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Message from the President

Jim Mann

It has been a year since I was elected President (yes, the term is almost over) and while for the most part we have all spent our time looking forward, this is the last chance that I will have to look back over the past year. The year has certainly had its ups and downs. The highs and lows were driven by things that we had no control over. The highs came because curling has never had a higher profile in British Columbia or Canada or even the world because of the incredible Vancouver 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games, the television coverage and the great success of the Canadian teams. The lows came because of the painful government funding cutbacks to provincial sport organizations and member curling facilities, and the impacts of having to adjust plans part way through the year when the bad news hit. However, we did survive and are likely to emerge a stronger organization able to provide more services to our member facilities and the curlers of British Columbia as funding begins to be restored and we explore more avenues for diversified funding.

The keys to our successes over the past year rest for the most part with an exceptionally professional staff. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Scott Braley, our CEO, Penny Bartel, Heather Beatty, Robbie Gallagher, Melissa Soligo and Sharon Delver Morrison for their dedication to the operation of Curl BC programs and their forward strides to increase the capabilities and professionalism of our office and services. We also must recognize and thank our front line volunteer staff that do absolutely awesome jobs: BJ Gagnon as Provincial Ice Technician, Dianne Barker as



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Host sites needed for BC Junior & Juvenile Championships

Curl BC is still in need of clubs to host the 2011 BC Junior Curling Championships and the 2011 BC Juvenile Curling Championships.

The Junior Championships can be held anytime between December 28th and January 8th, while the Juvenile Championships can be held February 24-27 or the following week.

Clubs are strongly encouraged to bid on these events in support of youth curling in BC. Please contact Heather Beatty at hbeatty@curlbc.ca or 604-333-3619 for more details.

Officiating Coordinator, Karen Watson as Master Learning Facilitator (coaching programs) and Mike West as Head Statistician. These people are all exceptional volunteers and it is comforting to know that they have all expressed their interest in serving British Columbia curling for another year.

I have learned a lot during the past year – the Canadian Sport for Life Model, Curling for Life, and policy governance were not extensive components of my knowledge base a year ago but at the very least I think I have advanced past the novice stage in grasping the concepts and principles. My education has come from experienced and capable people like Graham Prouse (CCA President), Fran Todd (CCA Past President), Laura Lochanski (CCA Governor), Greg StremLaw (CCA CEO) and, of course, Scott Braley, for which I am grateful.

I would like to recognize and thank the Curl BC Board, also an incredible group of volunteers, who are so dedicated to curling. The collective experience of the Board members is amazing. While I thank them all for their dedication over the past year (actually many years for most of them), I do need to give special thanks to Terry Vandale, our Past President, for her support and for mentoring me and to Marnie Jepsen, the Chair of our Finance Committee, who always brings great common sense and a unique way of explaining the ins and outs of the financial world to all of us. At this time I am aware of three, maybe four, Board members who are not returning next year (Marianne Bauld – East Kootenays, Scott Kylo – North Okanagan, Nigel Easton – Lower Mainland and Jan Mori, the Board Secretary); we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their contribution to curling. My personal thanks to them for their help and support throughout the year.

And last but not least, thank you to the many volunteer club presidents, board members, club representatives and managers that I have met over the past year and to the curlers that have competed at all levels – your emails and our discussions have been interesting and have always demonstrated the great depth of passion for curling. As we learn to collectively harness that passion for the development and enhancement of the sport we all love throughout the entire province, surely our future will be bright. Thanks and good luck to all of you – stay in shape over the summer – it is less than four months until we are back on the ice.

I hope to meet many of you at the AGM in June in Richmond – please make sure your club is represented. While having a quorum is important, it is even more important that we take the opportunity to meet and talk about our objectives for the coming year and exchange facts and ideas on our concerns. Enjoy your summer!

Capital One Rocks & Rings elementary school program off to great start in BC

The Rocks & Rings elementary school program has had a terrific start in BC. The pilot project covered Metro Vancouver elementary school in the 2009/2010 season. At its mid-point, the program has reached almost 11,000 school children. Curl BC is looking to extend the program outside of the Lower Mainland next fall.

Curl BC Annual General Meeting June 12, 2010

Curl BC's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Richmond Curling Club on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Similar to last year, development sessions (topics below) will be offered in the morning for those who wish to attend. We will also have Moira Gookstetter as our keynote speaker during the lunch break covering the topic of philanthropy.

Please [click here](#) to complete & submit your registration form if you have not already done so.

Current registration numbers are below quorum, so please submit your registration ASAP.

Schedule

9:30am: Coffee, tea & water served at Richmond Curling Club

10:00am – 11:00am: Concurrent development sessions – choose one (Governance) & (Marketing – Leveraging 2010)

11:15am – 12:00pm: Concurrent development sessions – choose one (HST & Finance) & (Canadian Sport for Life)

11:15am – 12:00: New Board Member orientation

12:00 – 1:30pm: Lunch (complimentary)

12:30 – 1:15pm: Keynote speaker– Moira Gookstetter, Philanthropy

1:20pm: Teleconference call-in

1:30pm – 3:30pm: AGM

3:30pm: Wine & Cheese (complimentary)

3:35pm: Curl BC Board Officers' elections

2010 / 2011 Curl BC Yearbook

Curl BC has begun work on the 2010/2011 yearbook. If your club, association or company is interested in advertising in this popular Curl BC publication, we'd love to hear from you.

Yearbook submissions and payment are due June 1st. If you are a member of a Curl BC affiliated club and would like to advertise your commercial company in the yearbook, please speak with Robbie Gallagher about taking advantage of our member rates.

[Click here](#) to view advertising forms.

Curl BC volunteer positions

Curl BC is currently accepting applications for volunteer positions for the 2010/11 season. The positions available are: Provincial Ice Technician, Curl BC Master Learning Facilitator, Provincial Head Statistician, Provincial Officiating Coordinator

[Click here](#) to view job descriptions for each of these positions. Applications are due June 1, 2010.

Cloverdale to host 2011 Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship

Curl BC is pleased to announce that the 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts BC Women's Curling Championship presented by Best Western has been awarded to the Cloverdale Curling Club. This event will run from January 17 – 23, 2011 with the semi-final and final games broadcast on Shaw TV.

The top ten women's teams in BC will battle for the title and a berth into the Scotties Canadian Championship in Charlottetown, P.E.I. February 19-27, 2011. 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, 2010. 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 Cloverdale Curling Club (formally the Valley Curling Club) was formed in 1954 and has six sheets of ice. It is the home of past champions Craig Lepine (BC Mixed Champion), Karin Lepine (BC Mixed & Canadian Senior Women's silver medalist), Caroline Koehler (BC Master Women's Champion) and Tyler Klymchuk (BC Junior Men's Champion).

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

2010 Curl BC award recipients

Curl BC is pleased to announce award recipients for the 2009/2010 season. Nominations were received from Curl BC members across the province and recipients were selected by the Curl BC Awards & Recognition Committee.

Club of the Year: Grand Forks Curling Club

Junior Female Athlete of the Year: Dailene Sivertson, Victoria Curling Club

Junior Male Athlete of the Year: Tyler Klymchuk, Langley Curling Club

Female Athlete of the Year: Jody Maskiewich, Royal City Curling Club

Male Athlete of the Year: Jeff Richard, Kelowna Curling Club

Athlete with a Disability: Frank LaBounty, Prince George Curling Club

Master Athlete of the Year: Karin Host, Richmond Curling Club

Sponsor of the Year: Williams Moving & Storage

Coach of the Year: Anita Cochrane, Royal City Curling Club

Team of the Year: 2010 Vision Impaired Canadian Champions - Dean Martell, Sandy Neddow, Frank Costello, Bob Comba, Darren Stallnecht, John Griffiths, Kelowna Curling Club

Club Volunteer of the Year: Paul Addison, Lawrence Woytawich, Lynn Wilson, Glen Meadows Curling Club

Official of the Year (Wally M'Lot Award): Jim Day, Kamloops Curling Club

Long Service Volunteer (Pat Kennedy Award): Flo Woodhouse, Trail Curling Club

Youth & Junior Curling Volunteer (Elsie McKenzie Award): Cheryl Simpson, Langley Curling Club

Friendship Award: Robin Wilson, North Vancouver

Williams Moving & Storage mixed league airmiles winners

Three mixed team league champions of affiliated Curl BC clubs were drawn out of a hat this month to win 1,000 airmiles donated by Williams Moving & Storage. Congratulations to our winners!

Penticton Curling Club

Tony & Lil Blashko, Cindy Curtain,
Merrill Mackinley, Mark Whitehouse

Tunnel Town

Bill & Marilyn Rafter, Brian & Bobbi Lochansky

Invermere

Jill Andrews, Ed Jones, Holly Kohorst, Grant Loeppyk



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Curl BC coaching positions available

Curl BC is currently seeking certified coaches interested in a one year contract for Regional or Assistant Regional Coach positions. Reporting directly to the Provincial Coach, the Coaches will be integral players in the development and delivery of Curl BC's High Performance program. The successful applicants will be responsible for the preparation and implementation of intermediate to high performance programs including training camps and clinics for athletes and their coaches in conjunction with the Provincial Coach.

Duties:

1. Provide consulting services to groups of high performance athletes and their team coaches upon request or as directed by the Provincial Coaches
2. Provide group training opportunities for high performance teams or individuals.
3. Attend and assist as required at Provincial Training Camps or events.
4. Provide mentoring opportunities to coaches.
5. Implement Curl BC programs.
 - a. Organize regional camps, Dartfish video analysis clinics, strategy clinics, delivery and brushing clinics.
 - b. Organize coaching seminars.
 - c. Keep up-to-date with current coaching information and theory.
 - d. Attend meetings as required.
 - e. Provide reports on activities on a monthly basis to the Provincial Coach.
6. The Provincial Coaches and Executive Director/CEO will provide confirmation on the acceptance of conducting other coaching activities in areas not covered by this agreement.

Qualifications:

1. Candidates for the Regional Coach positions must be certified at a minimum of NCCP Level 3.
2. Candidates for the Assistant Regional Coach positions must be certified at a minimum of NCCP Level 2.
3. Candidates must be members in good standing of the Coaching Association of British Columbia.
4. Candidates must have high performance coaching experience in curling
5. Candidates must have experience in using computer programs, including word processing, spreadsheets, PowerPoint, e-mail and the internet
6. Candidates must have strong verbal and written communication and presentation skills
7. Candidates must be able to work weeknights and weekends as required.






Remuneration:

The successful Regional Coach applicants will be contracted for an agreed upon number of hours payable on a monthly basis. Assistant Regional Coaches follow a "pay per service" system.

Interested candidates are requested to forward their resumes in confidence via email to mksoligo@curlbc.ca no later than midnight, June 30th, 2010. Only those candidates that are short listed will be contacted for an interview. Number of positions is dependent on available funding.



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BC Special Olympics Curling Championship

The Coquitlam Curling Club will be hosting the 2011 BC Special Olympics Curling Championship from February 11-13, 2011

Club Coach Youth Clinic

The Kerry Park Curling Club will be hosting a Club Coach Youth clinic on Monday, June 28th. The cost is \$50 + GST. Please contact Heather Beatty at hbeatty@curlbc.ca to register.

Gaming grant applications due May 31st!

A reminder to all clubs to submit their gaming grant applications A.S.A.P. Focus on youth and disabled projects for a greater chance of receiving funds.

New Kenzen (Sato Canada) website!

Kenzen (Sato Canada) has created a new website. [Click here](#) to check it out and read the article on Curl BC's Kenzen Long Shot Contest held this past fall.

In addition to sponsoring the Kenzen Long Shot Contest, Kenzen (Sato Canada) provided free product to every Curl BC playdown participant in the 2009/2010 season. Most recently, they provided the second place prize in Curl BC's Duncanby Lodge Raffle.

Curl BC mailed out the 2010-2011 Affiliation Fee invoices this 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 or 604-333-3620.

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