

## Upcoming Events

### March 8<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer Appreciation reception

### March 21 Day of Champions

Pot Luck - a full day of semi final and final games.

### March 23-26 Nifty 50's Spiel

### April Rotary Book Sale

### Construction Begins April 15

**All ice side lockers will need to be emptied so they can be moved into other locker room.**

### August 19<sup>th</sup> Registration Opens

Preference will be given to returning teams especially for leagues that are restricted in draws.



Adrian Phillips – New Manager

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## DID YOU KNOW?

We are excited to announce that Adrian Phillips is our new Curling Services Manager at Peace Arch Curling Club. Adrian may be a familiar face as he has curled at the club for over 23 years and is actively involved through volunteering with the Tuesday school Learn-to-Curl program and Saturday Learn-to-Curl sessions.

Adrian's background includes a 29-year career in IT management and extensive experience as a volunteer in community-based operations, event management, and volunteer leadership with the BC Summer Swimming Association, the Crescent Beach Swim Club, and the Bayside Rugby Club.

Over the next few weeks, you will see Adrian shadowing Ross to learn the ropes. Please make him welcome.

Regards,

Board of Directors

Peace Arch Curling Club

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# Return It Campaign

## Support our Club Fundraisers



Turn your dimes into dollars for PACC

PACC now has an account with Return-It Express. Just bag and drop your returnable beverage containers in a clear plastic bag - no sorting required. **Tip:** only put a maximum of 12 glass bottles in a bag to prevent breakage. **NOTE:** We will be **penalized \$1 for any garbage in the bag or any unaccepted containers (e.g. American drink containers, buttermilk or whipping cream containers).**

Take your bags to the express check-in at either of our local Return-It depots and print off a PACC label using our phone number – **604-531-0244** – to access the account on the tablet. **Stick label on and scan code.**

**REMEMBER – EVEN THOUGH THE CLUB IS CLOSED IN THE SUMMER, YOU CAN STILL DEPOSIT YOUR CONTAINERS AND SUPPORT THE FUNDRAISER.**

A thermometer on the office window shows our progress - **\$1400.00**

**NOTE: there was a brief glitch where my name appeared on the account. I did not personally benefit from your donations.**

### Many Thanks

As most curlers are aware, I have stepped down as manager of PACC. It has been an exciting 3 years of building leagues and meeting so many wonderful people. Thank you all for your support. Continue to support Adrian in his new adventure.

Best to you all,

Ross Scott – Optimal Ice.

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### Congratulations to our Peace Arch Masters teams!

Team Moe and Team Chernenkoff finished first and second in the Over 80 Fraser Valley Championships and are going to Qualicum for the BC Championships March 18-19. Team Moe also finished 2nd in the recent Over 80 Bonspiel in Delta. There were 4 PACC teams at this event!

Team Zbeetnoff won the Over 70 Fraser Valley Championships in Abbotsford and are going to Chilliwack for the BC Championships March 28 - April 1.

#### Team Moe

Don Moe, Terry Peel, Don Cameron, Guent Driedger

#### Team Chernenkoff

Ralph Chernenkoff, Ed Wlad, Brian Clarke, Leo LeCouteur

#### Team Zbeetnoff

Darryl Zbeetnoff, Doug Boynton, Rick Vandusen, Brad Burton

## Practice Ice reservation system:

The club is very busy. We have Practice Ice on Mondays and Wednesday. You can book a sheet, and it will be prepared for you at a cost of \$10 for 30-minutes. Paid practice ice will be mopped, pebbled and nipped. If a sheet is not booked then it will be first come first serve but no service to the ice will be done. Every night there is two sheets open after 8:45 pm and is free for PACC members to use. The ice may be or may not be prepped. If the system is down – which has been the case please email me if you want prepared ice and you can pay in person. There is a glitch in system so just email me and I can book i.

**This is a trial run, and the club reserves the right to change the rules at any time.**

Thank your league reps for the work they do making schedules and keeping the manger informed as to what is happening in each league.

Gary Mackinnon, Valerie Gibbons, Heather Johnson, Diane Berry, Joel MacDonald, Chris Harrison, Stan Turner, Ken Henry, Martha McArthur, Don Moe, Phil LeQuesne, Mary Lang, Linda Wei, Graham Edwards, Blaine Makasoff, Thelma McGolrick, Mark McDonald and Gaston Essiambre.

We will be looking for new reps for Tuesday Day Ladies as Diane will be moving leagues and Friday Morning as Gaston has resigned from his position. Applications are flooding in so get yours in soon for consideration. ;)

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## Donations - Rock Handle Campaign

What are those names on rock handles about?

For a \$1000 you can have a name of a loved one, your own, or a company engraved on the handle. Just inform the office of what handle and use the DONATE TAB on the website. Money is collected by BC Amateur Sports and a tax receipt is issued. You can donate to the building capital projects through this system. We are actively fundraising for various upcoming projects this summer: new floor and brine lines, new upgraded plant, and dehumidifier.

Currently 6 more handles purchased.

### Finding Home at Peace Arch-Chad Selje

In 2022, my wife Kathleen and I moved to beautiful White Rock from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Who would have guessed that amidst so much transition, finding my way to Learn to Curl at Peace Arch Curling Club would be one of the very best decisions I made.

At age 52, and newly an empty-nester, I was looking for community and a fresh challenge. I had grown up around curling in Wisconsin, but I never imagined how much I would truly enjoy playing the game myself. I love the competition, the strategy, and the culture of curling—and at Peace Arch, there is unmistakably a family feel.

Where else would people gladly come in on an afternoon to offer coaching and encouragement to someone just trying to find his way? Or invite you onto their team when they know you're still more "project" than contributor? A big thank you to Ray, Mark, Blaine, Ed, and Brad for your patience and generosity.

Since starting three years ago, I've been fortunate to be part of a novice tournament championship team and now compete in both the Tuesday and Thursday men's leagues. As my skips can attest, there are often ups and downs—but overall, I've improved, and the friendships have only deepened. I've also had the privilege of hosting two large curling parties at PACC, inviting friends to experience the sport for the first time—my small attempt to pay forward the welcome I received.

This May, I'll be returning to Wisconsin to attend to family needs, and leaving my friends at PACC is not something I'm looking forward to. That said, conversations are already underway about fielding a PACC team for my hometown bonspiel one April. And whenever I pass through White Rock, you can be sure I'll have my curling shoes packed.



**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.

