



August 26, 2022

Hello Fellow Curlers.

I trust everyone has had a safe and enjoyable Summer. I know it's hard to be thinking of curling when the weather is pure sunshine and 30+ degrees but, like all Canadians, we know that this beautiful weather won't last and that Fall and Winter are just around the corner.

So, it's time to dust off those curling shoes, find your broom, talk to your teammates, and think about transitioning from golf to curling. Everyone is welcome at our facility and we ask that you spread the word and encourage new curlers to join us, as well as curlers that haven't curled for a while.

As advised in a previous email, we are very excited to have Carol and Doug Murray take over the General Manager position. Staff returning this season are Myles Chapin as our Head Ice Technician with assistants Doug Murray and Lonnie Karpick, and Sue Curiston is back in the Kitchen.

While the Curling Club has been closed for the off-season Lonnie Karpick and Doug Murray have completed many maintenance projects in an effort to keep our facility functioning for many more years to come. With an aging building comes many challenges and these two individuals have definitely stepped up to the plate to reduce the number of "surprises" we are confronted with each year.

Over the next few weeks, you may be approached to assist us with some clean-up tasks in and around the building to get us ready for the upcoming season. Thank you in advance for helping – as the saying goes, Many Hands Make Light Work.

And on the subject of volunteering, several leagues are looking for representatives including both the Monday and Thursday Evening Men's Leagues and the Monday Stirling/Stick League. Please contact the office for further information or if you are interested in leading these groups.

As we all know, COVID-19 has not disappeared and we will continue to monitor Provincial Health Office orders and guidelines in an effort to keep all of our curlers and staff safe and healthy. Proof of vaccination is no longer a requirement to curl so we look forward to all curlers returning, including a very robust junior and school program. To limit the spread of COVID-19, we ask that you stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms.

It is anticipated that the curling ice will be ready by October 1. Leagues will start the evening of Monday, October 10 (Thanksgiving Monday). Curling clinics and practice ice should be available between October 1 and 9 and an email will be sent out once we know exactly what these schedules will look like. All updates will also be posted on our website:

[salmonarmcurling.com](http://salmonarmcurling.com)

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 league fees include a small annual increase while the Capital Improvement Fee and Association Fees remain the same.

Two new leagues have been added – a Monday Morning Drop-In where you can register as an individual, a couple or a team and the draw will be made up based on the number of people showing up. Come out and meet some new people. Drop-in cost is \$15 and will be collected each week; and a Saturday Open Doubles – teams are comprised of two players (does not have to be one man and one women) and the Mixed Doubles rules will apply. This league will run for the first half of the season and the time on Saturday will be determined by the players. This is a very fast paced game and loads of fun!

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](mailto:accounting@salmonarmcurling.com) are preferred. A late penalty of \$25 will be charged on all payments received after October 31.

The office will be open Monday to Friday from September 26 to October 7 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. to facilitate in-person payments and to answer any of your curling related questions.

Mark your calendars - our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the upstairs lounge. At this meeting, we will be looking to fill the Treasurer position and at least one Director position.

Salmon Arm will again be hosting a cash spiel on the BC Tour circuit from November 11 to 13. 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 again be able to return to the sport we so love and enjoy and look forward to seeing everyone "on the ice".

Take care, stay safe and enjoy the rest of your Summer.

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 October 1
First Week of League Curling	October 10
Office/Pro Shop Hours	September 26 – October 9 (Monday to Friday) 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Annual General Meeting	October 16 @ 1:00 p.m.

## 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 Murray
- [GM@salmonarmcurling.com](mailto:GM@salmonarmcurling.com) – for direct communication with Doug Murray
- [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 icemakers.

## Registration Link:

To register through Curling IO, click on this link:

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