

Peace River Curling Club

Rock Talk

From the President

Bonspiels at a Glance

DMI PulpSpiel
Feb 8-10

Ladies' Spiel
March 1-3

Oilmens Bonspiel
March 15-17

Closing Spiel
March 22-24

As the new president of the Peace River Curling Club, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in our club this season. It's great to see everyone enjoying themselves, from the long time curlers in our club to those who are tentatively trying out the sport for the first time. This is a big year for our club, celebrating 70 years of curling in our community! That doesn't happen on it's own, and I would like to thank all of those people past and present who have dedicat-



ed time to make our club as successful as it is -- volunteers, board members, curlers and staff through the years are all greatly appreciated!

I'd also like to welcome our new Club Manager/Ice Technician, Audra Lindsey and thank you all for your patience as she gets this first season under her belt. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in ice making to our club, and is willing to share her knowledge -- so if you are interested in learning about ice making/maintenance, please let her know! Our big push this year is to raise enough funds to purchase and install a brand new ice plant to keep our club running for years to come, and we are almost at our goal. So,

yes we will be doing some fundraising this year and will let you all know about these opportunities as they are available.

Feel free to come and chat with me (I'm at the club Monday - Thursday, before and during league play) if you have any ideas, issues, or positive feedback that you would like to bring forward. This is your club and we would love to hear from you!

Show Your Pride in Our Club!

PRCC 70th Anniversary Pins are available in the ProShop or at the bar. \$5 each!



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A Great Start! The Opening Cash-Spiel

The season started with the "Opening Cash Spiel" and despite it being a recent addition to our bonspiel list, and at the very beginning of our season, six teams came out to compete for the \$2400 in prize money.

The small number of teams allowed for a two-day event with a modified round-robin schedule followed by championship games



\$1000. Shown above the winners of the 1st Opening Cash-Spiel are (L-R): Ryan Konowalyk, Scott Webb, Steve Byrne, Jesse Sopko.

based on win-loss records.

In the A-event, Team Webb defeated Team Nichol, both of PRCC, for the top prize of

70th Anniversary Bonspiel

On the weekend of November 2-4 the PRCC hosted its 70th Anniversary Open Bonspiel. 22 teams signed up, mostly from Peace River though a couple of teams came from Falher and the Muceniuk team from Valleyview. The spiel featured a slide show of photos showcasing our club's history with past and present members. When all was said and done, the Winners of the A-event, sponsored by Dalyn Disposal, were: Second Heather Dusseault, Lead Sue Cloake-Millar, Third Tom Guey, Skip Denis Dusseault



The B event winners, sponsored by MNP LLP, Skip: Glen Vipond, Third: Sandra Sharp, Second: John Kuran, Lead: Pam Vipond.



The C event winners, sponsored by RT Grading and Road Building, Skip: Alain Turcotte, Third: Danny Turcotte, Second: Linda L'abbé, Lead: Gilbert Turcotte.



The D event winners, sponsored by Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd. were: Lead: Lloyd Berg, Second: Karen Staples, Third Elaine Muceniuk, Skip: Derek Muceniuk.

Leagues and Bonspiels

IF you are reading this you are probably signed up for at least one league so you know when it runs and who your league rep is. But here's the recap:

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| Monday | 7:00pm | Men's League | Rep: Damien Gnass |
| Tuesday | 7:00pm | Learn-to-Curl | Rep: Linda L'Abbe, |
| | | Practice Ice as available | |
| Wednesday | 4:00pm | Juniors | Rep: Sally Wolfe |
| | 7:00pm: | Men's League | Rep: Damien Gnass |
| Thursday | 6:30 & 8:30pm: | Women's League | Rep: Shelby O'Shea |
| Friday | 7:00 & 8:00pm: | Mixed League | Rep: Linda L'Abbe |

UPCOMING PRCC BONSPIELS:

DMI PulpSpiel: Feb 8-10

Ladies Spiel: March 1-3

This year's **theme: An Evening at the Movies**

The Sign-up sheet for the Ladies' spiel is now posted on the bulletin board next to the league schedules.

Oilmen's Bonspiel: March 15-17

Closing Mixed/Open: March 22-24 Watch for the sign-up sheet!

Around the Club

The weekly 50/50 draw started the week of November 12-16. The first week 75 people dropped their toonie in the jar, however **Ryan Hermanutz**'s name was drawn and he had not paid in. The same thing happened the second week, 65 people paid in but **Kim Webb** was not one of them and so did not win. In the third week we again had 72 people enter their names but **Dale Scotton** was not one of them. Dec 3-7 **Robyn Simoneau** missed her chance at \$268 and **Richard Currie** missed out on \$313 on December 14. The 50/50 was finally won by **Roger Laliberte** on Dec 21, and again in the first week of January. **Ryan Konowalyk** was the winner January 18. All 50/50 monies will go towards the purchase of the new compressor.

In-Ice & Rink Advertising rates for next season will be finalized shortly. If you or a company you know is interested in advertising here at the club talk to Irene Bekevich or call and leave a mes-

sage at the club. The monies gained from in-ice advertising will fund the purchase of new end-to-end type mats for the curling surface.

The Pro-Shop is open, with many items in stock and orders placed regularly. The turn-around time between placing an order and it's arrival in the club is usually less than a week.

General items like slider-discs, grippers, brooms (brushes) and replacement brush heads (I even have gloves and socks!) are kept in stock, and more size- and style- specific items like shoes or curling pants can be ordered in as required. Prices are listed and the sign in the window will let you know when the next order is being placed.

The white binder of supplier catalogues is in the ice-level lounge area and there are order forms at the back of the binder. Fill in a form and give it to Audra; your items will be added to the next order.

Lockers are now available.

If you still need a locker there are now several in each locker-room

available. If you need a locker sign up and pay in the office.

"Rink-Rats" are required. For anyone interested in learning about ice maintenance, or just interested in earning a little extra money, talk to Audra about helping with ice maintenance. If there are several people interested I will run a pebbling clinic on a weekend in February. The more people who know how to mop, pebble and nip, the better for the club!

As we get into bonspiel season I will need help between draws at the spiels and all bonspiel help will be paid.



PRCC Cups

Remember to buy your PRCC no-spill cups! They are super-handy at the trailer, at home or here

at the club! The price? 1 for \$11, 2 for \$20, or \$15 will get you a cup and a drink!

Fundraising Update: Grant Applications & Raffle

We are still about \$50,000 short of our funding goal for the new ice plant. Thanks to the time and effort of one of our new board members, Valerie Differenz, the club has applied for two grants, one from the provincial government, the other from the CCA.

PRCC RAFFLE

As well, Jeannette Danks has been working hard to organize a raffle, the grand prize is a return flight to Edmonton or Calgary, a \$350 gift certificate for accommodation and a \$250 Ticketmaster gift certifi-

cate! Tickets are \$10 each and each team will be asked to sell two books of tickets, 10 per book. Sell to your friends, family and co-workers, and buy a couple yourself!! We are looking to sell all 1000 tickets before the draw date of March 23—the Saturday of

the Closing Spiel. Tickets will be distributed starting in the next week.

If we can reach our target of \$235,000 we want to get the new compressor/ chiller/ condenser combination installed next summer to be ready for start-up next season!



The Rookie Rock

Curling is a game of tradition and respect. Here are a few tips for courteous play. While some are actual rules of the game, some are suggestions based on tradition.

Shaking Hands:

Begin the game with a hand shake and wish your opponents a “Good Curling” game. Remember to remove your glove/mitt and introduce yourself if you don’t already know the players on the other team. The vices (thirds) will toss a coin to determine who plays last rock for the first end of play.

Setting Up Courtesy Stones:

When it is your turn to play, pull out your own rock, then before you step into the hack, pull out your opponent’s rock and set it beside the hack that you are not using 2-3 feet away (far enough that it does not interrupt your delivery). Your opponent should return the favor.

Note: Many competitive curlers do not want their rock pulled out for them as they often choose which rock they want to throw. A good rule of thumb is simply to ask the other skip/team if they are ok with you setting their rocks out, just in case they don't like it.

Position While Rocks are in Play:

You should stand between the hog lines off to the side when the opposing team is throwing or sweeping their rocks. In competitive play your team can be penalized if you are not the skip or throwing the rock and you are on the “house side” of the hog line. At no time should the entire team be standing behind the sheet to watch the other team deliver a rock. In league games it is courteous to stay out of the way of the players “working” on the ice. Stand still so as not to distract the player delivering the stone and if it is your turn to throw, you may stand quietly behind the sheet of ice, and off to the side, -not directly behind the hack- while the opposing player throws his/her the rock.

Reference: “Curling for Dummies, 2nd Edition ” by Bob Weeks.

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WE are Here for YOU!!

The Peace River Curling Club Board of Directors is responsible to the membership (YOU!). If you have ideas on how to make your club better, we want to hear them!

For the **2012-2013 season** your BoD is:

- President.....Sally Wolfe
- Vice PresidentDamien Gnass
- Past President..... Jeannette Danks
- Secretary.....Irene Bekevich
- Treasurer.....Dan Klienschroth
- Director.....Brad Henderson
- DirectorLinda L’Abbe
- DirectorShelby O’Shea
- Director.....Allen Wolfe
- DirectorValerie Differenz
- Director.....Heather Stewart
- Director.....Randy Hodgkinson
- Bar ManagerDamien Gnass

- Ice Technician/ Club Manager.....Audra Lindsey

League Representatives

- Mens LeagueDamien Gnass
- Womens League.....Shelby O’Shea
- Mixed League.....Linda L’Abbe
- Learn-to-Curl.....Linda L’Abbe

All board meetings are open to the general membership and the public. minutes from the AGM and the monthly board meetings will be posted beside the league bulletin board downstairs as they become available. If you would like a copy of the minutes emailed to you please sign the list in the office!

We're on the Web!
www.prcurl.ca

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DID YOU KNOW:

The Board of Directors is elected annually at the AGM held in early October. Next fall we will be looking for several new board members terms are coming to an end. Please consider getting involved! Talk to any one of the current board members for more information!

It’s our club, let’s make it great!