



FALL 2010
REGISTRATION
NEWSLETTER

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2010-11 LEAGUE REGISTRATION DATES	DATE	TIME
LEAGUE REGISTRATION All leagues available for registration	MON. SEP. 13	7 - 9 pm
REGISTRATION NIGHT POLICY: Teams from last year have until 8 PM to register with team line-up. After 8 PM, any openings in the league will be filled by teams who have put down a deposit on the waiting list.		
SENIOR MEN (Tuesday/Thursday Scramble & Friday Competitive)	Tues Sep 21	9 - 11 am
WEDNESDAY AM LADIES	Wed Sep 15	9 - 11 am
SENIOR WOMEN (Wednesday/Friday)	Wed Sep 15	1:30 pm
AFTERNOON WOMEN (Tuesday/Thursday)	Thurs Sep 16	1:30 pm
JUNIORS & LITTLE ROCKERS (ages 6 and up)	Mon Sep 27	3:30 - 5pm

President's Message

Curling season is once again just around the corner and as per usual we have lots of exciting things to look forward to this season!

The major project of the Summer was a full **renovation** of the office/pro shop, both locker rooms and the kitchen. The decision to renovate the kitchen came with many hours of discussion and planning from the Board of Directors. The two main reasons we collectively decided to proceed with the renovation project was because the kitchen was not up to code - which represented a major liability to the club, as well as wanting to work towards creating more business revenue for the club in the off-season.

I'm proud to introduce **Majeau Catering, Jami and Jim Mitchell**, as the new faces running our concession. Both are long time curlers, members of our club and have extensive experience running a kitchen. They will be providing all the normal day-to-day fare, daily lunch specials as well as many new options when it comes to bonspiels and catered events! I'm very confident you'll love the food and will be proud to recommend the Vernon Curling Club and it's concession to all your friends and family.

In other exciting news I'm proud to say that our club has been once again chosen to host the Canadian Direct Insurance **BC Mens Provincial Championships!** The fact that an event of this caliber has been brought back to the same club for a second year in a row speaks volumes about how much our club has to offer - This is the first time a curling club has been asked to hold this prestigious event back-to-back! Thanks to all the volunteers last season who made the 2010 event such a success, we hope to have you back again this year helping out and don't worry, there is no way we'll get this event three years in a row!

As always we will be hosting our World Curling Tour event, the **Twin Anchors Curling Classic**. We've recently had confirmation that the reigning Mens World World Championship team, Kevin Koe, will be back to defend last years title! Cheryl Bernard, Canada's Olympic Silver Medalists will also be attending the Womens event. As usual we have many of the World's best teams coming back to our event, giving spectators a first glance at many of the newly formed teams that have their eye on the 2014 Olympics!

If you're wondering how you could give back to your local curling club, volunteering a few hours of your time to events like this is a major help and is much appreciated not only by the Board of Directors, but by all the members as a whole.

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Another way to help our club prosper will come from promoting the **rental of our lounge** area, whether it be for weddings, business meetings et al. We should all be proud of our lounge, its full service bar and now with the addition of a fully operational kitchen and catering company we can offer the public a very reasonably priced all-inclusive rental facility! Increasing lounge rentals can go a long way to offset the cost of the many capital improvements that are required each season and therefore helps to keep league and membership dues down. It's the hope of your Board of Directors that everyone feels proud to recommend the Vernon Curling Club as a rental facility when the opportunities come up!

Along the lines of better promoting our club to the public, the Board of Directors has created two new positions on the Board that will be focused on **Marketing and Special Events**. As mentioned Special Events represent a large amount of income to the club and therefore we wish to have someone on the board that is focused solely on this area. Marketing our club for employee socials, as a great place for local business to advertise, hosting weddings and such in our lounge will be the focus of the new Marketing position. Interested parties in these new positions can email the club at vernoncurlingclub@shaw.ca.

We look forward to seeing many of you out to this years **AGM** which will be held on Friday September 17th at 6:30pm. We kept last years AGM down to 45-minutes so don't worry about it being a long drawn-out and boring affair, I promise to keep it simple! It's very important that the membership know what's going on at the club and be able to ask questions - this is your chance! The 2nd annual Vernon Curling Club Golf Tournament will be the following day at the Royal York club which will be followed by our first catered event by Majeau Catering. Last years event was a great success, let's make it even bigger and better this year!

GOOD NEWS! All League dues remain the same! Membership fees for the year have gone up from \$55 to \$75. We as a Board decided to increase the membership fee as opposed to league dues so that curlers playing in multi-league wouldn't have to pay the increase more than once - if you remember last year there were no increases at all. Please also keep in mind that the majority of the increase this year is due to HST.

There are many capital expenditures in running a large curling club such as ours as I'm sure you're fully aware. Keeping dues down is a major reason why I've asked everyone to do their part in marketing the Vernon Curling Club to your friends, family and co-workers as a place to hold events.

It's been a pleasure being your Club President for the past two seasons and I sincerely hope everyone is happy with the changes that we made downstairs - the changes were absolutely necessary. Our pro-shop is now much bigger and better, allowing us to carry more product from more suppliers so be sure to check out the new pro-shop as you start this curling season. We are proud to offer the biggest and best curling pro-shop in the valley, please be sure to tell all your curling friends!
...Sincerely, TJ Perepolkin, President

TWIN ANCHORS HOUSEBOATS CURLING CLASSIC

This years Twin Anchors Houseboat Curling Classic is again shaping up to be another great event.

We have 24 ladies teams including Cheryl Bernard, Olympic Silver Medalist, teams from Russia, Japan and the Olympic Bronze Medalist from China, Bingyu Wang, as well as many of the best teams from western Canada and BC. The Women will be playing for \$35,000 in prize money.

The Mens event will have 24 teams playing for \$37,000. Last years Brier & World Champion Kevin Koe will headline along with BC Brier rep Jeff Richard and teams from Western Canada and the US, Russia, Japan and Switzerland

The curling begins on September 30th and concludes with the Ladies final on Oct 3rd and Mens on Oct 4th. Come and support these teams and our club.

Exciting news...

The 2011 Canadian Direct Insurance B.C. Men's Championship will once again be hosted at the Vernon Curling Club from February 6-13. It is the first time this championship has been awarded to the same club in back to back years. It will be an exciting week with the 10 best men's teams in B.C. battling to represent us at the Brier.

With an event of this size we will once again need volunteers to help with facilities, tickets, hospitality etc. , so if you want to be involved in any way for a day or two or the whole week please contact the office or sign up at registration.

EVENT PASSES -

Twin Anchors Houseboats Curling Classic \$35

Canadian Direct Insurance Men's Provincial \$50

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$75 for both on sale until Sept 27th

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE - \$75.00

Each adult member pays this once a year, regardless of the number of leagues in which they are registered.
 The Club Fee includes the Capital Improvement Fee as well as Association Dues.
 Those members who supported the club with the **SHARE THE LOAD LOAN** will receive a \$25 reduction.
 Senior men 60+ plus women in Friday Senior Mixed are required to pay the \$4 BCIMCA fee.
 Print your registration form off our website and bring it completed to Registration

2010–2011 LEAGUE DUES plus HST			Social Fee
Men	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	220.00	5.00
	Sunday 2pm	170.00	5.00
	Senior Tuesday/Thursday drop-in	210.00	Nil
	Senior Competitive (Friday)	120.00	Nil
Women	Tuesday/Thursday Afternoon (1:30pm)	210.00	15.00
	Wednesday Morning (9am)	110.00	10.00
	Wednesday Evening (6:30pm)	220.00	17.00
	Senior Wednesday/Friday Afternoon (1:30pm)	210.00	Nil
Mixed	Thursday (alternates 6:30pm / 8:30pm)	220.00	5.00
	Friday (6:30pm)	200.00	5.00
	Sunday (6:30pm)	170.00	5.00
	Friday Senior 55+ (1:30pm)	120.00	Nil
Open	Super League	220.00	Sponsorship \$500
	Saturday (6:30pm)	170.00	Nil
Youth	Juniors (10 yrs plus)	70.00	Nil
	Little Rockers (6 yrs-9 yrs)	50.00	Nil

CLUB POLICY...

**All League Dues MUST be paid in full
BEFORE the first game**

Team - a team is responsible for registering and paying league dues and club membership for 4 players. If a team wishes to register more than 4 players those additional players must pay the club membership fee and league social fee.

Registered Team Member - any player who has paid the Club Membership Fee, league social fee and is listed as a player on a specific team is considered a registered team member and can play any position for that team. A registered team member is accorded all benefits of membership, including voting privileges, practice ice and the use of the club's social facilities.

Registered Spare - Must pay the Club Membership Fee and a \$50 spare fee to be listed as a registered spare and comply to league rules regarding their spare policy

Drop-In Spares - Any person who has not paid the Club Membership Fee must pay a drop-in spare fee of \$10/game (daytime & evening) and is limited to 4 games after which time Club Membership Fee must be paid.

Membership Fee - will be waived for NEW, NOVICE curlers joining the club. This does not include experienced curlers joining our club for the first time. This replaces the New Member 'bucks' from previous years.

JUNIOR CURLING

Sponsored by
Kemp Harvey Laidman-Betts Inc
 Register - Mon Sep 27: 3:30-5:00pm
 Bring your curling gear and get going!

LITTLE ROCKERS: AGES 6-9 YRS - \$50

Mondays 3:30-4:30pm & Sat 10:00-11:00
 This program introduces the skills and basics of the sport of curling. Focus is on FUN and SAFETY.

JUNIORS: AGES 10 AND UP - \$70

Mondays 3:30-5:30pm & Sat 10:00 - noon
 This program is designed for everyone whether they have curled before or not. Participants are given instruction and provided with on-going support throughout the year in basic delivery, sweeping and strategy of the game.

Juniors are very important to the future of our club and the game of curling. If you have time to **volunteer** (no experience necessary) please contact Dave at the club

Managers Report

Hard to believe summer is almost over. I have been living here at the club all summer doing the renovations and I can hardly wait till curling starts. The office/pro shop has been expanded, the kitchen has been opened up and has all new equipment, the locker rooms have been redesigned to make everything a little more user friendly. I hope you like the new look. I would like to thank all those that chipped in and volunteered to make this all possible. There is still a lot to do and if anyone has some time to give for cleanup, painting etc please drop me an email or drop by the club. The last week of August and first week of September will be the last big push to get it all done. I really could use some help cleaning as there is a ton of dust upstairs and downstairs so if you Ladies out there could get a crew together we could do this in a couple of days.

Keep the week of September 13th to the 18th open. Registration is on the 13th at 7pm.

Friday the 17th at 6:30pm will be our **AGM**. We are going to follow the same format as previous years. Arrive at 6:30 grab a drink and all reports and read them, the meeting will start at 7pm sharp. TJ Perepolkin, our President, will introduce the Board. Any questions concerning reports will be answered followed by Ron McDougall, our Treasurer, who will present the financials. We will then proceed with the election of officers. This took less than an hour last year so it is not a long boring affair. As soon as the meeting has been adjourned we will proceed with the presentation of jackets for all of last year's Club Champions, so those of you who won their respective Mens, Womens or Mixed Club Championship had better come or you may not get them. We will be also be honoring Life Members, and recognizing others. Once this is done we will have some appetizers and mingle with all our long lost friends of summer. This is your club !!! Have a say !!!Get involved!!! And like last year if I like the response I may even ring the bell.

Saturday Sept 18th will be our second annual **Golf Tourney**. It will be a 9 hole 2 person scramble, any combination of men or women. If you have two other people you would like to golf with enter as a foursome. It will be a shotgun start at the Royal York Golf Course starting at 2:30, back to the club for a nice dinner provided by Majeau Catering AKA Jami and Jim. Then prize presentations followed by music

You should see the office/pro shop !! We can actually move around in there. We are going to expand our selection of curling equipment; we will be bringing in many other suppliers to get everyone what they want. This will be a great opportunity for the club to make a little extra money to help pay for the renos. Folks Curling Store in Kelowna has closed down. It is a great chance for us to supply the Okanagan area with Curling Supplies. We are going to advertise with all the clubs in the area. Stay tuned for our new selection of equipment.

I am sure a lot of you have heard about the Slam event, **The National**, that is coming to Vernon from December 15th-19th. It is all played at the Wesbild Centre and will include 16 of the World's top Mens teams. The City of Vernon and Stan Mitchell of the Wesbild Centre are running this event and Stan has agreed to offer a discount for all of our members until September 18th. The cost is \$162 for the weeklong event, after the 18th the cost will go to \$242. So that is a 40% discount. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this deal and come out and watch some great curling and show why Vernon has always been a great curling town. We have for years and years attracted the best curlers in the world to Vernon.

After reading TJ's report in which he has pretty well said everything I was going to, I have decided to quit talking and get back to finishing the Renos. I am really looking forward to a new season and seeing everyone soon.

One last thing!!! last year's Saturday night drop in curling was a huge success, thanks to Carol Martel and Dean Banks and all those that came out and gave up their time to teach the new curlers. Some weeks we had all 8 sheets full of NEW curlers. A lot of these people expressed interest in continuing with and getting better at the game of curling. This year we are creating a **Saturday Evening Open League**, this will replace the old Broom-stacker league. It will start at 6:30pm Saturday nights. Teams can be any combination you want, even juniors. For a brand new novice curler to the club in any league we are going to waive the \$75 Membership fee for the first year. So if you know of anyone that has always wanted to try curling bring them out.

Okay!!! Now I am done talking

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Start this season by brushing up on your skills

Get a head start this curling season by brushing up on your curling skills. Returning, new and prospective members are welcome to sign-up for any of our clinics.

Novice Clinic for those with no experience or one year of curling under your belt.

MON. SEPT 27 & TUES. SEPT 28 (2 evenings) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Cost: \$25

Intermediate Clinic for curlers who have curled 2 or more years and wish to upgrade skills.

SEPT 27, 28 & 29 (Mon, Tue & Wed; 3 evenings) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Cost: \$35

Your Board of Directors

President: TJ Perepolkin; **Vice-President:** Marvin VanMeter; **Treasurer:** Ron McDougall; **Secretary:** Rose Scott
Directors: Dean Banks Linda Debelser-Owen Darrell Houston Wendy Lowe
Carol Martel Guy Morazain Jim Skrenek Heather Malcolm

League Reps are Important...

The League Rep are all volunteers and would like to have help, so if you want your league to be successful, take the time to let your League Rep know how you may help them out.

2010-11 League Reps:

Mon Men - Mike Watt & Ian Veitch

Thu Men - Ron McDougall

Super League - Dave Merklinger

Ladies Wed Eve - June Kerr

Senior Ladies Wed/Fri Aft - Florence Schwan

Thu Mixed - Guy Morazain

Sun Mixed - Betty Murray

Senior Mixed - Bill Carr

Tue Men - Mark Longworth

Sun Men - Doug Pepper & Bruce Townsend

Senior Men - Jim Skrenek & Guy Morazain

Ladies Tue/Thu Aft - Mae Yakura

Ladies Wed AM - Brenda Harkies

Fri 6:30 Mixed - Darrin Shore

Saturday Open - Dave Merklinger

Juniors - ** LOOKING ** Can you help?

...Carol Martel, VCC Membership

SENIOR REPORT

It's getting that time again! And what time is that? Well, its good old curling time that's what. And here is a bit of trivia for you ...did you know that the Vernon senior men's league curlers were referred to as "**The Old Boys of Winter**". Yep, that's us. And we are ready to set foot on the ice once again ...right guy's?

Here are some key dates you want to take special note of: Club league registration will be Monday, September 13th from 7 - 9 p.m.; **Senior Men league registration will be from 9 - 11 a.m. on Tuesday September 21st**; Tuesday/Thursday League commences at 08:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5th; and our Senior Men's Competitive League will commence at 09:30 a.m. on Friday, October 8th.

Jim Driver is once again coordinating our **Tuesday and Thursday drop-in curling league**. While the wins and losses aren't recorded, the games certainly are competitive, but most of all - they sure are fun. What's best about this League is the fact that you can play with a different group of 4 every game, you get to meet and play with all of the curlers in the league at some time or other, the atmosphere is so warm and friendly, and it's a great league to try some of those fancy game shots you keep in your back pocket. And you get to talk about all the "flukes" and "great game winning shots" over a cup of coffee after the game.

And what can I say about our **Friday Competitive League** that hasn't already been said. Our 16 teams have a tremendous amount of skill and knowledge about the game of curling, which has made our league a pleasure to play and watch. You will see some of the finest shot making in the valley, played with a highly competitive spirit and emotion. Teams play for wins as each competes for the prestigious Aggregate Championship Trophy. Guy Morazain will again be coordinating this league.

New this season will be a **Senior Mixed League** played Friday afternoons at 1:30pm. I hear we have 6 teams already interested. Interest in Interior and Provincial mixed championship playdowns seems to be increasing, which is great to see.

We have a great sponsor in **Sunshine Honda**, Merk is promising the best curling ice in the World, and with a new "look" to our club, it should be another great curling season. You won't want to miss it. I look forward to seeing you at registration day and on the ice. Oh! And by the way tell a friend about our curling league and get them to join us.

Jim Skrenek, President, Senior Men's Curling Leagues

AGM & MEMBER SOCIAL

On **Friday Sep 17th at 6:30pm** we will be having our AGM followed by a welcome back to the curling season PARTY. This will give us a good chance to renew friendships that we've missed all summer and get geared up for the new season and taste the delights from Majeau Catering. Remember, participation in club social events is important to the survival of this curling club. Register & review written reports from 6:30-7. Formal meeting starts promptly at 7pm.

Some of our Board members are finishing their 'tour of duty'. As always we are looking for members to step up to the plate and inject new ideas to help keep the Vernon Curling Club one of the best darn curling clubs in Canada. Contact TJ or Dave if you are even a tiny bit interested...

Golf Tournament



Saturday Sep 18th; 2:30pm shotgun start
 Royal York Golf Course
 2 person scramble; \$45 per person, 9 holes
 Men's, Ladies or Mixed
 Call or email the club to register
 Dinner & prizes afterwards at the curling club

PROSHOP

This year we are proud to stock a wide array of curling equipment from:

ASHAM, BALANCE PLUS, GOLDLINE, OLSON, TOURNAMENT

We are excited to take on this new venture with our expanded proshop.

Come see for yourself!



September 13, 7pm onwards	REGISTRATION NIGHT
September 17, 6:30pm	AGM & WELCOME BACK SOCIAL
September 18, 2:30pm shotgun @ Royal York	VCC Golf Tournament
September 27 & 28, 6:30-8:30pm	NOVICE CLINIC, register at the curling club
September 27, 28 & 29, 6:30-8:30pm	INTERMEDIATE CLINIC, register at the curling club
September 30-Oct 4	Twin Anchors Houseboats Curling Classic
October 4	Leagues start
October 29-31	LADIES SILVER STAR BONSPIEL
November 20 & 21	Junior Spiel
December 15-19	The National @ Wesbild Centre
December 17, 7pm onwards	MERK'S CHRISTMAS DROP-IN
December 28-30	2 on 2 SPIEL
January 6-9	MENS OPEN BONSPIEL
January 17-19	SENIOR MENS OPEN BONSPIEL
February 6-13	Canadian Direct Insurance Men's Provincials
February 15 & 16	SENIOR LADIES OPEN BONSPIEL
March 21-24	Club Championships
March 25-27	MIXED BONSPIEL