

Senators have a long history at PACC

Senior men, known as the “Senators,” were the backbone of the original Silver Moon Rink, curling in Monday and Wednesday day leagues. When the rink closed in 1961, the Senators joined with other curling clubs in the area to form the Fraser Valley Senior Men’s Curling Association. White Rock’s John Graham was the first president, succeeded by Cliff Dickey. The Association enjoyed many friendly get togethers and some keen curling for many years according to Art Whittet. On March 30, 1966, the 75 Senators wound up their final season at the Silver Moon Rink.

The Senators were in the forefront when planning got underway for the new Peace Arch Curling Club in 1966. “They sold shares, bought bonds, and worked faithfully over the months with their hearts and hands to bring about the completion of their beautiful new club. Although they are grateful to the Cloverdale Club for providing ice for two seasons, they are glad to have a home of their own.” (White Rock Sun, February 15, 1968).

Active Senators of the time included Sid Grant, Bill Perry, Cliff Dickey, John Croteau, Ross Dafoe and Jim McNeil. The late Frank Fraser, a pioneer of curling in BC was a member for many years.

On February 10, 1968 sign-up for curling in the new four-sheet rink took place. The following Wednesday, the Senators were the first curlers to take to the ice.

Senators Corncob Bonspiel - February 29 - March 2, 1988



Doug Melchin (left) and Norm Gregory do a little work as the rock makes its way to the house. The two curlers were members of one of the 36 rinks that took part in the Peace Arch Curling Club's annual Corncob Bonspiel. Lew Lewis originated the bonspiel in 1974 and a trophy bearing his name is presented to the winning team.