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Curl BC award winners announced

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THE winners of the Curl BC Annual Awards for the 2012-13 season have now been revealed.

Among the winners are Team Brown, from Kamloops Curling Club, who won gold at the M&M Meat Shops 2013 Canadian Junior Curling Championships in February. The team went on to represent Canada at the World Junior Curling Championships in Sochi, Russia. The team has been awarded the Team of the Year award. Skip Coryn Brown, third Erin Pincott, second Samantha Fisher, lead Sydney Fraser and coaches Ken Brown and Brian Fisher all live in Kamloops.

Langley Curling Club was awarded the Curling Centre of the Year award for the wonderful service it provides to the curling community – to both recreational and competitive curlers. The club was home to a number of BC



Team Brown in their Team Canada jackets at Kamloops Curling Club.

champions this past season, including both the men's and women's senior champions, the women's master champions and junior curlers from the winning 2013 Tim Hortons BC Junior Men's Curling Championship team and the winning 2013 BC Mixed Doubles Championship team.

The full list of winners is:

Team Brown – Team of the Year (see above)

Team Karen Lepine (Langley Curling Club) – Master Curler Team of the Year. Three members of this team from

Langley Curling Club were BC Senior Champions as well as Masters Champions and travelled to both PEI and Thunder Bay to compete at the national level. The team is made up of Karen Lepine (Surrey), Lorraine Jeffries (Port Alberni), Carol Martel (Vernon) and Agnes Sigurdson (Langley).

Katie Witt – Anita Cochrane Coach of the Year Award. Katie (who lives in Coquitlam and coaches at Royal City Curling Club, New West-

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minster) is an extraordinary advocate for curling. The Level 3 Certified coach teaches all ages, abilities and personalities and wins them over to being the best and wanting to learn more. She has been a wonderful asset to her club. She is very generous with her time, both on and off the ice in teaching new curlers and has brought in many new curlers to the game. In 2012-13 she was a coach at women's provincials, junior provincials and masters provincials.

Patti Caldwell (New Westminster) – The Wally M'Lot Official of the Year Award. Patti is a respected umpire and has volunteered countless hours at Curl BC events. She is liked by junior curlers because she does a great job of explaining the rules, educates the players, comforts young players and tells them to hold their heads high when things are not going as well as they hoped. She is respectful to the kids and kind-hearted.

Megan & Sarah Daniels (Delta Thistle Curling Club) – Female Junior Athlete of the Year. These two sisters have been jointly awarded the Female Junior Athlete of the Year award for their great record in 2012-13. Sarah, 13, skipped the juvenile team to a gold medal at the 2013 Tim Hortons BC Juvenile Curling Championship and the Optimist International U18 Curling Championships. Megan was third on the team. Both girls competed at the Junior level as well, achieving bronze medals. Sarah also teamed up with her father Ernie Daniels to take part in the inaugural Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials, held in Leduc, Alberta.

Corey Chester (Victoria Curling Centre) and **Kyle Habkirk** (Coquitlam Curling Centre) – Male Junior Athlete of the Year. Corey Chester was a member of the team who won gold at the 2013 Tim Hortons BC Junior Curling Championships. He travelled to Fort McMurray for nationals. Kyle Habkirk won bronze at the 2013 Tim Hortons BC Junior Curling Championships, gold at the 2013 BC High School Curling Championships and gold at the 2013 Tim Hortons BC Juvenile Curling Championships.

Karen Lepine – Female Adult Athlete of the Year. Karen Lepine won gold at the 2013 Tim Hortons BC Senior Curling Championships and the 2013 BC Master Curling Championships. Despite breaking her arm at the senior national event in Summerside, PEI, Karen continued to curl for the rest of the season, also travelling to Thunder Bay, Ontario, for the national masters championships.

Andrew Bilesky – Male Adult Athlete of the Year. Andrew Bilesky (New Westminster) skipped his team to a gold medal at the 2013 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship in Parksville. The young team were able to beat much more experienced curl-

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Left to right, Scott Braley, Curl BC CEO, and Dr Gerry Ramogida – chiropractor at Fortius Sport & Health.

Curl BC to move to Fortius centre

CURL BC is moving from Richmond to new offices in Burnaby.

The move, which will lead to savings of more than \$8,000 a year, is now planned for mid-July.

The new offices will be located on Kensington Avenue near Sprott in Burnaby in the new Fortius Athlete Development Centre, located next to the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex.

As part of the plan, Curl BC will be sharing office space with another provincial sport organization, BC Athletics.

The Fortius Athlete Development Centre is a not-for-profit facility integrating world-class amenities with sport and health resources.

In addition to Curl BC and BC Athletics, it will house BC School Sports, the provincial governing body for inter-scholastic sport, Canoe-Kayak BC, BC Water Polo and Synchro BC. The centre will also be home to Sport-MedBC, a network of more than 600 sport medical practitioners and paramedical professionals in BC.

The centre will be run by Fortius Sport & Health, an organization made up of the Fortius Foundation, a registered charity, the Fortius Institute, a sport science and research team, as well as the Fortius Athlete Development Centre.

Scott Braley, Curl BC CEO, said: "We look forward to moving into the



The Fortius Athlete Development Centre on Kensington Avenue in Burnaby.

new building. One of the key reasons this building is a good fit for Curl BC is because it allows us to maintain the relationships, the collaboration and learning we have with our sports partners. We will be able to continue to work closely with them and create even more opportunities for collaboration."

Scott Cousens, founder and Chair of Fortius Sport & Health, said: "Our vision is to collaborate with like-minded individuals and organizations who believe in the power of sport to transform lives.

"That's why it's only natural for us to have provincial sport organizations dedicated to the development of athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers share in the canvas that is the Fortius Athlete Development Centre."

Five curling centres benefit from CCA funding

FIVE BC curling centres will benefit from funding from the Canadian Curling Association's Curling Assistance Program (CAP).

The five centres, 100 Mile House, Barriere, Campbell River, Oliver and Peace Arch (White Rock), have been allocated a total of \$41,500 in funding.

The CAP is intended to help grow the sport of curling through programs at the community level, as well as contribute to capital projects at curling clubs to keep them operating at a high level.

The grants are awarded in

two categories: Business Development and Bricks & Mortar.

The Peace Arch Curling Centre in White Rock was awarded a Business Development grant of \$4,000 for a marketing campaign to increase their membership, while the four other centres were awarded Bricks & Mortar funds.

100 Mile House was given \$2,500 for new house rings and lounge renos, Barriere was given \$6,000 for kitchen upgrades, Campbell River was given \$14,000 for new siding and a new chiller and Oliver was suc-

cessful in its bid for \$15,000 for upgrading to geothermal.

Twenty-four clubs and two provincial member associations across the country were allocated \$255,200 in funding.

"This is always one of the most rewarding announcements of the year," said Canadian Curling Association Chief Executive Officer Greg Stremlaw.

"The Curling Assistance Program is about building the sport at the grassroots level with our member facilities across the country.

"That's where our world

champions and Olympians come from, and keeping those facilities healthy is a priority."

The CCA received 78 applications requesting \$946,611 in funding. Of those 78 applications, there were seven applications for Business Development Grants requesting \$66,643 and there were 71 applications for Bricks & Mortar Grants requesting \$879,968.

Visit <http://www.curling.ca/programs-and-services/curling-assistance-program/2012-2013-results/> for the list of successful applicants.

There's still time to register for the Curl BC AGM - June 9, 2013

THE Curl BC AGM is scheduled for Sunday, June 9, 2013, from 1:15pm to 3pm.

You've saved the date. Now register to be there!

You can attend in-person (Best Western

Plus Coquitlam Inn, 319 North Road, Coquitlam) or over the phone and we ask that you register with us beforehand.

Visit <http://curlbc.ca/membership/meeting-minutes/2013-curl-bc-agm-regis->

[tration/](#) before May 30 or call Curl BC High Performance and Competitions Manager Heather Beatty at 604-333-3619 or 1-800-667-2875 or email hbeatty@curlbca.ca with your details.



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Team Schneider are two-times national champions

TEAM Schneider (Stephen Schneider, Shawn Eklund, Shelley Birston and Glenn Smith) have defended their Canadian Gay Curling Championship title at the nationals in Halifax.

The Vancouver Curling Club team faced familiar opposition in the final as they played against clubmates Team Thompson (Aaron Thompson, Jack Holmes, Brian Oldham and Mark Trowell).

Team Schneider stole two in the 8th end to win 6 to 5 in a hard-fought final.

Team Thompson had a great run, going undefeated into the finals. As the results show, Vancouver is incredibly fortunate to have not just one, but two amazing teams playing on the national stage.

The two teams are part of the Pacific Rim Curling League which curls out of the Vancouver Curling Club.

The league has a long history in Vancouver, dating back to the early 1980s, when a small group of friends organized a small curling bonspiel for the gay and lesbian community. The success of this bonspiel proved the viability of forming a gay and lesbian curling league the next winter (1983-84 season).



Team Schneider in 2012

From that simple informal beginning, the league slowly, but steadily grew in membership and popularity.

Originally playing at UBC's Thunderbird Winter Sports Complex, the league moved to the VCC in 1993.

Within the first year of play at the VCC, the PRCL grew to 20 teams. Within a few years, there were 40 teams playing over 4-draws, making it the largest curling league in the province.

Visit <http://pacrimcurling.ca/>

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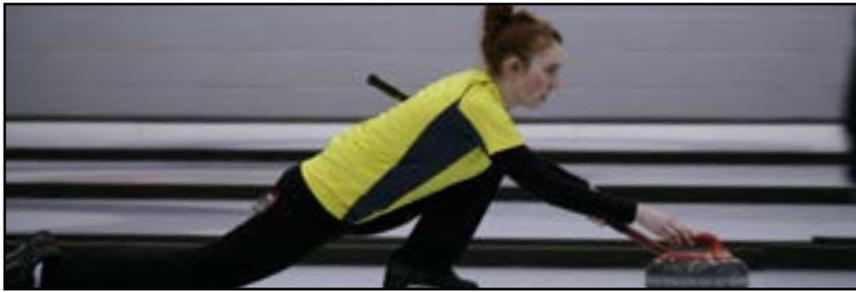
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Professional development

THERE are some great opportunities for coaches to get professional development in the coming months.

For a limited time (free until the end of August), coaches can take the Concussion eLearning Modules. Making Head Way: Get concussion smart. Not only will a coach become concussion smart, but their completion of one of these modules will also be recorded on their coaching transcript as professional development. Coaches can view their coach transcript online at <https://thelocker.coach.ca/>

To login in you'll need your CC# or your email address.

Thanks to the Coaches Association of Canada you can see what you know

and don't about concussions, anytime with the What's Your Concussion IQ online quiz.

As of January 1, 2014, to remain "active" coaches will be required to accrue Pro D points over a five-year period.

Other Pro D modules such as Aboriginal Coaching Modules, Empower +, Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) and Resistance Training are available through Coaches BC - <http://www.coachesbc.ca/nccp/schedule>

These and future Pro D courses are not only an opportunity to learn but to complement your personal coaching toolbox and positively affect how you work with your athletes.

Get training for your season

A NUMBER of coach workshops are booked for the coming season, and Curl BC wants to hear from any other clubs who want to host these great learning opportunities.

Prince Rupert Curling Club is hosting a Competition Coach Workshop from Oct 26-27, 2013 (DATE CHANGE). The deadline to register is Oct 16, 2013. Register at <http://curlbc.ca/development/coaching/competition-coach-workshops/prince-rupert-competition-coach-workshop/>

A Competition Coach Workshop will also take place at the Juan de Fuca Curling Centre from November 2-3, 2013. The deadline to register is October 23, 2013. Visit <http://curlbc.ca/development/coaching/competition-coach-workshops/juan-de-fuca-competition-coach-workshop/>

Meanwhile, a Club Coach Workshop is being held at Nelson Curling Club from October 19-20, 2013. The deadline to register is Oct

3, 2013. Register at <http://curlbc.ca/development/coaching/community-coach-workshops/nelson-club-coach-workshop-oct-19-20-2013/>

New this season, Curl BC will be scheduling evaluation days around the province. If you have completed the Competition Coach Workshop, please keep an eye out for these evaluation days. Contact Curl BC Educational Programs Manager Elisabeth Walker-Young (ewalkeryoung@curlbc.ca) for more information or clarification about the evaluation process.

Request a Coach Workshop:

Send your preferred dates to Elisabeth Walker-Young (ewalkeryoung@curlbc.ca), along with preferred workshop type.

A meeting room and access to ice is required.

A minimum of six participants are needed to run a workshop and the more people who attend, the greater the learning experience.

Your dates to remember

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013

THE final day to register for the Business of Curling Symposium.

The deadline has already passed for those who required accommodation. However, people who live in the Lower Mainland or who are able to find their own accommodation can still register.

Visit <http://curlbc.ca/development/business-of-curling/2013-business-of-curling-symposium-coquitlam-bc/>.

Visit <http://curlbc.ca/membership/meeting-minutes/2013-curl-bc-agm-registration/> to register for the AGM.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013

YOUR centre could be the next site to host one of curling's most prestigious events, such as the 2015 Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship, presented by Best Western.

Visit <http://curlbc.ca/competitions/provincial-hosting-information/> to find out more and to download the application form. Applications to host 2015 events are due in on June 1, 2013.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

THE final day to get your centre's ad, bonspiel and try curling days sent in to Curl BC for inclusion in the 2013-14 Curl BC Yearbook.

Visit <http://curlbc.ca/communications/curl-bc-yearbook-2/> to get the form.

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Two BC curling teams qualify for Olympic pre-trials

TWO curling teams from BC will be fighting for their chance to represent Canada at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics.

Team Cotter, from Vernon, and Team Scott, from Kelowna, are among the 24 teams looking to take a step closer to the Olympics when the 2013 Capital One Road to the Roar Pre-Trials get underway on Nov. 5 at the Memorial Auditorium Complex in Kitchener, Ont.

Jim Cotter's team will be boosted by the addition of an Olympic champion. It was announced that John Morris, who has recently left Alberta's Team Martin, will be joining the BC team.

Twelve teams of each gender will play off for two berths into the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Monsanto, Dec. 1 to 8 at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg. The Trials will decide Canada's teams to compete for Olympic gold in Sochi, Russia.

Two-times Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Kelly Scott will be joined by teammates Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter and Sarah Wazney.

Two-times Brier champion Morris spoke to Curl BC after meeting with Team Cotter over the May long weekend to talk about the link-up.

He said he was "super excited" to be part of the new team.

"We played against each other for 10 years and during that time I have developed a great respect for them," Morris said.

In addition to his friendship with Cotter, Morris said that he and Team Cotter lead Rick Sawatsky share a passion for fishing and the two have met up on various occasions to fish.

The group will be curling in the Okanagan



John Morris in Vancouver

and at Morris' home rink, the Glencoe Curling Club in Calgary, using the five-man rotation system familiar to many people who follow the Scottish national curling team.

The current plan is that Morris will call the shots and Cotter will throw fourth rocks.

The other team members, including Jason Gunnlaugson, Tyrel Griffith and Sawatsky, will rotate in.

Morris said he has no immediate plans to move to BC, but he is not ruling it out for the future.

"I think what we're going to do in the short term, and our plan is short term, is we're focusing on the pre-trials and then the trials and then the Olympics. With that in mind, the guys will be training out of the Okanagan. They will be throwing rocks in the Okanagan and there will be some training camps. We're going to have to make some big strides in a short period of time."

Morris said that although he loves his

home province of Alberta, he was also a big fan of BC.

"Whenever I visit BC, particularly Vancouver Island, it's tough for me getting on the plane (to go home) because I love it there every time I go."

Here is the full list of the teams competing at the pre-trials:

Men

- Brad Jacobs, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
- Brad Gushue, St. John's, Nfld.
- Mark Kean, Toronto
- Jim Cotter, Kelowna, B.C.
- Steve Laycock, Saskatoon
- Joe Frans, Bradford, Ont.
- Jean-Michel Ménard, St-Romuald, Que.
- Greg Balsdon, Toronto
- Rob Fowler, Brandon, Man.
- Bryan Cochrane, Ottawa
- Jake Higgs, Harriston, Ont.
- Rob Rumfeldt, Guelph, Ont.

Women

- Shannon Kleibrink, Calgary
- Laura Crocker, Edmonton
- Renee Sonnenberg, Grande Prairie, Alta. (Note: This berth was originally won by Kim Schneider, but the team declined it)
- Cheryl Bernard, Calgary
- Crystal Webster, Calgary
- Amber Holland, Regina
- Val Sweeting, Edmonton
- Kelly Scott, Kelowna, B.C.
- Cathy Auld, Mississauga, Ont.
- Tracy Horgan, Sudbury, Ont.
- Barb Spencer, Winnipeg
- Krista McCarville, Thunder Bay, Ont. (Note: This berth was originally won by Cathy Overton-Clapham, but the team declined it)

For more information on the 2013 Capital One Road to the Roar Pre-Trials, go to: <http://www.curling.ca/roadtotheroar/>

Nominate your centre for Kraft Celebration Tour cash

YOU can nominate your curling centre to be a part of the Kraft Celebration Tour.

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community with a live broadcast of SPORTSCENTRE right in your hometown. The Kraft Celebration Tour takes place this summer from August 16-25 and each of the 10 winners will be a stop on the cross country tour.

Three curling clubs in the past two years have been successful in applying to take part in the Kraft Celebration Tour.

To nominate your commu-

nity, it takes 5 minutes and 3 easy steps –

- 1) Visit KraftCelebrationTour.ca
- 2) Submit an essay of 500 words or less describing how \$25,000 would make a difference in your community. You need to highlight the community project that you would like to put the prize money towards, along with your community's passion for sports and commitment to healthy and

active living. Don't forget to submit at least one photo of the community project that you're nominating.

3) Hit send and you're done! Be sure to tell all your family and friends to do the same because there's no limit to the number of nominations accepted per community.

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Scott asked to join inaugural athlete commission

TWO-TIME Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Kelly Scott has been selected by the World Curling Federation (WCF) to be part of the inaugural WCF Athlete Commission.

The Kelowna skip is among six athletes from all over the world to be selected for the commission. One of their first tasks will be to finalise the remit of their commission and also recommend to the WCF Executive Board the selection process for future members of the commission.

Scott said: "I am honoured to represent Canada on this committee and excited about being able to give back to a sport which has brought me so much happiness in my career so far. I will always have a passion for this sport and look forward to



Kelly Scott at the 2013 Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship, presented by Best Western.

this new opportunity!"

Meanwhile, Canadian Curling Association Director Danny Lamoureux has been selected to the first WCF Competitions and Rules Commission.

The Athlete Commission will be chaired by 2002 Olympic gold medallist and WCF Vice-Presi-

dent Bent Ramsfjell of Norway. It features athletes nominated by WCF Member Associations. Other members named on Tuesday are two-time Olympic and two-time world champion Cathrine Lindahl of Sweden, former world champions Bingyu Wang of China and Ann Swisshelm of the

U.S., two-time world wheelchair champion Michael McCreadie of Scotland and 2006 European champion Andreas Schwaller of Switzerland

The Competition and Rules Commission, meanwhile, will be co-chaired by WCF President Kate Caithness and WCF Director of Competitions and Development, Keith Wendorf. Joining Lamoureux on the commission, which will make recommendations to the WCF executive board on rules and competitions, will be Paul Alghren of Sweden, John Brown of England, Hew Chalmers of Scotland, Karel Kubeska of the Czech Republic and Mark Swandby of the U.S.

The two commissions will be on hand for the WCF's Annual Congress, beginning August 30 in Copenhagen, Denmark.



Goldline

Goldline is proud to partner with Curl BC.

For the 2012-13 season, Goldline has donated 15 brushes to new curlers and three brushes to competitive junior curlers.

Young curlers who were trying curling for the first time had the opportunity to enter into a draw to win a Goldline Fiberlite brush. The draw took place on January 31, 2013. Brushes are also being given out to three deserving curlers from a Curl BC High Performance Camp. Visit <http://curlbc.ca/recognition/sponsors-partners/goldline/> for more information on the competitions.

Diane Gushulak is the Goldline representative in BC.

Visit www.goldlinecurling.com to see the 2012-13 line, which includes shoes, bags, brushes, sticks, gloves, jackets, pants and more.

Contact Diane at diane@goldline.ca or call 1-604-313-1189.



Submit your yearbook information

CURL BC prints thousands of yearbooks that are distributed free of charge to Curl BC centres and curlers across BC each year.

The yearbook, which contains over 100 pages of curling content, is also **available online here**.

If you would like to advertise in this popular publication, we ask that you **complete and return this Word document form** to rconnopprice@curlbc.ca. Businesses that employ Curl BC-affiliated curling centre staff are eligible for member rates.

New for 2013-14, we will be compiling a list of all of your Open Houses and Try Curling days aimed at attracting new curlers to the sport. These will be listed in the yearbook and on the Curl BC website.

Curl BC member centres that would like to have their bonspiel and Try Curling days listed in the yearbook, but that do not want an ad for their centre to appear in our directory, should still fill out the form.

Due to requests from our members, we are asking each centre to provide an up-to-date email address that other centres can use to contact you. These will be compiled in our member directory.

The information and full payment are due by Monday, June 3, 2013. Mail cheques to 293 – 3829 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC, V7B 0A2 as the Curl BC moving date has been put back until later in the month.

Anyone with any questions regarding the yearbook should contact Rebecca Connop Price at rconnopprice@curlbc.ca or 604-333-3617.

Goldline winners are happy campers



Grady Watt of Qualicum Beach with his new Goldline brush.



Goldline brush winner Miranda Chapple and Curl BC coach Brenda Nordin.

THIS past season, Goldline donated 15 brushes to new curlers and two brushes to competitive junior curlers as part of their partnership with Curl BC.

The program was a hit with the young curlers and their parents.

Curl BC asked parents if their kids had enjoyed their new Goldline Fiberlite brushes and if it had encouraged them to keep curling.

This is what they said:

Allison Watt, mom of Grady Watt, Goldline brush winner, age 4, said: "Grady used his broom for a few practices this year! However, since he was only four years old at the time, we didn't get out on the ice that often (the junior practice slot ran into his bedtime!). He's very excited to practice sweeping with it at home though.

"Next year, he will be in junior curling full-time and is very much looking forward to getting out onto the ice with his very own gear."

Jill Gagnon, mom of winner Alyssa Gagnon, said: "I think that this was a wonderful program for the kids. My daughter was thrilled with her broom and takes great pride in the ownership (it is nicer than the one I use!).

"She is definitely interested in continuing to curl and having the broom helped encourage her and my son, both. She also has told many of her friends and generated some interest there."

Tracey Jones, Curling Coordinator at the Prince George Golf and Curling Club, said: "The Goldline brooms were a hit!

"The kids were pleasantly surprised and excited to use them."

The competitive junior curlers to win the brushes were Miranda Chapple of Armstrong and Jennilee Slaney from Prince George. Both curlers impressed their camp coordinators when they took part in Canada Winter Games camps.

Get ready for the Business of Curling Symposium!

THANK you to those who have registered for the 2013 Business of Curling Symposium.

Anyone wanting to attend who does not need a hotel room can still register until May 30, 2013.

Register: <http://curlbc.ca/development/business-of-curling/2013-business-of-curling-symposium-coquitlam-bc/>

Those who have already registered have received "homework" to prepare for the different sessions. We hope that this will ensure you are able to take away the best and most pertinent information possible.

The Saturday night Business of Curling banquet

will include Curl BC Awards. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$35.00 but must be purchased by June 4. Call Audrey Wong at 604-333-3618 or email assistant@curlbc.ca to book a ticket. The event will be taking place at the Best Western Plus Coquitlam Inn at 319 North Road, Coquitlam, BC, Canada, V3K 3V8.

As a symposium delegate you may also be the representative for your curling centre for the Curl BC AGM. Please register online via <http://curlbc.ca/membership/meeting-minutes/2013-curl-bc-agm-registration/> or call Heather Beatty at 604-333-3619.

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ers to take the medal. Andrew and his team also came second behind Team Kevin Martin at the West Coast Curling Classic in the fall of 2012.

Alison Duddy – Athlete With a Disability Award. Alison (Quesnel) was the lead on the wheelchair curling team that took gold at the BC Wheelchair Curling Championship in Nanaimo in January 2013. The team (Team Cormack) travelled to nationals where they took the silver medal. Despite only starting wheelchair curling four years ago, this is Alison's second silver medal at the national level. She now has the distinction of being selected an all-star lead at the national level.

Key West Ford (New Westminster) – Friendship Award. Key West Ford has been a real friend to curling with their support of the Pacific International Cup at the Richmond Curling Club. The company has been providing cars and vans for the event for a number of years. The event attracts participants from clubs as far away as Australia and the vans are a big help to the travelling teams. If the organizers had to pay for the vehicles, it would cost them thousands of dollars.

ThyssenKrupp Elevators Ltd – Spon-

sor of the Year. ThyssenKrupp Elevators Ltd sponsored the 2013 BC Wheelchair Curling Championship, providing considerable funding for the event in Nanaimo. It was a very successful event, attracting spectators and dignitaries from the mid-Island community.

Langley Curling Club – Curling Centre of the Year. (See page 1)

Ernie Daniels (Delta Thistle Curling Club) – Volunteer of the Year. Ernie's official role with the Delta Thistle Curling Club is that of vice-president, but he is much more. He is their webmaster, drawmaster, statistician, and coach extraordinaire. Described as a "computer wiz", he helps with all aspects of technical support for the club. He also volunteered to do the playdowns.com updates when the club hosted the Coastal Playdowns, blogging about each shot for people who were tuning in online. Ernie has also initiated a pro-shop for the curling club, looking after inventory and following sales trends.

Donna Butler (Cranbrook Curling Club) – Janette Robbins Award (Builder). Donna is highly respected as an official and volunteer in whatever capacity is necessary. No job is too big or too small. She cleans, helps with the ice, helps children at the schools in the

area become interested and more familiar with the game, among other things.

Vernon Ronmark (Creston Curling Centre) – Pat Kennedy Award (Long Service Volunteer). Vernon was selected to win this award because of his tremendous personal commitment and contribution to the sport of curling in BC over many years.

Kelli May (Nelson Curling Centre) – Elsie McKenzie Award (Youth & Junior Curling Program Volunteer). Kelli has coached the juniors at Nelson Curling Centre for over a decade, and continues to do so even after her own kids have grown up and moved on. Nelson's junior program is currently in a period of transition and rebuilding, and Kelli's commitment to making that rebuilding successful is a tremendous boost to the community.

All the winners will be presented with plaques at the Business of Curling Symposium Banquet on Saturday, June 8, 2013.

The Curl BC Annual Awards are given out every year to deserving athletes, curling centres, businesses and volunteers across the province.

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VOLUNTEERS are needed to help make the 2014 Tim Hortons Brier in Kamloops a success.

Volunteers are the backbone of events – it is the value of these extra hands that enables organizations to offer activities that may not otherwise happen. Their meaningful contributions both behind and in front of the scenes are indispensable and their tireless efforts are often as profound as the event itself.

The Tim Hortons Brier brings together the best in curling from competitors, to spectators, to volunteers – becoming a community with one goal in mind – a great curling event. Volunteers invest their time, ensuring that this year's com-

petition is not only successful, but memorable for all parties – from organization to participant level, attendees and everyone in between.

The 2014 Tim Hortons Brier in Kamloops, will require approximately 500 volunteers to fill a wide range of positions in the months leading up to the event, as well as during the week of the championship. Duties range from roles in transportation, security and hospitality in the Patch and Purple Heart Lounge to scorekeepers and program sales.

Click on the following link if you would like to volunteer: <http://vicnet.curling.ca/vicnet/loginevent.aspx?eventid=63>



Sportsnet confirms Grand Slams to head back to BC

SPORTSNET has confirmed that the Grand Slam of Curling series will kick off in BC for the 2013-14 season.

The broadcaster, which owns the series, has revealed the dates and locations of three of the four events, with the fourth location to be announced soon.

The 2013-14 Grand Slam of Curling series kicks off with the Masters, taking place in Abbotsford from October 30 to November 3, 2013, featuring 30 men's and wom-

en's teams competing for a combined purse of \$200,000. The event will be the second Grand Slam event in a row to be staged in BC, with last year's Canadian Open staged in Kelowna. The Abbotsford event will take place at the Abbotsford Entertainment and Sports Centre.

From November 13 to 17, Medicine Hat will host this year's Canadian Open, which will include 18 men's teams competing for a \$100,000 purse, while the Players' Cham-

pionship, the final event of the 2013-14 Grand Slam of Curling series, will take place in Summerside, PEI, from April 15 to 20, 2014. The Players' Championship features 30 men's and women's teams competing for a combined purse of \$200,000.

The Grand Slam of Curling is an elite series of men's and women's curling events which are part of the World Curling Tour and feature the best teams from across Canada and around the world.

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