

“What’s on Ice”

Peace Arch Curling Club
Newsletter – November 2015

From the Editor



Dear PACC Member,

Peace Arch Curling Club is in a time of transition.

Our long standing President, Ross Scott, has stepped down at the end of his current term, ending November 1, 2015.

Ross served PACC well since taking on the job of President back in 2010. Over these years, PACC went through some large changes adjusting to: the new building, the debt that came with it, additional service and common area costs, and a membership that needed revival.

When you see Ross, please thank him for his dedication and energy and the great contribution he has made to PACC.

Ross can now get to some of the things that he must have missed while serving the PACC community well.

Looking forward, PACC needs dedicated and resourceful people without which the curling club as we know it may not survive.

Volunteers are needed to bring new ideas and new energy to PACC to ensure that we can all enjoy curling for years to come.

The next PACC Board meeting is November 16th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for this meeting and plan to attend. Make the choice to make a difference.

Remember, it is not what your curling club can do for you, it is what you can do for your curling club.

That PACC Board meeting again is November 16th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Daytime Curling

There are still sheets of ice available at PACC throughout the day. This means most week days and Saturday.

Given that PACC is always interested in using the ice facilities optimally, this means PACC has room for a few more curlers.

Talk to your friends and neighbours on every occasion possible to get them interested in curling. It is a great sport for the winter and helps to pass what might otherwise be a dreary day inside.

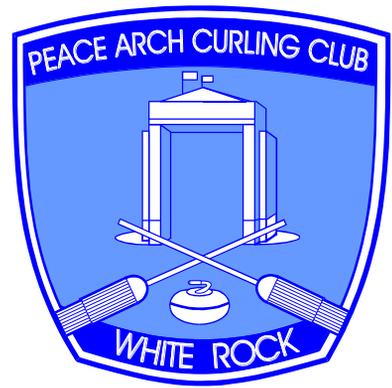
They can join an existing league or we can create a new league given sufficient numbers. PACC will organize the teams, so feel free to encourage them to join as individuals.

The weekday leagues have a lot of Seniors, so if you are Senior you will fit right in. There are also Juniors before and after school, so get the kids involved too.

Win a pint of Beer!

Does anyone want to win a pint of beer this year? Let me know you've read this newsletter, and your name will be entered into a draw to win a pint of beer, or a glass of wine – your choice. Send a quick note with your name to z1turner@yahoo.ca with the Subject: I read Issue 3.

Cost of Credit



PCMCA Zone 2 Champs

Who is Next?

Peace Arch Curling Club can be proud of their achievements. The Board strives hard to make the club work effectively and efficiently. The members are upbeat and actively take part in club activities.

Given this the club is working. Yet costs are always a factor. Does the current budget make ends meet? Can the expenses be paid on time with existing cash flow? Will the league fees have to go up to meet rising costs?

Can each member play an active part in helping to keep costs down?

The answer to this is a resounding "YES". When purchasing anything from league fees, to equipment, to drinks at the bar, use cash or debit PLEASE.

We all know that 'credit cards' give air miles or points. But did you know that those air miles or points cost PACC over \$3400 in credit card charges in 2015.

Remember, cash or debit really is better. Don't be selfish, and maybe PACC won't have to raise league fees.

Bartenders Wanted for 2015-16 Season

The Peace Arch Curling Club is looking for a bartender to work weekday evenings, 7 to 12 pm, in the lounge of the curling club. There will be some weekend work for events too.

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

Do you want to represent Zone 2 in the BC Provincial PCMCA event in Kelowna from March 15-18, 2016?

A hastily formed PACC Senior Mixed team won last year's PCMCA Zone 2 Senior Mixed 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 this year.

The Mixed and Women's event will again join the Men's Provincial event on the PCMCA calendar in March 2016. This means that 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 made up of North Island, South Island, Greater Vancouver, and Fraser Valley, and then four in the BCIMCA made up of West Kootenay, East Kootenay, South Okanagan and North Okanagan.

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/Winter 2015



Nov. 16 to 19 Day Leagues Bonspiel

- **Sponsor: Bathfitters**
- Chair – Bryan Jensen and Jenny Fitzharris

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

- **Sponsor: Splashes**
- Chair – John Bogar and Larry Dyok

Dec. 28 to 29 Hutch Bonspiel

- Chair – Bryan Jensen

Jan. 15 to 17 Sr. Ladies Bonspiel - Bye the Sea

- Title Sponsor: Solaj Wellness Centre**
- Sponsor: Peninsula Retirement Homes**
- Chair – Lorane Martin

Feb. 25 to 28 Men's 'Hunter Open' Bonspiel

- Title Sponsor: Barnes Wheaton GM**
- Chair – Ross Scott

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

Junior Update

Peace Arch junior Sarah Loken and her team are entering the playdowns in Port Moody the week of November 16th, so give her and the team your support.

Good curling and best of luck to the team.

PACC Events - Current Calendar 2015 Snapshot

Nov. 16 to 19 Day leagues bonspiel
The best mixed social of the year.

Nov. 27 to 29 Mixed/Open Bonspiel –
High Tides

November 29 **Greycup Party – come one come all; it will be funtastic!**
FREE to attend, drink specials, food, games, and tons of fun. Plan to be here and bring your friends. It is the best Greycup Party!

Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 Christmas Break –
Office closed

***Merry Christmas ***

& ***Happy New Year***!

Dec. 28 to 29 Hutch Bonspiel
This bonspiel is good fun so be sure to sign up early.

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 Outgoing President”

November 1st, 2015

Dear Members,

The 2015 season continued with the club continuing to grow and develop curling in White Rock. The club was able to fill most nights and created a novice league to supplement Wednesday night single draw. The Master's leagues remained stable and they are working hard to continue to grow their leagues. Discussions with the City of White Rock remain ongoing as we are continuing to find solutions to repay our loans and debt. Our club is dependent on volunteers for running successful events. Every league runs a bonspiel and needs curlers to help out. There are many ways to help out: 50/50, sign up, decorations, press, advertisement, draws, team recruitment ... Just ask and a job can be found to make our events fun and profitable.

PACC hosted a men's playdown event and a Provincial Mixed doubles event. Many curlers were trained as time keepers for this event. It was an exciting event and remains a possible type of curling that we could develop at Peace Arch with our youth curlers. Luckily during the mixed doubles we had our AED device installed as a curler had a heart attack on the ice. Della Bird and others were successful in restarting the curler's heart and he survived.

The Junior program continued to grow at Peace Arch. We had two groups learning to curl on separate days. We had players compete in the Juvenile Playdowns. Sarah Loken, of team Drexel, won and became BC Champions.

Coaches are always needed especially



for teams wanting to participate in the Optimist Junior Interclub league hosted at Cloverdale.

The Board was committed to improvements in the overall feel of the club. Fundraising events such as the Grey Cup/Superbowl pools, donations from Wednesday Night ladies and Day Ladies Leagues contributed to the installation of the far end cameras and TV's. The TV's will be able to show sporting events when curling games are not on. The on ice heaters were replaced since it was discovered that they were not the correct type for cold areas. Our fundraising efforts need to be increased to lower our liabilities. We still have a lot of rock handles to be sold which could generate enough money to lower our debt levels. All donations can be made to the sports trust fund and tax receipts would be provided. It remains a significant potential income source. Future goals could be furniture, a carpet runner in the back, as well as a new ice scraper.

Fundraising remains integral to the functioning of PACC. We still have our mortgage, loan from the city, as well as other liabilities owed to the city for common area costs and hydro payments.

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The President's Letter (cont'd)

The board has appointed two members to investigate (Stan Turner; John Bogar) how the PACC can modify its relationship with the city. Currently the City of White Rock has been unwilling to accept our proposals for a change in the amount of extra costs we are charged: cleaning of common area, washrooms, etc. The building is very expensive to run for such a new complex. The main goal is to create an equitable relationship that protects curling in White Rock.

As reported on the last year on our website, our manager Kent Bird accepted a contract with the Abbotsford curling club. As part of his contract he is allowed to have other business opportunities, therefore, his contract was modified at the end of the season. Della Bird took over day to day office operations and Kent's company remains to provide managerial services and ice services. The board will have to evaluate whether the new relationship will continue to benefit the club or a new management team will be needed.

Semiahmo Hockey proposal for a take-over of PACC has resurfaced again. The city staff prepared a report that recommended status quo for the Centre of Active Living. The city council directed staff to look at expanding centennial arena to allow for more ice time for hockey or some type of shared ice surface. Our physical plant is not designed for maintaining ice for hockey, as well as hockey ice is very different than curling ice. The shared use of the facility would only degrade curling in White Rock.

Since 2009 I have served on the Board of Directors for the Peace Arch Curling Club.



For 5 of those years I have sat as President and had the opportunity and pleasure to serve with many dedicated individuals who truly love this club and the sport of curling. I have learned a lot about management, politics, financial statements, and accounting during my tenure. Of course the period has not been without challenges, but what has remained consistent has been the support of members and associate members during the changes that have occurred in this club. We have rebounded and continue to grow as part of the White Rock/South Surrey community. I am leaving the board in good hands and will continue to provide my advice as we continue to improve the club and its financial position.

Submitted on behalf of the board,

Ross Scott, PACC President

Thank-you Ross, for all your efforts leading PACC over the past five years.

- From the members.

PCMCA Zone 2

Looking for Women



Waas-up PACC

Do you realize that the PCMCA, the Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association, is again having women's bonspiels in all the Zones to determine a Women's Zone representative team to go to the Provincial finals being held in Kelowna, B.C.

The PCMCA has rewritten their charter this year to ensure that from 2015 on, 'Masters' refers to both men and women.

There are a lot of organizational changes that come with this move, and the good thing is, the changes were embraced wholeheartedly by the PCMCA executive and the members.

For the future, the PCMCA is trying to coordinate more Senior women's inter-club bonspiels as well.

If you like fantastic fun bonspiels, and possibly having some of your expenses paid if you represent your Zone at the Provincial level, you definitely want to look into membership in the PCMCA. Then get into the PCMCA Ladies Zone 2 bonspiel. There will be a Zone 2 Senior Mixed bonspiel as well.

The Senior Ladies Zone 2 bonspiel is being held in Langley from January 21-23, 2016. The winner represents Zone 2 in Tunnel Town in early February.

For complete news on this years PCMCA event, go to <http://www.curlbc.ca/competitions/bonspiel-calendar/master-womens-bonspiel-calendar/>

Make a splash!

This newsletter is looking for you to send in articles, team updates, league winners, bonspiel insight and results, and of course a good clean joke, so submit an article to z1turner@yahoo.ca and receive a huge 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

Put the bug in someone's ear to have their event at Peace Arch Curling Club (PACC).
Get them to call 604-531-0244.

*Kudos for helping direct
business to PACC.*

- your friendly Board Members

Bonspiel Calendar Fall/Winter 2015-16

PCMCA Master Men's

Name	Location	Start date	End date
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
Cloverdale Master Men 60+ Spiel	Cloverdale CC	4-Jan-16	6-Jan-16
Esquimalt (PCMCA)	Esquimalt CC	5-Jan-16	8-Jan-16
Qualicum Men's Masters 55+	Qualicum CC	8-Jan-16	10-Jan-16
Oceanside Master's Open	Parksville CC	8-Jan-16	10-Jan-16
55+ Marpole (PCMCA) – closed	Marpole CC	11-Jan-16	13-Jan-16
Mission Men's Master's	Mission Granite CC	15-Jan-16	17-Jan-16
Guy Philip (PCMCA) 60+ Spiel	Mission Granite CC	22-Jan-16	24-Jan-16
Graham Donaldson (PCMCA) 70+ Spiel	Mission Granite CC	22-Jan-16	24-Jan-16
Victoria Master's Men's	Victoria CC	26-Jan-16	29-Jan-16
60+ Playdown (PCMCA)	Tunnel Town CC	1-Feb-16	4-Feb-16
Cloverdale Master Men 70+ Spiel	Cloverdale CC	8-Feb-16	10-Feb-16
Glen Meadows PCMCA	Glen Meadows CC	9-Feb-16	12-Feb-16
80+ Tunnel Town (PCMCA) – open	Tunnel Town CC	15-Feb-16	16-Feb-16
60+ Squamish (PCMCA) – open	Howe Sound CC	22-Feb-16	22-Feb-16
Delta Thistle Men's Masters	Delta Thistle CC	29-Feb-16	2-Mar-16
Nanaimo Stick Spiel	Nanaimo CC	10-Mar-16	12-Mar-16
Country Grocer Senior Men's Bonspiel	Esquimalt CC	10-Mar-16	11-Mar-16
55+ Gibsons (PCMCA) – open	Gibsons CC	14-Mar-16	16-Mar-16

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.

PCMCA Master Women's

Name	Location	Start date	End date
PCMCA Zone 2 Bonspiel	Langley CC	21-Jan-16	23-Jan-16
PCMCA Playdown	Tunnel Town CC	2-Feb-16	5-Feb-16
BCIMCA Ladies Playdown	Armstrong CC	20-Feb-16	21-Feb-16
PCMCA/BCIMCA Provincials	Kelowna CC	15-Mar-16	18-Mar-16

Photographers

Needed!

How sweet would it be if your friends saw themselves in the next newsletter simply because you cared enough to take their picture and send it in to

z1turner@yahoo.ca

Add a caption and the names of your 'models' and it would be really sweet.

Many thanks.

New Ice Monitors

Don't you just love technology. By now you must have viewed the 'far house' on the new screens. The view that brings the 'truth' to life and puts you right into the game. I would bet the cool drink you had even tasted more satisfying because the view was worth it.

The monitors have been installed for a dual purpose. They can monitor the far house as well as provide live T.V. coverage. That is the reason that the monitors are set up the way they are set up. As you know horizontal viewing of the far house does something to your viewing brain, but at least you can comprehend it.

Imagine the monitors turned for vertical viewing, and the poor guy trying to watch live T.V. with his head cranked so far his neck needs a permanent brace.

So, the monitors are the way they are for a reason, so please get use to viewing them that way. Thank you.



Ice Mice Bonspiel

This is likely the best run bonspiel at PACC. The ladies that put on this bonspiel should be extremely proud of their event which has been a success for a number of years.

Look for results from the bonspiel in the next issue, hopefully with pictures, as there were no details by press time for this issue.

Clinics to hone your Skills?

Are you interested in an intermediate clinic ?

Would you like to refine your delivery, learn the true art of sweeping, understand the finesse of high level curling, then maybe a clinic is what you need.

PACC can provide such a clinic. There are expert coaches available for group sessions at \$55/hr. If you are interested, your name can be added to the next clinic.

Please let the front office know or reach Della or Susan at PACC@shaw.ca

PACC Senior Men's
'Ted Anderson Memorial' Bonspiel



The bonspiel was well run with Bryon Jensen at the helm. John Newbury and Barrie Orr handled prizes and 50/50 draws. Steve Dudra was the drawmaster and he made use of a newly automated program to make the draw much easier. The event was full with 16 teams, five of them representing PACC. When the final rock had been thrown, PACC had clearly shown the valley teams there is a curling fortress here in White Rock.

The teams and standings are given to the right.

Leslie Anderson, Ted Anderson's daughter, presented the trophy to Team Turner, pictured below (left to right): Skip Stan Turner, 3rd Terry Peel, 2nd Laurie Hearn, and Lead Ken Trask.

The top three teams were all from Peace Arch:

1st Place – PACC - Skip: Stan Turner, 3rd: Terry Peel, 2nd: Laurie Hearn, Lead: Ken Trask

2nd Place – PACC - Skip: Bernie Meier, 3rd: Ralph Chernenkoff, 2nd: Bryan Jensen, Lead: Ed Wlad

3rd Place – PACC - Skip: Steve Murray, 3rd: Cliff Mason/Gaston Essiambre, 2nd: Don D. Cameron, Lead: Rick Backman

4th Place – Abbotsford – Jim Anderson team.



Ted Anderson Memorial Bonspiel
November, 2015