



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.”*

## It’s a wrap!

As we slide into the last week of league play, it’s a good time to look back on the last six months of curling. I think we can safely call it a successful year!

Bonspiel season stretched from November to March with six bonspiels, including the inaugural Wild Chicken open-mixed and last weekend’s funspiel.

We introduced 25 new curlers to the sport with two novice leagues/clinics. Thursday night opened the door to drop-in curling. Both experienced and new curlers were assigned randomly to teams and many new curlers returned week after week. We had around 100 people curl through the winter, with 15 who were new to curling and had some special coaching to get comfortable on the ice. Thanks Pete, for teaching these new curlers.

Nearly 150 local students came to the rink to learn how to curl. Several

of them expressed interest in continuing to curl and we hope to see more of them in the 2025-26 season. We also had nine international exchange students and the Creston Valley Thundercats on the ice to learn to curl.

Registrations on curling.io show 254 over the year, including three youth under 18 and four Special O curlers. Here are the registration numbers for our leagues this year:

League	Fall	Winter
Monday stick	12	12
Monday open	48	46
Seniors mixed	43	40
Tuesday open doubles	18	20
Wednesday ladies’	40	32
Wednesday men’s	57	62
Thursday open	15	n/a
Special O	3	4
Senior men’s	48	43
Friday open social	61	60
Spares only	8	5

## Mark your calendars

### Leagues:

- League play is winding up for the year, finishing Friday March 21.

### Bonspiels next year:

Tentatively, here are the Creston bonspiels for next year (dates are TBD):

- Seniors open bonspiel (November)
- Bothamley open (November)
- Wild Chicken open-mixed (January)
- Valentines’s ladies (February)
- Butterfly mens (March)
- Wind up Funspiel (March)

### Clinics:

- Watch for new clinics this fall

Wind up banquet – March 22, 2025

### Annual General Meeting

- September 2025 (date TBA)

# Bonspiel season, continued!

## Creston's 79th Butterfly Bonspiel



This year was the 79th Butterfly bonspiel. A full house of spectators watched 48 teams battle through four days of curling and comradery until we were down to the final 12 teams.

We're always excited to welcome out-of-town teams. It was especially exciting to welcome several teams from the US. It's great to see the returning

curlers, and even better to meet new ones.

The Sunday playoffs saw some new faces hoisting their trophies as well as some teams who have their names engraved once (or twice, or more!) Congratulations to all the curlers whether they curled Sunday or got to sleep in! Here are your 2025 Butterfly winners:

Event	Sponsor	First place	Runner-up
A	Brewery Workers Union Local 308	Team Plante	Team Haverstock
B	Western Financial Group	Team Shunter	Team Bain
C	Creston & District Credit Union	Team May	Team O'Connor
D	NuFloors – the Samuelsons	Team Czar	Team Elliot
E	Cavell Street Dental Clinic	Team Beaudry	Team Hilger
F	JC's Self Storage	Team Terrill	Team Lind

## “Curling: It's Rock It Science”

### Loads of Fun(spiel)



We're winding our last week of curling up with a flourish of fun! Last Saturday 12 teams played three six-end games in between socializing with their fellow curlers,

eating, and having plenty of fun! I believe beverages were part of the day as well, since it is, after all, curling!

Thank you once again to Kelsey for your work to give us

one last day of curling!

Congratulations to the **Meat Draw winners**: Kelly Peters and Josh Firman. The O'Connor team cleaned up on the **Poker draw** by building a flush.

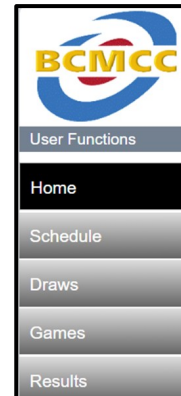
And special congratulations to the winning team of Terry O'Connor, Gary Wilson, Kim Wilson, and Richard Kasperski. Runners up were the team of Ted Hutchinson, Avis Hutchinson, Kelly Moberg and Brenda Gomes and in third place, the team of Josh Firman, Judy Tegart, Jennifer Rankin, and Lorraine Rix.

# It's not over yet!



Our ice is coming out after this weekend, but four of our Creston teams continue to play and compete. Let's cheer on our friends at the BC Interior/Pacific

You can follow our teams through the website: [mastersbc.ca](http://mastersbc.ca). On the left sidebar, click on the Games button for the draws, then under the draws, click the Scoreboards button. Or click Results to see how our Crestonites are doing. The games run from March 24-28.



Masters combined curling championship (aka Hobbs teams). The Langley and Cloverdale Curling Clubs are hosting the championship games this year.

The teams have been working hard to raise money to finance the five-day event. Anyone who was at the club during the Butterfly had a chance to bid on the silent auction items. The curlers extend their thanks to all who donated items and those who bid on them. The money raised helps with their travel, food, and accommodations.

The Hobbs teams have postponed their fundraising garage sale until the end of April or beginning of May. If you have anything to donate, please contact Janet Plante or Terry Jaeger.

## Good luck to:

### Ladies

Janet Plante (skip), Laurie Heald (third), Kim Wilson (second), Denise Jaeger (lead).

### Men's 60+

Mark Easton (skip), Greg Place (third), Wes Brooks (second), Wade Wensick (lead), Gary Wilson (spare).

### Men's 70+

Terry O'Connor (skip), Pete Plante (third), Richard Allan (second), Terry Jaeger (lead).

### Stick curling

Chris Jenson, Randy DeJong

## Etiquette tip of the month:

When an end finishes, all players remain outside the rings until the thirds have agreed on the score.

## Winding it up

This Saturday marks the official end of our curling season and many of you will be enjoying the wind-up banquet/BBQ. Tim and I are on vacation (sorry—we booked it way back in 2023) so I want to take a minute to thank everyone for an awesome year.

As you read on page 1, our membership is up, we've made great strides to bring back our youth programme, we've introduced a

Thursday drop-in, and started a new mixed-open bonspiel. We've also introduced *The Curling Sheet* newsletter. Thank you for all the wonderful feedback. I enjoy writing it, and I'm glad you enjoy reading it. We plan to keep it going next year.

Have a wonderful summer! We'll see you at the AGM in September, and back on the ice in October.

*Carol Thompson, President*

## INTERESTED IN HELPING?

Board members donate their time to keep the club running. A term is two years and we will be looking for new members to stand for election at the September AGM. If you want to be part of our team, email us at: [crestoncurling@gmail.com](mailto:crestoncurling@gmail.com)

# Thank you all!

“Volunteers  
don't get paid,  
not because  
they're  
worthless,  
but because  
they're  
priceless.”

Sherry Anderson

Edward Everett Hale said:

*“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”*

Our club runs because of the dedicated work of many “ones”. For your time and work, all of us who curl at the Creston Curling Club thank you for making our year such a success. We truly couldn't do it without you.

I'm sure I've missed volunteers and if I have missed you, I apologize. Many of you work quietly in the background but we don't value you any less.

**THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU**

## **Bar**

Andrea Hopkins  
Gary Wilson  
Kim Wilson  
Penny Sharp  
Sylvia Main  
Ted Hutchinson

## **Bonspiels**

Andrea Hopkins  
Brad Christenson  
Brenda Gomes  
Carmen Lunn  
Carol Thompson  
Carolyn Hawton  
Cathy Christensen  
Chris Jenson  
Colleen Hedlund  
Dave Drennan  
Dawn Speaker  
Denise Harris  
Denise Jaeger  
Diane Charrois  
Doreen Ralston  
Dustin Oakley  
Elaine Shunter  
Gary Pollitt  
Gary Wilson  
Greg Terrill  
Harry Haberstock

Jeanine Anderson  
Jim Stewart  
Joan Fahselt  
Joan O'Connor  
Joanne Prodaniuk  
Judy Tegart  
Kathleen Rab  
Kelsey Syfchuck  
Kim Wilson  
Laurie Heald  
Lynda Stewart  
Marlys Joy  
Nancy Woods  
Nelson Hilger  
Rick Czar  
Sandy Thompson  
Scott Pemberton  
Stu Durning  
Sydnee Bayliss  
Sylvia Main  
Ted Hutchinson  
Terry O' Connor

## **Ice, painting, other maintenance**

Al Halvorsen  
Andy Moffat  
Bob Lunn  
Ed Hager  
Erich Gross

Gary Bennett  
Gary Wilson  
Harold Kindopp  
Marcel Charrois  
Norm Fahselt  
Pete Plante  
Ross Gowan  
Terry O'Connor  
Woody Duncalfe

## **Board members (Club & senior)**

Carmen Lunn  
Carol Thompson  
Darryl Firth  
Dave Drennan  
Diane Thiesen  
Doreen Ralston  
Elaine Shunter  
Janet Plante  
Jennifer Rankin  
Judy Tegart  
Kim Wilson  
Mary Schmelzel  
Sydnee Bayliss  
Ted Hutchinson  
Terry Jaeger  
**Special O**  
Cathy Robins  
Corinne Lemaire

Diane Charrois  
Ed Hager  
Maurice Robins

## **Youth programme**

Andrea Hopkins  
Brenda Gomes  
Denise Jaeger  
Diane Thiesen  
Doreen Ralston  
Doug Thompson  
Gary Wilson  
Judy Tegart  
Kelly Bibby  
Kelly Moberg  
Kim Wilson  
Larry McGregor  
Laurie Heald  
Mike Kennedy  
Norm Fahselt  
Pete Plante  
Richard Allan  
Sylvia Main  
Terry Jaeger

## **Special thanks to**

Josh Firman  
Mel Joy  
Melissa Beaton

# Extending our time curling



Did you ever wonder how the delivery stick was created?



Come out to the club any day and you'll see more and more curlers using a stick.

Did you ever wonder how the delivery stick was created?

It started in 1997. Roberta Drew, from the Huntsville

Curling Club could no longer get into the hack. At that time, curlers would try to throw a rock using their broom turned upside down. But they couldn't give the rock a turn and it was not accurate. Despite not curling himself, her husband, "Rusty" Drew fitted a broomstick with a hinged plastic moulded clip to fit over the rock's handle. This allowed the curler to deliver the rock accurately and with a turn. Roberta named it the Extender because it extended a player's curling years. After some finetuning based on suggestions from curlers at the club Rusty submitted the Extender to Curling Canada. Within two months they approved the curling stick for play.

The Extender caught on quickly, but the wheelchair community especially embraced it. In 1998/99 wheelchair curling associations formed and they endorsed the Extender. Three years later in 2002, Switzerland held the first ever Wheelchair Curling Championships.

The basic Extender sold for \$50. Sales for jumped from 37 in the first year to over 11,000 devices worldwide four years later. Today, many of us would no longer be able to curl without a delivery stick.

The Canadian Stick Curling Championships will be held in Grande Prairie April 2-6. And we'll be cheering on Chris Jenson and Randy DeJong who are representing Creston at the BC Interior/Pacific Masters combined curling championship next week.

You can read more about the Extender, Rusty, and other innovations in curling at [www.canadianstickcurling.ca/?p=7592](http://www.canadianstickcurling.ca/?p=7592)



## DID YOU KNOW

So many local businesses and people continue to support our bonspiels:

- Aardvark Electric
- Activity Base
- Brandt
- Brock Wallace Corp.
- Buzzy's Buzzword
- Casey's
- Cavell Street Dental Clinic
- Columbia Brewery
- Comfort Welding
- Creston & District Credit Union
- Creston Hotel
- Creston Valley Funeral Services
- Creston Valley Tire
- Diana Klejne – Realtor
- High Tech Seals (James Bond)
- Hill Built Repair & Fabrication
- Home Building Center
- Interior Brewery Workers Union
- J. H. Huscroft Ltd.
- JC Self Storage
- Jerry Storm
- Julios Lounge
- Kelly Kemle
- Kemlee Equipment
- Kevin and Colleen Hedlund
- Kokanee Ford
- Kootenay Meadows
- Macaulay Forestry Ltd.
- Make your Mark Woodworks
- Mayday Electric
- Nufloors Creston
- Pealows Your Independent Grocer
- Piva Mechanical
- Lordco
- Power Paving
- Pyramid Building Supplies
- S.O.P. Heroes
- Save-On-Foods
- Skimmerhorn Electric
- Stuart Durning
- Ted Hutchinson
- Terry & Denise Jaeger
- The Bishop Family
- The Food Hub
- The Wood Guy's
- Timbermart
- Western Financial Group
- Wild North Brewing
- Wlokas