



August 28, 2023

Hello Fellow Curlers.

First, I would like to express my deep concern for all our neighbours so severely impacted by the Adams Lake East wildfire and send a huge thank you to the firefighters and everyone working so diligently to manage this catastrophic event. My heart goes out to all those who have lost their homes and whose lives will never be the same. We truly are “Shuswap Strong” and will rise from these ashes.

While I know that most of your thoughts are on other things and not curling, I am sending this email to update you on what has happened at the club this Summer and touch on a few things happening during the upcoming season.

I am pleased to advise that all staff will remain in place - Doug and Carol Murray as General Managers, Myles Chapin as Head Ice Technician, Lonnie Karpick and Doug Murray as Ice Technicians and Sue Curiston in the Concession. We have a great team, and it is wonderful to see them all returning.

We have had an eventful Summer with several rentals and a huge thank you goes out to Doug and Carol who “volunteered” their time to assist with these.

Several large maintenance projects were undertaken this Summer including:

- Grinding of the concrete surface in the ice shed that removed all the residual paint that was chipping off and plugging our drainage system.
- Cleaning and painting of the boards surrounding the ice surface and installation of “puck board” around the entire ice perimeter. This will keep the ice area cleaner and protect the wooden boards that were beginning to show wear.

GOOD NEWS - we were successful on our grant application to replace the roof. As it took almost two years from the date of our application to receive this approval, the price to replace the roof has increased significantly and there are no additional monies available in this grant to make up the shortfall. As a result, we will be replacing three quarters of the roof this year, and this is scheduled to begin in September. We will continue to explore other sources of funding to complete the remainder of the roof in the Spring of 2024.

MORE GOOD NEWS – the city has advised that they will be upgrading the landscaping surrounding the parking lot this Fall. This upgrade will involve removing all the old vegetation and installing an irrigation system, along with new turf, trees, and shrubs. I am particularly excited about this project as this area has become quite overgrown and unsightly. This project is scheduled to take place in October and will require the north portion of the parking area to be partitioned off during construction – but this should only be a minor inconvenience.

As previously reported, we were advised by the city in the Spring of 2022 that we could no longer drain our melted ice and paint into the nearby pond (a practice that we have done for the last 50+ years). We have researched several options to comply with the City’s request and instead of painting the ice surface this season we will be installing vinyl sheets. These sheets are reusable (for a minimum of 10 years), have less of

an environmental impact, should reduce hydro and labour costs and will eliminate the use of paint. These sheets are being utilized at several major curling events and by other clubs and are receiving excellent reviews.

Now to the upcoming season:

### **Registration:**

It is anticipated that curling ice will be ready by October 1. Leagues will start the evening of Monday, October 9 (Thanksgiving Monday). Curling clinics and practice ice should be available between October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and an email will be sent out once we know exactly what these schedules will look like. All updates will be posted on our website: [salmonarmcurling.com](http://salmonarmcurling.com)

Registration will be online again through Curling IO starting September 1. To register, click this link:

<http://salmonarmcurling.com/leagues/registration>

Please log in using the same email address that you have used previously as using a new email address will result in a second account being opened for you that will not include membership discounts, etc.).

Attached please find an updated fee schedule as well as comparisons to last year's fees. These new fees include a small annual increase while the Capital Improvement Fee and Association Fees remain the same.

If you require any assistance with registering, please contact the Office at 250-832-8700 and Carol will be happy to help you. Pre-Season office hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday from September 15 to October 6.

Please pay your curling dues **BEFORE** you step on the ice. E-transfers are the most convenient and should be sent to: [accounting@salmonarmcurling.com](mailto:accounting@salmonarmcurling.com). Payment deadline is October 15, 2023, and a late payment fee of \$25 will be applied on all payments received after October 31, 2023.

### **BC Stick and U21 Competitions:**

The Salmon Arm Curling Club is hosting the Provincial Stick Competition as well as the U21 Competition from February 14 to 18, 2024. These two events will be held simultaneously and are Curl BC events that will showcase our Club to the province. We are looking for someone to Chair (or two people to co-chair) this event as well as an organizing Committee. Please contact me (250-804-6762) or the office (250-832-8700) if you are interested in becoming a part of this team.

### **Volunteers:**

.... And speaking of volunteers -- our club could not function without our much-needed volunteers and this upcoming season is no different. Volunteering assists us but is also extremely rewarding. We are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Social Media Coordinator (Posting and increasing our presence on Facebook, Instagram, etc.)
- Junior League Representative
- School Instruction Coordinator
- Wednesday Open League Representative
- Monday Sterling League Representative
- Chair (or Co-Chairs) for BC Stick and U21 Competitions.

- Organizing Committee for BC Stick and U21 Competitions
- Members of the Board of Directors
- Board Treasurer

If you can help with any of these areas, please contact me (250-804-6762) or the office (250-832-8700).

**Work Party**

We will be holding a Work Party on Wednesday, September 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to help us get the Club ready for the season. Work will include general clean-up, painting, drywall touch-ups, etc. We also require people comfortable working from a ladder. If you can assist, please contact Jack Foulkes via email at [jfoulkes62@gmail.com](mailto:jfoulkes62@gmail.com)

Take care, stay safe and enjoy the rest of your Summer. I look forward to seeing everyone “on the ice”!

Donna Shultz, President

(250-804-6762)

**Dates of Note:**

Curling Registration Opens	September 1
Please register by	September 25
Payment deadline	October 15
Practice Ice Availability	Approximately October 1
First Week of League Curling	October 9
Pre-Season Office/Pro Shop Hours	September 15 to October 6 (Monday to Friday) 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Annual General Meeting	October 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm

**E-Mail Addresses:**

If you wish to correspond with us via e-mail, our addresses are as follows:

[info@salmonarmcurling.com](mailto:info@salmonarmcurling.com) – for all general inquiries and communication with Carol and Doug

[registration@salmonarmcurling.com](mailto:registration@salmonarmcurling.com) – for registration and Curling IO inquiries

[accounting@salmonarmcurling.com](mailto:accounting@salmonarmcurling.com) – for all e-transfers and financial inquiries

[icetech@salmonarmcurling.com](mailto:icetech@salmonarmcurling.com) – for direct communication with the ice technicians

**Registration Link**

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