



# ST. ALBERT CURLING CLUB

*“between the sheets”*

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## News from the President

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and a Happy New Year to all!

## Leagues

It's hard to believe that only 5 weeks remain of regular league play then we're into playoffs. The President's Cup/Manager's Cup splits have occurred and the level of play is expected to be exceptional down the stretch. The reigning Men's, Ladies and Mixed champions are all in pretty good shape in the standings however with the caliber of teams nipping at their heels it's setting up to be a very exciting February!

Once the Club Champs are crowned, they will represent our Club at the EACC City Championships scheduled for early April.



## Bonspiels

The Men's and Mixed spiels were held before Christmas with the top prize going to Mike Hutchings in the Men's and Wilf Gunderson in the Mixed. The number of entries in these events was down

over last year prompting organizers to question the timing and format of our spiels. There will undoubtedly be a poll conducted for member feedback on the issue. Please take the time to share your views and ideas.

The Ladies Spiel is scheduled for Jan 28-31. Our ladies organizing committee does such a fabulous job on this spiel that it has become a "must attend" event!

## Zones

Congratulations to Jamie King and his team of Glenn Kennedy, Dustin Eckstrand and Todd Brick on capturing one of the City Men's zone spots. Jamie will compete in the Northern Play-downs beginning January 14<sup>th</sup> in Wetaskiwin.

Congratulations also go out to Doug McLennan and his squad of Wilf Gunderson, Don Johnston and John McKenzie on qualifying for the Senior Men's Northern Play-downs scheduled for January 28-30 at the Saville Centre in Edmonton.



## Continental Cup

As most of you are aware the Club along with the City of St Albert will host the Continental Cup in January 2011 at Servus Place. This is a tremendous opportunity for our Club not only fiscally but also from a marketing standpoint.

Our local committee chairman, Mike Howes has most of the director positions filled however the CCA requires that we provide the event's volunteer compliment which has been estimated at around 200. There is a sign up sheet in the Club. Volunteers will be required to cover the cost of their event clothing, typical of all CCA events. Keep an eye on the website for more information over the course of 2010.



## Building Update

Hat's off to Don Johnston and the building committee who have been working tirelessly over the past several months. With the detailed plans complete, the project will be put to tender before the end of January. Demolition is still scheduled for

mid-March with a project completion date of mid-October, 2010.

You can appreciate this is a tight timeline. Should the project run long, our intention is to have the lower portion of the building to a state of completion where by league play can commence in October. You'll remember we started early this season in order to steal a few weeks for construction. If we need to steal a few more, this coming season may have a marginally later start. Short term pain and all that....

A scheduled demolition of mid-March doesn't leave a ton of time for clearing out the existing building. Over the course of the last 50 years we have accumulated a significant amount of "stuff". Currently we are going through this inventory deciding what to keep, what to sell and what to throw away. The Club will post a list of what's available to the membership. (a piano for example) If anyone is interested in assisting with the cleanout please leave your name with Jennifer.

### Golf Wind-up

Last year's wind up golf day was so successful that we're going to do it again! Watch for the sign up poster at the Club.



### AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the St Albert Curling Club has been set for April 22 at 7 PM at the Eagles Club (23 Rowland Crescent)

Anyone wishing to run for a Board position is encouraged to forward a short bio to the Club at least a week prior to the meeting. A Board term is a two year commitment. Board members who are interested in running for another term are encouraged to make their intentions known. Nominations from the floor are always accepted.



### Wrap Up

Over the past few years we have seen our membership grow, we've seen major improvements in our facility and we've become recognized in the community as a model recreational operation. I can't express enough thanks to the Board of Directors, committees, management, staff and Club volunteers who continually demonstrate their commitment to our organization. It's not hard to see why our Club is one of the strongest and most viable curling venues in the Edmonton area.

2010/11 should be one for the books at the St Albert Curling Club. It's hard to believe that only a few short years ago we were scratching renovation ideas on napkins. Now, on the eve of reconstruction, I can't help but think of all of the exciting opportunities and possibilities that lay ahead, not only for our immediate membership, but future generations of St Albert curlers who will add to the legacy of our storied Club.

It's truly been a pleasure to have served as your Club President.

Doug McLennan  
President  
St. Albert Curling Club

