



Salmon Arm CURLING CENTRE

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Dear Members,

I hope all is going well for you and yours in these challenging times and you are finding time to relax. I am looking forward to another curling season and to see everyone enjoying the sport and friendships we find at our Centre.

On behalf of the board and your club I wish to welcome Myles Chapin as our Ice Technician. Myles will lead a group of volunteers in installing and maintaining our ice this season. Myles is a Level 3 ice maker having made ice in Dauphin and Selkirk, MB as well as the Calgary Curling Club in Calgary, AB. Most recently Myles was the Ice Technician at the Kamloops CC. Myles has worked at numerous Provincial and National events including being Head Ice Technician at the 2013 Canadian University Games. On top of all that experience he has also instructed a number of ice-making clinics over the years. Myles and his wife Linda live in Blind Bay and have curled here at our club over the past few years. Myles works for the City of Kamloops as a Building Maintenance Manager. I know Myles is enthusiastic to both mentor a team and make sure we have a great ice surface for the upcoming season.

To be clear, there are several reasons why we are engaging Myles for this season beyond our confidence in his ice-making ability. High on the list is his flexibility given the uncertainty of the season ahead. With his other employment we can alter our staffing needs without challenges if the season is interrupted for whatever reason. The other is his desire to contribute to the club by training a group of volunteers who, for this season, can help us maintain that flexibility in staffing during the hours Myles is unavailable. This arrangement will help us contain costs given the financial uncertainties in how this season may unfold.

Heading our small group of volunteers is our director, Doug Murray. He will be looking for two more volunteer individuals to join the team. The key with the team will be consistency; being able to commit to the same days each week while having some flexibility to fill in should there be an absence or illness. If you are interested in learning a new skill or sharpening an old one please email Doug at douglasmurray13@gmail.com.

Lastly, I will send out another communication shortly as I wish to have some Zoom and/or in person meetings at the club in late August and early September where I can get your thoughts on the upcoming season. Guidelines are available from Curling Canada and Curl BC however it is important that we get your input on how we can make your season exceptional as we return to play.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call, text, or email me or any of your board of directors.

Stay Safe and Be Kind.

Bob Genoway
Manager, SACC