

**Nelson Curling Club**  
**Fall 2009 Newsletter**

The Executive would like to welcome you to the 2009-10 Curling Season. This newsletter is to provide you with information from the AGM along with other updates that will be of interest to you.

**Your Executive:**

President: Tim Beecham  
Vice-President: Terri Richardson  
Treasurer: Gioconda Maida  
Secretary: Audrey McKenzie  
Directors: Sandi Haynes & Gary Meadows  
Building Manager: Rob Richardson  
League Reps: Joe Duncan (Tuesday) TBA (Wednesday) Alan Burch (Thursday), Gord Dreger & Earl Mason (Retirees) Dave Hargreaves & Margaret Hodges (Friday) Juniors – TBA

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary positions will be open for the 2010 season. We will be posting job descriptions and hope that anyone interested in running for these positions contacts one of us as soon as possible. All three incumbents are definitely not reassuming the positions so **we absolutely need people to step forward to ensure that your club is available to you next year.**

**Open Ice curling starts on October 13, 14, 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Please drop by to re-introduce those muscles that have been in hibernation for spring and summer and also bring a new curler along to try out the sport before league play begins. We will have instructors available.

**Registration Night is on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Take advantage of the pre-registration discount and reconnect with other curlers. This is also a good time to pick up a curler if you need one. The following is the fee schedule:

October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Men's/Ladies	\$189.50	Mixed	\$170.90
October 17–Nov 30	Men's/Ladies	\$198.98	Mixed	\$179.45
After deadline	Men's/Ladies	\$218.88	Mixed	\$197.40

Social Fee	\$15.00 per league
Affiliation	\$12.00
GST	5%
Building Improvement Fund	\$15.00

**League Curling**

Retirees Tuesday and Thursdays during the day  
Mens Tuesday – 7:00 & 9:00  
Thursday - 7:00 & 9:00  
Ladies Wednesday – 6:45  
Mixed Friday – 7:00 & 9:00  
Juniors Mondays & Thursdays after school

## **Bonspiels**

Retirees	November 5 - 7
Men's	November 14 & 15
Ladies	January 23 & 24
Mixed	February 12 - 14

## **Zone Playdowns:**

Men's Regionals	November 27 - 29
Juvenile Zone	December 12 & 13

The Ladies League is in need of a rep. This position does not involve a huge amount of time as smaller committees within the league support it. For the most part, it is to attend Executive meetings as a liaison person and to organize the start up and wind up of the season. Please talk to Shirley Turner for more details.

The Men's and Ladies Bonspiels are looking at reciprocal support to help make the events run smoother. The plan is for ladies to bar-tend and assist with the dinner for the men's spiel and the men will bar-tend and assist with the dinner at the ladies spiel. A number of us have attended other bonspiels where this occurs, and can tell you, that it is a blast. So, men's and ladies, mark the bonspiel dates on your calendar as we will be looking for volunteers.

## **Bar**

Last year each league was responsible for their own bar service. Unfortunately, for the most part, this proved to be unsuccessful. At the AGM the following motion was passed:

***“Bartending duties go back to the old system as follows:  
Tuesday Men's does Wednesday bartending  
Wednesday Ladies does Thursday bartending  
Thursday Mens does Friday bartending  
Friday Mixed does Tuesday bartending  
Hours of bar be 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday and 8:00 to  
12:00 p.m. Fridays.”***

Basically, this results in a team having to tend bar once or twice during the entire season. If your team is scheduled for twice, split the nights up for your team, as two people are enough for the evening. The schedules should be ready by the second week, so please check and make a note of your night. There will be a list posted on each league bulletin board and also, by the bar. The Executive will try to ensure that bartenders are there by reminding them the week before.

The Curling Club was fortunate to receive grants for the Columbia Basin Trust totaling \$3,000 to upgrade the bar. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with some of the behind the scenes work. Anyone interested should contact Rob Richardson.

Drinks have been increased by 25 cents; beer, highballs, wine, etc. will be \$4.00, coolers and ciders \$4.50. The Midsummer Bonspiel used to subsidize the bar and without it now, we need to increase the cost per drink. It is still the best deal in town and is our number one revenue in keeping your club financially afloat.

**Practice Times:**

Some curlers have expressed an interest in having ice available so that they can drop by the rink to practice. After consulting with our very accommodating Ice Man, Al, we have set up the following times:

Mondays	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**End of Season:**

After much deliberation the Executive has decided that March 19, 2010 will be the last night of curling with the Wind-Up on March 20<sup>th</sup>. While we recognize that this runs over the two week Spring Break, we needed to ensure that 20 nights of league curling was available.

**Spare Fees:**

There is a \$5.00 spare fee for non-members. Spares can deposit this fee in the box that is outside of the office.

**Advertising:**

We have done quite of bit of advertising in the local papers in the hope of encouraging new membership. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, please contact your league rep or Terri Richardson (352-3058).

**Business Curling:**

We are now offering open curling on Monday evenings for businesses. If you are a business owner or employee, please introduce this information at your workplace; no curling experience is required. You can book the night with Al May and we will have instructors available to you. This was done last season and was a big success. Note that there is a nominal fee.

**Ideas, Suggestions, Concerns:**

This is your curling club and if you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please approach a member of your executive and we will do our best to address them.

**Webpage:**

We are in the process of having our webpage updated. Please note that once this is done, you can access most club information via [www.nelsoncurling.com](http://www.nelsoncurling.com)