

BC Interior Master Curlers Association Newsletter

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Those who have followed our annual 'Newsletter', will find that we are a little late this year. We apologize!

Those who are reading our 'Newsletter' for the first time, we welcome you! The BC Interior Master Curlers Association serves your exclusive interests in daytime/retiree curling for the 60+ year old 'Master' curlers of the BC Interior. Established in the mid-70's, we offer three major curling championships just for you!

Eighteen Clubs, 1100 men and 130+ ladies are all eligible to challenge our annual Zone Playdowns. Winners advance to our Annual Combined Provincial Championships against four of the best teams from our sister organization . . . the Pacific Coast Master Curlers Association.

Four Zone winners from the Interior against four Zone winners from the Pacific Coast. . . three championships in all . . . the very best in Masters Daytime/Retiree curling in BC . . . truly prestigious Provincial Championships!

The crown jewel of our Provincial competitions is the **Walter Hobbs and Jack McAllister** trophies. These awards are presented to the winning 60+ Men's team at the annual Provincial championships. The '**Hobbs**' is an Interior championship and the '**McAllister**' is a Combined Provincial championship. To be crowned champion requires exceptional effort in a 7-game, round-robin competition over four days! It's our 'Mini-Brier'!

At the recent 2012 Kimberley Championships, the **Salmon Arm** team of **Henry Lefebvre**, skip, **Ron Cook**, **Ken Nielsen** and **Merv Weightman** (4–2–1) was the strongest Interior team winning the 'Hobbs' while **Gary Gelowitz** (5–1–1) of Kelowna repeated as the Provincial 'McAllister' champions with his team of **Grant Snow**, **Jake Thiessen** and **Rick Smith**.

The 70+ GrandMasters competition was dominated by a **Kerry Park** team which included two eighty-year-old curlers! **Cliff Merriman** (5–1–1) was supported by **Ray Blackwell**, **Jim Bowdige**, **John Holland** and fifth, **Tom Craig**. The Kimberley team of **Murray Nesbitt**, **Bill Olmsted**, **Duncan Robertson** and **Ted Giesbrecht** were the Interior 70+ champions for 2012.

While the Men's Championships were being determined in Kimberley, the Cranbrook Curling Club graciously hosted our third annual **Interior 'Mixed 60+'** championship. At the conclusion of the 4-game round-robin three teams were tied. In a throw-off format, the **Kelowna Curling Club** team of **Dan Martell**, skip, **Deanna Tannas**, **Ray Tait** and **Bette Tait** scored 37 points and impressed all as the '**Interior 'Mixed 60+'** champions.

Board approves new championship

..... **Interior Ladies will be joining us 2014!**

Over the past four years, your Board of Directors has been attempting to bring the 60+ Daytime, Retiree Ladies into competition. At the insistence of one major Club and to respond to a sincere interest on behalf of many Ladies in our Member Clubs, the Board chose to introduce a 60+ Mixed Championship in 2009. 'The Mixed' has developed into an established and successful Interior event, enjoyed by many and lots of potential ahead!

Our next step is to bring the Ladies into full membership by establishing a full Ladies Interior Championship, consistent with the Mixed and the Men's events. Following presentation of a '**Petition to Establish a Ladies Championship**' from some 63 of our most committed Ladies, the Board has been convinced of the value of this championship and has sanctioned the **first Ladies competition commencing in 2014**.

This is exciting news for all as the annual back-to-back Provincial Championships for the Men's 60+ Masters and 70+ GrandMasters with the Pacific Coast Master Curlers is scheduled in the **Salmon Arm Curling Club in 2014**. An adjacent Club will be selected to host both the Mixed and a Ladies Championship with all curlers joining together for a Gala Awards banquet following competition. It will be the very best in Provincial Daytime, Retirees curling in 2014 . . . an exciting event for spectators and curlers alike!

The introduction of the Ladies also carries an added responsibility as each Ladies Section in each Member Club must remit the **\$4.00 fee for each Lady Member** of 60+ years of age playing in the Daytime, Retiree leagues . . . *that represents less than the price of a single glass of wine, once a year!* The exclusive revenue from the membership fees, plus all team Zone Entry Fees, represent the sole source of funds to support sending four successful Zone winning Ladies teams to the Annual Interior or Provincial championship.

We encourage all Ladies in the 18 Member Clubs . . . plus both the Ladies and the Men of the non-member Clubs . . . to get involved and make the commitment to ensure that the Interior Masters competitions are supported and successful. . . . Please remember . . .

It's a great competition! . . . It's our competition! . . . Be part of a great tradition!

The Interior Masters/Pacific Coast Masters Combined Provincial Championships

Nanaimo Curling Club – Tuesday, March 5th to Friday, March 8th, 2013

Bonspiels are good for you! Join in the fun! Have a good curling year!

Nanaimo hosts in 2013!

The Interior Masters/Pacific Coast Masters Men's Combined Provincial Championships will be hosted by the Nanaimo Curling Club from Tuesday, March 5th and concluding on Friday, March 8th, 2012 with a Gala Awards Banquet

Four Masters (60+) Zone winners, 4 Grand Masters (70+) Zone winners and 4 Mixed (60+) winners from the Interior will play off against four 60+; four 70+ Zone & four Mixed winners from the Coast for Provincial supremacy in 8-end, round-robin play.

All teams, all guests and visitors will be hosted to a Gala Awards Night, hosted by the Nanaimo Curling Club!

Kelowna to host Interior Mixed

The Kelowna Curling Club will host the fourth annual **Interior Masters Mixed Championship March 11th to March 13th, 2013**.

So PLAN to enter your team! You'll love the competition, the hospitality and every moment of our Provincial Championship level play!

New Website

Great moments! . . .
. . . Great achievements!

Browse our podium where you can find the people, events, awards and more on the rich history of Masters curling in British Columbia.

www.GlobalPodia.com

It's all the information on the winning teams in BCIMCA & PCIMCA competition from day one! Just select "Master Curlers Association: BC Interior" to view . . and enjoy!

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