

# The CURLING CONNECTION

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## Message from the President

*Jim Mann*

June was actually a busy month for Curl BC with the summer Board meetings followed by the AGM and then with our delegates heading off to the Canadian Curling Association's National Curling Congress and AGM. Thank you to the Directors and staff for all of the time devoted to these various meetings. The "business of curling" takes place twelve months of the year and the active involvement of our volunteer community is essential to keep our sport vibrant and healthy. Special thanks to Jan Mori for her great work as Board secretary during the past year – the experience she brought to the table was highly valued and greatly appreciated.

I wish that every member facility/curling centre in British Columbia could have been represented at the AGM. The staff did an excellent presentation on all that Curl BC undertook and accomplished in the past year. Many were surprised to hear the extensive work and successes in the "Curling For Life" program, the pilot program of Rocks and Rings in schools, the number of coaches, officials and ice technicians that received training, and the assistance that was provided to athletes in the high performance area.

What is most apparent is that one of the most difficult things for curling to do, either at the provincial/territorial (member association) or national (CCA) level is to change anything to do with competitive playdown structures. Curl BC has made a change in the qualifying processes for the men's and women's provincial championships – eliminating an extra level



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## Elaine Dagg-Jackson wins 2009 CABC International Coach of the Year Award

Congratulations to Elaine Dagg-Jackson who recently won the 2009 Coaching Association of British Columbia International Coach of the Year Award.

The Coach of the Year Awards are presented by CABC in conjunction with the Bob Bearpark Coaching Bursary Fund. The recipients of these awards have demonstrated a dedication to developing and advancing great athletes and great people.

of qualification for the men and thus saving both the Association and the curlers significant time and money. Making these changes has been discussed for many years and I thank the Committee and the Board for seeing this through. We all need to work together to make the new structure successful in increasing both the number of teams that compete and providing more teams the opportunity to challenge themselves and improve by playing the top ranked teams in the province. We now have eight new events in BC (four men's and four women's) to showcase our sport and attract new sponsors. Please follow the website for additional information on the structure and timing of these events as the details are worked out.

The CCA has changed the access criteria for the Canadian Mixed, Senior Men's and Senior Women's Championships to provide all 14 associations with equitable access to these championships (i.e., previously some designated associations had to play against each other to qualify for the event and Nunavut did not have any access). In the future, while the events will remain as 12-team round robins, there will be a challenge round for associations with lower previous rankings to determine which ones will compete in the national event. This change was brought about through an exceptional effort by the CCA Board of Directors, the CCA staff and all 14 member associations acting in the best interests of Canadian curling.

Enjoy your summer and keep in shape for the upcoming curling season. Volunteer some summer hours at your curling centre to spruce up the building or repair those old score boards. Recruit some new curlers to our sport for the fall. We are all responsible for the growth of curling in British Columbia. Please keep sharing your ideas in a constructive manner for the betterment of curling.



## Curl BC volunteer positions announced for 2010/2011 season

Congratulations to the following volunteers who have been selected for their respective positions for the 2010/11 season.

Provincial Officiating Coordinator: Dianne Barker  
 Provincial Ice Technician: BJ Gagnon  
 Coach Development Manager: Karen Watson  
 Head Statisticians: Mike West & Norm Allen  
 Stick Curling Coordinator: Bill Taylor

## New BC Men's & Women's Curling Championships playdown structure

Curl BC is pleased to announce that the BC Men's & Women's Curling Championships will have a new playdown structure for the 2010/2011 season on a two-year trial basis.

This change comes after a 10-month review of the playdown structure by Curl BC's Performance Committee. The process included researching other provincial structures, surveying Curl BC member facilities and curlers and analyzing the current system.

The formats of the 2011 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's and the 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts Women's Curling Championships will remain the same, however, the routes to qualify for these events will differ from previous years. The regional qualifying events will now be broadened to host two open interior playdowns and two open coast playdowns. Events will be spread geographically for accessibility, with the interior events being split between the north and south, and the coast events being split between Vancouver Island and the mainland. Each of these events will qualify 2 teams directly to the BC championships and will be held on separate dates to allow teams to enter one or both events within their playdown area. The remaining two berths in each provincial championship will remain reserved for the defending champions and the top BC team on the Canadian Team Ranking System list as of December 1st of each season.

The most notable change within this new structure is the elimination of the men's coastal and interior championships. This will remove the additional qualification step that only the men have been required to complete in the past.

It is anticipated that these changes will increase the opportunity to showcase BC's best teams at the provincial level, increase exposure & experience of up and coming teams, and save time and money for athletes, coaches, volunteers, member facilities and the Curl BC organization.

It has also been confirmed that the Vernon Curling Club will repeat as host of the 2011 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship. This championship will take place from February 7th- 13th. The Jeff Richard rink from Kelowna will be returning as 1 of the 10 teams vying for the provincial title. Richard earned his berth as the defending champion.

It was announced last month that the 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts BC Curling Championship will be hosted at the Cloverdale Curling Club January 17th – 23rd. The Kelly Scott team will return as the defending champions.

***The 2012 Canadian Seniors will be played at the Abbotsford Recreation Centre in Abbotsford, March 17-24, 2012. Soren Jensen is the host committee Chair. Congratulations Abbotsford!***



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## 2010/2011 Curl BC Executive

Curl BC would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The day started with club development sessions in the morning followed by lunch and a guest presentation by Moira Gookstetter on philanthropy. It ended with the AGM and a wine and cheese social. We encourage clubs to begin thinking about how they will be represented at next year's meeting whether it is in person or via teleconference. It is important that each club has a voice at these meetings.

Elections for the 2010/2011 Curl BC Executive were held at the end of the day. Jim Mann was re-elected as President, as was Mike West in the Vice-President position. Marnie Jepsen moved from her position as Treasurer to the other Vice-President position. The Secretary & Treasurer positions were removed from the Executive body this year, following Curl BC's move to a new governance model.

Many thanks to former Vice-President, Nigel Easton and Secretary, Jan Mori for their hard work in these positions.

The Curl BC Board for the upcoming season will be as follows:

Region 1: Gerry Foster, Region 2: Vacant, Region 3: Donna Stuike, Region 4: Inky Whalley (alternate), Region 5: Ron Phillips, Region 6: Gord Judzentis, Region 7: Pat Cotter, Region 8: Mike West, Region 9: Ken Albrecht, Region 10: Tony Pisto, Region 11: Marnie Jepsen, Region 11: Bev Oldham, Region 11: Lynne Jambor, Region 11: Liz Goldenberg

## Canada Winter Games

Registration for the Canada Winter Games Backdoor Qualifier is now open. Teams who wish to enter must meet the following criteria:

- \* Competitors shall be a maximum of 17 years of age on December 31, 2010
- \* Year of birth – any athlete born on or since January 1, 1993
- \* Coaches named on the official registration form must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least Level 2 (Requirements for coaching at the Canada Winter Games is a fully certified Level 3). If the coach of the winning team is not fully certified to this level, a level 3 coach, appointed by Curl BC, will immediately be named to replace the current coach

The Backdoor Competition will be **October 22-24, 2010** at the Cloverdale Curling Club. The Registration deadline is August 31, 2010 with an entry fee of \$200 plus HST. If the original team lineup is eligible for the BC Juvenile playdowns in January of 2011, the team will be credited for the amount of \$200 for that particular event entry.

The format is a modified double knockout. The team that wins this competition will go on to play the top 3 teams from the 2010 BC Winter Games Nov. 5-7, 2010 at the Vernon Curling Club to see who will represent BC at the Canada Winter Games.

[Click here](#) to register

## North Shore Winter Club to host 2011 BC Junior Curling Championships

Curl BC is pleased to announce that the 2011 BC Junior Men's & Women's Curling Championships have been awarded to the North Shore Winter Club in North Vancouver. This event will run from December 27-31, 2010.

The top eight junior men's and women's teams in BC will battle for the titles and berths into the M&M Meat Shops Canadian Junior Curling Championships in Calgary, AB, January 29 – February 5, 2011. The BC Championships will begin with full event round-robins followed by three-team playoffs.

The BC Junior Curling Championships have produced seven national junior championship teams skipped by Jerry Caughlin (Oliver – 1961), Sandra Plut (Kamloops – 1982), Jodi Sutton-Green (Oliver – 1986), Julie Sutton-Skinner (Oliver/Kelowna – 1987), Mike Wood (Victoria – 1988), Dean Joanisse (Esquimalt – 1989) and Brad Kuhn (Kelowna – 2000). Most recently, Dailene Sivertson's Victoria foursome won silver at the 2010 Canadian Junior Women's Curling Championship.

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.

## Cowichan Rocks awarded 2011 BC Juvenile Curling Championships






Curl BC is pleased to announce that the 2011 BC Juvenile Boys' & Girls' Curling Championships have been awarded to the Cowichan Rocks Curling Club in Lake Cowichan. This event will run from March 3-6, 2011.

The top eight juvenile boys' and girls' teams in BC will battle for these provincial titles. The BC Championships will be divided into two pools of four teams, with the top two teams in each advancing to playoffs.

The Cowichan Lake Regional Curling Club opened its doors in 1970, and most recently this four-sheet facility has been known as Cowichan Rocks. The club has hosted past events such as the 2003 International Tankard, 2005 BC Sr. Games, and the 2007 BC Juvenile Curling Championships.



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### High Performance Program

The high performance program is happy to announce that 96 participants have signed up for the 2010/2011 season.

### View our photo albums

[Click here](#) to view our photo albums online. If you have photos of a curling event that you would like posted, please contact Robbie Gallagher at [rgallaugh@curlbc.ca](mailto:rgallaugh@curlbc.ca)

### Summer workshops

[Click here](#) to view our current calendar of workshops being offered this summer

### Road to the Roar revenue

Congratulations to Prince George for yielding \$111,475 from the Road to the Roar. \$86,475 went back to the city and a \$25,000 donation was made to the Community Foundation Trust



### Curling for life!

Three generations curling together at the Rocker Reynolds Mixed Bonspiel in Grand Forks.

Left to Right:  
Jim Field, Mackenzie Field, Darren Field & Jordan Field.

Curl BC mailed out the 2010-2011 Affiliation Fee invoices last month, which should now have been received by clubs. Each invoice is sent with a letter explaining your fee and summarizing your calculation. Please note that the new 12% HST is added to the 2010-2011 Curl BC Affiliation Fees. If you have any questions or concerns about your invoice, please do not hesitate to contact Penny at the Curl BC office at [pbartel@curlbc.ca](mailto:pbartel@curlbc.ca) or 604-333-3620.

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## Curl BC Coaches

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