



Curl BC

One House, Great Delivery



Annual Report
2008 / 2009



Mission

Curl BC is dedicated to the promotion and development of curling in British Columbia and to the coordination of curling activities on behalf of the member clubs.

Purposes

1. To promote and develop the game of curling as a recreational and competitive sport in the province of British Columbia
2. To provide technical, marketing and other relevant assistance to member curling facilities in order to promote the sport of curling generally
3. To arrange and conduct playdowns and championships for the purpose of determining provincial championship teams

2009-2013 Strategic Plan

The 2009-2013 Strategic Plan has been developed to leverage the impact of hosting the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in BC. The challenge is to not only develop a dynamic plan to leverage this unparalleled promotion of curling and wheelchair curling in the province, but to ensure that the plan is implemented and evaluated. In order to do so, SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Tangible) goal statements have been created under the structure of the four pillars of the Canadian Sport Policy: Enhanced Performance, Enhanced Participation, Enhanced Capacity Building and Enhanced Interaction.

"I am thrilled to have been a part of the plan Curl BC has for the next 5 years. As we complete our strategic plan and we focus on all aspects of curling in the province I am optimistic that we will see the curling population grow in the very near future. It has been an honour and pleasure to sit as President of Curl BC for the past two years."
– Terry Vandale, Curl BC President

Performance

By 2013, all athletes, coaches, officials and ice technicians in BC will be guided in their pursuit of excellence through regional and provincial curling programs.

From Practice to Podium

Tiering system was changed:

Tier 1 is adult only	points + top 2 finish at provincials	3 teams
Tier 2 adult	points + top 3 finish at provincials	4 teams
Tier 2 junior	points + top 3 finish at provincials	4 teams
Tier 3 adult	points	4 teams
Tier 3 junior	points	1 team
Talent pool adult	points	8 teams
Talent pool junior	points	4 teams
Non-identified	points	5 teams
Individuals	5	
Total # of teams: 33 plus 5 individuals		

All Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams and three of the four Tier 3 teams qualified for provincials. Program teams in both men's and women's won the BC Championships and four out of six achieved podium finishes. The women came second at the National Championship.

Out of thirteen junior teams in the program, nine qualified for provincials and won five out of the six medals available. A junior men's team from the program won the BC Championships.

Wheelchair went to a provincial system with four teams formed across the province. The BC Wheelchair Curling Championship was a round robin plus a three team playoff. The BC Championship team went on to win the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship, which was the third straight gold medal for Team BC.

2009 Provincial Competitions

Many thanks to our clubs and their volunteers for hosting our Provincial Championships. Without their support our competitions would not be possible.

2009 National / International Curling Events Hosted in BC

- M&M Canadian Juniors - Salmon Arm was host to thirteen junior women's teams and thirteen junior men's teams, representing each of the provinces and territories of Canada.
- Scotties Tournament of Hearts – Held in Victoria, twelve Women's teams competed from throughout the country for the chance to represent Canada at the Women's World Curling Championship. BC's Marla Mallett, Grace MacInnes, Diane Gushulak and Jacalyn Brown represented BC well, earning the Silver Medal.
- World Wheelchair Curling Championship – Held in Vancouver at the new Olympic venue, ten teams competed. Jim Armstrong, Darryl Neighbour, Ina Forest and Sonja Gaudet of BC and Chris Sobkowicz from Manitoba represented Team Canada well, winning the gold medal.
- World Junior Curling Championships – The PEI Junior Men's Team and the Manitoba Junior Women's Team went on to represent Canada at the World Junior Curling Championships held in Vancouver. Both teams competed against nine other countries from around the world and came out as Silver Medalists. Congratulations to BC's very own Jamie Danbrook who plays lead on the PEI Junior Men's Team.

The following three BC teams have qualified for the Olympic Pre-Trials to be held in Prince George November 10-14, 2009.

- Team Scott - Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter, Renee Simons
- Team Ursel - Bob Ursel, Jim Cotter, Kevin Folk, Rick Sawatsky
- Team McAulay - Greg McAulay, Ken Maskiewich, Deane Horning, Aaron Watson

Premier's Athletic Awards

The Premier's Athletic Awards is an annual event that allows the Province to recognize the top female and male athletes from the provincial sport organizations and post secondary institutions receiving funding through the BC Athlete Assistance Program. Curl BC's 2009 winners are: Bob Ursel and Jacqueline Roy.

Participation

Curl BC will actively support the growth and development of member facilities to increase the number of people participating in curling by 20% by March 2013.

- Number of Clubs Affiliated with Curl BC: 92
- Number of sheets of ice available for curling in BC: 454 (does not include non-affiliated clubs)
- As of June 1, 2009, reported membership in curling activities in BC: 25,122; minimum increase of 191 members over 2007/08 (with 2 clubs still to report)
- Over 17,000 school kids in BC received instruction in curling this year at 34 clubs.
- Congratulations to the following clubs that delivered lessons to over 1,000 school children during the 2008-2009 season: Revelstoke, Quesnel, Victoria, Marpole and Tunnel Town.

Optimist Youth Curling Program

Four Youth Development Camps were held this past year in Chilliwack, Vernon, Barriere and Grand Forks. These camps targeted first year curlers aged 12 and under, and non-curlers aged 9-11. Along with trained coaches, juvenile boys and girls teams from the respective areas acted as mentors for these new curlers. Fifty-one children were able to participate in these camps.

Thanks to all of the clubs that participated in the Optimist Raffle to make these camps possible. And many thanks to Al Kersey for managing all of these camps as well as all his leadership in getting as many raffle tickets sold as possible – great service.

Premier's Sports Awards Program

This is a province-wide skill development program which rewards students with badges according to their skill level achieved. The program can be used alongside the Curl BC Skill Awards program and is developed for non-curler teachers in the education system. Lessons can be delivered in a classroom as well as in a curling rink. It is a great resource for teachers to introduce the sport to their students. Curl BC is currently working with PSAP to revise their Curling materials for the 2009-2010 school year. 279 badges were awarded to students this past school year.

Curl BC Skill Awards Program

This is a widely used skill development program developed by Curl BC in the late 1990s. It is for junior curlers and must be delivered with a certified coach at a curling club. Over 100 badges were awarded between February and May 2009. Two Gold Levels were achieved: Kalia Van Osch of Nanaimo Curling Club and Kodie Rea of Golden Ears Winter Club. Congratulations!

The Dominion Curling Club Championship

The Dominion Curling Club Championship is dedicated to the grass roots of curling – club curlers. The club curlers who qualify in the six regions' Club Challenges go on to participate in and play against club curlers from an ever expanding variety of US states and foreign countries in the annually held Pacific International Cup. This year's winners of the Pacific International Cup were our own BC Teams:

2009 Women's Gold Medalists: Team Blashko from Penticton: Lil Blashko, Cindy Curtain, Sandy Heath and Tammy Brennan
 2009 Women's Silver Medalists: Team West from Peach Arch: Charlotte West, Ellen Davies, Marilyn McBryer, Linda Powell
 2009 Men's Gold Medalists: Team Geistlinger from Vernon: Kevin Geistlinger, Darin Heath, Kevin Pickering and Dan Colton
 2009 Men's Silver Medalists: Team Frycz from Langley: Darren Frycz, Doug O'Byrne, Carl Labreche, Jonathan Sypal-Kohout

Williams Moving & Storage Air Miles Contest

Winners were drawn from Club Mixed League winners that were submitted to Curl BC. Each team received 1,000 Air Miles points as a prize.

Winning teams:

Team Quesnel: Paul Quesnel, Janet Quesnel, Ray Bewza, and Andrea Bona (Ashcroft)

Team Roy: Randy Roy, Lynn Toews, John Miller, and Maureen Roy (Richmond)

Team Swift: Doug Swift, Kathy Swift, Dean Geiger, Debbie Geiger (Langley)

Capacity Building

Curl BC will provide leadership to ensure the availability of curling facilities and programs through strong governance and operational excellence.

Human Resources

During 2008/09, Curl BC said good-bye to a number of familiar faces and welcome to a great new team. Congratulations and thanks to former Participation Manager Lynne Jambor who is now the General Manager of the Golden Ears Winter Club and Robbie Gallagher who left his position as Communications Coordinator to develop his fitness business into a full-time enterprise. Thanks as well to Thomas Friesen for his year of service handling Competitions and Communications.

Doing a wonderful job in their first year are Heather Beatty, Technical and Education Coordinator; Leslie Howe, Administrative Manager; and Penny Bartel, Participation Manager. They have joined Curl BC's very successful coaching team consisting of Provincial Coaches Sharon Delver and Melissa Soligo, Regional Coaches Al Moore and Kevin Rouck and the Assistant Regional Coaches. This hard working group is supported by contractors Sandra Patterson who handles communications and Richard Brower who provides assistance in the off-season and an invaluable historical background.

Education

Thanks to Master Learning Facilitator, Karen Watson; Provincial Officiating Coordinator, Dianne Barker; Provincial Ice Technician, BJ Gagnon; and our Learning Facilitators & course conductors for their commitment to their respective areas of the sport.

WORKSHOP	# HELD	PARTICIPANTS
COACHING:		
Club Coach Youth	2	13
Club Coach	7	62
Level 2 Technical	3	20
Level 3 Technical	1	14
OFFICIATING:		
Level 1	5	62
Level 2	3	16
ICE TECHNICIANS:		
Championship Ice Making	2	12
Level 1	1	5
Level 2	2	7

Finances

Curl BC's total revenue exceeded \$1,000,000 for the first time in 2008/09 which is a key factor in qualifying the organization for the top level of core grant support from the Provincial Government. Expenses exceeded revenue again this year, but a four year financial plan has been developed to coincide with the Strategic Plan to ensure that a small surplus is generated in future years. Please refer to Curl BC's 2008/2009 Financial Report which is available under separate cover.

Interaction

Curl BC will actively engage with government, philanthropic organizations, corporations and the general public to raise awareness and generate interest in curling as a healthy, fun, lifetime activity for everyone.

Thank you to our business partners and suppliers for their continued support of Curl BC:

- Canadian Direct Insurance
- Kruger Products Limited
- Best Western Hotels
- Williams Moving and Storage
- Merit Travel
- Optimists International
- Scouting Solutions



Funding Partners

- Province of BC's Sport & Recreation Branch
- Province of BC's Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch
- Sport BC
- Canadian Sport Centre Pacific
- 2010 Legacies Now
- Canadian Curling Association
- Coaches Association of BC
- Sportsfunder: SportsFunder and Curl BC have partnered to provide significantly reduced fees for workshops. Sportsfunder grants offset the fees for participants to support the development of entry level coaches in the BC Sport System.

2008/09 Results

National Championship Representation

Competition	Team	Team Members	Ranking
Canadian Mixed	Monkman, Royal City	Greg Monkman, Susan Allen, Randie Shen, Anita Cochrane	Tied 6th
M&M Canadian Junior Women	Shimizu, Richmond	Kelly Shimizu, Kayte Gyles, Janelle Sakamoto, Julianna Tsang, Coach – Victor Shimizu	Tied 5th
M&M Canadian Junior Men	Kedziora, Golden Ears	Bryan Kedziora, Derek Errington, Cal Jackson, Tyler MacKenzie, Coach – Bill Tschirhart	Tied 5th
Scotties Tournament of Hearts	Mallett, Vancouver	Marla Mallett, Grace MacInnes, Diane Gushulak, Jacalyn Brown, Coach – Ken MacDonald	Silver Medalists
Tim Horton's Brier	Geall, Royal City	Sean Geall, Brent Pierce, Kevin Recksiedler, Mark Olson, Coach – Glen Pierce	Tied 6th
Canadian Wheelchair	Armstrong	Jim Armstrong, Frank La Bounty, Whitney Warren, Jacqueline Roy, Darryl Neighbour, Coach – Melissa Soligo	Gold Medalists
Canadian Seniors - Women	Smiley, Royal City	Kathy Smiley, Kerri Miller, Rita Imai, Linda Brunn, Coach – Brad Burton	Silver Medalists
Canadian Seniors - Men	Gessner, Richmond	Brian Gessner, John Smiley, Bill Rafter, Craig McLeod, Coach – Brad Burton	Tied 5th
National Masters - Women	McFadden, Royal City	Carol McFadden, Monica Hunter, Ann MacLeod, Debbie Smith	9th
National Masters - Men	Pughe, Royal City	Rick Pughe, John Zwarych, Jack Finnbogason, Bob Byrne	Silver Medalists

International Championship Representation

Competition	Team	Team Members	Ranking
Karuizawa International	Ursel	Bob Ursel, Jim Cotter, Kevin Folk, Rick Sawatsky	Gold Medalists
World Wheelchair	Armstrong	Jim Armstrong, Darryl Neighbour, Ina Forest, Chris Sobkowicz, Sonja Gaudet, Coach – Joe Rea	Gold Medalists
U-18 Optimist International - Girls	Prinse	Stephanie Prinse, Emma Graham, Brianne Dyck, Ali Renwick, Coach – Laura Watson	Unranked
U-18 Optimist International - Boys	Keates	Charlie Keates, Kael Kristjenson, Bradon Krenz, Daniel Ondang, Connor Thompson, Coaches – Brenda & Amanda Nordin	Unranked
World Seniors	Sanders	Pat Sanders, Cheryl Noble, Roselyn Craig, Christine Jurgenson	Gold Medalists

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