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New inter-regional qualifying process for 2012 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship

Curl BC is pleased to announce a new inter-regional qualifying process for the 2012 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship to be held at the Parksville Curling Club, February 8-12, 2012.

The past four open qualifying events have now been eliminated and the 16 provincial berths will now be awarded as follows:

- 1 berth to the defending champion
- 1 berth to top BC-CTRS Points Leader
- 10 berths to 5 inter-regional events
 - * Kootenays – Regions 1 & 2
 - * Thompson / Okanagan – Regions 3,4,7
 - * North – Regions 5,6
 - * Island – Region 8-10
 - * Lower Mainland – Region 11
- 4 berths to an open qualifying event



In order for each inter-regional playdown to receive two berths, they must have 8 or more entries. If an event has only 4-7 teams enter, they will receive one berth and the remaining berth will be reallocated. If a playdown has less than 4 entries, it will be cancelled and teams will be required to enter one of the other inter-regional events. Remaining berths will be reallocated to either the inter-regional event with the most entries and/or the open qualifying event.

This change comes as a result of an on-going playdown review being conducted by



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Curl BC to ensure that all respective playdowns meet the needs of the changing face of curling in BC. The intent of this inter-regional movement is to increase the number and calibre of teams competing by over-coming BC's geographical challenges.

This change will only apply to the BC Men's playdowns, therefore the 2012 Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship presented by Best Western will remain a 10-team round-robin with page playoff format, and four open qualifying events.

The top men's teams in BC will battle for the title and a berth into the 2012 Tim Hortons Brier in Saskatoon, SK, March 3-11, 2012. The Canadian Direct Insurance BC Championship semi-final and final games will be televised on Shaw TV & Shaw Direct.

The BC Men's Curling Championship has produced four national championship teams skipped by Frenchy D'Amour (Trail – 1948), Lyall Dagg (Vancouver – 1964), Rick Folk (Kelowna – 1994) and Greg McAulay (Royal City – 2000).

North Shore Winter Club to host 2012 BC Scotties Tournament of Hearts Curling Championships presented by Best Western

Curl BC is pleased to announce that the 2012 Scotties Tournament of Hearts BC Women's Curling Championship presented by Best Western has been awarded to the North Shore Winter Club in North Vancouver. This event will run from January 23-29, 2012.

The top ten women's teams in BC will battle for the title and a berth into the Scotties Canadian Curling Championship in Red Deer, AB, February 18-26, 2012. The BC Championship will begin with a full event round-robin followed by a four-team page playoff. Former World Champion Kelly Scott will return as defending champion while the second spot will be awarded to the top BC women's team on the Canadian Team Ranking System as of December 1, 2011. The remaining eight berths will be declared through regional playdowns.

The BC Women's Curling Championship has hosted past teams such as Linda Moore's 1985 & Pat Sanders' 1987 World Championship teams, Kelley Law's 2000 World Gold & 2002 Olympic bronze medalist team and Marla Mallet's 2009 Canadian silver medalist team.

The North Shore Winter Club was first formed in 1958 as a combined skating and curling rink. It had 10 sheets of ice, four of which could be converted into skating ice. In 1991 the 10 sheet facility was dismantled and a new 8 sheet rink was constructed. In 1999, they merged with the North Vancouver Recreation Commission's curling program to provide the only public venue for curling on the North Shore. The NSWC is home of 1988 Olympic Gold Medalist Linda Moore, and hosted the 2011 Tim Hortons BC Junior Curling Championships this past season.



Curl BC is here to help with member 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.

Nominate a volunteer in your community for a Community Sport Hero Award

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

Nomination deadlines are as follows:

Kitimat – July 15, 2011

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.

2011 Four Foot Curling Camps

Four Foot Adult Camp: August 22-25, 2011, Parksville Curling Club

Four Foot Junior Camp: August 25-28, 2011, Parksville Curling Club

www.fourfootcurling.com

Curl BC volunteer positions renewed

Curl BC is pleased to announce that all Curl BC volunteer positions have been renewed for the 2011/12 season.

Thank you to these dedicated volunteers for their hard work this past season and agreeing to continue in these positions.

Provincial Ice Technician - BJ Gagnon
Officiating Coordinator – Dianne Barker
Coach Development Coordinator – Karen Watson
Head Statistician – Mike West

Curl BC would also like to extend a special thank-you to Norm Allen who was Co-Head Statistician in 2010/11, but will not be continuing on in this role.

Fields set for Canada Cup

The men's and women's teams for the 2011 Canada Cup of Curling, November 30-December 4 at the Recreation Complex in Cranbrook, British Columbia have been finalized.

The women's field includes reigning Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Amber Holland; defending Canada Cup champion Stefanie Lawton; four-time Canadian and one-time world champion Jennifer Jones and two-time Canada Cup winner and 2006 Olympic bronze medallist Shannon Kleibrink.

The men's field is headed by the reigning Tim Hortons Brier and Ford World champion Jeff Stoughton, defending Canada Cup champion Glenn Howard; 2010 Olympic gold medallist Kevin Martin and 2010 Capital One world champion Kevin Koe.

Most importantly, the winners will become the first teams to qualify for the 2013 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials, which will determine Canada's representatives for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

The Canada Cup, presented by St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino, is now in its ninth season and has undergone a major format change this year as the first event in the Canadian Curling Association's 2011-12 Season of Champions.

Instead of 10 men's and 10 women's teams in two pools of five each, there are now seven teams of each gender competing in a round robin, with the first place teams advancing to their respective finals, while the second and third place teams meet in semi-finals. TSN will provide coverage of the semi-finals and finals.

The total prize money is \$70,000 each for men and women, with the winning teams receiving \$26,000. In addition to berths into the 2013 Trials, which will be contested December 1-8 in Winnipeg, the winners will also get invitations to the 2013 World Financial Group Continental Cup, at a site and date to be announced.

The teams qualified for the 2011 Canada Cup by winning the 2010 Canada Cup, 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, 2011 Tim Hortons Brier or by their standing on the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) for the 2010-11 season.

Women (Name, City/How qualified)

1. Stefanie Lawton, Saskatoon, SK – Defending Canada Cup champion
2. Amber Holland, Kronau, SK – 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion
3. Jennifer Jones, Winnipeg, MB – CTRS
4. Shannon Kleibrink, Calgary, AB – CTRS
5. Heather Nedohin, Edmonton, AB – CTRS
6. Chelsea Carey, Winnipeg, MB – CTRS
7. Rachel Homan, Ottawa, ON – CTRS

Men (Name, City/How qualified)

1. Glenn Howard, Coldwater, ON – Defending Canada Cup champion
2. Jeff Stoughton, Winnipeg, MB – 2011 Tim Hortons Brier winner
3. Kevin Martin, Edmonton, AB – CTRS
4. Mike McEwen, Winnipeg, MB – CTRS
5. Kevin Koe, Edmonton, AB – CTRS
6. Steve Laycock, Regina, SK – CTRS
7. Brad Jacobs, Sault Ste. Marie, ON – CTRS

Ticket packages can be purchased by phone at 250-426-SEAT or 866-580-SEAT, in person at the Cranbrook Rec Plex Box Office (Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm) or the Canada Cup office by phone at 778-520-2011. Great seats are still available.

Capital One Rocks & Rings a Success in Nelson

In 2010 the Nelson Curling Club embarked on a high profile mission: to be one of the winning communities in the Kraft/TSN Celebration Tour. While ultimately falling just short of winning the community support prize, their journey did raise significant awareness and support. So much so that local donors the Nelson Curling Club, the Nelson Midsummer Bonspiel, and the Osprey Community Foundation stepped up to provide enough funding to partner with Curl BC and become the first community outside of Metro Vancouver to offer the Capital One Rocks & Rings program.

One short year later and results are already being seen. "The program has been extremely well received by students and teachers everywhere we go", exclaimed Terri Richardson, Vice President of the Nelson Curling Club. "The results were beyond our planned goals. We projected seeing 500 kids with the program in year one and in the end we reached over 1,100".

Schools are already registering to take the program during the 2011-12 school year, and are incorporating on-ice curling into their winter activities program. Most importantly, the Nelson Curling Club reports its junior membership is up 77% (from 18 to 32) which they directly attribute to the Rocks & Rings program.

The program also allowed the Club to employ youth instructors in delivering it to the kids. "Not only does this program introduce curling to young students in a fun and innovative way, the positive spin-off is that it aids in the positive growth of the young trainees who deliver the program", explained Richardson.

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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Sandra Schmirler Foundation Charity Golf Tournament – Okanagan

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation was created in January, 2001 as a legacy to three-time world curling champion and Olympic gold medalist Sandra Schmirler. The Foundation is passionate in its commitment to be the leading provider of funds to support the care of premature and critically ill babies in hospitals across Canada.

The Foundation raises and donates funds to hospitals across Canada for the care of premature and critically ill babies and to that end is partnering with the Kelowna General Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the organizing committee for the Sandra Schmirler Charity Golf Tournament – Okanagan.

The Sandra Schmirler Charity Golf Tournament – Okanagan is being organized to raise funds for the Neonatal Care Unit at Kelowna General Hospital which benefits the Thompson-Okanagan region. The dates for the tournament are August 19 – 21 2011 and will be at Shadow Ridge Golf Course, Kelowna.

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation has agreed to match funds raised up to a maximum of \$20,000. A portion of the money raised will also be used to promote junior curling in British Columbia.

Entry fee of \$250.00 includes two rounds with cart and:

Friday Aug 19

7pm – 11pm: Meet & Greet Friday night at Rusty's Steakhouse and Grill

Saturday Aug 20

8:30am: First Round – Shadow Ridge Golf Course – Shotgun Start

2pm – 10pm: Silent Auction at Rusty's Steakhouse and Grill

7pm: Dinner at Rusty's Steakhouse and Grill

9pm – 1am: Dance with live band at Rusty's Steakhouse and Grill

Sunday Aug 21

8:30am: Second Round – Shadow Ridge Golf Course – Shotgun Start

1pm – 3pm: BBQ at Shadow Ridge Golf Course and prizes

Entry payment: Mailing Address: SSFGT c/o 972 Ryder Drive Kelowna BC V1Y 7T5

Online Registration visit: <http://schmirlergolfkelowna.squarespace.com/entry-form/>

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Get your tickets now for the 2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup in Langley

The 2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup will be hitting Langley and the Langley Events Centre from January 12-15. Full event tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at: <http://www.curling.ca/championships/continentalcup/tickets/>

We are also currently recruiting volunteers for all positions. Volunteering provides many perks for the dedicated curling fan. Every successful applicant will have access to the Keith's Patch, receive three pieces of volunteer clothing, a volunteers pin and handbook, be invited to two pre-event pep rallies with an invitation to the appreciation party and based on seating and standing availability the opportunity to watch live action from within the Langley Events Centre! To find out more and if interested in volunteering please visit:

<https://vicnet.curling.ca/vicnet/loginevent.aspx?eventid=44>

For more information on the 2012 WFG Continental Cup please contact the event office or visit:

<http://curling.ca/championships/continentalcup/>

Phone: 778-298-2523



CCA's NCC and AGM highlight another successful curling season

The Canadian Curling Association National Curling Congress (NCC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) were held in Ottawa from June 16-18.

"This year's National Curling Congress saw several changes which we believe helped enhance the overall experience for all attending delegates. The spirit of the membership was very positive and truly embodied the collaborative efforts on behalf of the CCA and all its Member Associations," explained Greg Stremaw, Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Curling Association. "I would like to sincerely thank the NCC Planning Committee for their work related to this event and the introduction of a curling summit which produced comprehensive education and dialogue for the benefit of our sport."

The CCA is pleased to report that, for a fourth consecutive year, it will finish the fiscal year in the black with a continued positive financial outlook. The Association showed a financial surplus of \$640,727 for the year 2010 – 2011.

The newly created Curling Assistance Program (CAP) received another significant boost with the CCA Board of Governors approving \$300,000 to be allocated into CAP for this coming year. This funding program is a CCA-designed fund that targets projects designed to grow the sport of curling at the community level or to assist capital projects critical to the operation and health of the CCA's membership. The new 2011-2012 Curling Assistance Program and application details for the CCA's affiliated curling centres will be available this fall.

An updated Business Plan and Organizational Strategy for the Association was also presented and will be available on the CCA's website next month.

Visit the Curl BC website for more information on these meetings.

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