



CRESTON CURLING CLUB

February 2025

Welcome to

The Curling Sheet

“Success in curling is not measured by the number of wins, but by the memories created on the ice and the friendships formed off the ice.”



Keep it clean out there!



Our ice technician, Josh, and his amazing band of volunteers work hard to give us great ice. Please do your part to help them. When you

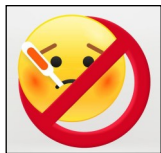
come into the club, even if you’re just walking upstairs to the lounge, make sure your shoes are clean. Use the boot cleaner if you suspect you may have anything on your shoes or boots.

Small bits of dirt can make the ice surface dangerous or ruin your shot by making the rock pick.

Also be careful of debris you may be carrying on your pants and coats. Bits of wood and other debris can find their way onto the sheets. (This is the actual size of a bit that found its way to the ice.)



Sorry for the delay



Apologies for the delay in the newsletter. Our household was hit with one or more of

the bugs going around town and we’ve fallen behind in many things. With that in mind please remember:

- If you’re feeling unwell, please stay home.
- If you’re immune compromised you may want to consider staying home or wearing a mask.
- Sanitize your hands and the rock handles.

Together, let’s beat these bugs!

Mark your calendars

Leagues:

- Winter curling leagues run from Friday January 3, 2025 to end March 21.

Bonspiels:

- Men’s Butterfly Bonspiel Feb 27-Mar 2, 2025
- Wind up Funspiel Sat March 15

Clinics:

- Watch for new clinics this fall

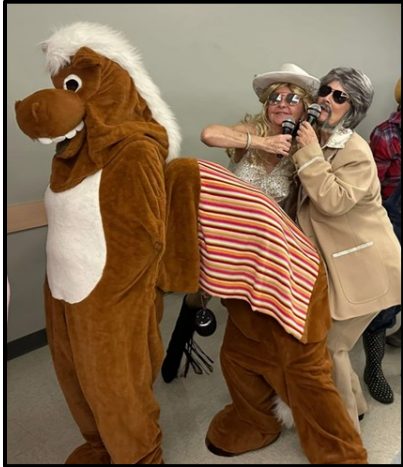
Wind up banquet – March 22, 2025

Thursday nights:

- Come out to our drop-in curling scramble every Thursday night for some fun curling and good fellowship! It’s only \$10 per game for club members.

It's bonspiel season!

Ladies swept and boogied in the 60th Valentine's bonspiel



This year was the 60th *Save-on-foods* Valentine's bonspiel. We saw 26 teams compete, 119 hogged rockes, and a roomful of fun costumes. Congratulations to Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, who rode in on their horse (aka Team Fahselt) to win the top costume team prize.

We thank our many sponsors whose generous donations allowed us to hold our Friday Social, First and Second place prize for the draw to the button, Costume prizes, and more. Also, thanks to the committee and many volunteers. We couldn't do this without you.

Eight teams swept and boogied their way to the be piped into the finals on Sunday afternoon. Congratulations not only to the winners but to all the curlers, novice and experienced. Good curling everyone!



Event	Sponsor	First place	Runner-up
A	Creston & District Credit Union	Team Benko	Team Fiedler
B	Macaulay Forestry Ltd.	Team Gomes	Team Shunter
C	Pyramid Building Supplies	Team Fahselt	Team Plante
D	J. H. Huscroft Ltd.	Team Speaker	Team Bayliss

"Curling is like chess on ice, except the queen is a 40-pound granite stone "

Chickens went wild in January!



Our inaugural *S.O.P. Heroes Wild Chicken* mixed-open bonspiel clucked into town in January. Twenty teams competed to win the cherished Event A trophy (pictured).

Thanks to Sydnee Bayliss, Gary & Kim Wilson for organizing, Ted Hutchinson for designing & building the trophy, and the many **chickens** volunteers who helped make this a success. We

plan to bring the bonspiel back next January, so stay keep your feathers dusted and register early.

Congratulations to all curlers!

Event	First place	Runner-up
A	The Silly Cluckers	Finger Lickn Goods
B	Pecky Blinders	Winner Winner Chicken
C	For Flocks Sake	The Chirpy Crew
D	Dumb Sticks	Rox in the Hen House
E	The Hatchlings	The Pecker Heads

Mastering the game

The BC Interior Masters Curling Association (BCIMCA) encourages competitions for daytime curlers, age 60 and above, who live outside the Lower Mainland or Vancouver Island. Each year we send teams to compete against the Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association (PCMCA) for the Combined Championships. The primary purpose today is to promote the sport of curling through fun and competitive events both at the Club level and the Provincial level for curlers aged 60 and above.

Our club is a member of the association's zone 2 - East Kootenays. Over the years, we've had many teams represent us and the Kootenays. Last year we sent a record five teams to Vernon/Armstrong to compete against the best in the association.

This year, the Creston Curling Club is pleased to announce that we will send four teams to Cloverdale, in March, to compete in the BC Interior/Pacific Masters combined curling championships!

We're excited to cheer on our teams: Plante (ladies), Easton (men's 60+), O'Connor (men's 70+), and Jenson (stick curling).

These teams are looking for your support!

Silent Auction

If you have items, you can donate to the silent auction let us know. The silent auction will take place during the week and weekend of the Butterfly bonspiel (Feb 27 to March 2).



Yard sale

We'll also be holding a yard sale in March. If you're purging, please feel free to set the items aside and we can arrange pickup!

Contact us

If you have any donations for the silent auction or the yard sale, please call Gary at 250-938-0041, or email the club at crestoncurling@gmail.com.

Watch for more information about the championship games at Cloverdale and Langley Curling Clubs during March 24-28, 2025.

Etiquette tip of the month:

Only skips and thirds may congregate behind the tee line. They do not move or hold their brooms on the ice while the opposition is preparing to deliver a rock.

Winding it up



We'll be holding a one-day funspiel again to wind up another successful year. Space is limited to 12 teams so sign up soon!

Sign-up sheet is

downstairs at the club, at the far end bulletin board under Bonspiels.

If you have questions, call Kelsey Syfchuck at 250 977-5935.

Details:

- Date: Saturday March 15
- Entry fee of \$160/team includes lunch and snacks
- Three six-end games & a meat shoot
- Registration open at 10:00,
- First Draw: 10:30 am

Thanks to Kelsey for organizing this fun day once again!

Growing our club



This year, we've been working hard to recruit new curlers and help them enjoy our great game. Last fall we saw two events for new curlers: a rookie league that welcomed 12 curlers for four Saturdays and a learn to curl clinic where another 12 curlers had opportunities to practice their new skills over the following two Thursdays.

In January we formed a drop-in league, held on Thursday nights. It's a home for anyone who wants to get in an extra game, who can't commit to regular league play, rookies who want more experience, experienced curlers who want to help rookies grow, and even brand-new curlers who come and step on the ice for their first time.

The new curlers have time with Pete

Plante who takes them aside for orientation and personal instruction to get them comfortable. In the first four weeks of the new drop in league, he's introduced 9 brand new curlers to the game and some of these people have returned to become regulars.

The other players in the drop-in are assigned teammates in a random sorting and play a 6-end game. Depending on numbers we can even give our Special Olympics players some opposition as they gear up for their next competition. After the game, most of us head up to the lounge to enjoy the comradery that goes hand in hand with curling. A special thank you to Sylvia Main who volunteered to open the bar no matter how many or few players play. The league is growing with more participation each week. Players are here for the fun and the response and feedback has all been encouraging. If you have time – drop in, share some laughs, and enjoy some extra play!

And the winner is—Creston Curling Club!

Curl BC runs an online 50/50 that you can purchase at www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/curl-bc. Tickets are 2 for \$10, 5 for \$20, 20 for \$50 or 50 for \$100.

Not only can you win the monthly draw—last year they sold \$178,870 worth of tickets—but our club can win. How, you ask?

Not only does the winner receive half the proceeds, but Curl BC awards affiliated clubs and associations 40% of the sales. Last

year 82 clubs & 3 affiliated associations directly benefitted by the draw. To support the club, when you purchase your ticket, under *In Support of*, click **Select a Group**, and pick **Kootenays**. Then click **Select**, and pick **Creston Curling Club**:

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Our bonspiels are run with generous donations, registration fees, and fundraising such as raffles and 50-50 draws. After paying expenses, there is often a profit and some of the funds are kept in the bonspiel account as seed money for the next year. The committees typically give residue funds back to the club and we use it for expenses such as the monitors, ice maintenance equipment, rocks, etc. The back accounts are included in the club's annual report.
- **NuFloors** has kindly donated the new blinds that are installed on the home end of sheet two. There's a direct line through the window to the parking lot, during the day. Without these blinds, the sunshine can dazzle the eyes. Thank **you to NuFloors** for their generous donation!
- Some curlers who don't have a regular league have paid to be on the spares list. They are highlighted at the top of the latest spares list. **When you need a spare**, please call them first and give them a chance to play!