



Powell River CURLING CLUB

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Welcome Back!

Open House – Try/Learn to Curl Events Held in September

We had a successful Open House weekend on September 9-10th. Curious members and potential new members dropped in to have a look inside the Curling Club.



Followed up with a Try/Learn to Curl Event held on September 24th, that was attended by 21 enthusiastic individuals that wanted to give curling a try. Happy to report we have several new members joining the club.

Thanks to Barb Hundley, Shirley Court, Shaun Garvey, Norm Siren, Roger Pagani, and Candyce Muzylowski for getting out on the ice and coaching our new curlers.

Now the real learning begins as they take to the ice in their respective leagues.

Be sure to help the new curlers with encouragement and knowledge, we were all there once.



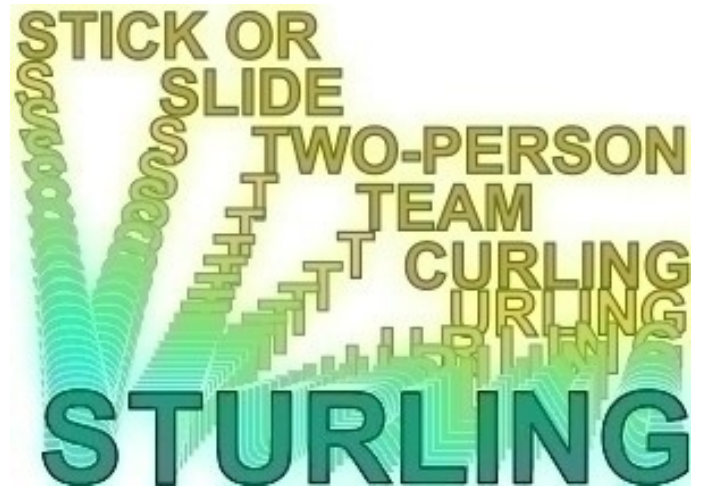


Friday Sturling League

The Stick League that had been previously played on Saturdays has now moved to Fridays.

It has taken on a new name and here is why.

Sturling is the official name for the 2-person team sport of curling. It brings together stick and slide curlers in a fun-filled game, with no age or gender restrictions.



Sturling was chosen to represent 'S'tick or 'S'lidge delivery, 'T'wo-person team, c'URLING'.

In 1998, Carson Schultz & Brian Dingman introduced push broom curling in Alberta. The game became know as Push Broom Curling because rocks were propelled down the ice by pushing them with a curling brush, from a standing position.

In time, better equipment was available that fit on the rock handle and made it easier to apply the turn on the rock. In 2003, curlers had moved to using a stick to release the rock instead of a push broom.

The stick became popular for those that had physical disabilities or issues that did not allow them to slide from the hack.



Popularity of the game grew, not just because it allowed so many to enjoy it that otherwise could not possibly curl, but because of several other advantages the game offered.

Just a few of them are:

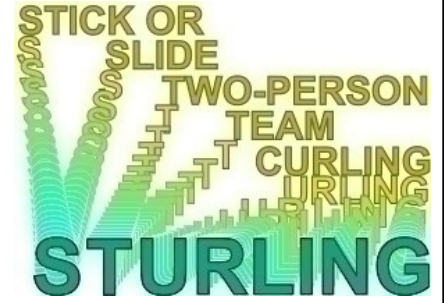
- The game moves at a quicker pace, with essentially no waiting around, and does not last as long as a regular curling game. (about an hour);
- Every player has the same opportunities and responsibilities as their partner in the game outcome.
 - There is more emphasis on strategy and skill of delivering rocks in a precise direction, with exactly the right speed, rather than on physical capability.





Sturling Rules:

- Each team is comprised of 2 players. One member stays at each end of the rink.
- The two delivering players alternate delivering 6 stones per end, while their teammate skips that end. The roles are then reversed for the next end and their partners deliver the 6 stones back.
- Games are 6 ends. In case of a tie, an extra end is played, with each player delivering 3 stones (skips and deliverers exchange roles midpoint of an extra end).
- No stone may be removed from play prior to delivery of the fourth stone of each end.
- Sweeping/brushing is allowed only from the hog line to the back of the house at the playing end.
- Players must remain on their end of the sheet and must not cross centre ice. One timeout per game is allowed where the players are allowed to meet at centre ice to confer.
- The stick delivery may begin with (a) either foot in either hack, or (b) from anywhere inside the near hog line with the stone touching the centre line.
- All stones must be released before reaching the hog line.
- All other rules and etiquette of regular curling apply.



February, 24th 2024



**CURLING DAY
IN CANADA**



Curling is more than a game, it is built on community and friendships.

Our curling centres are more than four walls, a roof and sheets of ice. Rooted at the heart of curling in Canada is the people who are connected to our sport and the experiences they share on and off the ice.



Did you Know....

It takes over 200 person hours to install the ice for our curling pleasure. With freezing time between each layer, the process takes almost 3 weeks to apply over 25 individual applications of water to make Curling capable Ice.



1) Two floods to form the base ice



2) A white layer is added using an environmentally friendly chalk like paint. Volunteers are needed to hold up the hose to prevent scratching the previous layer.



4) Knitting wool is then laid out to make the lines, then the graphics and advertising are accurately laid out then iced down.



3) The Rings are then precisely placed and glued down with water. Multiple mist layers are required between each step to prevent the rings, paint or lines from floating to the top of the next flood.



5) Two or three floods later, we have shiny ice ready to Pebble and Curl!



A special thanks to Chris Hearder, Bill Hunter and Don Mitchinson who started up the plant this year and the many hands that were involved in putting in the ice: Chris Hearder, Bill Hunter, Dwayne Uyede, Mike Dunn, Ian Tinker, Don McLeod, Doug Clark, Jim Schutz and Dan Dupuis.



On October 13 and 14th, the Powell River Kings hockey club offered free tickets to members of the Curling Club to come out and enjoy two games against the Nanaimo Clippers. We just want to thank the hockey club for the opportunity, as many of our members took advantage of the offer. 41 members or family were on hand for the Friday game and 51 came out on Saturday for their winning game.

Wishing the Kings a great season! Go Kings Go!

The Curling Club was awarded a \$33,000 grant from the Powell River Community Forest to purchase a new oven, stackable chairs and flooring to replace our well used carpet for our lounge. The replacement flooring will be installed at the end of the season.



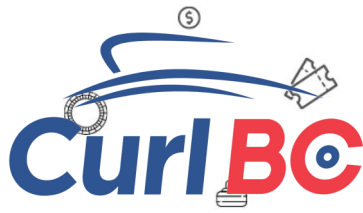
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A big Thank you goes out to the City and the Powell River Community Forest for continuing to supporting our Club and it's members.



Thanks to Shirley Court, Stephanie Tinker and Ian Tinker for cleaning up the club for the Open House.

Additionally, for our Hosts at the Open House, Lorna Downie, Shirley Court, Norm Siren and Stephanie Tinker, who greeted our visitors and assisted members with registration.



WIN BIG!

Curl BC 50/50 ... go to [CurlBC](https://www.curlbc.ca)

Curl BC is once again having monthly 50/50 draws. In each draw, one winner will take 50% of the pot, and 40% will be distributed to curling clubs and Curl BC (10% goes towards transaction/service fees).

The Curling Club received \$400 from the sale of last season's 50/50 draw tickets.

So if you are interested in participating make sure you choose Powell River Curling Club under **In Support Of** and selecting VANCOUVER ISLAND - CENTRAL COAST from the drop-down menu and we will receive a portion of the proceeds of your ticket.



The AGM will be held on November 18th, starting at 6 PM.

As usually we will have a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to enjoy with your fellow curlers.



Mark Your Calendar!

Bonspiel

Our first Bonspiel is December 1-3, volunteers are needed to help organize and ensure the event runs smoothly.

Please get in touch with Roger Pagani at prcc@telus.net or (604) 414-5786.

From the Editors Desk

Hope you enjoyed reading this latest Newsletter.

As always, if you have any Feedback, news or photos that would be of interest to Club Members, please contact me, [Stephanie Tinker](mailto:Stephanie.Tinker@powellrivercurling.ca) at communication@powellrivercurling.ca