



ST. ALBERT CURLING CLUB

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News from the President

The 2009/10 curling season is upon us. Let's see if I can recap what's been going on since last March:

Our Club Champions were crowned and represented St Albert in fine fashion at the City Championships. Congratulations to Jamie King (men's), Christina Monk (ladies) and Doug McLennan (mixed) rinks.

In May we held our first annual Club Wind-up Golf Tournament and barbeque. Special thanks to Buddy and Mike for organizing the event and hats off to the Eagles Club for their hospitality and fabulous banquet...hope to see more of you there next year!

The Club placed a float in the Rainmaker Rodeo Parade again this year and with a little help from Jackie Rae Greening we were able to include the giant Roar of the Rings curling stone on the float. Jackie was also gracious enough to ride on the float along with our other special guests Marc Kennedy and family! Thanks to Christina, Nicole, Allan and all those who participated.

At the Northern Alberta Curling Association's annual meeting this year, Jennifer McMillan was appointed Head Ice Technician for the NACA, taking over for Tim Yeo. Congratulation Jenny!

In July all the individuals involved with the new building project were rewarded for their countless hours of hard work with three major funding announcements. The City of St. Albert contributed \$825,000....the Province granted us \$770,884 from their Major Community Facilities Program and the Federal Government through their Recreation Infrastructure Canada Program contributed \$821,884. Long

story short...we're good to go with construction!

If you get the chance give these members of the building committee a pat on the back: Don Johnston, Mike Howes, Jerry Husar, Doug Hartman, Warren Sadoway, Dave Klatchuk and Len Rokosh....nice job!

In September, a motorist lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the side of our building. The ice had just been painted...it was 30 Celsius outside and this SUV's front end was peeking at sheet one! The vehicle broke a few of our rock handles as these were stored along that wall. Thanks to the quick work of Jen, Chester and the staff from DKC Sparclean the envelope was sealed with no damage to the ice. Fortunately all is as it was before!

This past summer the St. Albert curling fraternity lost a dear friend....Lorne Rawluk passed away at the age of 67. Lorne worked as an ice tech for...as Lorne always said....more years than he could remember...both in southern Alberta and in the Edmonton area....our Club being his last assignment until his retirement in 2007. On behalf of all members of the Club we extend our sincere condolences to Lorne's family. He will be missed but not forgotten.

What's New?

Welcome to new Board members Susan Tronsgard and Pam Rogers! Check above the office door for a complete list of Board members and their areas of responsibility. Welcome to new Board members Susan Tronsgard and Pam Rogers! Check above the office door for a complete list of Board members and their areas of responsibility.

Jennifer McMillan has returned as our Manager/Head Ice Tech and Chester Perrault has returned as our Ice Tech. Wayne, Cherisse, Jesse and the occasional cameo by Keith round out the returning casual staff and we've added Joe McCaffrey on draw changes and Ashley Ferguson as our evening manager.

Even though we started the season early, we were very pleased with the response we received to the early bird registration.

Evening league numbers are up slightly this year with
20 Monday Men's
20 Tuesday Men's
12 Wednesday Ladies
10 Thursday Men's
14 Thursday Mixed
24 Friday Mixed
12 Saturday Mixed.

We decided to suspend operation of our Beginners program this year as most teams have migrated into the evening leagues...bravo! This means that we have several Saturday morning and afternoons available for company fun spiels and other rental opportunities....so pass the word around!

The dates for our annual bonspiels are posted on the website....the first event being the Mixed on October 21-25. With a new theme and a new time of year we're hoping you can all get out and kick off the season in style!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the St Albert Curling Club we wish you a season of good curling and even better camaraderie!

Doug McLennan
President
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