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**FALL 2016
NEWSLETTER**

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REGISTRATION DATES:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY
5th - CLOSED LABOUR DAY	6th - Proshop & Office open 9-3pm for general registration	7th - Proshop & Office open 9-3pm for general registration	8th - Proshop & Office open 9-3pm for general registration
12th - ALL EVENING LEAGUES @ 6:30	13th - SENIOR MEN, STICK & SENIOR MIXED; from 9-11am	14th - WED AM LADIES @ 9am WED/FRI SENIOR LADIES @ 1:30pm	15th - TUE/THUR AFTERNOON LADIES @ 1:30pm

Mark your Calendar...



SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS....

AGM & MEMBER SOCIAL

On **Friday Sep 16th** at 6:30pm we will be having our AGM followed by a welcome back to the curling season PARTY. Remember, participation in club social events is important to the survival of this curling club. Register & review written reports from 6:30-7. Formal meeting starts promptly at 7pm and will be short and sweet, last year it was 35 minutes, so PLEASE participate.

Club Championship presentations and Member recognitions will take place immediately following the formal meeting.

Golf Tournament

Saturday Sep 24th;
2:30pm shotgun @
Spallumcheen Exec Course
2 person scramble; 9 holes,
\$45/person
Men's - Ladies - Mixed

Dinner & prizes
afterwards
at the curling club.
**Call or email the club
to register**



Start this season by brushing up on your skills

2 night Novice Clinic
for those with no experience or one year of curling under your belt
2 night Intermediate Clinic
for curlers who have curled 2 or more years and wish to upgrade skills

MON SEPT 19 & TUE 20 (both evenings); 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Cost: \$25

Call or email the club to register;
Please arrive at the club by 6:15pm on the 19th

OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18th; noon - 4pm

The idea behind the open house is to get new members into the club. This is a perfect opportunity to bring down perspective new members. There will be instruction provided and it will give those attending a chance to see what the Vernon Curling Club has to offer... **So Bring Out Some Friends!**

LEAGUE START
DATES &
AVAILABLE
PRACTICE ICE

THUR MEN SEP 22
FRI MIXED SEP 23
MON MEN SEP 26
TUE MEN SEP 27
WED LADIES SEP 28

PRACTICE ICE

SEP 19-23 9AM-5PM
SEP 25 NOON-4PM
SEP 26-28 9AM-5PM

DAYTIME & SENIOR START DATES TBD



Managers Report:

Took long enough for our normal Okanagan Summer to come. Now we have to start thinking about next curling season. It was a great summer for doing the renovations to the washrooms and also replacing the shingles on the roof as the weather actually stayed cool throughout. I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Dave Poggemoeller for sticking with me throughout the renovations. It turned into 8 weeks. Also a thanks to Gene Bryant, Mike Watt, Gary Shwaluk and Rick Gallant for their efforts. I hope you like the new look.

Last year we saw an increase in membership. It's nice to see the 30 year old plus people whose children are older or they can't play hockey as much anymore come out and get hooked on curling. I encourage those to bring out their friends to see what they have been missing.

The daytime leagues also saw an increase and a lot of that has to do with the stick. That stick league is really growing and thanks to Phil Culbert for making it happen. Now retired seniors can take up the game of curling with absolutely no curling experience. No need to damage your body anymore, knees, back, shoulders etc.

The Prestige Curling Classic is getting full...Jim Cotter with Johnny Mo and Team Morozumi from Japan will be attending the Mens side along with the usual suspects. Again teams from Korea, Japan, China and the USA will also be attending the Ladies side. Cheryl Bernard and her Olympic Silver Medalist team from 2010 are going to reunite again for this event and have some fun along with last years Canadian Scotties Champions, Chelsea Carey.

Bingyu Wang from China is coming out of retirement with a new team to try for the Olympics. This has always been one of the best spiels where we always have teams trying to get points for the Olympics. The reason it is so good and teams like to come here is because "It's the Vernon Curling Club". We have a Beautiful club with good ice, a warm friendly atmosphere and the best volunteers who help to make it all happen. Again I am asking for your help to ensure it stays the best. Dates are Sep 29-Oct 3. Please email if you are interested in helping out.

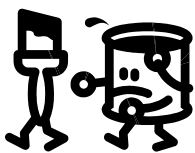
The Prestige Curling Classic cannot happen without sponsorship. Thanks to Prestige Hotels & Resorts and to all the Gold, Silver and Individual team sponsors. The biggest part of our sponsorship is to get 36 companies to each sponsor a team for \$400. It comes with passes to the event, a sponsor appreciation night, advertising on the website and in the event program. I could really use some help in finding these Individual team sponsors. So if you know of someone or a company that you think could help out, I would love to give you our sponsorship package.

I'm really looking forward to this season, drop in anytime to register or buy something in the proshop. I start making ice on Sep 5th.

...Dave

WORK BEE -

Need daytime volunteers to help paint and tidy up the club for the upcoming season.



Things needing to be done...

window washing, dusting counters & tv's, repairing trim, repainting walls in the lounges.

If you have expertise to offer we could certainly use your help. Email the curling club or phone and leave your name & number if you have some time to give from Sep 5-17th.



PRESTIGE HOTELS AND RESORTS CURLING CLASSIC

September 29 - Oct 3; EVENT PASSES \$30 DAY PASSES \$10

Thanks, once again, to Prestige Hotels and Resorts for returning as Title Sponsor, along with all the local sponsors that make this event possible.

The People that really make this event possible are the volunteers... Drivers, Door People, Drawmasters etc... Thank you!

If you have time and would like to help us out that would be great, email or phone the office.

The first draw for the ladies is 5pm Thursday Sep 29th. The first draw for Men is Friday afternoon

We have a great lineup of teams, check out the website. On Saturday Night we are having some live music with the Shawn Lightfoot Band. Members and guests are welcome free after 9pm

STONE'S THROW Café

We are pleased to welcome back Concession Manager Don Eyres and his crew. We are looking forward to enjoying Great Food again!

We tried to stay open in the evenings last season and to be quite honest we lost money. This year we will only be opening Tue, Thu & Fri until the first draw goes on the ice and offer some dinner specials. Will decide if this works and go from there. We will post opening hours. Thank you for your patronage.

Did you know that you receive 25% discount on your second and subsequent league fees?

Did you know we offer snowbird rates for 1/2 season curling?

Did you know we have a Saturday evening drop-in that is FREE for club members and only \$10 for non-members, which includes equipment & instruction?

Did you know we have a very active Junior program on Monday afternoons and Saturday mornings? AND we could always use help if you are interested in working with kids.

Did you know we have a full-service & well-stocked ProShop?

Did you know we offer **VCC bucks** for anybody who brings in a new member? \$30 that can be used at the bar, kitchen or the proshop.

**VCC Proshop
CLEARANCE!**
On ALL Existing Inventory!

20-25% OFF!

Until September 20th

We have a ton of shoes available, in various sizes. These will be blown out at 25% off. Compare online, and you will see that our shoes are the best deal going!

The Pro Shop will be open Sep 6-8th from 9am-3pm; and from Sep 12-16th 9am-3pm.

Saturday Night Drop-In

A continuing effort to try and recruit new members, Saturday night drop-in at a cost of \$10 per person including equipment and instruction. This is a perfect league for you to bring neighbours, co-workers and friends to try the game. So help us out if you can, Members are free and we could use your help with instruction.

Saturday October 15th will be the first session

starting at 6:00pm with a 1/2 hour of instruction followed by a 6:30pm game.

We are actively trying to recruit instructors and people to help these new curlers out.

Please contact the office if you have time available to volunteer.

YOUTH CURLING

Registration - Mon Sep 19 & 26; 3:30-5pm; Bring your curling gear and get going!

Juniors are very important to the future of our club and the game of curling.

LITTLE ROCKERS; AGES 6-9 YRS; \$50;

Mon 3:30-4:30pm & Sat 10-11am
This program introduces the skills and basics of the sport of curling. This age group starts out playing to rings painted halfway down the sheet, to ensure success and enhance enjoyment. Focus is on FUN.



JUNIORS; AGES 10 AND UP; \$75

Mon 3:30-5:30pm & Sat 10am-noon
This program is designed for everyone whether they have curled before or not. Participants are given instruction and provided with on-going support throughout the year in basic delivery, sweeping and strategy of the game.

If you have time to volunteer (no experience necessary) please contact Dave or Chelan Cotter through the curling club

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE - \$75.00 plus GST

Each adult member pays this once every year, regardless of the number of leagues in which they register.

If you are a first-time member, this membership fee is waived for your first year of curling.

The Club Membership Fee includes the Capital Improvement Fee as well as CurlBC Association Dues.

Those members who supported the club with the *SHARE THE LOAD LOAN* will receive a \$25 reduction.

All 60+ Senior daytime men and women are required to pay a \$4 BCIMCA fee

2016-2017 LEAGUE DUES plus GST			Social Fee
Men	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Evenings	\$260	\$5
	Senior Tuesday/Thursday drop-in (10:00am)	\$245 \$125 half season	-
	Friday Senior Competitive (9:00am)	\$160	-
Women	Tuesday/Thursday Afternoon (1:30pm)	\$245 \$125 1-day or half season	\$15
	Wednesday Morning (9:00am)	\$140	\$10
	Wednesday Evening (6:30pm)	\$260	\$17
	Senior Wednesday/Friday Afternoon (1:30pm)	\$245	-
Open	Wednesday Morning Stick League (9:00am)	\$125	-
	Saturday Evening Drop-in (6:00pm)	\$10 / FREE for members	
Mixed	Friday (6:30pm)	\$225	\$5
	Friday Senior 50+ (1:30pm)	\$160	-
Youth	Juniors (10 yrs plus)	\$75	-
	Little Rockers (6 yrs-9 yrs)	\$50	-
Spare		\$75	-

For members wishing to curl 1/2 season, snowbird rates are available

CLUB POLICY... All League Dues MUST be paid in full BEFORE the first game

Team - a team is responsible for registering and paying league dues and Club Membership for 4 players. If a team wishes to register more than 4 players those additional players must pay the Club Membership and league social fees

Registered Team Member - any player who has paid the Club Membership and league social fees and is listed as a player on a specific team is considered a registered team member and can play any position for that team.

Spare - Any person who is not on a registered team must pay the \$75 Club Membership Fee and a \$75 spare fee. This entitles them to spare in any club league, according to that leagues spare rules. A fully paid member in another league may spare in any other Club League at any time for any Team at no extra charge.

Senior Men's Drop-in - All participants must pay the Club Membership Fee to play in this league. They can join the league for \$245 which includes 2 games/week or \$125 for 1 game/week or half a season, or purchase a \$60 punch card for 5 games. The only exception would be an out of town visiting guest who can pay a drop in fee of \$10 for up to 4 games.

Membership Fee - will be waived for curlers joining the Vernon Curling Club for the very first time.

Deferred Payments - payments can be made in 3 installments, postdated cheques for Sept.30, Oct.31 and Nov.30 must be presented at registration. There will be a \$20 surcharge.

Registration

If you were a member last season:

You will receive an email with a member number & password
 Go to www.vernoncurlingclub.com/login/
 Enter member number & password
 Amend personal information if required, click next
 Select your league(s) that you want to play
 Click next, click create form, **PRINT YOUR FORM**

If you are a new member:

Go to www.vernoncurlingclub.com/join/
 Enter your personal information, including email address
 Click next
 Select your league(s) that you want to play in
 Click next
 Click create form, **PRINT YOUR FORM**

Bring your printed form to the VCC when you register

MENS EVENING LEAGUES:

MONDAY: This is a fixed team men's league that curls every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. Teams are divided into two groups to ensure teams play amongst their calibre.

TUESDAY: This is a fixed team men's league that curls every Tuesday night 6:30pm (early draw) and 8:30pm (late draw) alternating. This league is divided into 4 groups to ensure teams play amongst their calibre.

THURSDAY: This is a fixed team men's league that curls every Thursday night at 6:30pm, with an occasional 8:30pm game

LADIES LEAGUES:

TUESDAY/THURSDAY: This is a fixed team league that curls both Tues and Thurs afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Some teams have players sharing the Tue/Thu spot if they wish to only curl once a week.

HI-PRO SPORTSWEAR WEDNESDAY EVENING: This is a fixed team league that curls every Wednesday at 6:30pm with the occasional 8:30pm game.

WEDNESDAY 9 AM: Perfect league for those of you who are looking for a break in your weekly routine, to get back into the game of curling, or discover it for the first time. All ages welcome and all levels of curling ability. Sign up as an individual and teams will be made prior to the start of the season. Latecomers are also welcome. This is a very comfortable, social league.

MIXED LEAGUES:

FRIDAY EVENING: This is a true mixed league. Teams are divided into two groups depending on experience. Teams, couples and individuals welcome. Games at 6:30pm and 8:30pm

SENIOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON: 1:30pm. This league caters to the 50 plus crowd. It is a great social atmosphere and is very popular. Relations with other Senior 'Mixed' Clubs, bonspiels - we host/we participate. All levels of curlers from novice to experienced are welcome. Sign up as an individual, a couple or a team

SENIOR LEAGUES:

MENS TUE/THU DROP IN 10am: This is a drop-in league for senior men 50 and over. We welcome beginner to competitive. 1/2 season available.

MENS FRIDAY MORNING 9am: This is a fixed team competitive league for senior men 50 or over.

LADIES WED/FRI AFTERNOON 1:30pm: Sign up as an individual and teams will be made prior to the start of the season. Can play either Wed or Fri, or both. 1/2 season available.

MIXED FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30pm: see above description.

STICK: This league has ice on Wednesday's from 9am to 1 pm. Teams consist of 2 players. Games will be 6 ends with a break between each game. Open to all players, ages & abilities.

Sparing is also an option in all these leagues.

If you are new to the club and you would like to play in any of these league, complete HELP ME FIND A TEAM, on the website, under the MEMBERSHIP tab

Board of Directors

As we know, things don't change overnight. It takes a commitment on the part of the leaders of a board to make it happen.

The Board enables the organization to successfully and effectively achieve its mission.

The VCC's mission statement reads: The Vernon Curling club provides curling and social activities to people of all ages and abilities in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. You can help, **no experience necessary** and just a small commitment of time.

Contact any of the persons on the current board or speak to Dave. Annually we have a rotation of board members 'retiring'.

Your Current Board: **President:** Guy Morazain; **Vice-President:** Phil Culbert;

Treasurer: Donna O'Dwyer; **Secretary:** Sandra Chester;

Directors: Marvin VanMeter, Dave Poggemoeller, Gene Bryant

Gary Shwaluk, Brock Penner, Kevin Geistlinger, Brad Snyder

New Board Members will be elected at the AGM on September 16th

Mon Men - Ryan Parker

Thu Men - Paul Hunter

Tue Men - Mark Longworth

Fri Senior Men - Ron Heuman

Tue/Thu Senior Men - Alan Erdahl

Ladies Wed Eve - Monica Duncan

Senior Ladies Wed/Fri Aft - Karen Schick

Ladies Tue/Thu Aft - Deb Poggemoeller

Ladies Wed AM - Sandra Chester

Fri 6:30 Mixed - Craig Kellam & John Kerr

Juniors - Chelan Cotter & Jim Cotter

Senior Mixed - Betty Murray

Stick League - Phil Culbert

LEAGUE REPS

CLUB EVENTS

September 12, 6:30pm onwards	REGISTRATION NIGHT
September 16, 6:30pm	AGM & MEMBER SOCIAL
September 18, noon-4pm	OPEN HOUSE, bring out perspective new members
September 19 & 20, 6:30-8:30pm	NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE CLINICS
September 24	VCC Golf Tournament 2:30pm shotgun @ Spallumcheen
September 29-October 3	Prestige Hotels and Resorts Curling Classic
October 21-23	Rick Cotter Memorial Junior Cashspiel
October 28-30	LADIES SILVER STAR BONSPIEL
November 19	STICK SPIEL
December 2-4	CURLBC Ladies playdowns
December 23, 6pm onwards	MERK'S CHRISTMAS DROP-IN
December TBD	2 on 2 SPIEL
January 5-8	MENS OPEN BONSPIEL
January 16-18	SENIOR MENS OPEN BONSPIEL
February 6&7	SENIOR LADIES OPEN BONSPIEL
March 27-30	Club Championships
March 31-April 2	CLOSING MIXED BONSPIEL