

The N.C.C. Chronicle

President's Report

by Bob Franklin

The summer has been wonderful and warm but I am sure all of our curlers are looking forward to returning to the ice in the near future!

There have been changes to the building in the off-season. Please be patient if not all of the work has been completed before the curling season starts.

Our hard-working staff is already working on the ice and on the equipment. I look forward to working with manager, **Denise Wood** and all staff and board members in the upcoming season.

This is the first full year to be operating as an *amalgamated* Club. Our board and committees have representation from *all* former clubs. This is a first, in the 59-years of NCC history! I am sure our new and enthusiastic board members will have interesting ideas and suggestions to make our Club even better. You may, as well!

The *Curling Director*, **George Duffell**, will make some small changes for rules to be more consistent between leagues. Some rate increases are required this year and I'm pleased the *Finance Committee*, (**Howard Jeglum**, head), has been able to spread the increases quite fairly. I'm depending on the *Membership Committee*, (**Kellie Rice**, director), to improve our numbers of curlers this year. The *Facilities Committee* (**Warren Keller**, director) has been busy coordinating changes,

thanks to generous contributions from Senior Men's, Ladies' and Senior Ladies'.

The *Catering Committee* (**Pat Merkel**, director), steadily helps arrange for delicious dinners while making revenue. The *Programs and Services Committee*, (**Ron Kaneen**, director) is busy getting things organized for the rapidly approaching season. You will notice some new advertising sold by the *Revenue Generation Committee* (**Val Fenton**, head). The *Volunteer Committee* (**Dave Perpeluk**, director) as well as recruiting workers for projects, ran the fund-raising poker nights.

The former clubs (Ladies', Senior Ladies', Senior Men's) are now looking after their curling as *divisions* within the amalgamated Club. They will have divisional management groups working to keep the leagues running in the same smooth manner as in past years.

Our new elevator should be operating soon! The elevator will be a benefit to all of our curlers and fans. It will be useful when we hold the *Senior Women's* and *Men's Provincial Championships* later this curling season. The elevator will also help our facility attract rental customers. The *Elevator Committee* (**Ken & Isabel Albrecht**, chairs) is to be congratulated on several years of very hard work raising funds and making technical arrangements.

The Club also made some

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Open House

Sep. 27 1-5 pm

safety improvements after an inspection last season, in the compressor room. As well, the NCC has instituted policies to build reserve funds to deal with unexpected expenses.

I ask all curlers to help the new Board and Committees by getting involved and providing their input. The Board will be making small changes so that curling is more rewarding for all, while continuing to keep the building in good shape and keeping spending within our budget.

Our building interior, exterior and operating equipment need constant repair and attention. Our staff and the *Facilities Director* do a fine job of keeping the building looking and operating well. I believe we need to discuss longer-term changes so that we can consider how, and when, we are going to replace our roof, redecorate the lounge, and upgrade our heating and cooling systems. Open discussions result in positive changes. With support from *all* members of the Club, we can further the NCC legacy. Please get involved!

Our club is fortunate to have many

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Welcome Back!

Manager's Report

by Denise Wood

Let's get rocking! Mixer & Registration & Practice Ice Sep 25- Sep 30. *The Wolf* radio station will be live on location Sunday Oct 27 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm enticing wanna-be curlers to come and try throwing a few rocks. Sign up for our novice, women's, men's, mixed, junior and senior leagues. If you can spare some time to help out for a couple hours please contact the office 250-753-3474. If you have a business to promote and would like to donate a door prize to be drawn while we are on the air, please contact the office. It benefits the Club to let the listeners know that curlers come from every sector of the community. Check our website for coffee shop and bar hours over the weekend.

Regular Office and Pro Shop hours will be 11:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday through Friday starting Monday Sep 14 with weekend hours posted Sep 26 until mid-October. The office now collects dues for all leagues, with the exception of the Hangover League, so avoid the line-ups and come in early. First day of league curling is Thursday Oct 1. All dues are payable by Oct 15.

Our finance committee held several meetings throughout the summer, trying hard to come up with new sources of revenue as we do not know whether or not we will receive our gaming grant (\$39,000) which Barb Carle-Thiesson and I apply for each year. Dues have increased slightly to ensure we meet our operation expenses. I am sure all of you will agree that curling is still one of the best values for your recreational dollar and I really mean *your teammates are priceless.*

Junior Curlers - if you have curled for at least 1-2 seasons there is a *Youth Camp* being held Oct 17 which will be led by Curl BC Regional coach Len Stewart from Victoria. Approximate times will be 9:30 am- 3:00 pm, and lunch will be part of the \$25 fee.

To all competitive and club teams - juniors, adults and seniors - a *High Performance Camp* will be held Oct 31. We have been asked for input as to what we would like to have, e.g., team dynamics, communication strategy, video analysis, etc. Curl BC Regional Coach Len Stewart will again be heading up the day with a possible second day if needed. Please let the office know if your team is interested (250-753-3474).







The Parallel Spiel is being held Oct 23-25, this is a 4-event Men's Spiel and a 3-event Women's spiel running over the same weekend. Sign-up sheets will be up when you come to register. The Halloween theme will be carried on throughout the weekend. If you would like to help out with that spiel contact **Joe Pulak** (250-753-8835).

Isabel Albrecht is looking for some volunteers to help with decorating for various spiel and events. Some young strong juniors would be an asset to that committee. Please contact Isabel @ 250-756-4219. I would like to acknowledge the generosity of **Dan Brady**, the manager of *Howard Johnson Hotel* for the chairs and tables they basically donated to us. We also appreciate **Rick Stewart** of *Duke Point Auto Recycler Ltd.*

for their donation of manpower and a truck to help get the goods to the Club. Isabel Albrecht was instrumental in this project.

The staff and I look forward to seeing you all back on the ice *rocking* for another season!

Dates to Remember

-  Mon. Sep 14, 11 to 7pm. League registration begins Mon-Fri.
-  Mon. Sep 14, 1pm. Senior Men's fall meeting.
-  Wed. Sep 16, 7 to 9 pm. League Reps and Board Mixer.
-  Mon. Sep 21, 11:30 am. Senior Ladies' Fall Potluck.
-  Wed. Sep 23, 7pm. NCC Board of Directors meeting.
-  Fri. Sep 25, 11 to 9pm. Mixer and Registration and Practice ice. See Manager's report (left) for more information.

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volunteers who paint, coach, decorate, write, cook, schedule, report among many other varied activities. We can't have too many volunteers.

Working on volunteer jobs, serving on the Board of Directors, planning an annual bonspiel or being part of a committee, is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Please, come join us!

Board of Directors

2009—2010 Board of Directors

Past President	Teri Palynchuk
President	Bob Franklin
1st Vice President	Howard Jeglum
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Secretary	Marg Obee
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Catering	Pat Merkel
Curling	George Duffell
Facilities	Warren Keller
Membership	Kellie Rice
Programs & Services	Ron Kaneen
Volunteers	Dave Perpeluk

in memoriam

Margaret Elizabeth Fuller
28 Aug. 1923—18 Mar. 2009

Director of Curling

by George Duffell

Welcome back to a new season of curling everyone. As the recently appointed director of curling, I am honored to be your representative for the forthcoming season. I am hopeful that we will enjoy a smoothly operating season but should issues arise, I and your curling committee will do our best to resolve issues in a timely and fair manner. Please feel free to contact any of us should you have an issue which you would like to see addressed.

The NCC curling committee is comprised of the following volunteers.

Chair:	George Duffell
Senior Ladies:	Jill McGlenen
Ladies:	Darcy Dreger
Sr. Men's:	Rick Kerley
Men's:	Kevin Franklin
Mixed:	Jim Davies
Hangover:	Ferdie Hobson

The following changes have been made to the Club's past practice to resolve issues discussed in recent years:

Monday Evening Draw times: This year the ladies and men's leagues will alternate their start times each week, alternating between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm starts. This compromise is being offered to accommodate the best interests of all Monday night curlers.

Sparing fees: Sparing fees for curlers who spare will be as follows this year:

No charge for those registered full time in two or more leagues.

\$5:00 charge per game for those curlers registered in one league.

\$10.00 charge per game for curlers not registered in any league. Curlers who spare and are not registered in any league will be asked to pay affiliation and capital reserve fees similar to registered curlers.

Funds generated from spares will be collected by team skips and can be retained as income revenue for discretionary spending by each league.

Monday Night Men's League.

Due to declining registrations, the format for the Monday night men's league will change. This year we will be offering a new league with an *open* format of team play. The format will include a combination of regular and skins games. Players interested in this league can join as individuals or in pairs. Once registration is complete the league organizers will make up the teams for the season's play. We hope that this format will give curlers wanting to improve their skills an opportunity to become active in league play in a fun and supportive manner. Teams will be comprised of a mix of experienced and less experienced players. Everyone is invited to help us in making this new league a success. **Ron Kaneen** and **Dave Perpeluk** will provide more detailed information regarding this new league.

Senior Men's mixed and Junior's leagues. Some good news. Registration in these two leagues is proving to be popular, to the extent that we have encountered scheduling difficulties due to the fact that both of these leagues play at the same time on Wednesdays. To alleviate the dilemma, the junior program has been moved from Wednesdays to Thursdays at 4:00 pm. My thanks to **Ron Kaneen** and **Kellie Rice** for helping to make this a smooth transition. We now have ice available for further expansion for both of these leagues.

On behalf of the NCC Board and curling committee we wish you all *great curling* in the new season.

Local News

Director of Programs and Services

by Ron Kaneen

Programs and Services is one of the new committees within the Nanaimo Curling Club. It is responsible to oversee and provide support to the various bonspiels hosted by NCC over the course of a season. This year there are several changes to our bonspiel calendar.

Be sure to reserve October 23rd to October 25th to participate in the 2nd annual Parallel Spiel. Last year's event was a success. Preparations are well underway so look for the sign up sheet early in the season.

Those who participated in the Novice Event of the Halloween Spiel are going to have a little extra time to prepare this year. We are currently planning to run a Novice Event in the Spring Fling at the year end wrap up.

Need to tweak your skills? Working on something to improve your game and need another set of eyes to tell you what's happening? On October 4 and October 11 there will be instructors available on the ice from 1 to 4 pm to help you fine tune your game – whether you are experienced or brand new to the game. Drop in and we will do our best to spend a few minutes and point you towards greater skills and more enjoyment. There is no cost for these sessions.

We hope to be able to offer more intensive and personal coaching (at

both an individual or team levels) sessions throughout the year. There will be a charge for these. Watch the bulletin boards for more information.

If you have any ideas or comments about the programs and services offered by this club, please contact me (250-758-0173, rgkaneen@shaw.ca)

in memoriam

Jean MacKay
22 Mar. 1933—6 Jul. 2009

Senior Ladies' Report

by Barb Dysart

The Senior Ladies Nifty Fifties held their annual golf tournament at Beben Park Pitch and Putt on Jun. 8 under sunny skies. Thirty-six golfers completed 18 holes and then enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Curling Club catered by our own, **Sean Smith**, of *Livewire Catering*. Prizes were given to the lucky winners.

The league pot luck will be held on Sep. 21, at 11:30 followed by the annual AGM. Any 50+ women interested in joining this fun league are more than welcome to attend this opening luncheon. Curling starts on Monday, Oct. 5 and as usual, the teams are drawn from a hat and will be switched after Christmas.

Call **Moyra Graham**, draw chair, at 250-753-3020 for more information.

Special Olympics

by Ron Kaneen

Let me win, but if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt.

Special Olympics is an extraordinary program which allows everyone, whether as an athlete or as a coach/mentor, to become inspired and realize what can be is more than what is. The Special Olympics Curling program runs at NCC every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm beginning October 8th. Currently we have up to 16 athletes participating and training to again represent BC at the National Games scheduled for 2011.

I, Art Peck and Bill Crocker are currently running this program. We could certainly use some help if you can see your way clear to lend a hand.

You need to be over 17 and under 100 years of age, have some knowledge of the game, be available for practices and 3 one day bonspiels per year (Victoria, Parksville and Nanaimo). You will also need to take some NCCP courses that will help you in working with these gifted athletes. These generally take place over a weekend and you will be reimbursed for course costs.

Please contact me (250-758-0173, rgkaneen@shaw.ca) for further information.

Read this issue
on the web!

<http://www.nanaimocurlingclub.ca/>

Hall of Fame

by **Bob Baldwin**

The Nanaimo Curling Club is the home of the 1970 Canadian Senior Men's Curling Champions. **Don MacRae** skipped his rink of **Gene Koster** (3rd), **Bev Smiley** (2nd) and **Dr. Gordon Howden** (lead) to the title at the Playdowns held at Kamloops in February 1970.

To qualify as a senior, team members had to be at least 50 years old and the total team age had to be no less than 210 years. To advance to the Playdowns the team had to first win the club title in Nanaimo, then follow with wins at the Island, Pacific Coast and Provincial level. They did this with a record of 27 wins and 1 loss.

The Canadian Championship was decided by round robin play with the 10 provinces participating, Ontario and Northern Ontario each having an entry. The MacRae rink finished the matches with a winning record of 9 wins and 1 loss. Their 1 loss was to Alberta and their closest game was a 3-2 win over Prince Edward Island, won on a measurement.

Upon their return to Nanaimo the team was welcomed by a motorcade through the city and a welcome home victory celebration attended by over 200 people at the Curling Club. They were later honored by the city with Silver Award's of Merit presented by Mayor Frank Ney, the highest city award for public achievement at that time.

The Province invited them to Victoria and they were presented with gold cuff-links by Premier W.A.C. Bennett. The MacRae rink's Senior's title is the second of only two National championships recognized by the Canadian Curling Association won by a Nanaimo team, the other being the Western Canadian Ladies Championship won by the Margaret Fuller rink in 1957.

The team has been nominated to the Nanaimo Sports Hall of Fame. The induction will take place on Sep. 18 at the Conference Center. Tickets for this dinner and induction are for sale at the museum at a price of \$25.00 each.

Monday Night Men's

by **Ron Kaneen**

Are you looking to have some fun and exercise? Tired of always being lead or looking to learn a new position?

Monday evening has just become the time to do it. The Nanaimo Curling Club is the place to do it.

Whether you are experienced or just a beginner, we have a place for you. Exercise: 21 8-end games and 6 ends of Skins format for cash once per month.

Fun: 50-50 draws every week, Christmas pot luck, end of season mini-spiel (no charge) and year-end Men's Wind-up night (chili and buns and prizes)

Format: alternating weeks 6:30 and 8:30 draws, enter as a single or a twosome. We will put good league competitive teams together.

Cost: Sign up from now until Sep 30. \$198 (+ GST) for 250 members. \$233 (+GST) for annual members (ask how to become a 250 member). There is a \$23 (+GST) fee for affiliation and capital reserve payable one time per year whether you curl once a week or 5 times a week. The fun starts October 5.

Contact: Ron Kaneen (rgkaneen@shaw.ca or 250-758-0173) or Dave Perpeluk 250-751-3398 or NCC (250-753-3474) or nanaimocurlingclub@shaw.ca)



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