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Sportsnet and Curl BC to air Junior finals on New Year's Eve

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THE first Curl BC events to be televised on Sportsnet will air on New Year's Eve.

The 2014 Tim Hortons BC Junior Curling Championships will air on Sportsnet, with the women's final taking place in the morning and the men's final taking place in the afternoon.

Scott Braley, Curl BC CEO, said he was delighted that Sportsnet was airing these events, which will showcase the best junior curlers in the province.

"We are extremely happy to be working with Sportsnet over the next 10 years.

"It is fitting that the debut shows are our junior events, which will showcase our talented young BC athletes. There is a great future for curling in BC and these teams are proof of that.

"The icing on the cake is that these fantastic Curl BC events will likely be seen by a record audience."

The championships will take place at Chilliwack Curling Club and will run from December 26 to December 31, 2013.

In October last year it was announced that Curl BC had signed a major 10-year agreement with Sportsnet.



Junior curlers will be in the spotlight as their championship is the first Curl BC event to air on Sportsnet.

The 10-year agreement gives Sportsnet the rights to air all Curl BC curling championships, including the Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship, the Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship and the Tim Hortons BC Junior Curling Championships.

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Sportsnet and Curl BC reveal broadcast times

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Last year Sportsnet aired provincial championships in Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario and attracted audiences well over 200,000 strong.

The women's junior final will air starting at 10:30am on December 31 and the men's junior final will air starting at 3pm on December 31.



The crowd at the 2013 Tim Hortons BC Junior Curling Championships.

Coaching AGM



ANY coach who is a registered member of Coaches BC can attend the Coaches BC Annual General Meeting

Where: Fortius Sport & Health, 3713 Kensington Ave, Burnaby, BC, V5B 0A7.

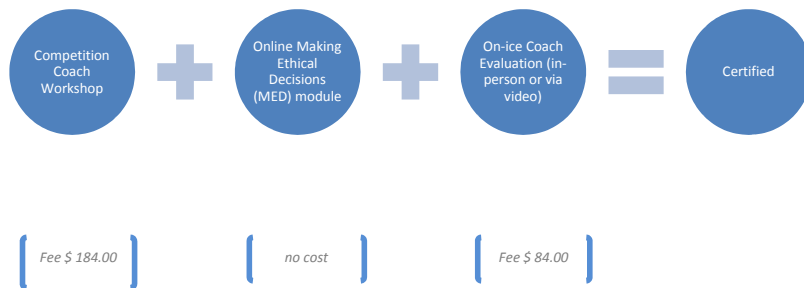
When: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:00pm

Required documents for the meeting can be accessed at <http://www.coachesbc.ca> prior to the AGM.

To download a proxy form, visit http://www.coachesbc.ca/pdfs/directors/PROXY%20FORM%202013_COACHES%20BC.pdf

For more information and to RSVP please contact Heather Aussem at coaches@viasport.ca.

Only coaches with a Premiere membership would be eligible to vote at the AGM.



Coaching workshops confirmed for the start of the season

A NUMBER of coaching workshops have been confirmed for the fall and Curl BC encourages you to sign up or spread the word about the opportunities.

A minimum of six participants are required to offer a workshop. Pre-registration and payment are required. Once registered, a coach will receive further details from the assigned learning facilitator/course conductor within the week prior to the workshop.

If your club or region has coaches who completed their Competition

Coach training through a workshop but need to complete their certification by completing an on-ice practice evaluation, consider booking an "evaluation day" where Curl BC will have an evaluator on-site to evaluate and certify those coaches. As there is preparation required by coaches for the on-ice evaluation, contact Elisabeth Walker-Young for more information. Elisabeth can be contacted over email at ewalkeryoung@curlbc.ca or via telephone at 604-333-3622. Note: Individual coaches can also book evaluations directly through Elisabeth.

2013-14 Competition Coach Workshop Calendar

Visit <http://www.curlbc.ca/development/coaching/competition-coach-workshops/> to register.

Event	Date	Location	Entry Deadline
Competition Coach	Oct. 5-6	Abbotsford	Sept. 27
Competition Coach	Oct. 26-27	Prince Rupert	Oct. 16
Competition Coach	Nov. 2-3	Juan de Fuca	Oct. 23

2013-14 Club Coach Workshop Calendar

Visit <http://www.curlbc.ca/development/coaching/community-coach-workshops/> to register.

Event	Date	Location	Entry Deadline
Club Coach	Sept. 21&22	Chilliwack	Sept. 13
Club Coach	Sept. 24, 26, 30 & Oct. 1	Royal City	Sept. 13
Club Coach	Oct. 19-20	Nelson	Oct. 16

New Portland club extends invite to BC curlers

STEVE LISKE from the newly minted Evergreen Curling Club in Portland, Oregon, invites BC curlers to take part in their first season of curling.

IN December, 2012, the Evergreen Curling Club from Portland, Oregon said goodbye to curling on rented skating ice when we opened our very own dedicated curling club.

The opening was the culmination of nearly two years of hard work, raising funds, developing plans and constructing the facility. Needless to say, our grand opening was a joyous day for our members, and extremely gratifying for all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it happen. The club is constructed in a leased warehouse – a model for club development that is proving to be a very cost-effective alternative compared to the more typical method of acquiring land and constructing a new build-

ing. Our club features three sheets, and a comfortable warm room complete with men's and women's locker rooms, a social area with six TV monitors for viewing the action on the ice, and a well-stocked bar with a large variety of local beer and wine.

Our upcoming season will include a Ladies First Spiel, a Junior Bonspiel and two Open Spiels, giving would-be visitors plenty of chances to come to Portland to join us. Whether you come down strictly to curl, or extend your stay to enjoy tax-free shopping, world-class wine tasting, or a scenic trip to the coast, we know you'll enjoy your visit. Many of our members have enjoyed wonderful hospitality from Canadian curling clubs, and we are looking forward to returning the favor.

For more information about our bonspiels, please visit www.evergreencurling.org or email bonspiels@evergreencurling.com.



Before



After

New ice technician courses

NEW ice technician courses are being offered by Curl BC this fall.

A Level 1 course lasts two days and contains information on all aspects of curling ice maintenance, such as using a scraper and burner, plus sweeping and pebbling techniques.

A Level 2 course is a four-day program, and includes a refrigeration segment, classroom instruction and ice installation. The prerequisites for Level 2 are Level 1 certification and two years experience as a curling club ice-maker.

Championship Ice Making (CIM) is a course designed by Curl BC to provide instruction to club ice technicians who want to take their ice-making skills to the next level. There are no prerequisites.

Course	Date	Location
Level 1	Sept. 14-15	Peach Arch (White Rock)
Level 1	Sept. 29-30	Invermere
Level 2	Sept. 27-30	Invermere
Level 1	Oct. 29-30	Princeton
Championship Ice Making	Oct. 26-27	Gibsons

Please visit <http://www.curlbc.ca/development/ice-technician-courses/> to register for any of these courses.

Anyone with any questions can contact Heather Beatty at hbeatty@curlbc.ca or 604-333-3619.

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Sign up to teach kids the joy of curling in a school setting!

ARE you interested in becoming an independent contractor delivering Rocks & Rings school curling programs to elementary school aged children in the Lower Mainland?

Curl BC is running a training program September 16-17 in Burnaby, BC.

This training course is open to experienced curlers and those new to the sport.

Details: Rocks & Rings Instructor Training (1.5 day \$50 + taxes).

This workshop prepares individuals to work with elementary school aged children (age 5-12) in a gym setting delivering the nationally recognized Rocks & Rings floor curling program in schools. No prerequisite or curling experience is required!

You will learn:

- Classroom management techniques
- About the floor curling equipment, Rocks & Rings program specific equipment, and delivery of the program in British Columbia
- Lesson plan development, teaching techniques, tips and tricks
- Including students of all ages and abilities through "Can

Curl More" program initiative

- Games and activities to engage various age groups

Please note: Successful completion of a Criminal Record Search (vulnerable sector) is required prior to working with children in a school setting.

For more information and to register: <http://www.curlbc.ca/curlers/introductory/capital-one-rocks-rings/>

Curl BC wants more people to throw their First Rock

CURL BC has created a file folder full of useful tools that curling centres can use to run and promote their Learn to Curl events.

There is a guide to running a Learn To Curl event, some sample press releases, a sample curriculum (for juniors, adult one to be added), a few template newspaper ads, and the logo and some branding if centres want to be part of the First Rock campaign. Everything is free and downloadable through a shared online folder on Drop Box.

Rebecca Connop Price, Communications & Marketing Manger at Curl BC, said: "I can edit and tailor some of those files to a club's requirements. Please spread the word that these tools are available."

Please email or speak to Rebecca Connop Price (rconnopprice@curlbc.ca 604-333-3617) if you want to find out how you can access the files. Centres have until August 31 to let Rebecca know that they are taking part so she can help you promote your event on social media.



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Celebrating our 100th 8-ender

THE next BC curling team to score an 8-ender will be the 100th team to be featured in our Curl BC 8-ender gallery.

The team will get the distinction of featuring in the next Curling Connection, Curl BC's monthly newsletter, to celebrate their achievement.

Curl BC currently has 99 8-ender photos in our online Facebook gallery, including our 99th (see picture, right).

The race is now on for the first 8-ender of the season!

Curl BC recognizes 8-enders scored by athletes who are members of affiliated Curl BC facilities.

If your team scores an 8-ender, fill out the 8-ender submittal form and submit it to the Curl BC office by fax 604-333-3615, email at pbartel@curlbc.ca or regular mail to Suite 2001A – 3713 Kensington Ave, Burnaby, BC, V5B 0A7.

You may also simply submit ALL of the following information to Curl BC via email to pbartel@curlbc.ca:

- correct spellings of names and positions of the players who scored the 8-ender,
- a picture of the 8-ender with the team,
- the date,
- location,
- league information, and



Team Molendyk scored the 99th 8-ender at the North Shore Winter Club on May 5, 2013. The team is made up of Skip John Molendyk, Second Tom Sayer, Third Greg Davis and Lead Eric Sessford from Marpole Curling Club.

- the contact name, address, and phone number of the person who is to receive the Curl BC 8-ender pins for presentation to the team
- Curl BC forwards the information to the Canadian Curling Association so that the team can receive the CCA 8-ender pins and certificates as well.

Get in shape to curl this season

GET in shape for the curling season with Ewa Bailey from Adrenaline Fitness!
Where: Central Park, Burnaby
When: Sept. 5 & Sept. 12 (7pm each evening)

Cost: \$5 for High Performance Program Athletes, \$10 for non-program athletes (per session)
Register by emailing Ewa at ewa.bailey@gmail.com

Your dates to remember

SATURDAY, AUG 31, 2013

LAST day to sign up for Curl BC's First Rock campaign. See page 4.

SUNDAY, SEPT 1, 2013

ANYONE wishing to qualify to play in 2013-14 Curl BC playdown events must be a resident of British Columbia as of September 1, 2013.

SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 2013

CURLING centres must let Curl BC know on or before September 15, 2013, if they would like to be given the additional benefit of Personal Accident Insurance coverage. See the story below for more details.

THURSDAY, OCT 3, 2013

A CLUB Coach Workshop is being held at Nelson Curling Club from October 19-20, 2013. The deadline to register is Oct 3, 2013. Register at <http://curlbc.ca/development/coaching/community-coach-workshops/club-coach-nelson/>

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16, 2013

PRINCE Rupert Curling Club is hosting a Competition Coach Workshop from Oct 26-27, 2013 (DATE CHANGE). The deadline to register is Oct 16, 2013. Register at <http://curlbc.ca/development/coaching/competition-coach-workshops/competition-coach-prince-rupert/>

WEDNESDAY, OCT 23, 2013

A COMPETITION Coach Workshop will take place at the Juan de Fuca Curling Centre from November 2-3, 2013. The deadline to register is October 23, 2013. Visit <http://curlbc.ca/development/coaching/competition-coach-workshops/competition-coach-juan-de-fuca/>

Personal Accident Insurance option for all member centres

CURL BC has negotiated a deal that will see member facilities given access to personal accident insurance for their curlers.

Broadly speaking, the policy is intended to provide coverage to individuals for injury that occurs as a result of participation in the sport of curling only. Some key features of the policy include

up to \$10,000 for Accident Reimbursement Expenses, \$5,000 for Dental Costs and \$1,000 for Fracture Indemnity. A full copy of the policy wordings is available upon request from Curl BC.

Curling centres must inform Curl BC by September 15, 2013 whether or not they wish to take part in this additional member

benefit package at a cost of \$1 per registered member. If you choose to participate in the Personal Accident Insurance Policy, your member fees will be \$15/member based on last year's membership. Individuals must be listed on your membership list which is submitted annually to Curl BC. Anyone not on the list

will not be covered by the policy.

A letter has gone out to all member centres about the new deal. The letter has a form which should be filled out and returned to the Curl BC office.

For more information about the policy, please contact Penny Bartel at pbartel@curlbc.ca or 604-333-3602.

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CURL BC members can now get even more savings through Access Global Golf and Travel Network.

Curl BC has teamed up with British Columbia Golf to give curlers across the province access to travel deals and discounts, including instant access to up to \$400 in savings credits.

Access Global is a new travel benefit program developed for our members. Curlers can now sign up to get discounted rates on golf, hotels, cruise and spa vacations, among other things. This program is being made available through Curl BC's close working relationship with British Columbia Golf.

Join as a guest for free but join as a member for only \$10 per month and receive additional benefits:

- Guests receive \$100 in savings credits just by registering in this limited time offer.

- Members receive \$400 in savings credits right away to buy down the cost of travel. Savings credits are like cash in your travel bank account.



- Members earn an additional \$50 in savings credits in their account for each month they are a member. The annual \$120 membership fee provides members with \$1,000 in savings credits a year!

- Members get paid to play golf. Receive \$50 in your account when you book at one of our "Preferred Courses" and \$10 when you book one of the other thousands of courses online.

- Guests and members receive our "Best Rate Guarantee" on all bookings on hotels, getaways, cruises and resorts, and

you can then buy down the cost further with your savings credits.

- 7-day access to the concierge service, and you can have your own personal concierge to help you with all your trip planning and reservations.

- 24/7 online access to all offers using your password protected account.

- Exclusive vacations and stay and play packages at great prices.

- Ability to collect your own airline, hotel and credit card loyalty points - get double rewards.

You can become a full member of Access Global for just \$10 per month (US) and use your \$400 in Savings Credits right away to save even more money on your next business trip or vacation.

Help support curling in BC. For every curler who becomes a member of Access Global, Curl BC will receive \$25 to invest in curling programs and services.

Sign up now at <http://www.accessglobalgolf.com/members?AssociationCode=BCG>
YOU MUST USE REFERRAL CODE "curl".



Goldline

Goldline is proud to partner with Curl BC.

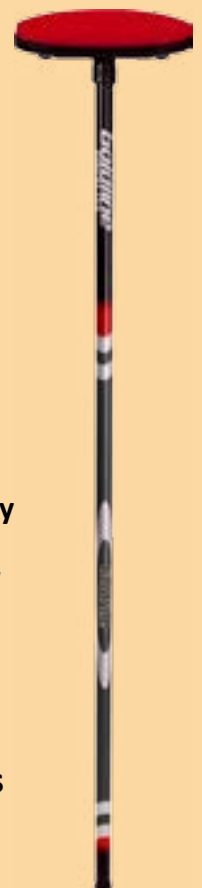
For the 2012-13 season, Goldline donated 15 brushes to new curlers and three brushes to competitive junior curlers.

Young curlers who were trying curling for the first time had the opportunity to enter into a draw to win a Goldline Fiberlite brush. The draw took place on January 31, 2013. Brushes are also being given out to three deserving curlers from a Curl BC High Performance Camp. Visit <http://curlbc.ca/recognition/sponsors-partners/goldline/> for more information on the competitions.

Diane Gushulak is the Goldline representative in BC.

Visit www.goldlinecurling.com to see the 2012-13 line, which includes shoes, bags, brushes, sticks, gloves, jackets, pants and more.

Contact Diane at diane@goldline.ca or call 1-604-313-1189.



Funding opportunities open up for curling centres

SEVERAL funding opportunities are now available for curling centres in BC after viaSport announced the latest round of opportunities, which opened to applications this week.

For more information on each, including grant guidelines, application forms and dates for future intake periods, see the links provided below.

The Local Sport Program Development (LSPD) Fund allows community sport to be more accessible to people of all abilities by providing funding support to sport programs initiated by municipalities, sport

organizations and Aboriginal communities.

Apply now! <http://www.viasport.ca/local-sport-program-development-fund>

Current intake period for applications: August 19 – September 22, 2013.

Founded by ProMOTION Plus, the Girls Only and Forever Active Bodies (FAB) 55+ grants are part of an overarching grant fund geared towards the development of sport opportunities that inspire girls and women to get active in BC. A program with two available categories, Girls Only focuses on supporting girls and women of all ages, while FAB 55+ is limited to women aged 55

and above.

Apply now! <http://www.viasport.ca/funding-girls-and-women-sport>

Current intake period for applications: August 19 – September 22, 2013.

The Aboriginal Youth Sport Legacy Fund (ASLYF) supports programs which encourage BC's Aboriginal youth to participate in physical activity and sport.

Apply now! <http://www.viasport.ca/aboriginal-youth-sport-legacy-fund>

Current intake period (high performance) for applications: August 19 – September 22, 2013.

Curling centres link up to provide city-wide open house

ALL four curling centres in the Greater Victoria area are running Try Curling Open Houses simultaneously.

The joint event is planned for Sept. 29 from 1pm-4pm.

Esquimalt Curling Club, Juan de Fuca Curling Centre, Glen Meadows Curling Club and Victoria Curling Centre are all hosting

an open house and asking curlers who are already members at their club/centre to bring a friend, a co-worker or someone they know who might like to give curling a try.

"What makes this event neat is that we're all working together to raise awareness about opportunities to curl in Victoria," said volunteer Len Stewart.

Accent Refrigeration will be running a draw at each of the clubs for a new juvenile/junior to receive their league fees.

New curlers will also have the opportunity to join Getting Started Leagues that the centres are offering.

Contact Len Stewart at 250-419-3653 for more information.



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