



Abbotsford Curling Club Newsletter  
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### **AGM Reminder Notice**

The Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday September 23, 2008 at 7pm at the Curling Club. There will be a complimentary dinner served before the meeting, starting at 5:30pm. You must sign up for the dinner in advance by calling Tracy at 604-859-9244. The deadline to sign up for the dinner is September 19, so make that call now! It is extra important to attend this meeting as there will be a vote on a special resolution to amend the Curling Club Constitution. Come down to the rink and make your voice heard!

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### **Pay Your Dues Night**

Don't forget to come down to the club on Tuesday September 30 to pay for your league fees. This is a great way to connect with your teammates before the season starts, and the best part is, you get a free glass of wine when you pay your dues! How's that for an incentive?

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### **Novice Clinics**

Do you have some new curlers joining your team this season? (Word on the street is that Ron and Diane Fell are bringing in a few new players for Friday night...good for you guys, and welcome to your new players!) Bring your new members out to the novice clinic to learn the skills they will need for the season! Novice clinics will run on October 6 and 7 from 6:30 to

9:30pm. There is no charge to attend the clinics. Call Tracy at the curling club for more information.

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### **Leagues**

We are still looking for teams for all leagues for the upcoming season. If you know of anyone interested in playing this year, please get them to call Tracy at the office and she will see what she can do to sign them up. For more information on the various leagues offered this year, please visit our website at [www.abbycurlingclub.com](http://www.abbycurlingclub.com) and click on "Leagues". While you're there, you can check out bonspiel dates, classic photos and all the previous editions of the newsletter.

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### **Free League Raffle Winners**

Some of you will remember tickets being sold at the end of last season to win your league fees for the year. The lucky winners of free leagues were Gerry Forsythe and Krys Beketa. Looking forward to seeing you around the club again this year!

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### **Silver Medal Winners!**

Congratulations to Jim Anderson, Doug Carvey, Charlie Lindsay and Rick Wild who brought home the Silver Medal from the BC Senior Winter Games in Prince George. Way to go, guys!



**Wayden  
Transportation  
Ladies Classic Grand  
Slam**

Planning continues for the 2008 Classic, and the line up for this years event is once again impressive! We will be hosting a Silent Auction again this year, if you (or a business you know) would be interested in donating an item for the auction, please get in touch with Sharon Carmichael or Karen Copeland ([waydenclassic@yahoo.ca](mailto:waydenclassic@yahoo.ca)). We are also looking for more sponsors for this event. If you would like more information about our sponsorship opportunities, please get in touch with Karen at the email address listed above. We'd love to have you on board!

Speaking of "on board", Judy Jensen will be on board a cruise ship of her choice sometime in the next year. Congratulations Judy, we're sure you will enjoy it! For all of you who are groaning "Oh man! I forgot to buy a ticket!" we have good news for you! We are commencing another cruise raffle shortly so keep your eyes open for ticket sales around the club.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with the Classic, please watch the main bulletin board as the event gets closer to see how you can help out.

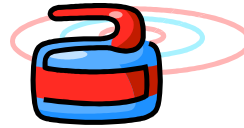
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**Auction this WEEKEND!**

Anyone who has driven by the curling club this week will have noticed a few extra vehicles parked outside. The

main floor of the club is filled with items that are up for Auction this weekend through All City Auctioneers. Viewing is on Friday September 19, from 1pm to 6pm. The doors open at 8am on Saturday morning, with the auction running from 10am to 6pm.

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**Junior Curling  
Planning Session**

Bob Fatkin, the Juniors League Coordinator, would like to invite anyone who is interested in brainstorming ideas for the 2008 Junior Curling League to come down to the rink on Wednesday, Sept 24 at 7pm for a planning meeting. There is no obligation to assist with the actual league.

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**Intermediate Curling Clinic**

Don't think it's just the novices who are getting all the instruction this year! Sign up for the Intermediate Curling Clinic taking place on Saturday, October 18 at the Abbotsford Curling Club. Al Moore, from CurlBC will be the host instructor of this session. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending the clinic. Watch for notices around the club that will detail the cost of the clinic as well as the times. This is a great way to work on your curling skills early in the season, and you will have lots of time to practice them throughout the year!

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## Club History, Part Two

By Soren Jensen

*(We pick up the history after the location of the new club was determined...)*

In the spring of 1976, Soren Jensen became president of the club. Jim Gordon was appointed chairman of the building committee. A few of the directors of that year were: Daryl Kirton, Jim Anderson and Derek Robinson. (These are names that you remember as being active to this day). Another momentous event happened the spring of 1976. An extraordinary general meeting was called to discuss and debate allowing women to become members of the club. It was the last official meeting that we held in the old club. Debate was hot and when the vote was tallied women were allowed to be members of the club (there were four no votes).

Jim Gordon and his committee sourced, evaluated, reviewed and debated the merits of the building options that were available at the time. The sale of the Emerson Road property and the existing three sheet curling club were completed. The sale of debentures headed by Jack Buchanan and Don Campbell was initiated. So with the assistance of the Royal Bank of Canada, the required financing was arranged. The type of building was finalized. The committee, in its wisdom, decided upon hiring a general contractor to build and subcontract the major building components (structure, roof, floor and cladding). The club would be responsible for the electrical, refrigeration, plumbing, heating and finishing of our curling

rink. This wise decision by the building committee and club executive provide its value because of a crisis which would unfold just prior to completion. The building of the club was to start in the spring of 1976, but a steel workers strike meant that building commenced in late summer. I remember the many volunteers working tirelessly to prepare and level the future ice surface. It became apparent that there would be no curling in the fall of 1976 but everyone resolved to work harder to achieve the completion of our new six sheet curling facility as quickly as possible.

*(Watch for part three of the club history in the October edition of the newsletter.)*

**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](mailto: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.**

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**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](mailto:abbycurlingclub@shaw.ca) or via phone (604) 859-9244.**

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