



Abbotsford Curling Club Newsletter
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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting for the Abbotsford Curling Club will be held on **Tuesday, September 23 at 7pm.** There will be a complimentary dinner served prior to the meeting for those who pre-register. Please call the office to sign up!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Summer is not over yet, so before we talk curling let's talk about the **Abbotsford Curling Club Golf Tournament.** This year's event will run on September 21 starting at 11am at the Kinchora Golf Course in Chilliwack. Your \$50 entry fee will get you a round of golf, steak dinner and guaranteed prize! What a great way to say farewell to summer and hello to curling – get signed up by calling the curling club office now.

**NEW FACES AT THE ABBOTSFORD
CURLING CLUB**

The Abbotsford Curling Club welcomes **Tracy Sones** to the Manager's chair for the 2008/2009 curling season. Tracy has played Thursday Night Ladies league for many years and began her new role with the curling club on June 1.

The Abbotsford Curling Club also welcomes **BJ Gagnon** as their new ice technician. BJ is looking forward to making great ice for you this season!

**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW
ABOUT LEAGUES...AND MORE!**

The curling club is offering the following leagues for 2008/2009:

Men's: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings

Women's: Tuesday, Thursday evenings

Mixed: Wednesday, Friday evenings

Senior Ladies: Monday afternoons

Master Men's: Monday, Wednesday daytime

Senior Mixed: Thursday mornings

Juniors: Monday afternoons

Farmer's: Wednesday mornings

Special Olympics: Thursday afternoons

New for 2008

Wheelchair Curling: Monday evenings; Wheelchair curling will run in four week

sessions starting on October 20. The league will be open to wheelchair athletes, their family, friends and any others who are interested. Curling in this league will be using the stick only. All members of the club are invited to come out for the "Give It A Go" night on Monday, October 6 from 7:30 to 9pm.

Tuesday Afternoon Ladies: This year there is a new Ladies' League scheduled for 4pm. So far there has been a very positive response and it is filling fast. There is still room for 2 more teams and a couple of individual positions. If you are interested call the Club or contact Barb Birt at (604) 859-3888.

Give Tracy a call at 604-859-9244 and get signed up for the league of your choice today!

NOVICE CLINIC

Are you a new curler, or do you know someone who wants to learn how to curl? Then the Novice Clinic on October 6 and 7 will be something you want to sign up for. The clinic runs over two nights from 6:30pm to 9pm. For more information and to register, please contact Tracy at the office.

FACELIFT – WHAT, NO MORE ORANGE?

Curling season is getting closer, and if you're anything like me, you are anxious for the ice to go in so you can start playing again. But...will you recognize the curling club when you arrive?

The Abbotsford Curling Club has a fresh new look to its exterior thanks to the City of Abbotsford. Goodbye orange, hello tan and red. The building looks great!

Not to be outdone, the interior of the club is also undergoing some changes. Check out the new wheelchair accessible washroom behind Sheet 1 on our lower level. A grant was received through the Rick Hansen Foundation to cover some of the costs of completing this washroom facility.

The pro-shop is also getting a new look, and Tracy is busy getting ready for a "Clean Sweep" of all the items in the pro-shop. A Pro Shop Garage Sale event will be held at the curling club during the following events: golf tournament (Sept 21), AGM night (Sept 23), Early Registration Wine Night (Sept 30), novice clinic dates (Oct 6, 7) and practice ice dates (Oct 8, 9). Head on down to the curling club and get some great prices on all pro shop merchandise! Check out the calendars in this newsletter for more information on those dates.

VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE PARK HERE

Congratulations to Gina Patterson and Sharon Carmichael who are the lucky winners of the VIP parking spots for the

2008/2009 season. Their names were entered into a draw along with all the other members who paid their league fees before July 1. Enjoy your premium parking for the season, ladies!



CLASSIC UPDATE

The Classic Committee is working hard behind the scenes planning the 2008 Wayden Transportation Ladies Grand Slam for November 14 – 17/08. The committee is looking for volunteers to assist with sponsorship activities. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Karen Copeland at waydenclassic@yahoo.ca as soon as possible. The teams have been announced for 2008 and include World Champion Jennifer Jones; Kelly Scott, Shannon Kleibrink, Sherry Middaugh, Sherry Anderson to name a few. To see a complete listing of the teams, go to the Wayden Classic blog at <http://waydengrandslam.blogspot.com/>.

The Committee is also selling tickets to win a cruise for two, with a draw date of September 10, 2008. The tickets cost \$20 each, and only 250 are being sold. Don't miss out on your chance to win, contact Tracy at the office or Karen at the email listed above to get your ticket.

www.abbycurlingclub.com

Check out the revamped Abbotsford Curling Club website. You can get there by visiting the address listed above. Look for photos, sponsor links and lots of new information on the site. We expect to update the site with 2008 information in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Sheldon Kornyk who put a lot of time and energy into creating the new site for the Abbotsford Curling Club. The club is in need of a volunteer to update and maintain the club website throughout the season. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Tracy at the curling club.

Message from the Club President

Submitted by: Lawrence Connolly

A new curling season is not far away. With a new season brings some changes. We will open the curling season on Monday, October 6 for our day leagues. Monday night, October 6, Tuesday night, October 7 and Wednesday night, October 8 will be our learn to curl nights starting at 7:00pm. Thursday October 9 will be for intermediate curlers who want to hone up on their skills. Friday October 10 at 7:00pm, our Friday Night Mixed League will start. Regular league play will start October 14 at 6:45pm.

Bill Dalzell has accepted a part time position with the RCMP. I would like to thank Bill for the excellent job he did as Club Manager.

Tracy Sones is our new Club Manager. Tracy has been a long time member of our club. Drop down and introduce yourself to our new Manager.

BJ Gagnon has joined our club as the new Ice Technician. BJ is rated as one of the top Ice Tech's in Canada. He is also quite a handyman as he has changed our lower floor washroom into a wheelchair accessible washroom. We are hoping to introduce wheelchair curling to our club this season. Our pro shop is changing also, with new shelving being added to display our merchandise.

Dates to remember:

Annual General Meeting starting at 7pm on Tuesday September 23. Free dinner starting at 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Bar to open at 5:15pm, closing at 6:45pm. Let Tracy know if you will attend the dinner. Bar to reopen after General Meeting. **Special resolution (Article 8) of constitution**, please attend as this is very important for our club.

Tuesday September 30 – Wine night starting at 7:00pm. This is the night you pay your dues and receive a free glass of

wine. Meet your team for a social event. One glass of wine per league paid.

The City of Abbotsford has given our building a fresh coat of paint. It looks like a new building. To keep our club looking at its best, we need volunteers for general clean up such as: washing tables, cleaning windows, cleaning the kitchen fan, etc. Clean up will start on Wednesday September 4 at 9:00am. Please call Tracy at 604-859-9244 or our volunteer coordinator Derek Robinson at 604-852-4348. This is not for putting in the ice. That has been taken care of.

Leagues are filling up quickly. Now is the time to get your team together.

Let's enjoy a great year of curling.

Thank you.

Lawrence Connolly, President

Club History, Part 1

Submitted by: Soren Jensen

Approximately five years prior to the new club being constructed the members of the old club (McCallum Rd site which is now the Friendship Centre) made several decisions that paved the way for the expansion of the curling club. It was recognized by the membership that our existing three sheet facility was too small to accommodate the curlers and their needs. To this end a building committee was struck to develop a plan so that the club could expand to a six sheet facility. The club, in about 1973 purchased a property site adjacent to the MSA arena (on Emerson St) to eventually relocate to. I can't remember the exact cost of the property, however this purchase proved to be very wise as will be later revealed.

A second development was when the Building Committee approached the City of Abbotsford to see if they were interested in purchasing the three sheet curling facility. After some deliberation, they said yes. The

building committee then had to get serious if the new facility was to come into being.

Soren Jensen became Chairman of the building committee in 1974. It became apparent that the property the club had purchased in 1973 wasn't entirely suitable as a curling club location (next time you go past the MSA Arena, look at the "L" shaped vacant property to the north of the arena). The committee actively started looking for a desirable site for the new proposed six sheet facility. The search proved to be very tedious and time consuming. It was finally narrowed down to three potentially viable locations.

One possible site was at the Matsqui Recreation Centre (a six sheet addition to the existing ice arena). The second possible site was at the Ledgeview Golf Club (construct a six sheet facility) and the third site was the McMillan Road location. Discussions and negotiations with both the City of Abbotsford and the Municipality of Matsqui were ongoing during the 1975 year. After all was said and done, all three sites were viable. The building committee had to assess and evaluate each site.

The decision on the location of the new curling club was made in an auction barn. The McClary Stockyard auction ring and viewing seats was the site of this momentous club decision. The chairman of the building committee presented the pros and cons of each potential site. After much discussion the McMillan Road site was selected. The type of building and all the related requirements now had to be addressed in a rigorous manner.

Watch for Part 2 of the Abbotsford Curling Club in the September edition of this newsletter.

Wheelchair Curling Information

Submitted by: Linda Kirton

We are opening a league on Monday evenings for Wheelchair Athletes and their friends and family. We will start with a

"Give it a Go" night on October 6 at 7:30pm. Starting on October 20, we will set up a four week Learn to Curl league using sticks, and the wheelchair rules of no sweeping.

It will be something new for the Abbotsford Curling Club. With a grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation, we have renovated the handicapped washroom and are hoping to provide our sport to those who have not tried it. It is a social game that can be played at many levels, and with the 2009 World Wheelchair Championships and the 2010 Paralympics in Vancouver, this is an excellent opportunity for individuals or a four person team to sign up for this league.

Get information from the Abbotsford Curling Club about how you can join in on the fun. Call the club and leave a message. We are hoping our effort to make our club available to this group will be beneficial to all of us.

Note from Karen: for more information on Wheelchair Curling, check out the following link: <http://www.wheelchaircurling.com/>

BC Senior Games

Some of our members cannot wait to get on the ice and throw some rocks. Jim Anderson, Doug Carvey, Charlie Lindsay and Rick Wild are headed to Prince George to participate in the BC Senior Winter games. The games run from September 10 to 14. To follow their progress, you can visit the official website of the games:

<http://www.bcseniorgamespg08.ca/index.html>

Good luck guys as you pursue the Gold!

Congratulations to Dean Cross, whose team made the Semi Finals at the Canadian Police Curling Championships in Kamloops at the end of March. Dean was also honored with a Lifetime Award with the Canadian Police Curling Association.

IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Abbotsford Curling Club – SEPTEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Club Clean Up Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Golf Tournament Kincora 11am \$50 entry	22	23 Annual General Meeting* 7pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Early Registration Wine Night* 7pm				

Notes about September:

***September 23** – Annual General Meeting, 7pm. Complimentary Meal before meeting – you must sign up at the office.

***September 30** – Early Registration Wine Night: Come down to the club and pay your dues for the season and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine (one glass per paid league fee).

PRO SHOP GARAGE SALE – SEPTEMBER 21, 23 AND 30

Get your gear for the 2008/2009 at a great price!

Abbotsford Curling Club – OCTOBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Daytime Leagues Start Novice Clinic* 6:30 – 9 Give it a Go Night* 7:30 - 9	7 Novice Clinic* 6:30 – 9	8 Practice Ice 8am – 12pm 6pm – 9pm Novice Clinic	9 Special Olympics Starts Practice Ice 8am – 12pm 6pm – 9pm Intermediate Clinic	10 Friday Night Mixed League Starts	11
12	13 Evening Leagues Start	14	15 Farmer's League Starts	16	17	18
19 Elks Charity*	20 Junior Leagues Start 3:30 – 5:30 Wheelchair League starts	21	22	23	24	25 Fryer Club Mixed
26 Fryer Club Mixed	27	28	29	30	31 Senior Ladies Raspberry	Nov 1 Senior Ladies Raspberry
Nov 2 Senior Ladies Raspberry						

***October 6, 7, 8** – Novice Clinic: Sign up at the office to participate in this skill building clinic for new curlers. The clinic runs over three nights from 6:30pm to 9pm.

***October 6** – Give It A Go Night: Come out and see what Wheelchair Curling is all about from 7:30 to 9pm!

***October 19** – Elks Charity Fundraiser Bonspiel: This is a great event that raises money for the Elks Children's camp located in Aldergrove. It is also A LOT of fun and involves not only curling, but darts, shuffleboard and pool! Check with Tracy at the office for details on how to register for this fantastic event.

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We are still building our email database. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please send a message to me at curlinfo@telus.net. Hard copies of the newsletter will always be available at the curling club on the shelf below the league boards in the lobby. If you know of someone who does not receive the newsletter via email, please forward a copy of the newsletter to him/her.

This newsletter has been prepared and distributed strictly for information purposes by Karen Copeland. If you have suggestions for future newsletter content, please get in touch with me at curlinfo@telus.net.

For further information about programs/leagues/events at the Abbotsford Curling Club, please direct your enquiries to the Club Manager, Tracy Sones at abbycurlingclub@shaw.ca or via phone (604) 859-9244.

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