



## Salmon Arm CURLING CENTRE

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### News from The Salmon Arm Curling Club

We thought it would be a good time to bring everyone up to date on events at your curling centre since our Special General Meeting on February 9th and the abrupt early end to our curling season.

With the current events surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic and the risks to everyone's health and welfare we sincerely hope that everyone is well and following the advice of our provincial health officials. Physical distance measures have prevented us from taking part in many of our "normal" activities, however, reaching out to others, taking care of others, and helping out in our community have taken on even more importance in current times.

Our Special General Meeting in February highlighted some of the financial challenges the club has faced in the last two years and talked about some solutions. Since then several things have been accomplished:

- Your board has added three new directors, Doug Murray, Barb Puetz, and Lawrence Roy, which we feel strengthen our board in the areas of finance and governance.
- We feel we have a good understanding and control of our bookkeeping and preparation of financial statements, both of which will be forwarded to members shortly along with our budget for the coming year.
- We have undertaken a review of fees and dues so we can "right the ship" so to speak and make sure, we are providing a top notch and affordable experience for our curlers while balancing our needs to have skilled staff, a great facility, and a financially viable organization going forward.
- We are taking stock of the capital improvements we need to make in the coming years so they can be prioritized and efforts made to raise the necessary funds to complete them.
- From a human resource perspective, it is our intention to have both Seth, our ice tech, and Bob, our manager return this fall. Seth has one year left on his contract and Bob returns for another year. We are also pleased that Sue and the Eight Ender Cafe are scheduled to return.
- Given our loss last year (year ended May 31, 2019) and projected loss this year your board had arranged through a group of six members to borrow some funds interest free to bridge us through to the start of the season when we collect curling dues. This was deemed preferable to borrowing commercially or offering discounts like we did last year to bridge this cash flow shortfall.

We recognize that the fall out of measures to contain Covid-19 in our community and world will possibly have a dramatic effect on our club. Your board is applying for all available financial programs announced to date federally. We have secured funding from the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) which has repaid our member loans noted above. This \$40,000 interest free loan has a 25% forgiveness if repaid before December 31, 2022.

- Our gaming grant has been submitted through the hard work of a number of volunteers. Other potential sources of revenue to assist with the challenge of reduced income will be investigated.

That the club will reopen normally this fall, or if it does what curling will look like, is not certain so contingency plans are being formulated. We will be seeking assistance and guidance from members and league reps.

**A new online registration system coming soon** (sooner than you might think!)

SACC will be using a new online registration system for 2020-21. The new system, developed by Curling Canada, is used by over 70 clubs and associations.

Those of you who own a Voting Membership at the SACC will soon be receiving an email inviting you to set up an account and 'register' your membership on the system. Doing this ensures you will receive your Membership Discount on leagues. Watch for this in June or July. (Worried about registering online? Don't be. We'll be there to support you.)

We have a committed group of volunteers in addition to your board helping to make this club successful. We would like to thank Tom Nakazawa for his assistance with financial matters; Brenda M'Clellan for her work on our financial statements; Ellen Unger and Brenda M'Clellan for assistance with grants; Darryl and Kate Horne for their help with Curling I/O and the registration and fee review committee; Bonnie Flatla for her help with Adopt-a-Rock; and our staff for getting things put to bed for the summer.

Since it is important to our club's success to get your feedback on various topics we plan on conducting an online survey to help gather your thoughts and assist us in strategic planning going forward. As always, reach out to Bob regarding operational or staff matters or any of your board members. We are here to serve you.

Stay safe,  
Steve Wills, President, and your Board of Directors

**From the Manager's Desk**

Unfortunately our season ended abruptly and our Leagues didn't get a chance to play their final couple of weeks nor could they have their year-end windups. I want to personally thank the League Reps for all their hard work this year. Your efforts kept our Leagues organized and our players informed throughout the year. Now that I have a year "under my belt" I can be a bigger support to all of you, I look forward to growing our Leagues with you in 2020-21.

When I reflect back on the year and think about the adversity we faced and how we handled it I am truly proud....we made progress! The Members that stepped up and helped along the way are to be commended... our Members are our biggest asset... the expertise and experience we have amongst them is truly amazing! We still have lots of work ahead as we continue to deal with our financial and operational challenges. It is evident to me that with a united Membership and a dedicated Board of Directors, we are well on our way to becoming that viable Club we are all proud to be a Member... See you in the Fall!

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or just wanna chat, please don't hesitate to call me anytime throughout the summer! (403.542.7083).

Stay Safe!

Bob Genoway

General Manager, SACC

## **BC Amateur Sport Fund (BCASF)**

The Salmon Arm Curling Centre is now a part of the BC Amateur Sport Fund. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide our supporters with the ability to receive tax receipts for donations made to support the Salmon Arm Curling Club through BCASF.

The BCASF is the BC chapter of the Canadian Council of Provincial & Territorial Sport Federations, a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletics Association with charitable status. Your gift to the Fund benefiting the SACC will allow us to continue to keep programs accessible for children, families and adults looking to participate in recreation and/or competition.

Thank you to Ellen Unger for her dedication to our Club and providing a crucial avenue to encourage and secure contributions.

Your gift directly impacts present and future generations of the community.

To direct your gift to support the Salmon Arm Curling Centre's Operating Fund Project P0425, please click on the link below:

<http://support.bcamateursportfund.org/P0425>

Thank you for your generosity.