

The Backline



... a newsletter for the members of the Vancouver Curling Club

Crowning our Champions ...

As the 2007/08 season is coming to a close, it means a number of exciting events at the club in the months of March and April. And it also means teams representing the VCC at events throughout the province.

The results and achievements of VCC teams at these local and provincial speils are highlighted in this month's newsletter.

However, I'd like to start things off with the results of our end-of-season Club Championships. With representatives from almost all of our club's leagues taking part in the 24-team draw, this year's exciting edition of the VCC Club Championships took place from March 31 to April 3.

And the winning team came from the Sunday Open League.

Congratulations go out to our 2008 Club Champions: Team Macdonald. The team (pictured left to right above) features the father & son combination of Doug & Hamish Macdonald, Jan Bos (who threw last stones with a stick after his recent knee surgery) and Victoria Grey.

Team Macdonald defeated Team Rowland (from Thursday Open) in a great final game.

And the event's spirited competition also saw Team Kipp (of the PRCL) capture the B event. Team Kipp includes (pictured left to right below): Micheal Work, Kelly Kipp, Jack Holmes and Eric Bond.



Our final event of the 2007/08 season at the VCC is our Annual General Meeting, taking place at the club at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 24th. All members are invited to read more details inside and then attend the AGM.

Sincerely,

Pat McSherry
President, VCC Board of Directors

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Year-End Events and 2007/08 AGM ...

Now that all of the club's on-ice curling activities are concluded, all of the membership is reminded about the upcoming year-end events at the club.

Thursday, April 24 features three special events at the VCC: the club's Annual General Meeting, our annual Volunteers BBQ and the season-ending League Reps meeting.

Our annual **Volunteers BBQ** takes place on April 24th, starting at 5:30pm. It is a chance to celebrate and thank the contributions of the many volunteers who help ensure the continued success of the VCC.

The season-ending **League Reps Meeting** will take place on April 24th from 6-7:15pm.

And an event that is open to all members of the VCC is our **Annual General Meeting**. The VCC is a membership-driven organization so if you would like to contribute to the growth and development of the club, please attend our upcoming AGM and also consider putting your name forward to be elected to the Board of Directors.

If you have any questions about the upcoming AGM, please do not hesitate to contact the club president, Pat McSherry, at president@vancouvercurlingclub.com.

Masters Champs ...

The VCC's own **Martin Rink** represented Zone #11 at the BC Masters Men's Provincial Curling Championships in Revelstoke from March 12-15.

The team finished the round-robin tied for fourth place and lost the tie-breaker to finish in 5th place. Congratulations to the Martin Rink for all of their successes during the 2007/08 season.

Team members include: Gerry Martin (skip), Irwin "Shorty" Sellars (third), Jim Foffinoff (second), Ken Grahame (lead), Gary Dunnet (fifth) and Owen Thomas (coach).

BC Winter Games ...

The VCC Juvenile Men's Team - **Team Lao** - won the right to represent Zone 5 (Vancouver-Squamish) at the 2008 BC Winter Games. Team Lao traveled to Kimberley and Cranbrook on February 21-24 to challenge the province. The team came in 4th place, which is a great accomplishment.

Congratulations to Team Lao, which includes: Aaron Lau, Daniel Busto, Nicolas Martin and Alvin Lao with Coach Gary Lubin.



Team Lao in action at the BC Winter Games

Big Wins for Women's Centre ...

The recent **2008 Barry Naimark Charity Skins Bonspiel** was a great success on and off the ice. 32 teams took part and there was some great curling to be seen at the VCC from March 6-9, 2008.

While the event winners are featured on the right, the skins' biggest winner was the **Downtown Eastside Women's Centre** (DEWC).



Having just celebrated their 30th anniversary, the DEWC provides a comfortable, safe drop-in centre and a social space & facility for women and children on the downtown eastside of Vancouver, and 2008 marked the second of two years support from the VCC.

The VCC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that over \$3200 was raised from the 2008 Barry Naimark Charity Skins Bonspiel and will be donated to the DEWC. The funds were generated via almost \$2000 in cash donations from sponsors (who are listed on the following page) and over \$1200 was raised in the raffle, 50/50, event fees and the mini-bonspiel event.

The 2008 Charity Skins Spiel received many kudos from the participants. In addition to the exciting action on the ice, the entertainment on Saturday night of the "mini-mini" bonspiel (table curling) was a great success. And a successful event is not possible without the hard work of the **volunteer Organizing Committee**. Led by Kathy McInnes, the entire committee deserves a round of applause for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations and thank you to: Bev Bryck, Wilma Chang, Dianne Petrant, Eric Helgren, Rob Hodgins, Pat McSherry and Thomas Lutes.

2008 Barry Naimark Charity Skins Event Winners

(winning teams pictured with VCC President Pat McSherry)



A Event Winners:
Team Kuhlmann



B Event Winners:
Team Peckham



C Event Winners:
Team Peachey

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Big Wins (cont'd) ...

In addition to all the work that the Organizing Committee undertook leading up to and during the event, the 2008 Charity Skins also relied on a strong event volunteer team. Special thanks to the following volunteers who made this year's event a resounding success: Bill Burrell, Bruce Davy, Mary Wrean, Lloyd Wrean, Barbara Olson, Noni Hutchinson, Elaine Rolston, Corry Koster, Kathy Willey, Jane Williams, Barbara Lockyer, Barbara Sutherland, Carol Kent, Anne Williams, Marg Shugg, and Kym Neutel.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to and participated in the 2008 Charity Skins. We're looking forward to another successful event in 2009.

2008 Barry Naimark Charity Skins Event Winners

(winning teams pictured with VCC President Pat McSherry)



D Event Winners:
Team Faa

Charity Skins Donations

Donations are crucial to the success of the Barry Naimark Charity Skins Bonspiel, so thank you to the following individuals or companies who donated money for the event:

Vancouver Ladies Curling League, Dan Robertson, Team Telus Cares, Murray James of the Silver Shop, Inventure Solutions (a division of Vancity), Pierre Gallant, Morrison Hershfield Consulting Engineers, Musson Catell Mackey Architects, and Wolrige Mahon Chartered Accountants.

The following individuals or companies donated prizes for the event:

Bev Bryck, Ken MacDonald, Dianne Petrant (of Sutton WestCoast Realty), Rick Vandebeld, Onkar Bains, Telus, Arts Club Theatre, The VSO, Vancouver Giants, BC Lions, On the Rocks Curling Store, Original Basket Boutique, Fresh Flavours Homemade Food Products, News 1130, Maxxium Canada, OOCL, Pacific Newspaper Group, BC Sports Hall of Fame, Troll's Restaurant, Electronic Arts, and River Rock Casino Resort.

The following companies donated services for the event:

Applied Audio Systems and Vancouver Curling Club

BC Club Challenge Tests VCC Teams...

Following month-long internal playdowns, the Vancouver Curling Club had two teams recently represent the club at the BC Club Challenge. In its 10th year, the BC Club Challenge is a championship event that is organized with a focus on the grass roots of curling – club curlers. And this year's event took place at the Richmond Curling Club from April 11-13.

In the women's division, **Team Bourque** won the right to represent the VCC and placed 4th in their pool.

Team Bourque includes: Danielle Bourque, Dianne Petrant, Rachel Gould, Yolanda Bouwman, and Pat McSherry.

In the men's division, **Team Tully** won the VCC's hard-fought internal playdowns and went on to finish in a 3-way tie for 3rd in their pool at the Club Challenge.

Team Tully includes: Brock Tully, Andrew Gray, Sean Ramsay and Ron McKay.



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Upcoming Events ...

The 2007-2008 season is coming a close...

Monday, April 14

Ice is removed for the season at the VCC

Thursday, April 24

Volunteers' Barbeque, League Reps Meeting & Annual General Meeting

For more information on any of the events scheduled at the VCC, please contact the Club Manager - Ken MacDonald - at 604-872-0122 or manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com.



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