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Nelson Curling Centre
Newsletter

January 2012

NCC Acting President's Message

By: Terri Richardson

I trust that 2012 has started out as a promising year for all of you. Your Executive has met and we are busy preparing for year end activities and have the information included in this newsletter.

First, we really need to bring your attention to the information bulletin board next to the canteen; it offers up to date information on what is and will be happening in your curling centre. So, please take a minute to look at it. One of the most important items is for you to be aware of the Annual General Meeting which is happening February 27th. Previously, AGMs were held after the curling season which seemed to result in members moving onto other things and not attending this very important meeting. AGM's give members an opportunity to bring questions and ideas forward to the general membership that can invite changes and improvements on how the curling club is managed. It is also a time when members can volunteer for Executive positions and place their votes.

This year's AGM is exceptionally important, as the 2012-13 season needs a President and Vice-President; these are two integral positions needed to ensure the operation of the curling club. We have functioned this

year with myself in the role of Acting President and Vice-President. Unfortunately, next year I will not be curling so these positions HAVE TO BE FILLED. We strongly encourage members to volunteer or seek out other members to put their names forward for election. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these positions.

Overall, your Executive continues to investigate and pursue options to keep your curling centre in a financially secure position along with providing events that keep curling fun for everyone.

2011-2012 Executive Members

President:	Vacant
Past President:	Tim Beecham
Vice President:	Terri Richardson
Treasurer	Karen McGinnis
Secretary	Brenda Fraser
Director	Gary Meadows

Treasurer's Report

To then end of December the bar and rental incomes are down slightly from same period last year, but our net income is about the same.

From Behind the Bar

Reminder to make sure your teams are aware of their scheduled bar duty nights ~ check with your league reps if you aren't sure of your assigned night or if you have any questions about running the bar.

Report from the Ice Man

Well it's hard to believe we are already halfway through the season. Everything has been going great on the ice and the plant is running well (touch wood). I think the ice has been pretty consistent all year. What can I say about sheet 6, I played it for the first time this year and it was not all that bad considering it is out by at least 1/2 an inch. I am trying to keep it in check.



Ivaan Nazaroff's wife fully supports her husband's passion for curling ~ this particularly evident in his birthday cake she decorated with a draw to the button!!

Learn to Curl Mondays

What a fantastic league! In November – December 2011, seven eager “want to be curlers” joined the league and played for five Monday nights. The first night involved teaching the basics of curling and the remaining four were in a game format where instructors stayed on the ice teaching strategy and technique. Players rotated positions so that they could learn all aspects of the game and anyone of them can tell you they had a great time. After the league finished players registered to be spares and one had the opportunity to join a league.

Little Rockers Curling!

What can be more entertaining than watching kids under the age of 11 learning how to curl. It is just so cute. Tracey Mozel has started a league for ages 11 and under where the kids go on the ice, learn how to walk on it, throw rocks at a comfortable distance in creative and innovative ways. This is a drop-in program on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15, so if you have a child who is under the age of 12 and wants to come have fun on the ice, drop by and check it out. Helmets and proper footwear are mandatory along with completing a registration form. This program is free!



Tracey Mozel giving instruction to a little rocker.

Men's Cash Spiel Nov 26 & 27

10 teams participated in a Skins format Men's Cash Spiel at the end of November ~ a good time was had by all and plans are in the works on how to expand this event for November 2012. See Garry or Tim for more information.

Accessibility Grant

The new wheelchair accessible doors have been installed at the main entrance and the ramp has been completed. The installation of the lift up the main stairwell to the upper floor and the new washroom are still in the works. It is expected that the club will be fully accessible to all mobility challenged persons by the start of the 2012-2013 curling season!

Jr Boys Provincial Playdowns

While the team did not manage a win, they played extremely well, especially considering their first game together was during zone playdowns! They were also competing against teams who have curled competitively together for at least four years, many of which had two coaches. Timely picks for the opposition resulted in large ends that altered otherwise close games. The boys' games were definitely crowd pleasers and their team quickly garnered daily support and admiration by competitors, their coaches and parents as well as spectators for their skills, efforts, ethics and good sportsmanship.

The trip to the provincials was a positive experience that would not have been possible without the encouragement and support of Nelson curlers and businesses. A big thank you to for Garry Meadows coaching locally and to Ed Gerhardt from Sooke who coached the boys at provincials. The team also wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the club, leagues, businesses and individuals who so generously supported their fundraising efforts as well as those who sent encouragement during the week.

Despite their losses, all four boys were enthused by the experience and intend on continuing to pursue competitive curling.

Jr Girls to BC Winter Games

The Nelson Jr. Girls will be going the BC Winter Games this coming February. Jade May, Lauren Walgren, Lesley George, Noelle Wang and Taylor Jameson will be traveling for Vernon the weekend of February 24-26.

The girls will represent the Kootenay Zone and will be called, Zone 1. Look online to watch their progress. The first game is on Friday at 10:00 AM.

The girls are practicing three and four days a week. They have been fundraising for their event and are very close to meeting their goal. They should be able to covered most of their cost with their final fundraising event on the February 11th at the mixed bonspiel that is to be held at our own rink. They have received a gift basket and various liquid refreshments to raffle off. Bring your lucky toonies to help them on their way! They will

also be selling Purdy Chocolate bars to those who need chocolate fixes to see them through the weekend.

The girls would like to thank all the people who have helped them prepare for their big event. A big thanks needs to go to Kelli May their coach, and the wonderful icemaker Al May who always has the ice ready for practice.

Rocks 'n Rings Success!

Did you know that the NCC has the only Rocks 'n Rings program outside of the Lower Mainland? Thanks to Chris Haynes and Alex Breen for their hard work and dedication in bringing the sport of curling into schools in the West Kootenays. Here is some feedback from Mary-Ann Gaschnitz – Blewett School: “I just want to let you know how much we appreciated Chris and Alex coming to our school. They did a fabulous job and all of the kids really enjoyed the experience. The teachers raved about how Chris and Alex handled the students and were impressed with their skills. I know I appreciated their positive attitudes.”



Chris Haynes and Alex Breen with their Rocks 'n Rings set up

Christmas Spirit of Giving

Once again the members of the Nelson Curling Club have shown their commitment to community and those less fortunate ~ donations to both the Nelson Food Cupboard and the Salvation Army's Secret Santa drive were graciously received. Thanks to everyone that participated! Your contributions helped make someone else's Christmas a little merrier.

Rose Bonspiel Lounge

Work is still underway to finish the upgrades to the Rose Bonspiel lounge ~ once completed a formal dedication event will be held.

Thanks to our Sponsors!!!

Many thanks to our sponsors ~ without their generous support, the NCC would not be able to operate so PLEASE make sure to show your gratitude and support these LOCAL businesses!

WINNER OF MONTHLY FEATURED SPONSOR DRAW

Marg Hopkins is the winner of a \$25 gift card from the **NEW GRAND** and Alex Breen is the winner of a \$25 **SEARS** gift card. THANKS Danny and Barry for your sponsorship!!

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League Reports

Junior's

By Kelli May

Juniors curling is continuing for curlers ages 12 and up. Lots of fun is being had in this recreational league which provides great training and lots of opportunities for out-of-town bonspiels. As always, volunteers are MOST WELCOME ~ no experience necessary ~ training will be provided. Call Kelli at 250 354 4287.

Senior's

By Earl Mason

New members are always welcome to the join in the Senior's league so come on down Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for fun an good curling! Contact Earl at 250 352 6973 or Gord Dredger 250 354 4521.

Tuesday Men's

By Joe Duncan

STANDINGS January 23, 2011		
Team#	Name	Points
5	Al May	18
4	Garry Beaudry	18
7	Nando Salviulo	17
8	Randy Zelonka	16
9	Roger May	15
10	Rick Cutler	13
12	Brett McLellan	13
1	Fred Thomson	12
2	G. Meadows	12
6	Ken Haynes	12
3	G. Davidson	8
11	Barry Marsh	8
13	Chris Haynes	4

Wednesday Ladies'

By Allison Sutherland

STANDINGS January 11, 2011	
Team#	Name
1	Tedesco
2	McKen
3 (tie)	Roy
3 (tie)	Detraumanden
5	Sutherland
6	Mclvor
7	Wolfram
8	May ~ Jr Girls

Thursday Men's

By Alan Burch

Playoffs have started already in the Thursday Men's League. There will be four tournaments over the next two months with the four tournament winners advancing to the Thursday Night League "Final Four" in mid-March. The team of Murrey Lewis, Brent Pihowich, Elliot Laidlaw and Bob Fortin finished first in the regular season followed by the team of Garry Meadows, Tim Beacham, Doh Harasym, Harry Davidson and Grant Davidson

Friday Mixed

By Maureen Grainger

The fun on Friday nights continues. In December the Christmas party proved to be a great success with Santa making sure that everyone was accounted for on the naughty and nice list. The Valentines Mixed bonspiel is scheduled for Feb 10-12. The "Vegas Baby" theme will be carried out through the weekend with a Casino run by the Nelson Lions Club on Friday and a Vegas style karaoke contest on Saturday. There are still some spots left so if you haven't registered and want to do so, call 250 551 4135 by Feb 5!



Santa & His Elves at Mixed Curling Christmas Party spreading some festive cheer.



Santa's appearance at the Mixed League Christmas Party included having conversations with those on the naughty list.

Volunteers Keeping our Club in Action

The NCC recently hosted the Senior Zone Playdowns. Teams from throughout the East and West Kootenays competed and were treated to our wonderful Nelson Curling Club hospitality. A HUGE thanks and appreciation go out to all of the organizers and volunteers:

Allison Sutherland and Garry Meadows for organizing the event, Rob Richardson and his team of officials, Roy Johnson, Shirley Turner, Bill Reid and John Ferguson for officiating the games; Chris Haynes & Sandi Haynes for all the technical work, bartenders, Karen McGuinness, Maxine Meadows, Gloria & Cassie Beecham. While our club teams did a great job of representing us, unfortunately we did not have any provincial qualifiers.

Christmas Rentals were very successful this year and thanks go out to Rob & Terri Richardson, Disa Westerhaug, Kevin Cormack, Stuart Layfield, Allison Sutherland, Tracey Mozel, Kirsten Lyons, Elena Cigala-Fugosi, Gary Beaudry, Jill Winters, Bruce & Karen Walgren, Alan Burch, Chris Haynes, Maureen Grainger, Amy Windson, Sandi Haynes for volunteering in making these

events fun for everyone!

We have more rentals coming up, so if you have a couple of hours to contribute, please let your league rep know.

Brazilian Curlers

Nineteen students from Brazil have visited our club and had two hours of curling instruction and will be coming back for more! These students are in grades 6, 7, 8 at Trafalgar and are visiting for the month of January. While most have watched the sport on T.V. they are getting first hand experience with the challenges of the sport and having a fun time while learning.

Still For Sale!

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