



**ABBOTSFORD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER
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SAVE MONEY ON YOUR HOME INSURANCE!

Canadian Direct Insurance has signed on to be the title sponsor of the BC Men's Curling Championships, and has a special offer to extend to all CurlBC members. Curl BC Members save 10% on their home insurance just for being a member of Curl BC! They can also save another 10% on their auto insurance. In fact one Curl BC member saved over \$200 on their auto insurance alone. That almost covered his league fees for the season!

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CURLING ON TV

Now is the time to get pointers on strategy by watching the top curlers across Canada compete on television. Here is a listing of upcoming broadcasts of curling:

February 10, 2008: M&M Meat Shops Canadian Junior Championship Finals, CBC starting at 9:00am

February 10, 2008: Canadian Direct BC Men's Curling Championship Final, Shaw – ***come down and watch it at the club!***

February 16 – 22, 2008: Scotties Tournament of Hearts, TSN Round Robin

February 23, 2008: Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Semi-Final, CBC
8:00am

February 24, 2008: Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Championship Final,
CBC 8:00am

March 2, 2008: Strauss Canada Cup Championship Finals, CBC
starting at 9:00am

March 8 – 14, 2008: Tim Hortons Brier, TSN Round Robin

March 15, 2008: Tim Hortons Brier Semi-Final, CBC 11:30am

March 16, 2008: Tim Hortons Brier Championship Final, CBC 3:30pm

Please check your local listings to confirm the coverage times for these events.

ABBOTSFORD NEWS MEN'S OPEN

Twenty four teams competed in the Abbotsford News Men's Open on the Jan 25 – 27 weekend. Twelve of those teams were from out of town. Aside from someone losing his (false) teeth on the ice, the event ran smoothly and everyone had a great time. Congratulations to the Milt Sinclair rink who took home the title of A event winners, defeating Dale Hockley. Rod Benjamin and his Thursday night team captured the B event, while Jimmie Johnson (not the NASCAR driver) took the C event. If you missed Jim Anderson's very funny column about this event in the Abbotsford News, here is a link to the article:

http://www.bclocalnews.com/fraser_valley/abbynews/sports/15041436.html. It is a must read!

To cap off the weekend, several people stayed upstairs to watch the BC Ladies Provincial final on the big screen. Shannon Aleksic, who practices at the Abbotsford Curling Club was playing with the Jody Maskiewich team in the championship final. Unfortunately it was not their day, leaving Allison MacInnes a draw to the four foot to win the game.

PLAYOFF INFORMATION

The Men's Playoff format has been confirmed and is posted on the main bulletin board at the curling club. The Ladies Playoff format and Mixed Playoff format will be determined at a later date.

JUNIOR CURLING UPDATES



The Monday afternoon junior league has split into teams and are now getting some game action after focusing on learning the game during the first part of the season. The Optimist League continues to run on Monday evenings, and all junior curlers are welcome to join. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please be sure to let them know they can contact the curling club for more information. The MEI school league on Thursday afternoons has wrapped up their practicing for the season and are now focusing on school curling events around the Lower Mainland. Good luck to all our junior curlers with the remainder of their curling season.



The Optimist Junior Curling has partnered with CurlBC and are selling tickets as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 each, and you have a chance to win the grand prize of \$5000. There are also 20 (yes, TWENTY) prizes of \$500! The Optimist Club in Abbotsford has tickets available, if you are interested in buying one, send them an email at info@abbotsfordoptimists.org to request more information. You can probably also track down Carson Goerz, the coordinator of the Optimist Junior League if you come down to the club on Monday evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Mixed Bonspiel (daytime only)
February 1 – 2
Abbotsford Ladies Highland
(24 entries)

January 31,
February 8 – 10

Abbotsford Mixed Bonspiel
(10 entries)

February 22 – 24

Abbotsford Master Men's Bonspiel

March 7 – 9

Special Olympics Western Canadian Championships

March 14 – 16

COOL LINKS

Sheldon K passed this link along to share in the newsletter...enjoy!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLe1i3WL8is>

For some retro curling fun, check out this clip from the Manitoba Curling Association:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMz_XwbJ8l8&feature=related "Get Swept Up in the Fun!"

Of course, if you were watching the Master's Grand Slam event from Saskatoon, you would have seen that Team Kevin Koe is bringing the curling sweater back in style. All they needed was the white shirt and tie underneath and the outfit would have been complete! Go to <http://curlnews.blogspot.com/2008/01/inside-retro-curling.html> to see a photo of the team outfits.

PLAYDOWN ACTION

Fresh off his Men's Open win, Milt Sinclair and his rink (Derek Robinson, Bill Ellis, Rick Yule) are playing in the Master's Region 11 playdowns in Mission, from February 7 – 9. The Allan Heath rink (Jim Armstrong, Glen Wejr, Jerry Wallace) will be competing in this event as well. You can follow the action by logging on to www.playdowns.com and clicking on Master Men's Region 11.

The Guy Philp competition is heating up and the Gordie Lamb team is Abbotsford's representative. This event runs in Mission on February 4, 5 and 6.

The Over 70 playdowns are also taking place in Mission on February 4, 5, and 6. Garry Snowden will be leading his team into this competition.

Good luck to all the teams in their upcoming events.

ARE YOU AN ABBOTSFORD CURLING CLUB MEMBER?

Did you know you could purchase a membership to the Abbotsford Curling Club? This is different than just paying your league fees. With the purchase of a club membership, you will receive a membership certificate and you also get a reduced rate on your league dues! If you are interested in more information about becoming a member, contact Bill in the office at 604-859-9244.

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