



August 30, 2021

Hello Fellow Curlers.

Well, what a year it has been. Between the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and the wildfires raging through our Province, we hope everyone has managed to stay healthy and safe. We have certainly seen more uncertainty than we would like over the past couple of years.

With Fall quickly approaching, it's now time to dust off those curling shoes, find your broom, and think about transitioning from golf to curling.

Staff returning this season are Bob Genoway as our General Manager, Myles Chapin as our Head Ice Technician with assistants Doug Murray and Lonnie Karpick, along with Scott Furevick, Cliff Hosker and John Danks helping on Friday mornings, and Sue Curiston is back in the Kitchen. With the "retirement" of Tom Nakazawa in the Spring, we have hired the services of Shuswap Bookkeeping Inc. to help us navigate the financial world of a non-profit organization.

While the Curling Club has been closed for the past eight months, we have definitely not been idle. Several projects have been completed with the help of some very willing volunteers including:

- Replacement of the large folding screen upstairs off the dance floor area.
- Repair and cleaning of the upstairs chairs.
- Repair of the on-ice cameras on all sheets – still ongoing.
- A complete clean-up of the entire building and all storage areas.
- Review and updating of our Constitution and Bylaws.
- Removal of some trees along the exterior of the building and placement of bark mulch along the front and south side landscaping.
- Carpet removal, floor painting and reconfiguration of the kitchen storage area.
- Painting of most of the downstairs area and office walls.
- With a grant from New Horizons for Seniors, we replaced all the carpeting downstairs (including the office, equipment and locker rooms) and purchased new tables and chairs.
- With a grant from SASCUC we purchased a new deep fryer for the kitchen (the old one was leaking and past its useful life) as well as some much-needed dishes and utensils.
- Reconfiguration of the locker room so entering and exiting is much less congested.
- Installation of several hundred hose clamps to the piping located at the away end of the ice area.
- Installation of several hinged access doors at the away end of the ice area to facilitate easier clean-out.
- General maintenance in and around the building.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on the various projects around the Club but especially to Lonnie Karpick for his tireless and on-going work over the past number of months both inside and outside the building. Lonnie's varied skills, endless energy and foresight have resulted in many maintenance projects being completed – some of which we don't believe have ever been done since the building was built way back in the mid-1970's. Thank you Lonnie!!

We are also in the process of changing our e-mail to a group of g-mail addresses. These include:

- info@salmonarmcurling.com – for all general inquiries
- GM@salmonarmcurling.com – for direct communication with Bob Genoway
- registration@salmonarmcurling.com – for registration and Curling IO inquiries
- accounting@salmonarmcurling.com – for all e-transfers and financial inquiries

This is the last email you will receive from our Shaw address so please make the necessary arrangements to be able to accept emails from the info@ and GM@ email addresses. (The first ones you receive may go to your Spam folder.)

We have held off communicating with you until now as we have been carefully monitoring the COVID-19 Fourth Wave currently being experienced within Interior Health as well as the recent guidelines provided by Interior Health. While we are still seeking clarification on some of the protocols announced this past week, team sports are being allowed and we are anticipating that curling will proceed this season with two sweepers and skips being allowed to sweep behind the T-line. Current COVID-19 guidelines and protocols state that all players and spectators must be fully (double) vaccinated by mid-October and that masks are mandatory in all public areas of the building but optional on the ice. Of course, we will continue to monitor further guidelines as they are communicated and will abide by all Provincial Health Office orders.

It is anticipated that curling ice will be ready early in the week of September 27 (including practice ice). Leagues will start the week of Monday, October 4. An email will be sent out to everyone once we know exactly when practice ice will be available.

Your Board of Directors has approved the curling fees for the upcoming season, and I have attached the new fee schedule as well as a comparison to last year's fees. The new fees now create equity between daytime and evening league curling (something we have been striving to do for several years) and include a small annual increase while keeping affordability in mind. The Capital Improvement Fee has also been increased this year as we consider the age and state of our facility including the fact that the building will require a new roof soon.

Registration this year will again be on-line through Curling IO and will open on September 1. In order to put draw schedules together for the first week of league curling, we ask that all curlers register by September 24. As in previous years, we ask that you pay your curling fees BEFORE you step on the ice for your first game. Payment deadline is October 15 and payment options of cheque, debit card or e-transfer to accounting@salmonarmcurling.com are preferred. A late penalty of \$25 will be charged for all payments received after October 31. Those curlers from last year that chose to defer their refund to the 2021/22 season will have

a credit on their Curling IO account and this credit will automatically be deducted when they register.

The office will be open Monday to Friday from September 15 to October 1 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. to facilitate in-person payments and answer any of your curling related questions.

An Open House is planned for Thursday, September 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. where curlers can register, pay their fees as well as browse the items in the pro shop.

On a very exciting note, Salmon Arm has been awarded a cash spiel on the BC Tour circuit from November 19 to 21. Our Club will play host to as many as 12 men's and 12 women's competitive teams. It will be thrilling to watch both seasoned and up-and-coming curlers compete on our home ice. Stay tuned for further details.

We are very excited to be able to return to the sport we so love and enjoy and look forward to seeing everyone "on the ice".

Take care and stay safe.

Donna Shultz, President and your Board of Directors

Dates Of Note:

Curling Registration Opens	September 1
Please Register by	September 24
Payment Deadline	October 15
Practice Ice Availability	Approximately September 27
First Week of League Curling	October 4
Office/Pro Shop Hours	September 15 – October 1 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

To register, click on this link:

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