

September 2, 2024

Hello Fellow Curlers.

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:

- Replacement of three quarters of our roof. We have applied for a Gaming capital grant for 50% of the final one quarter and (fingers crossed) anticipate its replacement during the Spring of 2025.
- Replacement of the pump for our ice system.
- Replacement and painting of the front entry doors.
- Replacement of the on-ice benches.
- Cleaning and painting in and around the Club including the boards surrounding the ice surface, interior doors, most walls and all the trim around the windows.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with these projects.

Unfortunately, we were not successful in our grant application to upgrade the bathrooms but we have submitted another grant request for this project and hope to be able to complete them in the near future.

We have also submitted a grant application for an accessibility lift. This would be a huge project (rough estimate at approximately \$200,000) that would require architectural drawings, structural assessments and more detailed construction quotes. We will keep you updated.

GOOD NEWS - we were successful in obtaining an annual operating grant from the BC Community Gaming Grants Branch. We requested an increase to our annual amount of \$32,000 and have been awarded \$40,000 for this year. This increase is very much appreciated as our annual operating costs, like everything in our world these days, have increased substantially.

#### **BC 55 Plus Games:**

With Salmon Arm hosting the BC 55 Plus Games in just over a week, the ice is going in as I type this. The Games will be held September 10 to 14 and we have 32 teams registered from all over the province in 6 categories. There are 4 Salmon Arm teams curling in the event and the doors are open so come on down and see our "senior" curlers in action. Games will run from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm on Friday (with tiebreakers following if necessary). The Bronze Medal games will be played on Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 am with the Gold Medal games following at 11:00 am.

Now to the upcoming season:

**Registration:**

Registration is open online through Curling IO. 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.

With the increase in membership we received last season we are able to keep our league and capital improvement fees the same. There has been a slight increase in CurlBC affiliation fees (from \$20 to \$22) and this has been reflected in the attached updated fee schedule.

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. Tuesday to Friday this week with additional hours during the BC 55 Plus Games and beyond. (See schedule below.)

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.

**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. If you can help us in any way, it would be very much appreciated.

We are currently looking for volunteers on the Board of Directors as we have several members indicating they will be stepping down. Most of the Board has been in place for the past 5 years and we have all worked very hard to ensure the viability of the Club. We are proud of our accomplishments and are definitely leaving the Club in a much better position than when we joined the Board.

Personally, I have held the duties of your President for the past 5 years and (fair warning) I intend to step down after this upcoming season. It is time for some fresh faces and new ideas and I would be extremely pleased if someone would join the board this season in preparation for taking over the presidency next year. I will continue on the Board as Past President next season so we won't hang the new person out to dry! Please give this some serious thought as this is YOUR club too.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact me (250-804-6762) or the office (250-832-8700).

And, in closing, one last reminder – if you borrow items from the equipment room for one game or on a regular basis, there is a \$2 fee per item per game. This fee allows us to replace the shoes, broom heads, delivery aids and other equipment as needed. Just drop your Toonie in the box to the left of the equipment room door.

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	After September 23 – to be scheduled
First Week of League Curling	October 7
Pre-Season Office/Pro Shop Hours	September 3 to 9 (Monday to Friday) 10 am – 2 pm September 10 – 2:30 – 6:00 pm September 11 to 13 – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Office closed week of September 16 September 23 to October 4 (Monday to Friday) 10 am – 2 pm
Annual General Meeting	October 20, 2024, 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

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