

# THE CURLING CONNECTION

## A New Season, A New Plan

*Curl BC begins a new strategic plan*



The Curl BC September board meeting held from the 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> featured a one day strategic planning session. The session was led by former Sport BC and current KidSport Canada CEO, Sandra

Stevenson. This was the first step in creating a new plan for the organization to ensure that opportunities arising from the 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Games

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## Online Registration and Event Management Software for Clubs

Curl BC has recently chosen Compete-At's Event Manager as the exclusive solution for online event management & registration. As part of this partnership, the benefits of a streamlined event management solution can be utilized with no upfront costs for any club.

Online event management is a win-win solution for everyone involved. Competitive curlers enjoy convenient online registration at any participating club. Curl BC Member Facilities benefit from increased efficiency of staff and elimination of paper forms and realize more time to spend on high value tasks like increasing participation and membership.

Here are some key features of Event Manager

- Accept online registrations and with secure credit card processing
- Timing clock and draw library
- Send automatic notifications to curlers and past registrants
- Create point-and-click event websites, post results and photo galleries
- Create flexible fee structures
- Easily export registrants to .csv format
- Create budget and financial reports

**To activate your club for free or learn more, visit [www.Compete-At.com/CurlBC](http://www.Compete-At.com/CurlBC)**

### How to Register for Playdowns

1. Designate one person to register the team (be sure to have current e-mail address for everyone on the team--coaches included)
2. Visit: <http://curlbc.ca/competitions/playdowns/>
3. Choose your Playdown event and click on it to arrive at the event website
4. Click the "Sign Up Now" button and follow the wizard to complete your registration.
5. At the end of the wizard, invite your teammates so they can complete their own profile, fulfill any requirements and create their own profile. The online registration system will send your teammates an e-mail with instructions.

*The Athlete Advisory Committee is asking that all athletes have their voice heard by completing a short online survey found on the AAC page of the Curl BC website.*

are leveraged and momentum is carried over beyond 2010. Keep an eye out for updates on the strategic plan in future publications.

## Ice King in Receivership

Ice King (maker of power ice scrapers and a blade sharpener) is now in receivership. Many Canadian clubs have their blades in the Ice King shop waiting sharpening for use in the 2008-2009 season.

Clubs should contact Bob Hiller of Capital Asset Management in Ottawa.

Email: [capitalmanagement@hotmail.com](mailto:capitalmanagement@hotmail.com)  
Fax: 613-440-0734

## Bursaries & Scholarships

A reminder to all junior curlers that the deadlines for this season's curling bursaries and scholarships are fast approaching.

### The Canadian Sr. Men's & Women's Curling Championship 1991 Fund

Deadline: Nov. 30, 2008

Contact: [silverman@camosun.bc.ca](mailto:silverman@camosun.bc.ca)

### Gordon Hooey Memorial Scholarship Fund

Deadline: Dec. 15, 2008

Contact: [hbeatty@curlbc.ca](mailto:hbeatty@curlbc.ca)

## Have-A-Go Day!

Have-A-Go Days are opportunities for the general public to get out on the ice and try wheelchair curling.

Have-A-Go Days are currently being held at the following locations:

### Abbotsford Curling Club

Oct. 6, 2008          604-859-9244

### Langley Curling Club

Oct. 18, 2008        604-530-8218

### Quesnel Curling Club

Oct. 25, 2008        250-992-5813

### Parksville Curling Club

Jan. 10, 2009        250-248-3764

## New Leagues

Abbotsford Curling Club  
Wheelchair Family & Friends League  
Begins Oct. 20, 2008  
Contact: 604-859-9244

Cloverdale Curling Club  
Super League  
Monday nights @ 9pm - \$1,000 Entry  
\$100/win, Jug of beer/loss

## Curling Coaches in BC

### How Can Clubs Help?

1. Provide space for a Coach Workshop
2. Encourage parents and members to take coach training
3. Sponsor volunteers by paying for part of the costs of training
4. Advertise coach workshops in the club newsletters and on bulletin boards
5. Identify Club Members who can act as mentors to new coaches
6. Formally recognize and thank volunteer instructors and coaches

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*NCCP stands for the National Coach Certification Program which is run by the Coaching Association of Canada for all sports.*

### Curling Needs More Coaches

Qualified coaches for teams means curling athletes have a more satisfying experience and are likely to stay with the sport longer. It also means curlers will learn more effective skills that will help them achieve success in general play and competitions.

Curling has a lack of qualified coaches for both youth and adult teams in BC. Recent changes in regulations now require youth teams to have an NCCP Level 2 Certified Coach to go to Zone playdowns. Adult teams require an NCCP Level 2 Certified Coach to go to Nationals and this person must be identified on the team's zone application. In recent years teams have been contacting Curl BC asking for names of coaches but not enough coaches can be located for every team.

### How coaches help every Curling Club

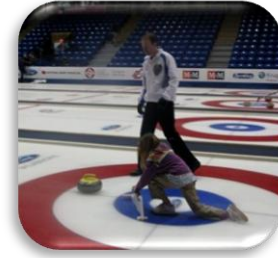
Coaches are needed in BC to do much more than just work with the competitive teams. Coaches are trained to instruct at novice and intermediate club clinics. They can start up and run a junior program or school program. They are skilled at the workings of a successful bonspiel.

### How do volunteers become Coaches?

There is a progression of workshops that volunteers must complete to become certified as an NCCP coach. Curl BC is responsible for providing the NCCP approved technical courses beginning with Club Coach and progressing through Level 2 and Level 3 Technical and Practical. Workshops are offered throughout the season in local curling clubs. The schedule is in the Yearbook and on the website.

Theory courses are provided through local community colleges. Curl BC provides a link to the current schedule through the Coaches Training and Development tab.

# Wicks & Rolls



*Jim Cotter instructs juniors at last year's Women's Worlds held in Vernon*

## **Affiliation**

Affiliation Invoices will be prepared and sent to Member Facilities October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Curl BC office to update your email and snail mail addresses as appropriate. One Hundred percent (100%) are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. After December 1<sup>st</sup> there is a Late Filing Fee of 2%, calculated monthly to a maximum of 10%. Affiliation Membership lists are due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Curl BC Participation Manager Lynne Jambor at [ljambor@curlbc.ca](mailto:ljambor@curlbc.ca) if you have any questions about the new government Membership Reporting Requirements. Details on affiliation can be found in the June AGM minutes and Policy Manual.

## **Awards Deadlines**

Recognition Certificates can be requested at any time. The deadline for receiving those requests is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Curl BC Award Nominations Deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Send your nominations to Heather Beatty at [hbeatty@curlbc.ca](mailto:hbeatty@curlbc.ca)

## **Provincial Wheelchair Championships**

The inaugural Provincial Wheelchair Championships are scheduled for January 17-18, 2009. This Open championship will be held in Vernon Curling Club. The Entry deadline is December 22<sup>nd</sup> and the entry fee is \$340 including CCA competitors' fee. Contact Curl BC Technical and Education Coordinator Heather Beatty [hbeatty@curlbc.ca](mailto:hbeatty@curlbc.ca) for competition details. The Chair of the BC Wheelchair Curling Committee is Terry Vandale at [tvandale@curlbc.ca](mailto:tvandale@curlbc.ca)

## **Discover Curling**

The CCA program initiative to provide curling opportunities for people with a disability, is supporting the Parksville Curling Club demonstration of wheelchair curling during the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Plans are also in progress to take place during the World Junior and World Wheelchair championships. Discover Curling financial support is available also at the Member Facility level. Contact Curl BC Participation Manager for details. Lynne Jambor: [ljambor@curlbc.ca](mailto:ljambor@curlbc.ca)

### **Club Survey**

Member Facilities are asked to take a CCA club survey endorsed by Curl BC on the Curl BC website. The survey can be found under the "Members" tab. Email and standard mail information will be forthcoming. The deadline set by the CCA for completion is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Curl BC Participation Manager Lynne Jambor [ljambor@curlbc.ca](mailto:ljambor@curlbc.ca) for assistance in completing the survey if necessary.

### **Juvenile Coaches**

A reminder that Juvenile teams need a Level 2 coach to accompany them to the BC Winter Games and a Level 3 coach to accompany them to the Canada Winter Games. Coaches need to begin their certification process this season if they plan to accompany teams within the next two seasons.

### **Fraser Downs Ladies' Classic**

Cloverdale Curling Club is still accepting teams for their women's cashpiel being held Nov. 8 - 11, 2008. There will be \$40,000 up for grabs. Please contact Judy MacKinnon at 604-574-4483 to register.

### **Recreational Curling Program**

Curl BC is working hard to develop a Recreational Curling Program in conjunction with Parks and Recreation organizations, Municipalities, and Member Facilities. Member Facilities will be asked for their input. Look for details this season as this program takes shape.

### **Power of Sport Tour**

Kamloops Curling Club and McArthur Island Curling Club have teamed up as Power of Sport Tour participants. The Power of Sport Tour consists of two programs - A Community Program and a School Program - both of which assist with exposing potential new curlers to our sport. Congratulations to these clubs for participating in this Sport BC/Curl BC initiative.

### **Club Contact List**

Clubs are asked to submit their updated contact lists to Robbie Gallagher at [rgallaugh@curlbc.ca](mailto:rgallaugh@curlbc.ca)

For further comments or questions please contact the Curl BC office staff:

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