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PMCC Newsletter

New PMCC Board Members



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Accident Reporting - **extremely important information**

Our first aid bag is hanging on hooks located on the glass and wood paneled wall upon entry to the rink, opposite sheet #2/#3.



If a curler falls what should you do?

- Assess the condition of the curler- do they need immediate first aid, yes or no?
 - If yes- designate someone to go to the front desk of the recreation center and ask them to send a first aid attendant immediately.
 - If no- assist the curler and seat them in the lounge area until you can determine their condition.
- In either case an Accident Report form needs to be completed.
- Using one of the forms from the first aid bag, complete the form so that you can refer to it to complete the online form at home.
- Go to our website at https://portmoodycurling.ca/members/#accident_insurance

Requesting New Signage- **to read**

Port Moody Recreation Complex

300 Ioco Road, Port Moody

Emergency: 911:

Inform 911: Level of Consciousness

Breathing

Bleeding

Buzzer Clock Rules



The clock is pre-set for 2 hours.

Press the top button twice.

The bell will ring at 1 hour 40 minutes- if thirds or skips are in the hack when the bell rings, you finish the end you are playing and then play one more end. If thirds or skips are not in the hack finish the end you are playing.

The bell will ring again at 2 hours- finish the end and your game is done.

Equipment Identification

There have been a lot of lost and found items this season some of which that haven't been returned or found. In order to ensure the safe return of these items we are asking members to label all of the items that you regularly bring to the rink. Please write your first initial and last name on these items ensuring it is legable and visible. We can then get it back to the rightful owner.



House Calls: A Curler's Resolution and Beyond.....

Play the ice you're given instead of complaining about the speed or runs or straight spots or whatever. Focus on understanding the ice you're playing on. Make it a goal to figure it out before your opposition.

I offer this as a suggestion not because I think we should all submit to substandard ice conditions but because, in general, we are all spoiled with the ice we play on. We need to learn how to read the ice instead of constantly complaining about it.

I remember playing in a bonspiel in a two-sheet, natural ice club when I was a teenager. It was fun! Both sheets were extremely high on the outside and both dished down to meet on the inside. I'm pretty sure the ice ran at about 10 seconds for a draw and to top it all off there were often large drips at various places on the ice that you had to navigate around or your rock would either be stopped entirely or bump over them and change directions.

None of us stood around refusing to play and complaining about the bizarre conditions. We went out there and curled. It was a race to see who could figure out the quirks first.

In my opinion, the advances that have been made in the world of ice making are both a blessing and a curse. It's beautiful to watch the Brier and the Scotties and see their pristine ice running at 15 or even 16 seconds for a draw right off the hop.

However, now an army of armchair curlers take to the ice every season expecting arena ice conditions at their home club. Instead of taking time to get to know the sheet they're on and use that knowledge against their opponent, everyone is quick to complain to the ice maker, throw their hands, and say "It's the ice! That's why I can't make a shot."

It's time we club curlers realize that we are lucky to play on the good ice we have in our clubs. Imagine going back 10 or 15 years... Imagine going back to natural ice, straw-strewn ice, 10 - second ice! Now thank your lucky stars for all the advances that have been made. Give your ice maker a kiss on the cheek and tell them you know their doing their best- then just go out and play your game!

Your opponents play on the same sheet as you and the trick is to figure the ice out before they do. If you're out there worrying about all the things that are wrong and seeing them as road blocks, you are setting yourself up to fail. Think of reading ice as part of the game and learn to enjoy it.

No, you shouldn't have to put up with chronically dirty ice, or giant slopes in the ice. But let's all try to be a little more lenient this year and get back to the essence of the game. Let's play with what we're given, enjoy ourselves more, and complain a lot less!

Cover The Hacks

We had lots of trouble with the hacks in the last three months of the 2021/2022 season. To prevent the hacks from being damaged, I am asking for your help. If you are going to practice your shots, you need to ensure that the hacks are protected. This can be achieved two ways: have another curler protect the hack that the rocks are being thrown to or place a cover on the hack before the rocks are thrown.

Award Recipients- from Curl BC

Darren Kent received

The Elsie Mackenzie Youth & Junior Curling Program Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has given extended and dedicated service to the youth and junior curling programs within a club, region, or the province.

Peter Muir received

The Board of Governor's Service Award is presented to a Board member for their recognition of service on the Board, which Peter served on from 2014-2021.

Thank you for the countless volunteer hours that you have contributed towards the growth of the club, the curlers, and the advancement of the sport.



Port Moody Property Taxes

Tricity News article published April 11, 2022.

Port Moody property taxes won't go up as much as initially proposed. But curlers will have to pay more

The proposed property tax increase has been whittled from 7.81 per cent, and some councillors say residents will notice the effects.

Port Moody residents won't have to dig quite as deep to pay their property taxes this year.

But the city's curlers will have to reach further into their pockets.

Last Tuesday (April 5), council's finance committee gave its assent to a proposed 4.71 per cent increase to property taxes for this year.

According to Port Moody's general manager of finance and technology, Paul Rockwood, that will cost the owner of an average home in the city assessed at about \$1.2 million an additional \$122.

Still, that's almost \$30 less than the boost they would have faced had staff and council not unsheathed their paring knives to whittle the initial tax increase of 7.81 per cent that was proposed last December then reduced to 5.97 per cent in February.

The latest number, which will go to the public for further consultation and feedback, was reached through a combination of finding some increased revenues and a few careful economies, Rockwood said.

Some of those revenue adjustments include confirmation from BC Hydro of a \$140,000 grant to make up for property taxes lost to its closure of the Burrard Thermal generating plant several years ago.

As well, the city could realize an additional \$30,000 from its digital billboards by allowing alcohol advertising.

And curlers will have to pay more for ice during bonspiels at the Port Moody Recreation Complex, adding another \$12,000 to the city's bottom line.

Rockwood said savings will come from things like

- reducing Port Moody's quarterly Focus newsletter to semi-annual publication
- eliminating a part-time public art coordinator's position that hasn't yet been filled
- cancelling steam treatments to control the growth of weeds and grass in sidewalk joints

Coun. Diana Dilworth said residents will likely notice the cuts and the tax boost.

"Service levels will be affected," she said. "There are families and seniors in our community that are going to scrape by."

Coun. Meghan Lahti said the latest proposal for a tax increase is a “compromise, and finding a way forward to relieve the tax burden as much as possible.”

But Mayor Rob Vagramov said after two years of austerity budgets to ease the pressure on families struggling through the COVID-19 pandemic, the city needs to get back on an even keel by returning services and events residents have come to expect, and a 4.71 increase is “a number I think is much more palatable.”

Rockwood said after public consultation and further consideration by council, the final budget should be approved on May 10.

Board Statement Regarding Increased Fees

The PMCC Board would like to give our members a heads up regarding the increase in curling fees prior to the opening of registration later this summer. Members will notice an increase in both Club membership fees and League fees. After being assured in April by City staff that ice fees would not change, the Board was therefore very surprised by the Tri-City News article on April 12th which stated that the bonspiel rates for curlers were going up substantially. Hand in hand with the bonspiel rate increase, Port Moody Council decided to require the PMCC to pay them \$12,000 more this coming season than last year. The money will be used to reduce the general tax increase to City residents. Other users of the recreation centre have also received increases of varying degrees.

The City provided the Club with a schedule of the increased ice fee rental rates in the range of 25% and practice ice will cost \$2/sheet/hour where it was included in our ice fees in the past.

Club membership fees will increase this season to \$75 to fund our increased club administration costs and bring the PMCC into line with other curling clubs in the Lower Mainland. Membership fees are used to fund our paid part-time positions such as the bar manager, the club administrator, bartenders, bookkeeping/accountant, and legal services when required. These paid positions assist the club in maintaining Federal (CRA & GST) and Provincial (Liquor Control & Gaming Branch) regulatory compliance. The Coquitlam Grant funds were exhausted at the end of last season now requiring the club to directly fund these paid positions from membership fees and fundraising activities required to run a club of this size.

If you have any fundraising suggestions, the Board would greatly appreciate them. Please send them to Janice, our Club Administrator.

The PMCC Board at board@portmoodycurling.ca

Curling I/O Registration

**REGISTRATION
OPENING SOON!**

Due to the sudden fee changes this has put my work behind. I am hoping to open curling registration for the 2022/ 2023 season sometime in late July or early August. I will send out an email when registration is open and I will post it on our website at portmoodycurling.ca.

Thank you for your patience as I complete all the steps needed to open Curling I/O.

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