



... a newsletter for the members of the Vancouver Curling Club

## Welcome to the 2006-2007 season

Welcome back for another season of curling at the VCC.

It is so nice to see the Club come back to life after being dormant all summer. I am hoping that everyone had a wonderful summer and took advantage of the amazing weather. I was able to see more of BC via the campgrounds and fell in love with this province all over again.

During the off-season, the Board of Directors has been busy. We are continuing to plan for the present and the future by ensuring that our building is up to date. This summer we had to replace the condenser so that we could ensure that we would have ice to play on. You will notice other improvements around the Club.

We also continue to work with VANOC and the City of Vancouver in order to move towards the Legacy Facility after the 2010 Winter Games.

I am very confident that we have the best possible staff and an incredible number of volunteers that will keep the Club functioning at a very high level of service provision. An extension of this is the belief and goal that we will provide a positive Curling experience for everyone that comes into the building. We cannot solve your problems with in-turn takeouts (well, maybe the clinics can!) but we can make the Club a destination for you and your friends.

You will note that we have had to increase the fees this year. This action was in recognition of the increased costs to run the Club. We would always prefer to freeze our

fees but that is not always possible. This year we were not able to make that decision until late in the summer as we explored all of the alternatives.

I hope that you and your team have a great season – and if you know of any spectacular campgrounds you want to share with me, I am all ears!

Sincerely,  
Ken MacDonald, President

### Vancouver Curling Club 2006/07 Board of Directors

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## New Newsletter Format

*This first edition of "The Backline" for the 2006/07 season marks the beginning of a new season and an exciting time at the club.*

*We plan on distributing "The Backline" on a monthly basis during the upcoming season with new features, colourful images and the stories of the members and events that celebrate the VCC.*

*We welcome your contributions so if you have any story ideas, comments or photos, please email them to [newsletter@vancouvercurlingclub.com](mailto:newsletter@vancouvercurlingclub.com)*

*Happy Curling!  
Alistair, Randall & Scott  
VCC Communications Committee*



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## Greetings from the GM

*Jason Rowland*

First and foremost, allow me to welcome everyone back to another exciting season of curling at the VCC. As you will notice with the colour scheme on the ice, we are continuing our Celebration of Excellence theme for the coming year. We have also added a few new touches to the ice that include recognizing our 20 leagues at the Club in our rock boxes.

Interest in the Club continues to grow as we have expanded many of our leagues to include more teams. Our Novice leagues have expanded and we are considering adding league play to Saturday afternoons. All of this growth will serve us well as we prepare to move into a new facility in the not-too-distant future.

As important as preparing for the new facility will be, we must also make sure to not lose sight of the present. In that vein, we want to remind all members that every effort has been made to make sure playing conditions

and the overall ambiance of the Club remain at the high standards expected from our members. Over the summer, we replaced the condenser - which should lead to more consistent ice conditions when we experience warmer weather - we have placed rubber matting in the ice shed area to help reduce the transfer of lint and debris to the ice surface, and we continue to provide numerous member events at the club.

Don't forget to register in the great special events at the club: our Opening Mix n' Match Bonspiel on October 14th, our Grey Cup Bonspiel in November, our Scotch Doubles event in February and, of course, our Barry Naimark Charity Skins event in March.

See you at the Club, and good curling...

Jason

## From the Iceman

*Don Swann, Ice Tech*

Welcome back for another great season of curling and I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

Our club is back in the full swing of things – getting all the leagues set to go and having our Clinics completed.

Our ice is looking great and has been installed with a lot of pride – the Vancouver Curling Club has been noted for its innovative color schemes and overall distinction of having the brightest looking ice shed in the province.

I would like to remind all curlers of some overlooked items that will greatly help keep our Club in the limelight of all curling Clubs.

*Clean ice is my main responsibility - along with curl and speed - but I need your help to maintain our good reputation.*

1. When entering the Club, please remember that we curl through the winter months so the leaves, mud, needles, etc. will come in on your shoes. Try to clean them as best as you can when you come in the door.
2. Remember to not wear street shoes on the ice. Have a pair of curling shoes or shoes used only for on-ice activity.

3. Always use the Boot Boys (one at each entrance to the ice shed). If you come out of the playing area for any reason, please give your shoes a quick buff again before going back out to the ice area. No need to carry that dirt out into the ice shed.
4. If your shoes are clean – that is great – but how about your broom? Each time you sweep the rocks down the ice, you create a slight film of water on you broom head. This will pick up any debris that may have been put on the ice surface - from a dirty broom, fleecy clothing, human hairs, dirty shoes, etc. - and will “mat” on the broom head and can fall off. It may fall under a rock in motion or somewhere else on the ice, only to be moved around or picked up by someone else or maybe even you again. So, at the end of each sheet, there are small brushes to clean your broom head off throughout the game. This will keep as much of the dirt off the ice surface as possible – making the game much more enjoyable.

I will have more helpful hints in future newsletters.

Have a great season and ROCK ON!

Don

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## Coming Soon

Get the 2006/07 season started off the right way with the club's opening **Mix 'n' Match Bonspiel**. Taking place on Saturday, October 14th, this event is for VCC members only and you register as an individual.

In November, the **3rd Annual Grey Cup Bonspiel** will kick-off at the VCC. An open-format event, teams will play from Thursday, November 16th to Sunday, November 19th.

To register for the Mix 'n' Match and Grey Cup Bonspiels, contact [manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com](mailto:manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com)



## 2006 - 2007 Season Calendar

### 2006

**Friday, September 22**

First day of League Curling begins

**Saturday, September 23**

Past Presidents' Dinner

**Sunday, October 8 and Monday, October 9**

VCC closed for Thanksgiving holiday

**Saturday, October 14**

VCC Opening (Mix 'n' Match) Bonspiel

**Saturday, October 21**

Pink Broom Bonspiel

**Thursday, November 16 to Sunday, November 19**

3rd Annual Grey Cup Bonspiel

**Monday, December 18**

Last day of league curling - 1st half

**Tuesday, December 19 to Thursday, December 21**

2nd Annual VCC Junior Bonspiel

**Friday, December 22 to Tuesday, January 2**

VCC closed - Happy Holidays!



*For more information on any of the events scheduled at the VCC, please contact the Club Manager - Jason Rowland - at 604-872-0122 or [manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com](mailto:manager@vancouvercurlingclub.com)*

### 2007

**Wednesday, January 3**

League curling resumes - 2nd half

**Saturday, January 6**

Mid-Season Clinic (\$25 fee): 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Thursday, January 11**

League Reps meeting: 7:00 pm

**Friday, January 26 to Sunday, January 28**

Pacific Rim Bonspiel

**Saturday, February 10**

Scotch Doubles Bonspiel

**Thursday, November 16 to Sunday, November 19**

3rd Annual Grey Cup Bonspiel

**Saturday, February 18**

Sandra Schmirler Day (open house): 10 am - 3 pm

**Thursday, March 8 to Sunday, March 11**

Charity Skins Bonspiel

**Sunday, April 1**

Last day of league curling - 2nd half

**Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 5**

Club Championship

**Thursday, April 26**

Volunteers' Barbecue

League Reps Meeting & Annual General Meeting



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