

ROYAL CITY CURLING CLUB 2018 Annual General Meeting



- ▶ Thursday, June 21 2018
- ▶ Registration at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm
- ▶ Royal City Curling Club
- ▶ 75 East 6th Ave, New Westminster

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AGM Agenda

1. Call to Order – Declaration of Quorum
 - Moment of Silence
 - Acknowledgement of Life Members
2. Introduction of Board of Directors
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of previous AGM
5. Junior Presentations
 - Junior Club Awards
6. President's Comments
7. Financial Report – documents distributed
 - Financial statements 2017/2018
 - Appointment of Auditors 2018/2019
8. Directors & Managers Reports – as distributed
9. Resolutions
10. Presentations
 - Ladies League – Grand Aggregate, Presidents Cup, Club Champion
 - Men's League – Grand Aggregate, Presidents Cup, Club Champion
 - Club Awards
11. Elections
12. Recess – 10 minutes
13. New Board Introduced
14. New Business
 - Canada Games Pool and Centennial Community Centre Redevelopment Update
 - Community drop-in
 - City of New Westminster Gymnastics Club Facility Use
15. Adjournment

Royal City Curling Club 2017 AGM Minutes

Date: June 21, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Royal City Curling Club – 75 East 6th Avenue, New Westminster, BC

Call to Order – Declaration of Quorum - Meeting was called to order at 7:12 by President John Shwaluk. Quorum of 71 active members in attendance.

Moment of Silence - Membership held a moment of silence in remembrance for members who had passed in the last year: Bessie Low and Louise Logan

Acknowledgement of Life Members - Craig Lightbody, Lois Fiser, and Al Richards were introduced.

Board of Directors Introduced: John Shwaluk (President), Bill Jones (Vice President), Cindy Wenzek (Treasurer), Tricia Henry (Secretary), Curtis Jokinen, Geoff Krawchuk, Dennis Araki, and Brent Pierce. Tammy Dunn (Past President) sends her regrets.

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION: It was moved (Harm Woldering) and seconded (Pat Johnstone) to approve the amended AGM Agenda. **CARRIED**

Approval of the Minutes of previous AGM

MOTION: It was moved (Irwin Lee) and seconded (Howard Maisey) to approve the Minutes from June 23, 2016 AGM. **CARRIED**

Junior Members League

Presidents Cup

● Team Fei – Eugene Fei, Neil Imada, Preston Ballard, James Jones; Coach:?

Grand Aggregate and Club Champion

● Team Yam -Lincoln Lam, Carter Yam, Griffyn Valente Coach:?

BC Junior Provincials

- Teams that participated in the Provincial Championships were announced.
 - Team Daniels - Sarah Daniels, Sarah Loken, Megan Daniels, Sydney Witt

 - Team Kiss - Jordan Kiss, Travis Cameron, Nicholas Umbach, Derek Chandler;
Coaches: Craig Lightbody, Karen Watson
 - Team McCrady - Matthew McCrady, Brayden, Zac Curtis, Jacob Umbach; Coach:
Curt Bogren
 - Team Proctor - Tyler Proctor, Horace Mak, Matthew Chan, Breyden Chong;
Coach: Chris Summers
 - Team Sato - Hayato Sato, Dawson Ballard, Troy Chong, Joshua Miki; Coaches:
Bryan Miki, Len Chong

BC Provincial Junior Champions

Men's

- Team Tardi-Tyler Tardi, Daniel Wenzek, Jordan Tardi, Nicholas Meister, Sterling Middleton, Coach: Paul Tardi
Canadian Junior Championship

- Team Tardi won Gold

Junior Club Awards

- Most Improved Junior Curler – Eugene Fei

Lifetime Membership Presentation

- A lifetime membership was presented to Neil Eyben

President's Comments

- John Shwaluk provided comments on how the year went and what is coming up in future years

Financial Report – Cindy Wenzek provided a detailed report on the distributed Royal City Curling

Club Audited Financial statements for 2016/2017.

MOTION: It was moved (Marnie Jepsen) and seconded (Irwin Lee) to approve the accept the Financial Statements. **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditors 2017/2018 – The Board of Directors recommended to the Membership that once again, Seymour, Evancic, Gardner and Associates be appointed to conduct our financial review for the next fiscal year.

MOTION: It was moved (Arlen Bonesky) and seconded (Howard Maisey) to appoint Seymour, Gardner and Associates to undertake a review engagement of the 2017/2018 Royal City Curling Club Financial Statements. **CARRIED**

Directors & Managers Reports – An opportunity for questions was given to the membership regarding the written and distributed 2016/2017 Royal City Curling Club Annual Report. No questions were asked.

Honorable Mentions

BC Men's Belair Direct Provincial Qualifiers

- Team Bilesky
- Team McCardle
- Team Tardi

Scotties BC Women's Provincial Qualifiers –

- Team Gushulak-Silver

BC Senior Ladies Provincial Qualifiers

- Team Richter

BC Senior Men's Provincial Qualifiers

- Team McCardle
- Team Wright

Master Men's Provincials

- Team Pughe

BC Master Ladies Provincials Qualifiers

- Team Clark

BC Mixed Doubles Qualifiers

- Team Lightbody/Gauthier
- Team Strathdee/Macleod
- Team Sutton/McCrady
- Team Tardi/Hawes

Ladies League

● President Cup

- Team Bowles - Dezaray Hawes, Elizabeth Bowles, Sarah McCrady, Grace McCusker, Kallie Deptuk

● Grand Aggregate

- Team Yager - Elisha Yager, Nicole Montgomery, Cheryl Brown, Rosemary Hogg, Erin Obsiniuk

● Club Champion

- Team Miller - Lindsae Miller, Emily Miller, Dana Page, Bailey Andrichuk

Men's League

● President Cup

- Team Bonesky - Arlen Bonesky, Chris Summers, Paul Chapman, Merv Weatherby, Colin Blackwell, Steve Toderian

● Grand Aggregate

- Team McCardle - Ken McCardle, Daniel Wenzek, Bill Longmuir, Kelly Finnegan, Matthew McCrady, Brayden Carpenter, Zac Curtis, Jacob Umbach

● Club Champion

- Team Sutton - Will Sutton, Mark Bradshaw, Cody Johnson, Bruce Currie, Daniel Jun

○ Team Sutton also went on to compete in the lower mainland club challenge.

Club Awards

Volunteer of the year award: Nancy Stagg and Cindy Wenzek

Royal City Curling Club Annual Elections

- John Shwaluk thanked Tricia Henry, Curtis Jokenen, Tammy Dunn, and Mike Munsie for their time spent on the board.
- The Board of Directors recommended that Kelly Keitel, Harm Woldring, and Darin LaFace be nominated for election.
- The board asked for nominations from the floor for the fourth and final spot. Harm Woldring nominated Chris Summers from the floor and it was seconded by Arlen Boneski.
- As there were no further nominations from the floor, the board elected Kelly Keitel, Harm Woldring, Darin Laface, and Chris Summers.

Recess – 10 minutes

- The returning and newly elected Directors excused themselves from the meeting to conduct a short meeting to elect the Officers – President, Vice President and Secretary.
- New Board Introduced – The new Board was introduced having Geoff Krawchuk as President, Darin Laface as Vice-President, Cindy Wenzek as Treasurer, and Brent Pierce as Secretary.

New Business

- Canada Games Pool - Geoff Krawchuk discussed a meeting that was held with the city of New Westminster regarding the new pool.
- New Societies Act - Geoff Krawchuk mentioned that the Societies Act would be changing at the end of 2017.
- Curling.io - Geoff Krawchuk mentioned the requirements that Curl Canada will be putting into action in 2018.

Club Announcements

- September 9, 2017-Birdies, Bogies and Beer Golf Tournament
- September 16, 17 - Curling Clinics
- October 26 - 29, 2017 - Dogwood Men's Bonspiel
- January 14, 21,28 - Learn to Curl Clinics
- February 9 - 11, 2017 - Royal City Mixed Bonspiel
- February 28 - March 3 - BC High School Provincials
- April 5 - 9, 2017 - Donspiel

Adjournment- There being no further business:

MOTION: It was moved (Curtis Jokenen) and Seconded (Mark Davis) to adjourn the meeting. **CARRIED**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM.

Resolutions

RESOLUTIONS TO BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THE NEW SOCIETIES ACT

(Enacted November 18, 2016)

RESOLUTION #1 –ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: In November of 2016, the province of BC made changes and updates to the Societies Act of BC. In order to be in compliance with the new Act, we are required to make specific changes by November 2018. In our current Constitution, we state our Society's objects, as well as our operating location. The new Act requires that we only state the name and purpose of our Society.

Current Constitution:

The name of the Society is Royal City Curling Club

The **objects** of the Society are:

- a. To promote, organize, conduct and manage a curling club, and to promote the welfare of the members thereof, and such other sports as may be deemed desirable, for the interests of the members.
- b. To promote a social bond amongst its members and to encourage sportsmanship and good fellowship and to be strictly non-sectarian and non-political.

The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried out in the City of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia

Proposed Constitution:

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The **purposes** of the Society are:

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BE IT RESOLVED by a 2/3 vote of Full Members of the Royal City Curling Club that:

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RESOLUTION #2 – DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

PREAMBLE: The Royal City Curling Club has routinely updated its By- Laws. They were last updated June 2014. That process has put the Club into a position of near full compliance with the new Societies Act. To become fully compliant with the new Act, the Club is required to add a By-Law to its existing constitution to address the matter of Remuneration of Directors. The Societies Act has been silent of this matter until now. The new Societies Act states “Directors may not be remunerated unless permitted by the bylaws. “ To be addressed are expenses incurred by a Director and remuneration to a Director for services proved to the Society in another capacity. For example, work done on a capital project whereby the Club would receive a preferred rate versus market pricing.

Current By-Law: None

Proposed By-Law:

6.7 Directors – Remuneration

The Society may provide remuneration to a Director for:

- a) Reasonably incurred expenses by the Director.
- b) Services provided to the Society in another capacity.

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RESOLUTIONS TO EXISTING BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION #2 – DIRECTORS TERM

PREAMBLE: Directors are currently elected by the Members for three year terms. Your current board of Directors believe the Club would be better served by Directors being elected for two year terms resulting in a lesser term of commitment making it more attractive to serve. Similarly, those wishing to serve for a second term are only committing to a further two year obligation.

Current By-Law:

6.2 Directors – Term

a) The Board of Directors shall be elected by vote of the Society Members at each Annual General Meeting in a term of three (3) years.

Proposed By-Law:

6.2 Directors – Term

a) The Board of Directors shall be elected by vote of the Society Members at each Annual General Meeting in a term of two (2) years.

BE IT RESOLVED by a 2/3 vote of Full Members of the Royal City Curling Club that:

The Board of Directors shall be elected by vote of the Society Members at each Annual General Meeting in a term of two (2) years.

RESOLUTION #3 – DIRECTORS DUTIES AND POWERS

PREAMBLE: The Directors have the power to bind the Society for any obligation or indebtedness up to \$15,000. With inflation over the years this amount has become ineffective in running the affairs of the Curling Club and it is proposed the amount be increased from its current \$15,000 to \$30,000 and indexed to the cost of living going forward. For example, the current mandated upgrades for ammonia control by two Government Agencies cost the Club some \$22,000 during this past curling season. As it turned out, the expenses were incurred piecemeal over a six month period and paid for in segments that fell within the \$15,000 board limit. However, had all deficiencies been identified and correction mandated at once a Special General meeting would have been required to deal with this mandatory expenditure.

Current By-Law:

6.3 Directors – Duties and Powers

a) The Directors shall have the power to enter into, on behalf of, and to bind the Society in respect of any contract, agreement or arrangement made with any person or body which they deem advisable in the conduct of the affairs of the Society and in the furtherance of its aims and objectives, **except that the Directors shall not have the power to bind the Society for any obligation or indebtedness over Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) without prior approval of the voting members obtained at a meeting of the Society.**

Proposed By-Law:

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RESOLUTIONS – OTHER

RESOLUTION #4 – PURCHASE OF NEW CURLING ROCKS

PREAMBLE: The curling rocks at our Club are old and have been through a one-time reconditioning process (via inserts) some 18 years ago. The striking bands have become flat and there is no means to further refurbish them. Replacement cost including taxes, freight and new handles is \$82,500. The Club is currently applying for a Capital Gaming Grant to cover 50% of the cost; however the Board is asking the Membership for approval to spend up to \$82,500 to fund the purchase. Means to further mitigate the purchase cost are also being pursued.

BE IT RESOLVED by a 2/3 vote of Full Members of the Royal City Curling Club that:

A sum of money not exceeding \$82,500 - less mitigating funding- be spent to purchase new curling rocks prior to the end of the current fiscal year, April 30, 2019.

President's Report

Wow! Another AGM is upon us, and we have moved so far forward from the last one. Everyone has noticed the plethora of changes around the building- inside and out- and the Club has never looked better.

In a season full of splendor, we have seen our own compete at levels far beyond our expectations. With new **World Junior Champions** under our roof, as well as Senior & Junior Provincial champs, Royal City continues to develop a class of athletes unmatched by most other clubs in the Province.

From the local perspective, Royal City is doing its part to stay connected to the community and City in ways not seen before. With your help, we've purchased new ice equipment, lowering our energy use and extending our building's lifespan while also reducing our requirements for dangerous chemicals. We have changed over our lighting system as well, cutting down our energy consumption not only in the winter, but also greatly minimizing our environmental impact during the non-stop summer activity our Club is benefiting from over these next months. We're also in the midst of improving the kitchen, which you may have noticed. Also, the Board is looking into timelines for improving our kitchen & bar both safely and cost effectively.

This season was not without its challenges, though. You saw the youngest-ever President try and lead this club forward with only a single year of Board experience. My sincerest gratitude goes out to all of those members who took the time to answer my questions when asked, provide guidance when I seemed lost, and gave patience when they didn't see things moving at their expectation. It has been a humbling year for me, beginning with hiring our Clubs' second manager in two years, to trying to manage a group of talented individuals from the end of a satellite phone. The work is endless, however the reward is most commonly gratifying. Barring an unforeseen Palace Coo, I look forward to bettering myself in this position in the coming year, and hope I can make all of you that much more proud to be a member of Royal City.

As most of you have come to learn, RCCC is the busiest club in the land, boasting jam-packed leagues, growing interest in the game, and expanding diversity throughout our draws. So much so, that we are actually in a position where we must turn away some groups due to lack of available ice time. Though this is usually a good problem to have, programs such as youth curling are taking a bit of a hit. However we on the Board are always keeping an eye on what is coming in the near future, we hope to never lose the interest from the public and are sure to keep contact with those that want to join the Royal City family, be it weekly, or daily.

The staff at this club also deserve a round of applause. Their tireless work and willingness to help has put us in a position where the customer really does come first. The office and pro shop are turning out sales quickly & efficiently, the ice has never been better, and bar has... well, it could stand to be fuller. But time and time again, visitors to our club are left with an impression that this truly is a great place to be, and in no way do I disagree with that.

Changes are going to continue in forward fashion. We have our eyes set on new services being provided to us with a new pool and amenities centre which the City is committed to building, bringing new possibilities for memberships, access to the area, parking, and more. Be sure to ask questions, take action, and get involved. This is your Club, and your community. Information is going to be provided on both the City's and soon- once the re-development is complete- our NEW website so we can all stay on top of changes to the face of Royal City, and New Westminster alike.

It has been a pleasure being in the position I am in this past year, and I look forward with hope and enthusiasm for the year to come.

Respectfully,

Geoff Krawchuk, President

Manager's Report

The 2017 – 2018 Season was again a highly successful one for the Royal City Curling club commencing with a nearly full golf tournament on a not so sunny day at Golden Eagles golf club concluding with the always full and very successful Don'spiel under the guidance of its "founder" Donnie Smith.

We welcome to our facility over the Spring/Summer months the New Westminster Gymnastics Club who have rented our lobby space and arena for six days and one evening a week. That group lost their facility, the Annex in Queens Park two winters ago when the roof caved in from snow load. A new facility is to be built for them however it is a number of years away to completion and we anticipate this revenue stream will continue for a number of years to come. The Roller Girls continue to rent our facility four evenings a week with two tournaments scheduled the weekends of Saturday June 2nd and Saturday/Sunday June 23rd & 24th.

Under the close direction of Chris Summers our newly designed Junior Program continues to operate at capacity, though the program is short of volunteers to help mid day for two hours on most Saturdays and the Club is looking for help in this area for the upcoming season. Similarly the High School program is in good shape and has grown, necessitating the need to move the St. Thomas Moore team of 35 curlers to another time slot on another day.

Lorie Hannah joined our team in the office and quickly became familiar with all facets of our operation. A popular figure with the curlers, I am happy to report Lori will be back for the upcoming season. A special thank you to Jani Jones who on her own initiative expanded her in house accounting duties by taking over the Pro Shop activities and diligently working with Lorie and me showing us the office routine. Pro Shop hours this past season were expanded and succeeded in meeting the RCCC curler expectations and this improved schedule will continue into the upcoming season.

Our Web site has become dated and an ongoing project to modernize it is nearing completion. A much improved information flow will keep our curlers better informed during the upcoming season.

Ice and House Report

The Royal City Curling Club members enjoyed another successful year in the curling arena. Ice conditions continued to be excellent under the supervision of Mike Merklinger and the watchful eye of Ken McArdle who was on site every day to oversee and implement the ice making operation. Like the saying goes, build it right and they will come and come they did as all leagues were at or near capacity.

A number of pre-approved capital improvement projects were undertaken all of which were completed at or under budget. Projects included the siding on the East exterior of the building being replaced yielding a new modern look, a new roof over the club lounge with electrically powered sky lights, a new state of the art chiller with a projected useful life of 50 years versus 20 years for the much larger replaced unit, an arena De-Humidifier, and energy saving LED lighting throughout the building. As planned, the currently implemented Building Improvement Fund is partially offsetting the cost of these projects. In addition, the club was successful in obtaining a \$35,000 grant from the City of New West to fund these improvements.

During the course of the season funding via donations/sponsorship was received to install 50" TV's for each of the six sheets of curling ice for on ice state of the art camera viewing. The camera's and switching are in the process of being installed during the 2018 summer off season. For their \$2,000 donation/sponsorship we thank, Bill Jones, The Meat Brothers, Moose in the Hoose (a private individual donor), Leanne Kowalyk in memory of Ron Leake, Paul Fuoco & Debra Sutherland both RCCC curlers, and the Royal City Wednesday Senior Mixed League.

A summer project being undertaken is an upgrade of the seating area outside the kitchen, to include new flooring and decorating.

With the unfortunate ammonia leak incident in Fernie, B.C. last year the authorities are now strictly enforcing associated rules and regulations. While our club with our newly installed Chiller is not required to have a qualified refrigeration engineer on site 24 hours a day to oversee the operation of that equipment as some curling clubs are, other upgrades have been necessary, including additional safety check systems and the setting up of a vestibule (formerly scraper storage room) with a shower and eyewash station for emergency relief of Ammonia exposure.

Social Report

In keeping with the past few years, we began our season September 19th with the *Royal City Golf Tournament*. This ever-popular event was held at Golden Eagle Golf Club and I would like to extend kudos to Mike Munsie and Sandy Barass who work so hard on this event. We look forward to seeing more of our Members at this year's tournament on **Saturday September 8, 2018**.

This year's *Learn to Curl* clinics were well attended, due in large part to a very successful Facebook marketing campaign. We held four clinics this season, one in September and three in January, and all were brimming with eager curlers-to-be, many of whom found their way into leagues following the clinics and who will be returning this fall as well.

We played host to another busy bonspiel season in 2017-18. From the Dogwood to the Don'Spiel, our club enjoyed well attended events time and time again, many of which featured live music from local bands.

The Anita Cochrane West Coast Junior Classic was held September 22nd, with eight girls' teams and 12 boys' teams participating. Special thanks to Ted Bassett for his ongoing support of this event, and to Steven Kopf for organizing.

A new date for the **Dogwood Men's Bonspiel** saw 36 teams enjoy classic Royal City hospitality. We want to recognize the efforts of John Shwaluk, Don Smith and Craig Lightbody for organizing this year's event, Harm Woldring and Howard Maisey in their roles as Chefs-de-Cuisine and Andrew Tully for MC-ing Friday night's reverse draw.

During the Holiday Break, we hosted the inaugural **President's Ball** for Royal City curlers and their families. This all-ages event featured seasonal movies, games and hot chocolate for the kids, and snacks for the grown-ups to enjoy with their choice of Christmas Cheer in our lounge. This event was created and hosted by Geoff Krawchuk to give all curlers at Royal City an opportunity to meet like-minded people who curl at our Club, and we look forward to making this an annual event.

High School Provincial Playdowns were held in late February, and eight boy's and girl's teams from across BC competed. Our thanks to Nancy Stagg for her hard work coordinating this important event for young curlers.

This year's **Mixed Spiel** was held on the Family Day weekend, with 24 teams. Andrew Tully and Craig Lightbody stepped in to organize the event, whose 1920's theme was a nod to the decade in which curling first became an Olympic Sport.

A perennially sold-out event, the 2018 **Don'spiel** did not disappoint with 48 teams registered well in advance of the event. Unfortunately, that meant we had to say no to a number of entries, however those who got in were treated to an event like few others. We want to congratulate Don Smith on creating one of Royal City's most storied events, with support this year from Craig Lightbody, providing organization and planning.

The end of the curling season sees our Club transition over to summer activities, and our continuing relationship with the **Terminal City Roller Girls** is one of the ways Royal City supports social and community activities during the off-season. As well, we are the new host to the **New Westminster Youth Gymnastics Program** where kids of all ages come and train, bounce and have an all around good time.

The programming is scheduled most days until 5pm with some evening bounding provided to kids AND adults, should they want to give the program a try themselves.

Friday Night Socials is another new offering for the summer. Friday evenings, the Lounge will be open and serving your favourite warm-weather libations. Whether you pop by for some off-season socializing, or watch a game on one of our new TVs, we want to encourage all curlers to come out and enjoy what your Club has to offer all year round.

Kelly-Dawn Keitel/Darren LaFace

Social Co-Chairs

Junior Curling

Our junior programs have grown this year, with approximately 110 youth curlers participating in our various junior programs this past season. We offer multiple programs for different curlers of all ages and skill levels.

SATURDAY JUNIOR PROGRAM

With hiring a Junior Program Coordinator this past season, we changed our program slightly from previous years, building upon the work done in previous seasons. Every week a lesson plan was developed to provide some structure to the program each week, with the lesson being tailored to the different groups and skills they possess.

The 90-minute lesson plans generally involved 45-60 minutes of skill development, with the remaining time being spent on games that focus on the skills they worked on in the first half of the session. Little Rock lessons were less focused on actual drills and more on fun games that would help develop skills (and were also only 45 minutes in length). Free ice was often available after the junior session (30 minutes or more), and many of our junior curlers spent time on the ice after the formal session to work on the skills they have learned.

We also had multiple young curlers test for the Curl BC Skill Awards. This past season we awarded curlers 16 badges at various levels.

One other change this season was having more volunteer coaches on the ice. At a minimum we tried to have at least one volunteer per sheet, and more if we could. This made a noticeable improvement in our junior curlers' learning. Without these volunteers, our program would not be successful. And we are always looking for more help!

LITTLE ROCKERS

The group of ages 6 to 9 year of age comprised our Little Rockers program. We have tried to group our Little Rocks by skill level, but by the end of the season, it was hard to tell the difference between our new curlers from our returning ones!

I would like to recognize one of our volunteers, Michelle Hunt, for volunteering week in and week out with our Little Rock curlers. Without her help, our program wouldn't have been as successful as it was this past season.

INTERMEDIATES

Our intermediate group- ages 10 to 12, use full size rocks on a full sheet of ice. This season we tried to group our intermediates by skill level. New curlers were grouped together (and thank you to Suzanne Taylor for spending so much time with them this season!), and other intermediate curlers were grouped roughly according to skill level.

The focus on this group is skill development and building upon the skills they may have learned in previous years. We also have encouraged our curlers to participate in leagues and bonspiels that are appropriate for their skill level, with many of them looking towards playing in the Optimist league for next season (8 to 10 new Optimist curlers).

JUNIORS

We have made some slight changes to our junior program for this past season. This portion of the program is focused on our curlers over the age of 12, but also on curlers who have a higher skill level than our intermediate curlers.

We also tried to group our junior curlers by skill level. This allowed us to tailor our lessons to the needs of our curlers and help them improve. We also tried to match this group up with volunteer coaches who had more coaching or competitive curling experience, including people like Cindy Wenzek and Cody Johnston, who spent many a Saturday with this range.

JUNIOR MEMBERS LEAGUE

There was no junior league this past season. Unfortunately, we don't have the numbers (or the ice availability) to successfully run a junior league at this time. Teams interested in curling leagues are being slotted in leagues that meet their needs (such as our member Ladies or Men's Leagues) or encouraged to join the Optimist League or other leagues that accept junior curlers. We will revisit this again next season, but we do not foresee a junior league running in 2018-19.

JUNIOR PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS – 2017-18

Most Improved Junior Curlers – Preston Ballard (Junior) and Catalina Pagnotta (Little Rock – Intermediate)

Most Improved Little Rocker – Mason Hunt and Jack Reid

Barry Balance Memorial Award (Junior Curler who showed a keen enthusiasm and respect for the game) – Bryelle Wong

Junior Volunteer Award – Dawson Ballard

RCCC Junior Curling Scholarship – Dawson Ballard

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

This year we had three high schools participating over two afternoons, Monday and Tuesday. Riverside Secondary School and Burnaby North Secondary School have 25 curlers combined participating on the Monday, while St. Thomas Moore has shifted to Tuesday with 35 curlers.

One of the changes to the program this year is that Royal City CC has asked that all schools have at least one coach/volunteer on each sheet working with the students. The club has provided paid coaches (billed to the schools) when they have not been able to provide their own. With this change, we hope to improve the quality of instruction being provided to all the student curlers in these programs.

OPTIMIST LEAGUE

In the 2017-18 season, we had two Royal City CC teams participate in the Optimist Leagues, both in the Div. 1. We are hoping to increase our numbers for next season, and we anticipate that there will be 2 to 3 new teams joining from our club for next season (at the lower level, with some curlers joining forces with other clubs for Div. 1).

As mentioned, we are also exploring options of forming a new Optimist League on this side of the river with Marpole CC, Vancouver CC and potentially others who may be interested. This would likely be focused on our newer curlers to start.

Chris Summers

Junior Leagues Coordinator

Ladies League Report

The Monday Night Ladies had 50 Members on 12 teams for the 2017/2018 season. Our start time was 7pm using 6 sheets. We used a 3-block draw for regular league games throughout the season and a double knock-out draw for both our President's Cup and Club Championship games to end of the season.

Our league includes both social curlers and those with more competitive ambitions. This past year, Members participated in a number of spiels and represented our Club very well both on and off the ice. The sheer numbers that travelled to the very social "Roaming" spiel was impressive! Within our ranks we have several who participated at provincials at various levels (including juniors, ladies & seniors) and one who played at the national level.

A special shout-out to Nicole Montgomery for stepping up and getting the league organized to start the year, holding things together mid-season and being our draw master all year. With ideas and energy from many individuals and teams, we enjoyed wine draws throughout the season, two successful 'Market Nights' and a very social Christmas party. In keeping with the year's trend of shaking things up and trying new ideas, we tasted, measured & giggled our way through a Wine Blending evening during our End-of-Season gathering. This past year, we discovered that, as a group, we are a 'can-do' bunch.

We have already started welcoming new members and teams into the league for the coming year. Another season of offering good on-ice opportunities and friendly, social off-ice experiences is just around the corner.

See you all again soon!

Nancy Stagg

LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONS

Team Gagnon



Jill Gagnon
Tammy Wierda
Kate Russell
Yvonne Demers
Brenda Alves

LADIES' GRAND AGGREGATE

Team Gautier



Dianne Gauthier
Marnie Jepsen
Kelly Keitel
Suzanne Malfair
Selena Tank

PRESIDENT'S CUP CHAMPIONS

Team Hudyma



Lindsay Hudyma
Patty Wallingham
Jenna Duncan
Adina Tasaka

Men's League Report

Another banner year for the RCCC Men's league this past year as we were full at 32 teams. We saw lots of teams changing from the B block to the D block. As for the A block most of the teams stayed put all season long. We had some unknown team move up to top division and upset our league champion.

Our grand aggregate winner was Team Pierce, that ran away with this in the 4th block. Every other team was playing for second place.

In the playoffs, Team Pierce went undefeated, defeating team Sutton in the final. We had major upsets in the playoffs as lots of lower seeded teams were still in it till the end. Congrats to Team Pierce for winning the Club Championship.

On the President Cup side, Team McCabe beat Team Oye in the final. They had to play 2 games on the final night, but they did it. Congrats to Team McCabe for winning the President Cup.

Also, special congratulations to Team Sutton and Team Oye for making it to their respective finals.

Thanks to all teams and we will see you all next year.

Thanks

Randy Balfour

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONS

Team Pierce



**Brent Pierce
Dean Koyanagi
Darin Leface
Rick Threinen
Ross Graham
Darin Fenton
Jarod Bowles
Brad Fenton**

MEN'S GRAND AGGREGATE

Team Pierce



**Brent Pierce
Dean Koyanagi
Darin Leface
Rick Threinen
Ross Graham
Darin Fenton
Jarod Bowles
Brad Fenton**

PRESIDENT'S CUP CHAMPIONS

Team McCabe



**Barry McCabe
Jeff Mulock
Garry McAllindon
Tom Butterfield
Ken Pawluk
Stephen Butterfield
Jeff Thornton**

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