

## ABBOTSFORD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### **And the season has started!**

Bright and early on Monday October 7th, the Master Men were on the ice seeing who could start the season on a winning note! Not to be outdone, the Senior Ladies began their season at 1pm. The ladies in this league are getting ready to host the Senior Ladies Raspberry Spiel at the end of the month. I've heard it is filling up fast!

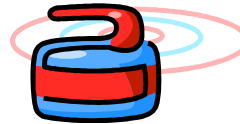
The Learn to Curl Novice Clinics ran on Monday October 6 and Tuesday October 7. There was a great turnout for this year's novice clinics, and we hope we have a huge new group of curlers anxious to join us on the ice!

Tuesday October 7 also saw all six sheets in play for the new Ladies Dinner League that starts at 4pm. Ocean Park pizza was on the menu after the games, and it was delicious! There is a lot of excitement about this league from its members, with many women coming "out of curling retirement" to play again! Welcome back ladies!

The Master Men were back on the ice on Wednesday morning, and the Senior Mixed League began Thursday morning. Friday Night Mixed is next up on the agenda, expect to see quite a few new faces in this league.

Evening leagues began on Tuesday, October 14. In the next few weeks, the Abbotsford Curling Club website will be updated with league schedules, so be sure to check there regularly for updates!

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### **First Mixed Bonspiel of the Year!**

Are you signed up to participate in this year's Fryer? If you are not, do it soon! The Fryer will run on Saturday October 25. You can sign up as an individual or a team. This is a great event for novices to come out, practice their new curling skills and meet new people. The cost to participate is \$35, which includes dinner on Saturday night. For more information, please contact Ken Abramson at 604-852-6597 or by email at [abramson@shaw.ca](mailto:abramson@shaw.ca).

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### **Club History, Part 3**

*(submitted by Soren Jensen)*

*(Note from Karen: We left off with the start of the construction of the curling club in 1976.)*

Everyone resolved to work harder to achieve the completion of our new six sheet curling facility as quickly as possible.

We had to purchase rocks and all the required curling equipment for the new facility. It so happened that the Vanderhoof Curling Club required rocks for three sheets of ice. Jim Gordon contacted and negotiated with the club and a deal was struck. These rocks were finally shipped to Vanderhoof in the "belly" of a cattle liner. The Capilano Winter Club was in receivership and their assets (rocks, etc) were available for purchase by

interested parties. I remember Jim Gordon, myself and Daryl Kirton traveling to North Vancouver to view and to make an offer for what we wanted. Jim became our hard bargaining sole negotiator. Your rocks and a number of other curling related items are still part of today's curling rink. It was a "great" deal. Everything was purchased for \$4000 and was transported from Vancouver to Abbotsford in Larry Weymouth's cattle truck on the hottest day of that summer. It was back breaking work for the volunteers who participated but it certainly was worth the effort. I seem to remember that we received \$2800 for our three sheets of rocks, but that was a long time ago.

Construction began in earnest once the steel strike was settled, with the foundation, steel structure and roof proceeding very quickly.



Curling club volunteers leveled the gravel base so that the pyrotenex heating cable could be placed. Styrofoam insulation was followed by the brine pipes and coverage with concrete soon followed. At this time, this was state of the art technology that is still being used today. The building had proceeded to the point that the club's subcontractors could begin their work.

Club members that operated businesses were allowed to bid on the work and since a common goal was the outcome, the finishing was

completed on a least cost basis. To note a few: G.P. Peterson (heating), Dave Wright (plumbing), Ed Rees (electrical), Block Brothers (finishing), and Wally Lukaniuk (carpets and linoleum). Club members assisted in painting as well as other tasks that were required with enthusiasm at a fever pitch.

*(In our next newsletter, find out what happens when the general contractor working on the construction declares bankruptcy.)*

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### **New Faces at the Abbotsford Curling Club**

Welcome to Sarah Wolfe, our new Assistant Ice Technician. Sarah hails from Fairbanks, Alaska. We look forward to getting to know you, Sarah!

Make sure you pop up to the bar and meet your new bartender, Lauren Templeton. Lauren will be a familiar face to some of the golfers in our club, as she is coming to us from Ledgeview. Welcome Lauren!

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### **Senior Ladies Raspberry**

The Senior Ladies Raspberry is filling fast, with teams from Cloverdale, Chilliwack, Langley and Golden Ears coming to Abbotsford to play. The Raspberry runs from October 31 to November 2. There is a sign up sheet for this event on the bulletin board.

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Junior curling league on Monday afternoon, the Optimist Juniors on Monday evening, and the MEI School league on Wednesday afternoons. Bob Fatkin is organizing the afternoon league, and Carson Goerz is the contact for the Optimist Junior League. Michele Baratelli is coordinating the MEI School league. You can sign up to volunteer on a weekly basis, or you can sign up to volunteer only once. This is a great opportunity to help our new young curlers get a bit more experience with game play and etiquette of the sport.

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Do you know someone who is interested in trying curling but missed out on the Novice Clinic at the beginning of October? Karen Copeland is offering a free lesson promotion for new curlers to the club for October, November and December. Arrange for lessons by calling Karen Copeland at 604-855-9622.

Dan Kinvig, the Sports Editor for the Abbotsford News was the first person to take advantage of the free lesson opportunity. You can read about his adventure by checking the bulletin board in the main lobby. The article should be posted in the next few days.

Thomas Brammer from Manchester, England also came out for a free lesson. Thomas was in Canada visiting his son and future daughter in law. Thomas is fascinated by the sport of curling and was thrilled to have the opportunity to throw his first rock.

Thomas' only regret is that he was leaving to go back to England the following day.



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## WHEELCHAIR CURLING

The Abbotsford Curling Club welcomed six wheelchair curlers to the rink on Monday October 6, 2008. The curlers enjoyed the opportunity to play on BJ Gagnon's fast ice.



### WAYDEN TRANSPORTATION CLASSIC

The Wayden Classic is less than a month away! The Classic website has now been updated with a complete listing of teams and sponsors. Check it out at [www.waydengrandslam.com](http://www.waydengrandslam.com).

Watch the bulletin board in the main lobby to find out how you can volunteer at this amazing event! If you are interested in donating an item for the Silent Auction, please get in touch with Sharon Carmichael as soon as possible.

**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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