



Abbotsford Curling Club Newsletter

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## November Events

The month of November at the Abbotsford Curling Club is a busy one. We started the month hosting the Sr Ladies Raspberry Bonspiel from October 31 to Nov 2. The Judy Robinson team placed fourth. Their line up included Bonnie Anderson, skip; Judy Robinson, third; Trudy Wallace, second; and Sharon Turner, lead. The Diane Kazinci rink placed sixth, with her line up of Verna Smith at third; Betty Wild, second; and Mary-Anne Nagata playing lead. Congratulations ladies!

Running November 7 through 9<sup>th</sup> is the Master Men's Bonspiel. Come on down to the rink to catch some of the action!



November 23 is the Annual Curl for Kids Charity Bonspiel. This event has been running for 16 years now, and all proceeds benefit the Abbotsford Christmas Bureau. The event runs from 10am to approx 6pm and includes equipment rental, lunch and prizes. Collect pledges and bring them to the club on the date of the event. The cost to enter is \$30 per person, you can register as a team or an individual. This is a great event for our novice curlers as well, it is a modified format with instruction available the morning of the event. Please call Barb Arthur at 604-615-1632 or 604-859-3524 by November 15 to enter this event.



December 6 will see our junior curlers eyeing up their chance to win some cash during the Optimist Junior Cash Bonspiel. If

you are a junior curler and would like to enter this bonspiel, please get in touch with Carson Goerz at 604-854-4195.

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## Wayden Transportation Ladies Classic Grand Slam

We are a week away from the start of the Wayden Transportation Ladies Classic Grand Slam. Volunteer sign up sheets have been posted on the main board in the lobby, take a look and see if there is anything you might be interested in! We really need some volunteers who have some officiating certification. If you are interested in volunteering as an official, please sign up on the sheet, or see Gina Patterson. If you are unable to volunteer, make sure you still come down to the rink to check out all the action on the ice. The race is on to earn the final three spots directly to the Olympic Trials, so teams are going to be hungry for a win. New for 2008, BC SportsFunder Lottery has generously donated a limited number of their new \$2 SportsFunder scratch and win cards, with top prize being tickets to the final game of the 2010 Olympics Curling. Be sure to come down to the rink on Thursday November 13 to learn more about the teams who will be playing in our 2008 event. There will also be a silent auction running throughout the event, so make sure you pop upstairs to take a look at the items up for bid. For a complete schedule of events for the 2008 Classic, please visit our website at [www.waydengrandslam.com](http://www.waydengrandslam.com).

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### **Schedules Now Online**

The Men's League schedules and the Mixed League schedules are now online! Check them out at [www.abbycurlingclub.com](http://www.abbycurlingclub.com).

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### **Club Coach Workshop**

The Abbotsford Curling Club will be hosting a club coach workshop at some point this season. The club coach certification will provide you with the tools you need to go assist new curlers in the club. If you are interested in volunteering with the Junior Curling program, then you will benefit from taking part in this workshop. Watch for more details regarding this workshop as they become available.

The curling club is trying to generate a list of members who already have their coaching certification and/or officiating certification. If you have one (or both) of the above, please contact Tracy Sones at the office to let her know.

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### **Pay As You Play Pilot Project**

Coming soon to the Abbotsford Curling Club will be a Pay as You Play pilot project. On nights when there are open sheets of ice (ie. Friday evening), you will be able to sign up your teams for \$10 per person and play a fun game. This is an ideal way to get new people interested in our sport and have some fun on a Friday Night. You will need to book the ice a week in advance and pay a deposit to reserve your booking. Details will be posted shortly with a listing of available ice times.

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### **Wheelchair Curling**

The Wheelchair Curling league is going strong, with several people playing in this league on Monday evenings. A big shout out to Linda Kirton and her crew of volunteers who make this league happen. If you are interested in assisting with this league, or just want to see what it is all about, come on down to the club on Monday evenings at 7pm.

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### **The Dominion Curling Club Championship**

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, August 1, 2008 - The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company (The Dominion) is taking Canadian curling to another level with the launch of a national curling event, "The Dominion Curling Club Championship", set to benefit Canadian club curlers and charities.

"The Dominion Curling Club Championship, funded by The Dominion, will be an annual event for men's and women's curling teams who have won their respective local club championships," says Leigh Armstrong of The Dominion. "The Championship provides the first ever opportunity for winning club teams to represent their club at the zone, provincial or territory level, and ultimately offers them the opportunity to rank nationally. Teams from all 10 provinces and 3 territories, plus a separate entry for Northern Ontario, will compete at the National Championships." The premier event will bring this season's club champs together to compete at St. George's Golf and Country Club, Etobicoke, Ontario in late November of 2009. The national championship will move to other clubs across Canada in future years.

Source:

<http://www.curling.ca/content/NewsAndFeatures/news30.asp>

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### **Club History, Part 4**

*Submitted by Soren Jensen*

Around December 10, 1976, we received a call from George Ferguson - Mayor of Abbotsford asking what was happening with the construction. Our general contractor had declared bankruptcy. This proved to be our only major hiccup. Jim Anderson had done lien searches prior to the construction payment draws being paid, so we were clear legally. Because the Board of Directors and the building committee had contracted the finishing of the club, we had progressed far enough to put in the ice and

get ready for our official opening. Had we not done this in the manner we did, it is very possible that the club would never have opened.

We opened the club on January 10, 1977 with a mixed bonspiel with 48 entries. We had the official opening with a parade, bagpipes and dignitaries to a standing room only crowd. It is interesting to note that Oscar Neufeld served both as ice tech and manager (combined) for a number of years both before and after the opening of our new facility.

We finished off the season with a wind up banquet, awards presentation and dance where we barbecued chicken for over 300 curlers and friends. The club was built with dedication and enthusiasm that is difficult to find today. The club was constructed with a budget of \$500,000. When all was completed, the actual cost was \$440,000. No one in the curling fraternity could believe this fact, but it happened. Thanks are due to the many curlers and companies that had a dream and achieved it through their diligence and their superb efforts.

*(Note from Karen: The history of the curling club is fascinating to me, likely because my own grandfather was part of the building crew on my hometown club in Alberta. I hope you have enjoyed this look at a piece of the Abbotsford Curling Club's history. I am planning on finding more stories to share in future editions of the newsletter. If you have a story about the Abbotsford Curling Club, please send it my way at [curlinfo@telus.net](mailto:curlinfo@telus.net).)*

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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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### NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Senior Ladies Raspberry
2 Senior Ladies Raspberry	3	4	5	6	7 Master Men's	8 Master Men's
9 Master Men's	10	11	12 No Leagues Ice Maintenance	13 Wayden Classic Meet the Teams Night	14 Wayden Classic Ladies Grand Slam	15 Wayden Classic Ladies Grand Slam
16 Wayden Classic Ladies Grand Slam	17 Wayden Classic Ladies Grand Slam	18	19	20	21	22
23 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Curl For Kids Fundraiser	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<b>December</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6 Optimist Junior Cash \$\$\$\$

For more information on events occurring at the Abbotsford Curling Club, please visit our website at [www.abbycurlingclub.com](http://www.abbycurlingclub.com), or call the club at 604-859-9244.