



**Vernon
Curling
Club**

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**FALL 2023
NEWSLETTER**

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HAPPENINGS....

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
	5 -	6 -	7 -	8 -	9 / 10
PROSHOP & OFFICE OPEN FOR GENERAL REGISTRATION 9AM-3PM....				
11 - EVENING LEAGUE REGISTRATION	12 - REGISTRATION: 10am Senior Men 1pm Tu/Th Ladies	13 - REGISTRATION: 10am Stick league & Wed AM ladies 1pm Mo/We Sr Ladies	14 - REGISTRATION: 10am Senior Men 1pm Tu/Th Ladies	15 - REGISTRATION: 1:30pm Fri Sr Mixed	16 / 17 OPEN HOUSE PRACTICE ICE
PROSHOP & OFFICE OPEN FOR GENERAL REGISTRATION 9AM-3PM....				Sun 17th AGM @ 7PM
18 - REGISTRATION 3:30pm Junior & Little Rocks	19 -	20 - STICK CLINIC 9am-1pm	21 - LEAGUE CURLING: 6:30pm Thu Men	22 - 6pm O'CANADA SCHPIEL	23 / 24 O'CANADA SCHPIEL
BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE CLINIC 6:30-8:30pm					
PROSHOP & OFFICE OPEN FOR GENERAL REGISTRATION 9AM-3PM....				
25 - LEAGUE CURLING: 6:30pm Mon Men	26 - LEAGUE CURLING: 6:30pm Tue Men	27 -	28 -	29 -	30 -
			PRESTIGE CURLING CLASSIC		

Are you interested in trying curling or coming back?

We have many leagues available, many teams are more than willing to take on somebody with little or no experience, as they try to fill their teams.

Take a **clinic** to learn the basics or hone your skills.

Try our new **Okanagan Spring 6-pack league**.

Registration is ongoing for the first few weeks of September.

AGM SUNDAY Sep 17th at 7pm

*Register & review written reports
from 6:30-7*

AGM starts at 7pm

Followed by:

**Championship presentations
and Member recognitions**

LEAGUE START DATES

Thur Men—Sep 21

Mon Men—Sep 25

Tue Men—Sep 26

Juniors / Little Rocks—Oct 2

Tue Senior Men drop in—Oct 3

Tue Afternoon Ladies—Oct 3

Wed AM Ladies—Oct 4

Wed Stick—Oct 4

Thu Senior Men drop in—Oct 5

Thu Afternoon Ladies—Oct 5

Fri Senior Competitive Men—Oct 6

Fri Afternoon Mixed—Oct 6

Fri Evening Mixed—Oct 6

Wed Afternoon Senior Ladies—Oct 11

6-pack—Oct 14

Doubles—Oct 15

Mon Afternoon Senior Ladies—Oct 16

Managers Report:



The days are getting shorter and time to think about curling again.

We turn on compressors Sept 1st and will be **ready to curl Sept 14th**. There will be lots of open ice to practice. We will have clinics and a few open houses before our regular leagues start on the week of the 21st of Sept and on. Time to recruit new members to the game of curling and I could use your help.

This year we are going to try a Saturday evening league (6:30pm) to attract new people to the game called the **Okanagan Spring 6 Pack League**. The league will play 6 Saturdays between October to December and another 6 pack session between January and March. Cost is \$90 for 6 sessions, no membership fee charged. We need you to find people that have always wanted to try curling to get them out to the club. Each session we will have a half hour on ice instruction, followed by a 6 end game, then each player will receive 1 beer token courtesy of Okanagan Spring Brewery. We really need club members to help out with instruction and guidance on Saturday evenings. Lets make this happen, I need your help !!!

We need to think about the future of our club. I think it is going to be very important in the next few years to recruit new members to the game of curling. Along with the 6 Pack League, we need to ensure the **Junior Program** continues to grow, so if you have time to offer please let us know. The Junior league runs Mondays from 3:30 – 5pm.

Prestige Curling Classic starts Sept 28th and goes to Oct 1st, there is no charge to come down and watch some of the best teams in the world play. Also, this year we are hosting the **Everest Canadian Seniors Championships** from Dec 3-10. We will require many volunteers to help ensure we put on a great event. More news about this to follow.

The **locker rooms** look awesome, we painted and cleaned things up. Thanks to all those that volunteered. We replaced the bar area with new counters and cleaned things up and it looks great. I will be getting a group of volunteers together to paint the lower lounge area after the long weekend in September. This shouldn't take any more than a week to do, if you have time to give that would be awesome, just email me at the club. We need to make this place look good for the Canadian Seniors and all other visitors to the club.

The **website** is new this year and hopefully registration will be easy to do when it is up and running. Check it out from time to time for updates. We would also like to take advantage of **e-transfers for dues payments** as much as we can. It costs a lot of money for banking charges throughout the year. E-transfers can be sent to vcc@vernoncurlingclub.com.

AGM is September 17th at 6:30, we read reports, AGM starts sharp at 7pm followed by presentation of awards and Championship jackets and shirts. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please email the club and we will get you on the list. Usually an AGM lasts 1 hour and then maybe if enough show up I will ring the bell !!!

Office will be open weekdays from now till the season starts from 9am-1pm for those that need help registering and also shop in the **Pro Shop, 20% off** from now till AGM.

Enjoy what is left of your summer and I will see you all soon.... Cheers, Merk

Prestige **PRESTIGE HOTELS & RESORTS CURLING CLASSIC** HOTELS & RESORTS Sep 28-Oct 1; \$25 weekend / \$10 day admission

Thanks, once again, to Prestige Hotels & Resorts for returning as Title Sponsor, along with all the local sponsors that make this event possible.

The People that really make this event possible are the volunteers...

If you have time and would like to help us out that would be great. Email or phone the office.

The first draw for the ladies is 5pm Thursday

The first draw for Men is Friday

Check out the website for a list of participating teams and draws.

VCC Proshop
CLEARANCE!
 On ALL Existing Inventory!

Until September 17th

20% OFF!

OPEN HOUSE

Sep 16 & 17 noon-4pm & Sep 20th 5pm - 8pm

This is a perfect chance to bring perspective new members. There will be people around to assist in teaching and the equipment is free. All they need to do is carry a clean pair of running shoes with them and also wear loose fitting pants. It will give those attending a chance to see what the Vernon Curling Club has to offer.

So Bring Out Some Friends!

2 night **Beginner & Intermediate** Clinic

for newbies or those who need a refresher

Sep 18 & 19 (both evenings)

6:30 - 8:30 pm, Cost: \$25

Register online

<https://vernoncurling.ca/index.php/events/event-registrations>

or call or email the club

EVEREST CANADIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS; Dec 3-10

We need volunteers...

50/50, Hospitality, Ceremonies, Publicity, Officials, Drivers...

Register online or email vcc-everest@telus.net

Let us know how you can help, and we will be in touch



YOUTH CURLING - Age 5+

Registration - Mon Sep 19; 3:30-5pm; Bring your curling gear and get going!

League runs October through March

Our Goals - FUN and development of basic curling skills and self-esteem.

Our Program - Kids are split into novice and intermediate groups based on age and skill.

We Offer:

- Instruction on basic to higher level skills depending on the capabilities and needs of the kids
- Games appropriate to the skill level of the group, including real game play
- Special event dates: 'bring a friend day', Halloween, Christmas, Valentines

**Juniors are very important to the future of our club and the game of curling.
 If you have time to volunteer (no experience necessary) please contact Dave**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE - \$75.00 plus GST

Each adult member pays this once every year, regardless of the number of leagues in which they register.

If you are a first-time member, this membership fee is waived for your first year of curling.

The Club Membership Fee includes the Capital Improvement Fee as well as CurlBC Association Dues.

Those members who supported the club with the *SHARE THE LOAD LOAN* will receive a \$25 reduction.

All 60+ Senior daytime men and women are required to pay a \$4 BCIMCA fee

2023-2024 LEAGUE DUES plus GST			Social Fee
Men	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Evenings	\$310	\$20
	Senior Tuesday/Thursday drop-in (10:00am)	\$298 \$150 1-day or half season	-
	Friday Senior Competitive (9:00am)	\$198	-
Women	Tuesday/Thursday Afternoon (1:30pm)	\$298 \$150 1-day or half season	\$20
	Wednesday Morning (9:00am)	\$166	\$10
	Wednesday Evening (6:30pm)	\$310	\$15
	Senior Monday/Wednesday Afternoon (1:00pm)	\$298 \$150 1-day or half season	-
Open	Wednesday Morning Stick League (9:00am)	\$166	\$10
	Sunday Doubles League (noon)	\$132	-
	* NEW * SAT 6-pack (6:30pm)	\$90	-
Mixed	Friday (6:30pm)	\$265	\$15
	Friday Senior 50+ (2:00pm)	\$198	\$10
Youth	Juniors (10 yrs plus)	\$75	-
	Little Rockers (6 yrs-9 yrs)	\$50	-
Spare	Read details below	\$75 / \$60 punch card	-
Members joining more than 1 league receive 25% off their 2nd & subsequent leagues			

CLUB POLICY... All League Dues MUST be paid in full BEFORE the first game

Team - a team is responsible for registering and paying league dues for 4 players. If a team wishes to register more than 4 players those additional players must pay the Club Membership and league social fees.

Registered Team Member - any player who has paid the Club Membership and league social fees and is listed as a player on a specific team is considered a registered team member and can play any position for that team.

Club Spare - Cost to be a club spare is \$75, plus the \$75 membership fee (\$150). Alternatively, a person can purchase a 5-game punch pass for \$60. If they wish to spare additional games, they must pay to become a fully paid club spare (additional \$90).

A fully paid club spare can curl an unlimited number of games in any league with organized teams as long as that team already has 4 fully paid team members.

A fully paid club member may spare in any league for any team at no extra charge, as long as that team already has 4 fully paid team members. All spares must abide by that leagues spare rules.

Senior Men's Drop-in - All participants must pay the Club Membership Fee to play in this league. They can join the league or purchase a \$60 punch card for initial 5 games. Additional games will require them to join the league and pay the difference.

Membership Fee - will be waived for curlers joining the Vernon Curling Club for the very first time.

***** NEW Registration system this season *****

Click on www.vernoncurling.ca

First time to the site you will click on **Forgot Password** on the right hand side of the page
Enter your username & email address and a new password will be emailed to you

NOTE: Username will be your first name-last name i.e. john-doe or jane-smith

MENS EVENING LEAGUES: These leagues are all fixed men's teams.

Teams are divided into divisions to ensure teams play amongst their calibre.

MONDAY 6:30pm

TUESDAY 6:30pm, with an occasional 8:30pm game

THURSDAY 6:30pm, with an occasional 8:30pm game

LADIES LEAGUES:

TUESDAY/THURSDAY 1:30pm

Some teams have players sharing the Tue/Thu spot if they wish to only curl once a week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY 9 am: Perfect league for those of you who are looking for a break in your weekly routine, to get back into the game of curling, or discover it for the first time. All ages welcome and all levels of curling ability. Sign up as an individual and teams will be made prior to the start of the season. Latecomers are also welcome. This is a very comfortable, social league.

MIXED LEAGUES:

FRIDAY EVENING 6:30pm: This is a true mixed league. Teams are divided into divisions depending on experience. Teams, couples and individuals welcome. Games at 6:30pm and occasionally 8:30pm

SENIOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2pm: This league caters to the 50+ crowd. It is a great social atmosphere and is very popular. All levels of curlers from novice to experienced are welcome.

SENIOR LEAGUES:

MENS TUE/THU DROP-IN 10am: This is a drop-in league for senior men 50+. Can play Tue & Thu or just 1 day. 1/2 season or punch card available. We welcome beginner to competitive.

MENS FRIDAY MORNING 9am: This is a fixed team competitive league for senior men 50+.

LADIES MON/WED AFTERNOON 1pm: Sign up as an individual and teams will be made prior to the start of the season. Can play either Mon or Wed, or both. 1/2 season available.

MIXED FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2pm: see above description.

OPEN LEAGUES

STICK Wed 9am: This league has ice on Wednesday's from 9am to 1 pm. Teams consist of 2 players. Play two 6- end games. Open to all players, ages & abilities.

DOUBLES SUN noon: A 2-person team, men or women or mixed. Two 6-end games. 10 Sundays from Oct to March.

SATURDAY 6-PACK 6:30pm: Instruction will be provided for 1/2 hour followed by a 6-end game. Includes a free beer after the game provided by **OKANAGAN SPRING BREWERY**

**If you are new to the club and you would like to play in any of these leagues
email the club, or stop by the office we will make sure you get on a team.**

**LEAGUE
REPS**

Tue/Thu Senior Men - Alan Erdahl & Garth Walberg
Fri Senior Men - Art Lord
Senior Mixed - Cyril Karvonen
Senior Ladies Wed/Fri Aft - Caryl Dyck
Stick League - Brian Ast
Fri 6:30pm Mixed - Mike Longworth
Doubles & Juniors - Dave Merklinger

Mon Men - Herb Wong / Doug Pepper
Tue Men - Mark Longworth
Thu Men - Kevin Geistlinger
Ladies Tue/Thu Aft - Gwenneth Lauder
Ladies Wed AM - Sandra Chester
Ladies Wed Eve - Sydney Feeney
6-Pack - Kevin Geistlinger

Want to make a difference?

Are you willing to roll up your sleeves and help the Vernon Curling Club be a vibrant and happening place?

We're looking for your fresh ideas and leadership.

Even if you have no prior Board experience this would be an excellent time for you to consider joining the VCC Board of Directors to not only gain experience as a Club Director but to also bring fresh ideas to our current Board on how to better serve our members.

Please consider this opportunity to step forward and become a board member. The time commitment is minimal but the benefit to the club is huge!

Contact President Brock Penner or Manager Dave Merklinger and have a chat. Our curling club can become even better with your involvement.

Your Current Board of Directors:
President: Brock Penner; **Vice-President:** Brad Snyder;
Treasurer: Sydney Feeney; **Secretary:** Sandra Chester;
Directors: Doug McCrae, Lorrie Hudson, Darrell Houston
 Al Shepherd, Brett Murray, Clayton Rowney
**New Board Members will be elected
 at the AGM on September 17th**

CLUB EVENTS

September 11, 6:30pm onwards	EVENING LEAGUE REGISTRATION NIGHT
September 16 & 17 & 20	OPEN HOUSE, bring out perspective new members
September 17; 7pm	AGM
September 18 & 19; 6:30pm	BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE CLINIC
September 22-24	O'CANADA SCHPIEL
September 28-October 1	PRESTIGE HOTELS AND RESORTS CURLING CLASSIC
November 3-5	LADIES SILVER STAR BONSPIEL
TBD	STICK SPIEL
December 3-10	EVEREST CANADIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
December 29-31	TWO ON TWO SPIEL
January 4-7	BARRY AMIES MENS BONSPIEL
January 15-17	SENIOR MENS BONSPIEL
February 5-6	SENIOR LADIES BONSPIEL
March 15-17	NISEI SPIEL
March 23-27	BCIMCA SENIORS & MASTERS PROVINCIAL
March 25-28	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 29-31	MIXED BONSPIEL