



## **Abbotsford Curling Club Newsletter**

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### **FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Senior Mixed bonspiel was a great success from January 31 to February 2, 2008. The Bob Burke team from Chilliwack won the spiel. The team skipped by Garry Snowden placed fifth, while teams skipped by Jerry Wallace and Bob Boughen placed 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively.

The Ladies Highland bonspiel (Feb 8-10) saw some great curling, with the A final between Debbie Trites and Betty Johnston. It was a very close game, with Trites coming up with the win. The B event was won by a team from Valley Curling Club, while Barb Birt got the win in the C event. The Legends of Rock were out on Saturday night, including "KISS" in full make up.

The Mixed Open ran successfully the Feb 22 – 24 weekend. Greg Monkman took home the A event, Rod Benjamin cracked another B event win, and Adam Dyck and his young crew from Chilliwack took home the C event. A big highlight of the Mixed was the first annual "Amazing Race" held on Saturday night. The Adam Dyck team emerged the fastest racers out of the teams participating. Kudos also to the Ron Fell team who had the overall fastest time of one minute, two seconds! Unfortunately they couldn't duplicate the time in the second round, so they didn't get a prize (but they DID get an honorable mention in this newsletter!). You will want to be sure to get in on this action next year!

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### **DID YOU KNOW????**

Every February for the last eleven years (yes, eleven!) a group from Robertson Downe Mullally has been coming out and having a mini-spiel at the Abbotsford Curling Club. There is lots of friendly competition with the winners' names being etched on a trophy for posterity. A big shout out to Ian MacKinnon who organizes this event annually – we sure do enjoy having you all coming out and playing the sport we love so much! Looking forward to seeing you again next year!

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### **OPTIMIST CLUB JUNIOR SKINS TOURNAMENT**

The Optimist Club is hosting a one day skins event tournament for junior curlers on Sunday March 2. Teams from across the Lower Mainland are expected to attend. Come on down to the club on March 2 to watch some of the up and coming curlers in our area.

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### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Don't forget that the Western Canadian Special Olympics Curling Championships are coming to the curling club on March 14 – 16. There will be teams here from Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia. The event starts at noon on March 14 with the Opening Ceremonies and winds up on the 16<sup>th</sup> around 2pm.

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## **WAYDEN TRANSPORTATION CLASSIC**

The Classic committee is starting to plan for the 2008 event. There is a need for new members to join the committee. If you are interested in helping out, please talk to Karen Copeland, Gina Patterson or Bill Dalzell. We are very excited that the representatives for Canada, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario were all playing in our 2007 event, and we are looking forward to seeing them all back here in November for the 2008 Classic.

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## **NEW LEAGUE FOR 2008/2009**

Barb Birt is organizing a late afternoon ladies league for next season. Games will be at 4:30 each Tuesday (no late draws!) with the option of having a meal afterwards. Talk to Barb for more information, or sign up for the league at the office.

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## **SCHOOL LEAGUE**

The MEI School curlers have been doing well in their competitions, most recently winning the silver medal in one of their events. Michelle Jensen, who organized the MEI league, and Karen Copeland have committed to trying to get more schools involved in the school league next year. If you would be interested in assisting with this, please see Karen for more information.

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## **SPONSOR CORNER**

The Abbotsford Curling Club would like to recognize their sponsors for the past curling season. For a complete listing of the Abbotsford Curling Club sponsors, please visit our website at [www.abbycurlingclub.bravehost.com](http://www.abbycurlingclub.bravehost.com). There are several opportunities for sponsorship available. For more information, please contact the Curling Club.

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## **WHEELCHAIR CURLING**

Linda Kirton is spearheading the possibility of starting a wheelchair curling league at the curling club next season. Linda participated at the World Wheelchair Championships at the beginning of February as the Assistant Chief Umpire. Linda will be attending the local Wheelchair Sports day being held at Rick Hansen School on Saturday March 15. If you are interested in learning more about the Wheelchair League or want to help out with this endeavor, then Linda is the gal to go to!

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## **CLUB PLAYOFFS**

Be sure to check the main bulletin board for information regarding the playoffs for all leagues.

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## **LEAGUE REGISTRATION 08/09**

It's time to start thinking about your plans for next season. There are a variety of league options available for mens, ladies, mixed, seniors and juniors. Sign up in the office to reserve your spot in the league of your choice for next year!

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## **SEEN AND HEARD**

Dean Cross will once again be competing in the Canadian Police Curling Championships, being held in Kamloops from March 22 to 28, 2008. If you go to our club website you will find a link to the results for that championship, so you can follow Dean's progress along the way. Dean is playing lead for the Dale Hockley team.

Sharp eyes would have spotted Linda Kirton on the ice and in the background at the 2008 Scotties Championships in Regina. This year's event was exceptionally well played, with some pretty amazing shots made. Great that Linda was able to be a part of the action! Not to be outdone by his wife, Darryl Kirton is in Kamloops officiating at the Strauss Canada Cup currently underway.

Two avid curlers received some great on ice instruction on Feb 25 by none other than Shannon Aleksic and Dean Joannis (the 2007 BC Rep at the Brier). "It was AWESOME!" said one of the students. Watch for these two players to elevate their game next year.

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## **NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The date of the Semi-Annual General Meeting has been changed from April 2 to **April 9 at 7pm** at the Abbotsford Curling Club. There will be a free dinner starting at 5pm, the bar will open at 5:30pm and close at 6:45pm before the Semi-Annual Meeting. There will be prize draws for those in attendance. Watch for further information about the prizes in the next newsletter. Please let the office know if you plan on attending this event so catering can be arranged for this event.

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