

PEACE ARCH CURLING CENTRE

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Board of Directors

The AGM was held on Oct 29th in the PACC lounge. A change was made to our constitution that will allow the club to streamline our curling fee structure in the future. Once you sign up for a league you will automatically receive the benefits of all members. Those who have purchased a formal club membership will continue to have their fees reduced to reclaim the cost of the membership for at least the next five years or until it is determined that you have recouped your initial fee.

Christine Makasoff - President

Greg Christofferson - Vice President

Vacant - Treasurer

Warren Ennis - Secretary

Dale Bradford - Director- League Reps

Mark Thorvaldson - Director- Marketing and Membership

Rod Friesen - Director - Facilities

Ross Savage - Director - Capital Projects

Upcoming Events

December 19- 22

Clinics - Times to be announced

Beginner

Intermediate

Team

December 27 -28

Hutch Bonspiel - sign up Dec. 4th. All ages/genders in house event- Family Fun

December 27 - Jan 1

Ice Maintenance-closed

January 2

Curling Resumes

January 6

Learn to Curl - 1 - 4:30

1 afternoon quick course-tell your friends to join the fun

January 12-14

Ocean Parc - Bye The Sea Senior Ladies Bonspiel

Clinics Coming Soon

During the Holiday break, our in house instructors are planning some clinics for those who want a tune up, struggling with some aspect of their game, or teams looking for strategy ideas. Times will be offered during the day when the club is closed for regular play. Days and times will be located in our Registration page in the products section in the coming weeks. Keep checking the website for updates on this program.



Optimal Ice Crew expands?

There is a new face in the club! Optimal Ice has a new employee: Branden Reimer. Branden was a junior curler here many years ago and has returned to the game and is learning new skills as an assist. You will see him Wednesday to Friday and during events. Continuing staff are David Loken, and our Ass't Manager Doug Boynton. We all strive to make your curling experience the best that it can be. We all have appreciated your support and hearing the best 4 words "the ice was great" especially from the team that lost. 😊

Candlelight Cuisine

Patti is willing to cater to your events here or at other locations when she is available. She is an independent business owner and has a contract with the curling club to operate on site. Her business is open to the public and we encourage her to bring people in. We have helped each other with events. I bring in rentals and she has options to work with them, and she brings in rentals for us as well. The tables on the warm side are for all of us to share. When it is especially busy ask one of the Optimal Ice team to open the lounge for you to eat and have social time. We don't have exclusive rights over her business. She is a valued member of our facility and is always willing to help promote Peace Arch.

www.candlelightcuisinecatering.com

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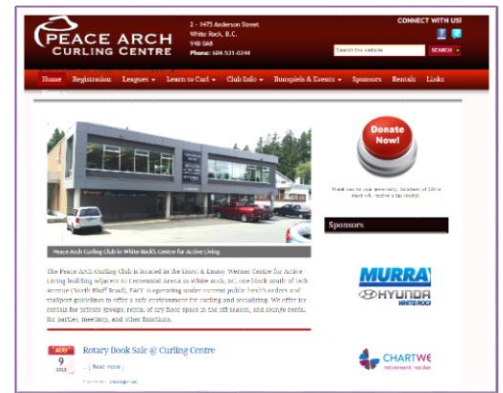
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Peace Arch News

If you know some company that wants exposure let me know.

Website Updates

The website is undergoing a gradual transformation throughout the season, so please bear with us if you encounter any hiccups. You will notice there is one less step to getting to leagues. The “Donate Now” button is a direct link to sportbc. It was set up to purchase a rock handle, or just donate, and get a tax receipt. Thank you to Michael and Margaret for their recent rock handle purchase in memory of their father E. Richard Stanfield.



If you are unable to register due to a change in email just send manager@peacearchcurling.com a message with what is happening and I can reset the system with the correct email.

Second half registrations open soon.

Volunteers needed

A major need in the upcoming future is a capital improvement committee. Sadly our infrastructure is aging and we need to begin the process of fundraising. If you have skills in this area please reach out to the board or the manager. Our new board member Ross Savage is taking lead on this important project.

Also we need people to come out on Tuesdays to help out with our School Program. We usually need at least 8 adults to help monitor the students. Optimal Ice team teach-you support in small groups.

You Late Night Curlers

If you end up last team on the ice please turn off the lights on the cold and warm side, close the doors, when you head up to the lounge. After last call, you are all welcome to stay in the lounge to chat and finish your drinks. If you outlast the bartender, please turn off the lights and TV when you leave. Saves \$\$ and wear and tear on the technology.



Lounge Available to Rent

As a Curler of the club you get a 20% discount on rental of the lounge. We have hosted: weddings, receptions, celebrations of life, and parties of all sorts.

Learn To Curl

This season's sessions have been a major success mostly due to you telling your friends to Try Curling. The second success has been the table in the Farmers Market. Next year we want more volunteers to come out and talk curling with the public. It works.

Message from the President- Spare Rule

Hello PACC curlers,

Last year, the Board asked the league representatives to come up with a new spare policy for the club because of the large number of complaints from curlers that the spare rules were causing confusion and tension.

There were two main complaints. The first complaint centered around teams bringing in spares to play third or skip that were considered to be higher-level players than the person they were sparing for. Some players felt that this was particularly unfair to teams trying to secure playoff spots in their league. The second complaint was that different spare rules for every league was confusing and often caused errors in application.

The new spare rule was agreed upon by a majority of the league representatives. The new rule was then passed by the Board of Directors and included in the Peace Arch Curling Club Policy Manual for the 2023/2024 season. It reads as follows:

"In the spirit of fair play, spare selections in both the regular season and playoffs should not be used as an opportunity to add a player who has a significantly higher ability relative to the player they are replacing.

Deployment of Spares

If a team is missing 1 or 2 of its regular members it may replace that missing member(s) with an eligible spare. Such spare(s) must throw only lead or second rocks and cannot throw third or skip rocks but may call a game if one of the missing players on that team is its skip (but not otherwise). If a spare is calling a game for a missing skip, that spare must still throw only lead or second rocks for that team. **THIS RULE SHALL APPLY TO ALL LEAGUES IN PACC.**"

If, for whatever reason, a team decides not to follow the spare rule, that team forfeits the game.

Common questions about the new spare rule:

Question: The first and second on our team are new curlers and don't want to play third and skip positions. What should we do?

Answer: Your team has two choices:

1. Bring in two spares and have one of the spares skip the game. The two spares must throw first and second rocks if you want the points for a win or a tie to count; or

2. Bring in two spares and have them play third and skip; however, the game played will be a forfeited game and the opposing team will be awarded the win. Check with your team members; the first and second of your team may be happy to get a game in even if they don't win two points for the team.

Question: If my team brings in one spare, does the spare have to throw lead rocks?

Answer: No. A single spare can throw lead or second rocks. Even if there are only three people curling, a single spare can throw second rocks.

Question: What should we do if an opposing team does not follow the rule?

Answer: Remind the opposing team of the new rule and ask them if they want to play for points or are they wanting to play for fun, knowing that your team will be awarded the points for a win.

Question: We have been told that our league is not following the new spare rule. What should we do?

Answer: The rule applies to all leagues. Talk to your league representative. If you are not satisfied with the response, please contact me.

Question: Can our league opt out of the new spare rule?

Answer: No. The rule is written to apply to all leagues. If an entire league decides to disregard the spare rule, that league will not be eligible to compete at the Day of Champions.

Question: How do we know if the other team is following the new spare policy?

Answer: Teams should let the opposing team know at the start of a game if a spare is being used and what position the spare will be playing.

The Board is asking all leagues to play by the new spare policy. If the new spare policy is not working as hoped, we will revisit the spare policy at the end of the season however, we cannot assess how well the policy works if all leagues do not abide by it.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Christine Makasoff

Board of Directors President

Curl BC 50/50

You may have seen on the website a new 50/50 draw. We have a dedicated link so if any club member wins we get some cash for the club as well. Good deal for all to support Curling in BC. It changes every draw.

Here's your personal unique URL to share with friends and family (FACEBOOK, E-MAIL, INSTAGRAM, TWITTER, etc.).

When shared, this link will auto-populate the "In Support Of" section of the raffle page with your name and the funds raised will be tracked back to you!

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/curl-bc/45>

Special Thanks to all of our sponsors in making the Murray Hyundai High Tides "International" Bonspiel a success. Shout out to John Bogar and his team in organizing the event. 18 Teams spanning the distance from Seattle to Chilliwack. Peace Arch teams swept the event.

A Winner Team Zbeetnoff

A Runner up Team Scott

B Winner Team Makasoff

B Runner up Team Dubeau

C Winner Team Henry

C Runner up Team Cebry

Best Costume - Seattle for their balloon anemone outfit.