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Message from the CEO

Scott Braley

At the June 2009 Curl BC AGM, a commitment was made to send out Curl BC's membership fee invoices earlier to assist member clubs with planning and adjusting to the HST. These invoices were sent out in May for the 2010/11 season, but the deadline remains December 1, 2010. What a great surprise to find that 10 of our 100 clubs have already paid these fees over 5 months early for the coming season. Many thanks to the leadership of the following clubs for your commitment to and support of the Curl BC collective:

- Fernie Curling Club (Region 2)
- Princeton Curling Club (Region 3)
- Sicamous Curling Club (Region 4)
- 100 Mile House Curling Club (Region 5)
- Prince Rupert Curling Club (Region 6)
- Broughton Curling Club (Port McNeil – Region 10)
- Fort Rupert Curling Club (Port Hardy – Region 10)
- The Arbutus Curling Club (Vancouver – Region 11)
- Hope Curling Club (Region 11)
- Mission Granite Club (Region 11)

Curl BC plans to send out these invoices in March in 2011, but we need clubs to meet the February 15th deadline for submission of membership



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lists in order to calculate each club's new 3-year average. Thanks to all those clubs who continue to meet these deadlines every year.

Speaking of curling business, Curl BC is delighted to be partnering with the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) and the Vernon Curling Club to host our first Business of Curling Symposium in 3 years. This must attend event will be hosted October 15-17 , 2010, at the Vernon Curling Club and the Best Western Vernon Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre. Three business streams are planned so it is recommended that each club endeavour to have 3 representatives in attendance. A package price will be available which includes the symposium and 1 or 2 nights' accommodation. Look for details soon on the Curl BC web site. And well done to the CCA for re-establishing this key program which helps all of us.

In another great development, the Nelson Curling Club's Board of Directors has purchased a Capital One Rocks & Rings unit which makes it the first community outside of the Lower Mainland to establish the full Rocks & Rings program. Also great to see Nelson CC make the top 20 list for the Kraft 2010 Celebration Tour (please vote for them on July 23rd!). Curl BC looks forward to working with Nelson CC and any other clubs which are interested in establishing the very successful Rocks & Rings program (over 90 schools visited in 09/10) in their community. If your club is interested, please contact Penny Bartel in the Curl BC office at pbartel@curlbc.ca.

On behalf of the Curl BC staff, we hope you are having a great summer and looking forward to another great season of curling in September as we build upon the unparalleled success of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games to grow and develop the sport throughout BC.

Judzentis receives Community Sport Hero Award

Sport BC honoured eight dedicated sport leaders from Smithers on Tuesday July 20, 2010 with the Community Sport Hero Awards presented by EnCana.

The award ceremony, hosted at the Hudson Bay Lodge, celebrated the contributions of longtime community sport volunteers. Cress Farrow, Mayor of the Town of Smithers was in attendance to present the winners with their awards and a gift from the Community Sport Hero Awards' official apparel provider, FIRSTAR Sports Inc.

"The Community Sport Hero Awards are a celebration of volunteers who have contributed eight or more years to sport," said Rick Christiaan, Executive Vice-President of Sport BC. "Community volunteers, like the eight honoured here, are crucial to the success of sport in BC and the

development of strong, healthy communities.”

The following individuals are the outstanding volunteers who were selected by their peers to receive the 2010 Sport BC Community Sport Hero Awards in Smithers:

Gord Judzentis, Curling, Shelly Alessio, Soccer, Kala Hooker, Rugby, Stuart Van Horn, Multi-Sports, Bill Hodyk, Soccer, Brian Irvine, Soccer, Mike Richey, Wrestling, Holly Smith, Action Schools! BC

The public was invited to help celebrate these individuals at the ceremony. Smithers is the sixth stop for the Community Sport Hero Awards in 2010, heading next to Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd in August.

Canada Winter Games Backdoor Qualifier Reminder

Teams who wish to enter must meet the following criteria:

- competitors shall be a maximum of 17 years of age on Dec. 31, 2010
 - must have a fully certified Level 2 or Competition Coach
- Oct. 22-24th @ Cloverdale Curling Club
\$200 plus tax

Register by August 31 by clicking here:

<http://curlbc.ca/competitions/canada-games-selection-process/>

Vote for Nelson Curling Club on July 23!

The Nelson Curling Club nominated Nelson to the Kraft 2010 Celebration Tour and they have been short-listed as one of the top 20 communities in Canada. They are now competing against New Westminster and on July 23rd from 9 am PST (noon EST) for 24 hours and they need your votes. The club that receives the most votes in this 24 hour period wins! If Nelson wins then TSN and Kraft will go to Nelson for the day (Aug 29th, 2010) for a fun filled day of sports, entertainment, barbeque and Sportscentre broadcast. This is a free community celebration, which will showcase this wonderful area.

The Nelson Curling Club will also get \$25,000 to refresh their club and support their Youth Initiatives Program.

Starting at 9:00 am(PST) Friday, July 23rd for 24 hours to vote go to

<http://kraftcelebrationtour.tsn.ca/top20/1699#wordmatchup>

Vote often, vote as many times as you can, just remember to vote!

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New playdown formats finalized

The formats for the new men’s and women’s playdowns leading to the provincial championships have now been finalized. In the event that there are 12 or fewer teams, the draw will be a triple-knockout with a playoff. If there are more than 12 teams, the draw will likely be a double knockout, however, if possible (given number of sheets of ice, time, etc.) a triple knockout with a playoff will be played.

Teams will be seeded in all events. Once an event registration has closed, teams will be emailed with a list of entrants and asked to rank the top half. The placement of the remaining unseeded teams will be based on a random draw. Teams that consist of 2 players from the interior and 2 players from the coast, must choose to compete in either the interior or the coast, not both. They may not enter one interior playdown and one coast playdown. Teams with 3 or more players from the same area (interior or coast) must play in those respective playdowns. The rule stating that each team must consist of at least 2 players from the same Curl BC region (i.e. Regions 1-11), remains intact for the upcoming season.

There will not be a distinct division set for north and south interior host site locations. In order to promote equal opportunity for all interior teams, Curl BC will ensure these events are not held within close proximity of each other. Host sites of these events will rotate each year.

Level A officiating, which requires one Chief Umpire with a minimum level 2 certification and does not include time clocks, will be conducted at these events

Congratulations to Melissa Soligo for being selected for the Coaching Association of Canada’s Women in Coaching (WiC) National Team Coaching Apprenticeship Program. There were a total of 6 women chosen across the country. [Click here](#) for the full story.

Level 1 Ice Tech Course

Vancouver Curling Club
 September 3-5, 2010
 Cost: \$300 + tax
 Register by August 27th
[Click here to register](#)

Playdown registration

Registration is now open for 2010/2011 playdowns. Fees have remained the same this season except for the addition of HST and the new CCA competitor’s fee (one-time/season fee of \$30).

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