a new agreement with Len Long who said he was losing money with the curling venture so curling ceased.

Then in 1959, along came Tony Folk and George and Margareet Klotz who drew up an agreement to operate the Silver Moon Dance Hall and Curling Rink. Curling was revived and membership grew. Tony Folk, Jim Kilburn, Neil Eybein, and George Klotx won the B.C. Men’s Curling Championship defeating the Lyall Dagg rink from the Vancouver Curling Club. They represented B.C. In the 1961 Briar in Calgary Alberta. At the Briar they were defeated by the Campbell Brothers and also by Hec Gervais who won the Briar. Later Hec Gervais and his rink would come to White Rock to curl an exhibition match against Tony Folk and his rink.



The White Rock Elks Club also sponsored a rink who were successful in winning the Corby Cup; the prestigious Canada wide Elks curling championship.

Curling continued to be very successful and outgrew the old Silver Moon Hall. There were just too many curlers for three sheets of ice and trying to run a thirty-two rink bonspiel with three sheets of ice could not be made to work.

This desire for a better facility led to the forming of the Peace Arch Curling Club which spelled the end of the White Rock Curling Club. Members of the new club bought debentures to finance the new club and negotiated a land lease from the City of White Rock in 1966. Ed Weigand, an avid curler and the son in law of Ivan Pepper, the first ice maker, was the general contractor who completed the new curling rink on time and on budget in 1968.

- Stay tuned for more on the history of PACC -
Thanks to contributing journalist Bill Wallace.

Win a pint of Beer!

One lucky PACC curler can win a pint of beer. Email the correct answer, to the question below, to z1turner@yahoo.ca. (If more than one person is correct, there will be a draw to determine the winner.)
NOTE: The pint of beer must be claimed on March 28, 2015 when the PACC bar is OPEN.

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

BC Provincial Championship

“Mixed Doubles”

PACC was abuzz with officials from January 30 to February 1st as the host facility for the 2015 Provincial Championship Mixed Doubles event. This non-traditional curling Mixed Doubles format sees a mostly draw game and yet this year’s winner had some rocketing take out shots to stir things up.

BC Provincial medal winners were:

Gold – Tyler Tardi/ Dezaray Hawes

Silver – Daniel Wenzek/ Sarah Daniels

Bronze - Nick Meister / Megan Daniels

The good news for this sport is that all the above winners were under the age of 21, which says something for the grueling schedule over the weekend.

Honorable mention goes out to the team of Richard/Girard who just missed the medals taking 4th place, yet knocked out the #1 team after the round robin.

This was a great weekend which at times saw more officials in the ‘ice shed’ than curlers. Thanks to all the volunteers and volunteer officials for making this a great weekend of curling. Special thanks to Doug Boynton our lead organizer for volunteers and to head official umpire Henry Wong.

The event this year also put things into perspective. In the 4th end of the first round, there was a life threatening medical emergency and some PACC first aiders jumped into action which saw the AED device used twice on the patient.

PACC would like to recognize those that assisted in this effort and especially Della Bird for her quick action to help save the life of a fellow curler. At last word, he was recovering slowly.

PCMCA Zone 2 Champs

A newly formed PACC Senior Mixed team won this year’s PCMCA Senior Mixed Zone 2 playoffs and will represent the zone in the BC Provincial PCMCA event at the end of March.

The Mixed and Women’s event join the Men’s Provincial event as newer events on the PCMCA calendar and all will be played in Richmond B.C. from March 30th to April 2nd, 2015. The 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.

The winning team, pictured below and led by Skip Susie Ward, is looking forward to bringing the Provincial title back to Peace Arch.

Don’t hesitate to show up in Richmond and cheer for the ‘home team’.



PCMCA Zone 2 Mixed Champions
Proudly sporting their PACC jackets and winning crests, from left to right,
Susie Ward (Skip), Stan Turner (3rd),
Crystal Furgala (2nd), Ken Trask (Lead)

Wednesday Night Ladies

The Wednesday Night Ladies league held its annual Christmas party on December 17, 2014. It was a great success.

There was a good turnout, with curlers from all eight teams in attendance, some dressed very appropriately for the festive occasion. The WN Ladies again held an appetizer potluck and everyone outdid themselves this year. The league held a raffle over the course of the evening which, together with other cash and gift card donations, added up to a gift of over \$1,000.00 to the Salvation Army to be used for Christmas presents for families in need.

A special thank-you to Marilyn Dance and the members of the Ward Rink, who made the wreaths that were raffled off, to Janice Noakes, Linda Baker and Linda Powell, who donated the greenery for the wreaths, and to Fiona Mulligan, a Wednesday night curler and the owner of Silhouette Lingerie located in the High Street, South Surrey, who graciously donated the grand prize of a luxurious silk robe.



The best dressed elves, the Cameron team, from left to right, Trish Taylor, Lorane Martin, Trudy Cameron and Barb Messenger.

And a big thank you to the Wednesday Night Novice league members who generously purchased raffle tickets as well.

Well done Wednesday Night Ladies!



Fiona Mulligan, the owner of Silhouette Lingerie, showcasing the silk robe.

2-Day Hutch bonspiel

There were sixteen teams entered in this great PACC classic bonspiel held on December 29th and 30th.

The excitement of Christmas was still evident on the faces of all these Seniors.

The most notable event was that after the 2nd draw there was a tie for first on the "B" side, and a tie-breaker was needed.

The following morning the two Skips had to 'duke it out' with a draw to the button. This may have been a first for the Hutch.

In a classic man versus woman, Rose Taylor and Wayne Runge each attempted this classic draw. Wayne won the draw and moved on to the final against the "A" side winner, Andy Gendron.

When the dust settled after the championship game, it was clear that Andy was no match for Wayne's draw either.

The teams and their finish were as follows:

1st – Wayne Runge, Ken Trask, Sylvia Chernekoff, Bob Ward

2nd – Andy Gendron, Gary Mackinnon, Bob Goldstein, Don McLean

3rd – Rose Taylor, Morley Underwood, Brian Clarke, Donna Trask

4th – Steve Dudra, Vern Fast, Christine Kerr, El Fedewich.



Hutch Bonspiel

Cedric Gange and Lynne Gunter.

"Hurry hard! Cedric is enjoying his first ever game of curling with the able support of Lynne."



PACC's own budding "Jennifer Jones", Lindsay Gagne in full swing with her team at this year's Hutch.

Bye the Sea Bonspiel



What's up.

PACC held the Bye the Sea Bonspiel on the January 16 to 18 weekend. It was another great success. The best news was that there were seven teams from PACC entered which was well above as few as four from our club in past years. Of course this means that there were fewer out of town teams yet it is a popular event and often has a wait list.

Prize money was paid to the top five teams (all from away, just to prove what great hosts we are). Some of our teams played really well but ended up 'just out of the money'.

And the winners were:

- 1st. Isobel Gardner team from Royal City
- 2nd. Diane Jarvos team from Cloverdale
- 3rd. Donna Christian team from Langley
- 4th. Betty Masson team from Gibsons (kudos for being the team from furthest away)
- 5th. Nance Stagg team from Royal City

So some new friends were made, some old acquaintances rekindled and a delicious lunch was enjoyed as the Senior Ladies curled their way through five games over the three days. Great fun was had by all!

Heard a good one lately

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

PACC Jr Curler Wins Juvenile Provincial Title

Sarah Loken, a junior curler at the Peace Arch Curling Club, won the girls Juvenile provincial championships the March 7-8, 2015 weekend in Lake Cowichan.

The Girls' event was won by Team Drexel who went unbeaten throughout the entire event. The rink includes curlers from Cloverdale, Peace Arch and Coquitlam.

Even though they topped their qualification pool, Team Drexel faced a tough fight to make it into the Girls' gold medal game. In their semi-final the rink of skip Heather Drexel, **third Sarah Loken**, second Bailey Burke, lead Catera Park and fifth Kylie Karroway, were forced to play an extra end after their opposition stole two in the eighth.

The final was a more straight forward game as Drexel defeated Prince George's Team Withey 8-2 to claim the gold.

The Drexel Team will now go on to Edmonton to represent the province at the Optimist U18 International Juvenile Curling Championships from April 1-5. There will be teams from Canada, the U.S. and Japan.

Good luck Sarah!



Juvenile Team B.C.
Skip - Heather Drexel (Coquitlam)
3rd - Sarah Loken (Peace Arch)
2nd - Bailey Burke (Cloverdale)
Lead - Catera Park (Coquitlam)
5th - Kylie Karoway (Delta)
Coach - Al Smith (Peace Arch)



Peace Arch Team
Skip - Dawson Ballard
3rd - Gordon Clarkson
2nd - Eric Grant
Lead - David Loken
Coach - Ross Scott

Day of Champions
March 28, 2015

The 2014/15 curling season is coming to an end, playoffs are starting this week and will wind up at our day of champions on Saturday March 28.

Everyone is invited to come down and watch the finals of all of our leagues and enjoy some dinner, drinks and dancing.

Dinner will be provided by **pot luck** so if you want to bring a dish just **contact the office** and let us know what you are bringing.

We need to empty the bar inventory so **lots of drink specials** and music and dancing all night long.

Come on down and celebrate another great season of curling.

The game times are 11am, 2pm, 5pm and 8pm. The bar will open at 12 Noon and supper will be at 6pm.

The schedule of events is to the right.

Your article on league play, bonspiel results, pictures, events, 9th end stories, and excitement of team travels to competitions should be here.

Don't hesitate to send an article in to

Stan @ z1turner@yahoo.ca.

Help make the newsletter better.



Day of Champions
Curling Schedule

11am Draw

Senators Semi-Final

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Tuesday Day Ladies Final

Wednesday Open vs. Saturday Open

2pm Draw

Friday Night Mixed A Final

Friday Night Mixed B Final

Monday Open league A Final

Monday Open league B Final

5pm Draw

Mens A Final - Club Champion

Womens A Final - Club Champion

Senators Final

Mens B Final

8pm Draw

Mens A Final - Club Champion
(if needed)

Mens C Final

Mens D Final

Junior Update

The PACC junior club swelled to great numbers this year! Our Tuesday practices are at capacity with 32 members.

Most of the juniors play in the Optimist Junior Interclub League. Divisions 2 and 3 play thirteen Sundays in Cloverdale. There are four teams in these Divisions and the season will be completed March 8th. Division 1 plays on seven Sundays in Langley. There is one full team and also three other juniors that play on two more teams. Their season wound up in February.

Peace Arch hosted our first ever Junior Bonspiel early in the season. Our new event was sponsored in part by Crown Contracting. Lunch was donated by Panago. We attracted teams from Coquitlam, Cloverdale and Peace Arch. It was a great ice breaking bonspiel! The juniors this year also travelled to Cloverdale, Richmond, North Shore, Coquitlam and Golden Ears. The teams have placed very well, with a winning team in Golden Ears!

Playdown season saw two Juvenile boys teams compete for Zone 3.

Team Ballard: Dawson Ballard, Gordon Clarkson, Eric Grant, David Loken and Branden Reimer.

Team Moore: Ryan Scott played lead.

The Peace Arch players finished in third and fourth place.

On the girls side, PACC had the only entry in our zone. Sarah Loken went with Team Drexel to Lake Cowichan on March 5th to compete in the Provincials and it ended well.



Peace Arch 3: 2nd place
in E block at the Optimist
Junior Interclub Playoffs
March 8th. L-R:

Skip: Andrew Loken
3rd: Preston Ballard
2nd: Jordan Reimer
Lead: Camden Paton

The Juniors would like to thank everyone for their support in pledging for the Walk for Youth (we raised over \$800 for our junior club) and the Optimist Raffle.

A grateful thanks to the Senators who are a great supporter of the junior program. The Senators have created a huge interest through the school program and have formed an additional group which meets on Thursdays with an average of 10 juniors per week coming to learn more about the game. The Senators also donate 50/50 proceeds and even raffled a gift basket during the Ted Anderson spiel and donated the \$130 to our juniors. A special thanks to all the Senators that turn out to work with the juniors on the ice.

And lastly, acknowledgement and thanks to all our coaches! Al Smith, Ross Scott, Ed Holland, and Kevin-Neil Klop who work tirelessly with the kids to help promote a love for the game, and to Susan Loken for her supporting role.



Pictured left: 1st place in D block at the
Optimist Junior Interclub Playoffs March 8th.

L-R: Lead: Brennan Paton
Second: Branden Reimer
Third: Zachary Bell
Skip: Declan Cooper-Smith
Coach: Kevin-Neil Klop

HUTCH SPECIAL
"TURKEY DINNER"

I wish to express my sincere "THANK YOU" to LAURA HARRISON and husband CHRIS, of the Monday Night Curlers.

LAURA gifted me with a full container of CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER with all the trimmings, on the last day of the 2014 HUTCH BONSPIEL. She played Lead for our Team. This was a wonderful surprise for me as I had gone without a Home Cooked Christmas Dinner this season.

I thoroughly enjoyed their generosity on NEW YEARS DAY, and the meal was Delicious !

This thoughtful and generous couple deserve special recognition and it proves to me there are still very wonderful people in this World. I have thanked them personally and by phone, but wish to extend a further thank you so that all members of the PACC will know the quality of members we have with us.

LAURA and CHRIS have become VERY SPECIAL to me.

R. Barry HENDERSON
Peace Arch Senators

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.



High Tides
Open Bonspiel "Results"

The High Tides bonspiel had a few teams from PACC competing to keep the trophy at home.

The competition drew some decent teams with some Provincial level competitors honing their skills before Provincial qualifiers.

Being an Open bonspiel you get the best of the mix as teams emerge with players picked from different clubs. And with the format such that you don't need a true mixed team, just one of the opposite gender, this provides even more competitive flexibility.

The High Tides is a great event and should be on every teams bonspiel list, although you might have to book it early as it is popular.

This year saw PACC in the final as definite underdogs and yet ,with some great shot making from all on the team, they managed to take home the trophy.

The winners were:

A Trophy - Stan Turner, Keith Martin, Lorane Martin, Susan Loken (PACC)

B Trophy - Andrew Forrest Team, VancouverCC

C Trophy - Mike Kavanagh, PACC

The fortunate thing for the Turner rink, they had drawn their final opposition in the 'calcutta' so win or lose they were still going home with money. How good is that?

A shout out to all the curlers, organizers, ice staff, and volunteers for a great event.

Ted Anderson Bonspiel

This Bonspiel was held at PACC from October 31 to November 2, 2014.

Sixteen teams participated - 4 from Chilliwack, 2 from Abbotsford, 3 from Langley, 1 from Coquitlam and 6 from Peace Arch.

Thanks to Bryan Jensen and Bob Power for assembling a team at the last minute so we could have a full slate.

The use of timers at each sheet kept the teams aware of the time constraint and only two games timed out at 7 ends. Time between games of 2 hours 20 minutes worked well. We need to continue with these practices.

The PACC curlers did well to hold their own in this bonspiel. The winners of the bonspiel were:

- 1st – The John Higgins Team – PACC
- 2nd – The Craig Nixon Team – Langley
- 3rd – The Stan Turner Team – PACC
- 4th – The Steve Murray Team – PACC

Rustic Gourmet catered a Sunday lunch of Shepherds pie, salad, buns, Apple Crumble and ice cream.

Ted Anderson's daughter (Leslie) and her husband (Troy) attended the last day of the bonspiel. Leslie donated a raffle prize - bottle of Crown Royal and chocolates. The raffle draw took place at the luncheon with proceeds going to the youth program.

Black Forest restaurant and CJ's sponsor the bonspiel. Black Forest Restaurant and CJ banners were hung at the club, and the score sheet featured their logo. Their sponsorship was acknowledged at the luncheon and we encourage members to do business with both restaurants.

Many thanks to the volunteers and organizers of this event:

- Barry Orr and John Newbury for a successful 50-50 draw.
- Brian Clarke for developing a bonspiel checklist.

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Ted Anderson Bonspiel (cont.)

- David Whittaker for producing the score sheets and general support
- Steve Dudra for a successful bonspiel
- The PACC ice crew for great ice and the PACC hostesses for refreshments in the lounge.

This space is reserved
for your article; this is
your club, so make an
effort to contribute!
Thank you.