

The CURLING CONNECTION

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Rockslide Curling Camp hits the Okanagan this weekend

The Curl BC Rockslide Summer Curling Camp will be hitting the Okanagan in Vernon this weekend from August 18-21. 50 junior athletes between the ages of 11-19 will be visiting the city to work with some of BC's top coaches (led by Curl BC Provincial Coach & Olympic Bronze Medalist, Melissa Soligo) to enhance their skills on and off the ice.



This is the first year for the summer camp, but, with a keen interest from beginner to high performance junior curlers across the province, its future looks promising.

In addition to the camp, a Championship Ice Making course hosted 26 ice technicians from BC & Alberta from August 15-17, who will now take back their newly acquired tricks of the trade to their local curling centres. Internationally renowned ice technician Dave Merklinger led this course.

A Competition Coach course is also taking place, at which 8 coaches will become certified to coach competitive curling teams; and for those more interested in soaking up the sun while supporting a good cause, the Sandra Schmirler Foundation Charity Golf Tournament – Okanagan will be held in Kelowna from the 19th – 21st .

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Community Sport Hero Awards

Curl BC is encouraging members to nominate deserving volunteers within their communities for a Community Sport Hero Award.

Nomination deadlines are as follows:

Summerland – August 19, 2011

Salmon Arm – September 23, 2011

Nelson – October 21, 2011

Qualicum/Parksville – November 11, 2011

[Click here](#) to learn more about these awards and to view the online nomination form.

Curl BC coaches available for clinics

Is your facility hosting or wanting to host clinics next season? If so, Curl BC has Assistant Regional Coaches that are available to help plan & instruct.

Visit our Coaches page on our website to find a coach in your area.

Coaches Week - September 17-24, 2011

Mark this week on your calendar! British Columbia Coaches Week, an initiative of Coaches BC, focuses on the recruitment, development and celebration of sport coaches with events around the province. Events include training opportunities, workshops and celebrations of the work of volunteer and community coaches. Plan now to schedule your coaching-related courses and/or events during Coaches Week.

Register your event today

How can I get involved?



Capital One Rocks & Rings Instructors

Curl BC has openings for Rocks & Rings instructors in the following locations: Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Island (Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, Campbell River), and Kelowna. This is a perfect position for university students as the schedule is flexible to meet your needs! You must be available for 1 full school day of work per week. Read the attached job posting and submit your resume to pbartel@curlbc.ca as soon as possible!

Please [click here](#) to view the job posting.

\$50,000 grants available!

The **Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF)** supports community-based projects across Canada that improve accessibility, remove barriers, and enable Canadians with disability to participate in and contribute to their communities. Grants up to \$50,000 per project are available to improve the “built environment”!

If your curling club is looking to enhance its accessibility by:

- Constructing an interior or exterior ramp
- Installing wider doors or automated door openers
- Building an accessible washroom
- Installing an elevator or lift
- Enhancing interactive speech capability on a public-access computer

Visit: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/cfp/index.shtml for more information on how to access funds but act quickly, the deadline for proposals is September 23, 2011!

If you would like some assistance in putting together a proposal, feel free to contact Penny Bartel at pbartel@curlbc.ca

What program do you use to collect your membership data?

What kind of computer program do you use to collect membership information? There are a number of curling centres in BC who are looking to change the way they collect, store, and report on their membership. If you have a system that works well for you and you are willing to share that information with other curling centres, please email Penny at pbartel@curlbc.ca to start the conversation.

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Teams confirmed for 2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup

The lineups have now been confirmed for the 2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup, presented by Monsanto.

The eighth edition of this unique international curling competition takes place January 12-15 at the Langley Events Centre. It's the second time the event has been staged in British Columbia, following Chilliwack in 2006.

The Cup features six teams from North America versus six teams representing The World in various disciplines during the four days – Team games, Mixed Doubles, Singles, Mixed Skins and Skins games.

Each segment awards points for wins (or ties), with the first side to reach 201 points declared the winner. Currently, North America holds a 4-3 edge over Team World since the inaugural Continental Cup was contested in 2002 in Regina.

The winning side receives \$52,000 Cdn (\$2,000 per member, including captain and coach), while the losing side gets \$26,000 (\$1,000 per member, including captain and coach). As well, the side which wins the final Men's Skins game will receive an additional \$13,000.

Team North America will be represented by four teams from Canada – skipped by Winnipeg's Jeff Stoughton, Coldwater's Glenn Howard, Amber Holland of Kronau, Saskatchewan and Stefanie Lawton of Saskatoon and two teams from the United States – skipped by Pete Fenson of Bemidji, Minnesota and Patti Lank of Lewiston, New York.

The captain will be former world champion Julie Skinner of Victoria, British Columbia while three-time Brier and two-time world champion Rick Lang of Thunder Bay will return as coach.

Team World's colours will be worn by teams skipped by Sweden's Niklas Edin of Karlstad, Scotland's Tom Brewster of Aberdeen, Norway's Thomas Ulsrud of Oslo, Sweden's Anette Norberg of Härnösand, China's Bingyu Wang of Harbin and Scotland's Eve Muirhead of Dunkeld.

The captain for Team World will be Scotland's David Hay, another former world champion, while Sweden's Peja Lindholm, a three-time world champion, returns as coach.

TSN, the exclusive television network for the CCA's Season of Champions, will provide complete coverage of the event, which is being sponsored for the second consecutive year by World Financial Group.

Event Passes with guaranteed seating are now on sale. Call 1-855-532-8497 or go online to <http://www.curling.ca/championships/continentalcup/tickets>.

The World Financial Group Continental Cup, which was staged for the first time in mid-January this past season, after previously being conducted in late November/early December, is a joint venture of the Canadian Curling Association, World Curling Federation and United States Curling Association.





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