

Open Letter to All PCC Members – August/September 2017

From Ron Boag

President, Parksville Curling Club

I thought I would write a quick note to welcome you all back to the 2017 – 2018 curling season. Hard to think of ice, with the heat outside, unless it is to cool down! We are starting off the year “hitting the ground running” as they say.

Our parking volunteers helped us raise almost \$7,000 for the club (\$6955.65 to be exact) between Beachfest and Kidfest parking. This will help pay a few Hydro bills! Thank you to Rick, Spish, Terry, Murray, Joanne and Nancy for the organization and all the volunteers for jockeying the cars around and listening to the drivers. What will we do when driverless cars take over? Also thank you to Doneen for organizing the Sand Sculptures Ambassadors volunteers. We do not have any figures yet on this donation but it will probably be about the same as last year, according to the attendance estimates.

We also had another very successful Four Foot camp, thanks to Judy Hawkes, Terry and their staff; Tim and Taylor; and Graham, taking care of all the students and coaches. It is not easy to keep pebble from flattening out when it is 25-30 outside!

We had 32 teams for our Summer Bonspiel. That is up 25-30% from last year! Thanks to Jim and Margo for running the bonspiel, to Donna and Al McAskile and to all the volunteers for assisting in making this a good experience for all.

We will begin league play on September 25th, with registration/signup on September 18th (10-2 & 6-8). It looks like we are adding a second draw to the Thursday night mixed, to accommodate increased participation. We will be posting practice ice times, novice clinic times and refresher clinic times on the website as they become available. Speaking of the website, I believe you would

all agree that Terry is doing a fantastic job making it relevant and informative.
Thanks again, Terry!

Please plan on attending the Fall General Meeting on September 20th at 7pm. The Board members have been busy over the summer and they would like to share with you their plans for the season. In addition, we will try to answer some of your major concerns about the club.

Thanks to the efforts of so many of you, we have been successful in growing our club, while others across the country have been struggling. Remember to welcome new members and do your best to help them enjoy the experience of curling with us all.

In closing, the major strength of our club is our dedicated curlers and volunteers. As we get into the season, please look for opportunities to volunteer for various work teams, events and committees. Speaking from experience, you will always get back more than you give, in terms of friendships gained, satisfaction realized and just “paying it forward”.

Thank you and good curling.

Ron