



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

## Closing out the season ...

As the summer weather is now upon us, the ice has been removed from the club and the VCC is now closed for the season. This season-ending newsletter is intended to provide the VCC membership with key updates for the 2009-10 season and more.

### 2009-10 Calendar of Events

One of the main changes for the upcoming season is the club's curling calendar. The 2009-2010 season will be a little different than normal due to the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games that will unfold in our backyard... in the Vancouver Olympic / Paralympic Centre.

Such a big event taking place right beside our club, though, will have an impact on our 2009-2010 season.

We expect next season's key calendar dates will be as follows:  
League Play starts... Sept 13/09  
Holiday Break... Dec 23/09 to Jan 2/10  
League Play hiatus... Feb 8/10 to Mar 2nd/10  
League Play finishes... Apr 11/10

The reason for the league play hiatus is due to the logistical impact on the neighbourhood surrounding the club.

From February 8th to March 2nd, there will be road closures, traffic flow changes, restricted access to our club plus many of our club members volunteering with the Games. We have confirmed with VANOC staff that the impact of the Paralympic Games will be less than during the Olympic event.

A number of our members have already been inside the facility as

volunteers or spectators during the 2009 World Wheelchair and World Junior Curling Championships. Like them, we will get a chance to rub shoulders with curlers and spectators from around the world next February and March.

Overall, members can be assured that every league will still have the opportunity to have the same number of weeks of curling.

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## Closing out 2008-09 and Looking ahead to 2009-10 ...

Some of our club's special events may move from their traditional dates but the Board of Directors intends to offer our regular schedule of events. Once planning for the 2009-2010 season is complete, the final calendar details will be placed on the club's website during the summer.

### Volunteers of the Year

The Board of Directors was pleased to acknowledge the Vancouver Curling Club's Volunteers of the Year at the 2009 AGM. Nominations are accepted each year, and one male and one female name are selected for their time, effort and dedication to the programs here at the VCC. So our 2008-2009 Volunteers of the Year were:

**Carol Kent** – for her work with the Blind League, and  
**Fred Cleutinx** – for his work with the Junior Program.

### Legacy Levy

During the 2009 AGM, members voted in favour of a Board of Directors' recommendation to establish a legacy fund for the purpose of fund-raising for the required furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) that will be needed for the new facility. The first step of fund-raising begins in the 2009-2010 season with a \$35 / member legacy levy.

Since the 2005 season, club members have been paying a column levy that was established to cover the capital costs for column repairs inside the ice shed. The final payment on this column levy was made during the past season so the club has now completely repaid the loan.

The new \$35 / member Legacy Levy will only be used for the purchase of the furniture, fixture and equipment (FF&E) that will be needed when the club moves into our new facility for the 2011-2012 season. Based on an estimate of 830 members, the new levy will bring in just over \$29,000 during the upcoming season. This amount is most certainly not nearly enough to cover all of the FF&E purchases that will be required but, over a couple of seasons, the club will be able to show financial institutions that we can service debt on any future loans as well as show potential granting agencies that we have matching funds. The overall plan for fundraising for the new facility is part of the Business Plan Principles.

### Business Plan Principles for the New Facility

To help the club prepare for the move to our new facility, the VCC Board of Directors undertook the task of creating a plan for the Legacy Facility during the past season. To answer questions such as: Will current leagues move from this facility into the new one? How will the VCC change as part of a larger Community Centre? What services will the club offer in its new home? How will we fill 8 sheets of curling ice? and more, the Business Plan Principles were created.

These principles represent the culmination of a year's worth of meetings, consultations, draft reports, revised reports and more consultations. The Business Plan Principles were discussed and then accepted at the 2009 AGM. This plan provides the road map for the VCC as we look towards September 2011, which is when the club is expected to have a new home – a state-of-the-art eight-sheet curling facility in the retro-fitted Vancouver Olympic/Paralympic Centre.

## *New Manager Posting*

The VCC has launched the search for a new manager. The Board of Directors has completed an operations and governance review over the first month of its mandate, and is now ready to hire a new manager for the 2009-2010 season and beyond.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Manager will be responsible for the overall management of the VCC including programming, administration, finance, business operations, fundraising initiatives and assisting the Board with strategic planning. The Manager is central to creating a positive atmosphere for members, prospective members and the community.

The Board of Directors has placed the posting on a number of different sites, ranging from the Vancouver Sun and the Province, Working.com and CharityVillage.org to the job boards at Curl BC, Canadian Curling Association, Sport BC, Sport Information Resource Council, and many more.

Members are also encouraged to let their networks know about the posting.

The complete job posting is available by [clicking here](#).

The deadline for applications is June 7, 2009 at 5:00 pm PST.

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## Committee and Board Involvement ...

At the conclusion of the 2009 AGM, a few members signed up for various Board Committees that are crucial to the events, upkeep and oversight of the VCC. The Board would like to thank those individuals for volunteering their time to better the club.

If you are interested in being part of one of the committees, please forward your interest to [president@vancouvercurlingclub.com](mailto:president@vancouvercurlingclub.com).

Members are welcome to contribute towards any of the following seven VCC committees:

- Building
- Education, Youth & Skill Development
- External Affairs
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Membership & Communications
- Special Events & Volunteers

During the 2009 AGM, six individuals put their names forward to donate their time and energy to the Board of Directors.

Elected for three-year terms were:

**Eric Bond** of the PacRim Curling League

**Jen Lucas** of the Thursday Open League

**Hamish Macdonald** of the Sunday Open League

**Dan May** of the Sunday Open League

Elected for a two-year term was:

**Jan Bos** of the Thursday Open League

Elected for a one-year term was:

**Bev Bryck** of the Thursday Open League

These directors join the following existing members of the Board:

Scott Allen, Gary Dunnet, Art Hawkins, Rob Hodgins, Gary Lubin, and Bryan Mathews.

The executive for the Board of Directors is:

President – Scott Allen

Vice-President - Jan Bos

Treasurer – Eric Bond

Secretary – Jen Lucas

## In the Spotlight ...

*In the Spotlight* is where we tell the stories of the VCC - our past, our present and our future - through our members and staff. So if you know of a member who has a great story to share, please email us at [newsletter@vancouvercurlingclub.com](mailto:newsletter@vancouvercurlingclub.com).



### **Dan Robertson**

*is the latest VCC member to be elected as an Honorary Life Member. The membership unanimously approved Dan's selection at the 2009 AGM.*

Dan came to the VCC in 1993-94, and has been a member of the PRCL since he joined the VCC.

When the first Barry Naimark Charity Skins Bonspiel was established in 1997, Dan acted as Co-Chair of this inaugural event. He have been Chair of the event, alone, had he not been out of town during the running of the bonspiel.

Dan then took over the Chair role of the Charity Skins bonspiel for the next number of years. The last time he was chair or co-chair was in 2007 when he co-chaired the event with one of the club's past presidents, Kathy McInnes. And even when Dan as not chairing the event, he has continued to be involved in the event, especially finding sponsors for the Skins 'spiel.

Dan's involvement at the VCC has also seen him give of his time as a Director on the Board.

Outside of the VCC, Dan has volunteered in the larger curling community at events such as the recently-concluded 2009 World Wheelchair and Junior Curling Championship held at our new facilities and 2000 Provincial Mixed Curling Championships (which were held at the VCC and Dan co-chaired the event with Denise Blashko).

The Chair of the 2008-09 Honorary Life Membership Sub-committee, Ron Avery, summed up the decision of the committee in stating that, "Our committee had no difficulty in recommending that [the 2009 nominee] be Dan Robertson".

The other members of the sub-committee were Croft Bain and Arlene Watson. All three committee members are Honorary Life Members, themselves, and most certainly understand what it means to have demonstrated a solid commitment to the Vancouver Curling Club and the sport of curling in general, to have a record of involvement in VCC-sponsored events and to have a commitment to all facets of curling, including fair play, association with other curlers and more.

Congratulations to Dan Robertson on becoming the latest VCC Honorary Life Member – your standing ovation at the 2009 AGM was most deserved.

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## BC Club Challenge Results ...

**Team Carefoot** (made up of skip Sharon Carefoot, third Bev Bryck, second Pat Upper and lead Debby Volbrecht) and **Team Faa** (skip Chris Faa, third Andrew Giles, second Justin Leblanc and lead Jaryn Perkins) competed at the Mainland Division of the BC Club Challenge in April.

Although neither team advanced to the playoffs, they both fared well in their respective round-robin pools (each team experienced hard-fought games and some close losses).

Congratulations to Team Carefoot and Team Faa for their superb representation of the VCC!

## Support Team Canada in 2010 ...

The Board of Directors would like to remind the membership that you can help support Team Canada in 2010.

The Vancouver Curling Club and Canadian Curling Association are partnering on the **Family and Friends Program**.

The program provides accommodation to the families and friends of the two curling teams that will represent Canada in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Getting involved with this program will be a great way

to ensure you have a unique and memorable Olympic experience. You will have the opportunity to get to know the curling athletes and their families/friends that will be coming to Vancouver to support Canada's Teams as they compete for Olympic Gold.

**Please click here** for more information about the Friends and Family Program.



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## 2009-2010 Key Dates ...

The Calendar of Events for 2009-2010 is in the midst of being finalized; however, the key dates will be:

**Sunday, Sept. 13**

First day of league curling

**Wednesday, Dec. 23 to Saturday, Jan. 2**

VCC closed - Happy Holidays!

**Monday, Feb. 8 to Tuesday, Mar. 2**

League hiatus

**Sunday, Apr. 11**

Last day of league curling - 2nd half



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