

The Backline



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

Looking to the Future - Have Your Say

In September 2011, the Vancouver Curling Club is expected to have a new home – a state of the art eight sheet curling facility in the Hillcrest Riley Park Community Centre.

This is an exciting time for our club. I know that each of us have fond memories of our current building, both on and off the ice. I'm also certain that we are all excited about our brilliant future ahead in a brand new curling club.

In anticipation of our move, your Board of Directors has been working on a plan to transition our club from our current location into the new eight-sheet curling venue.

This process began in the summer when the Board of Directors held a series of meetings to create our

Business Plan Principles - principles that will form the foundation of a formal Business Plan.

This fall we held two forums with your League Representatives to debate the Business Plan Principles and obtain their input, and now it's your turn.

Please visit the club's website to read the Business Plan Principles: vancouvercurlingclub.com/legacy.

Your suggestions, thoughts and questions are welcomed to help complete the final version of the Business Plan Principles that will be presented at the AGM for approval by the membership.

All VCC members are invited to one of two **Town Hall Meetings**. Each meeting will be an open forum for everyone to ask questions and make comments.

The meetings are on Wed, Feb 18 and Tues, Feb 24 at the club.

If you are unable to attend either Town Hall Meeting, you can still contribute. Please send your questions and comments on the Business Plan Principles to legacy@vancouvercurlingclub.com before March 1, 2009.

It's your curling club... have your say.

Regards,
Scott Allen, VCC President

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Celebrate Sandra Schmirler on Feb. 14 ...



The VCC's annual Sandra Schmirler Tribute Day will be held on Saturday, February 14.

The Sandra Schmirler Tribute Day is a chance for members to bring friends and family to try curling

Entry to the club on the day is by donation, and all funds raised go towards the **Sandra Schmirler Foundation** - whose mission is "caring for babies in crisis through direct giving to neonatal care across Canada."

Come on out for a great day of activity, curling action and good times -- and all in support of a good cause.

Sandra Schmirler Tribute Day Schedule

10 am - 12 pm -- VCC is open to the public for club tour and on ice trial.

Refreshments will be served (coffee/tea, etc).

Members of the Special Events and Education Committees will be on hand to assist with on ice demonstration to those who wish to try.

12 - 2 pm -- Open ice will be available for VCC members.

The Club Challenge begins that day so visitors will have an opportunity to watch exciting live curling.

Do you want to represent the VCC ?

Starting in February, you can have a chance to represent the VCC at the **BC Club Challenge**.

The VCC supports the **BC Club Challenge** by providing a playdown opportunity for VCC members to qualify for the Mainland Division of the BC Club Challenge. The Challenge is an event focused on providing "curlers that support club leagues on a regular basis ... with a major venue to compare their skills against other curling clubs."

There are two divisions – men's and women's - and the Team Eligibility for each division is governed by the **BC Club Challenge Rules of Eligibility**.

Teams wishing to represent the VCC will need to be available to play in elimination games at the VCC throughout February and March (the first day of play will be on our Sandra Schmirler Tribute Day - Feb. 14).

Interested teams must register by midnight on Sunday, Feb 8, 2009 – no late entries will be accepted. The \$40 team registration is to be placed with the Club Manager, and each registration must include the names of the team members and the VCC League that the team plays in.

Complete event details are available online at the **VCC website**. If you have any questions, or you would like to register your team, please contact the club manager at manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com or 604.874.0122.



Vancouver Venue Opens its Doors ...

Vancouver Olympic / Paralympic Centre Opening Celebration

4575 Clancy Loranger Way, off of Midlothian Avenue

Thursday, February 19 from 5-8pm

Be part of a fun-filled, family celebration at the opening of the official 2010 Winter Games curling venue. Entertainment, great prizes and giveaways throughout the evening. Free admission.

More information at vancouverparks.ca



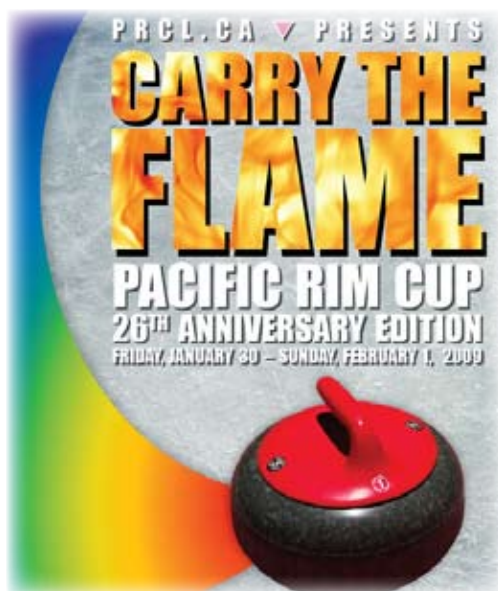
Want to be a VCC Champion?

The **VCC Mixed Doubles Championship** takes place on Saturday, February 21.

The one-day event will feature four-end games and follow the rules established by the World Curling Federation (WCF). There will be a round-robin format followed by an elimination round to determine the VCC Mixed Doubles Champions.

Each team must be comprised of one male and one female curler. The entry fee is \$25/person, and all the funds raised will be part of the VCC's donation to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation.

The event is capped at 16 teams so be sure to secure your potential partner now and then sign up for the VCC Mixed Doubles Championship by contacting the club manager at manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com or 604.874.0122.



PacRim Cup ...

On January 30 to February 1, the Pacific Rim Curling League will be holding its **XXVI Pac Rim Cup bonspiel!** The 32-team draw is full with a waiting list for teams and individuals.

Teams will be traveling to Vancouver from across Canada and the United States so VCC members are invited to come out to watch the games.

The bonspiel starts Friday afternoon at 5pm with the finals scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Registration is open for the Charity Skins ...

The Vancouver Curling Club is pleased to host our **13th annual Barry Naimark Charity Skins Bonspiel** on March 12-15, 2009.

The Barry Naimark Charity Skins Bonspiel is an opportunity for curlers to play the game they love, have fun with their friends and meet other members, and raise funds for charity as all monies raised by the event are donated to a charity pre-approved by our Board of Directors.

This year's charity is Talitha Koum House, which is a spiritual house of healing for women in conflict with society.

Event Date -- March 12-15, 2009

Entry Fee -- \$260 / team (\$65 deposit)

32 Team Limit -- so be sure to register early

More information -- check out vancouvercurlingclub.com/skins

To Register -- complete the registration form and drop it (and your deposit) off at the manager's office.

Any questions -- contact the club manager at manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com or 604.874.0122.

The Joy of Learning ...

Ken MacDonald

On Saturday, January 10th, a group of almost 30 athletes participated in the VCC Mid-season Intermediate Skills Clinic.

The range in skill in this type of clinic can be quite wide and all that was expected of participants was the desire to learn new information in order to become better curlers.

The first half of the day was spent on the ice as participants covered items such as: reading the ice, calling sweeping for line, line of delivery, sweeping communication to house, effective sweeping, line of delivery and rock juggling. Both self-analysis and videotape analysis were used to help improve everyone's recognition, skill and ability.

After all of the on-ice sessions were completed, the group sat down to start talking about Tactics and Strategies. In order to complete this task, two of the best teams in BC were invited to play a game in front of the group. During odd ends, the group discussed questions that would lead them to a basic understanding of what tactics and strategy were and how they are used in a game. With some excellent shots being made by both teams and some strong strategies in play, the group was able to achieve some excellent discussion.

All in all, the clinic day was very packed and the group did well to take in a lot of information in a short period of time. I look forward to seeing even better curling in the VCC as a result of clinics like this.



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Do you want to connect at the club ?

Do you have a laptop? Do you want to get to the club early ... maybe beat the traffic and enjoy a bite to eat before your game? Well, the VCC has a WiFi connection at the club and all members are welcome to surf the 'net or check your email the next time you are at the club.

When you establish your WiFi connection, the password is 6048740122.

And please note that the club is not able to assist with any access difficulties.

Upcoming Events ...

The second half of the season is upon us and there many exciting events happening at the club in 2009:

Friday, Jan. 30 to Sunday, Feb. 1

Pacific Rim Cup Bonspiel

Saturday, Feb. 14

- Sandra Schmirler Tribute Day (Open House)
- VCC Playdowns begin for the BC Club Challenge

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Town Hall Meeting - Legacy Facility Business Plan Principles

Saturday, Feb. 21

Mixed Doubles Championships (VCC Members only)

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Town Hall Meeting - Legacy Facility Business Plan Principles

Sunday Mar 1

Deadline for online submissions for Legacy Facility Business Plan Principles

Thursday, Mar. 12 to Sunday, Mar. 15

Barry Naimark Charity Skins Bonspiel

Sunday, Mar. 29

Last day of league curling - 2nd half

Monday, Mar. 30 to Thursday, Apr. 2

VCC Championship (VCC Members only)

Thursday, Apr. 2

Past Presidents' and Honourary Life Members' Dinner

Thursday, Apr. 23

Volunteers' Barbecue, League Reps Meeting & Annual General Meeting

More details for all of the above events can be found on the club's website at:

www.vancouvercurlingclub.com/EventSummary

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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