



## 2013 FALL NEWSLETTER

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**Zone 1 Director:** Paul Beattie, Grand Forks      **Zone 1 Asst. Director:** Bill Maslechko

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**Zone 3 Director:** Grant Snow, Kelowna      **Zone 3 Asst. Director:** Norm Tiltman

**Zone 4 Director:** Bill Gawiuk, Vernon

### **Welcome**

*It is with great pride that our Executive serve daytime retiree 60+ curlers across the seventeen member curling clubs in the BC Interior. Since its formation in 1976 the BCIMCA has enjoyed a steady growth in membership and has been working hard to expanded curling championship play opportunities.*

*The BCIMCA emphasis has always been on providing competitive curling opportunities to daytime retiree's through a spirit of good sportsmanship, opportunity for all, and to foster and promote the sport of curling throughout the BC Interior. Together, with our sister organization, the Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association (PCMCA), we provide a Combined Provincial Championship. Originally a 60+ Men's (Masters) competition, we added a 70+Men's (Grand Masters) competition in 2003. In 2010 the BCIMCA introduced a Mixed BCIMCA Championship, and **will have its first Ladies BCIMCA Championship in 2014.***

### **2014 Combined Provincial Championships**

*This year the **Combined Provincial 60+ Men's and 70+ Men's Championships** and the first ever **Ladies Combined Championship** will be hosted by the BCIMCA and the Salmon Arm Curling Club played at **Salmon Arm February 24-28th, 2014**. The draw has been completed and the host committee is well on their way to providing us with a championship to be remembered. The event curling will be capped of with a Gala Awards banquet on the evening of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Ken Neilson, is Salmon Arm Committee chairperson, and can be reached by email at [debken1@telus.net](mailto:debken1@telus.net) or phone at (250)832-1121. The Salmon Arm Organizing Committee will have a website "link" up and running before Xmas.*

**The Combined Mixed Championship is being hosted by the Chase Curling Club March 11-14, 2014.** This event is being held at a time other than the Men's Combined and Ladies Combined Championships to allow greater opportunity for our members to compete in these playdowns and championship. The Chase Curling Club has a "big heart" and will put on a hospitality show second to none. Dave Williams is the Chase Committee chairperson, and can be reached by email at [admin@chasecurling.ca](mailto:admin@chasecurling.ca) or phone at (250)675-3682.

Zone Directors will be posting dates and locations for their respective **Zone Playdowns** at member clubs shortly. Team entry's are \$140 per team, with the majority of these fees going to offset a significant amount of the Zone winners travel and accommodation expenses to attend the Championship event.

**Dates for Zone 2014 Championship Playdowns are:**

<b>ZONE</b>	<b>60+ Men's</b>	<b>70+ Men's</b>	<b>60+ Ladies</b>	<b>60+ Mixed</b>
<b>1</b>	Jan 18-19 Trail	Feb 1-2 Grand Forks	Feb 1-2 Grand Forks	Feb 21-22 Castlegar
<b>2</b>	Jan 13-15 Creston	Jan 13-15 Creston	Jan 20-22 Cranbrook	Jan 27-29 Kimberly
<b>3</b>	Jan 20-22 Kelowna	Feb 10-12 Summerland	Jan 20-22 Kelowna	Jan 27-29 Osoyoos
<b>4</b>	Jan 20-24 Vernon	Jan 29-31 Salmon Arm	Jan 20-24 Vernon	Feb 7-9 Armstrong

**What's New ?**

We have recently added a **new website** [www.BCIMCA.ca](http://www.BCIMCA.ca), aimed at providing our members and clubs with current BCIMCA information in an easy to use "hot button click" format. Here you have access to learn more about our history, read our Constitution, access our Newsletter, Interior bonspiel listing, find out who our member clubs are, who your Executive is and how to contact them, as well as links to playdown information and that of our sister organizations. We also have a **podium website** at [www.GlobalPodia.com](http://www.GlobalPodia.com) where you will find information on the people, events, awards, and more on the rich history of Masters Curling in British Columbia. Efforts are underway to link our two websites and that of the Curl BC website.

In the fall of 2013 we produced a **BCIMCA Brochure** that will be available to our members through their respective Zone Director. These will greatly assist Zone Directors in communicating with our membership, with encouraging other curling clubs to join the BCIMCA and to assist spreading the word about daytime/retiree curling opportunities here in the BC Interior as well as the Province.

Now that we have added a Mixed Championship and a Ladies Championship the work on the shoulders of our Zone Directors has increased significantly. **In 2013 we are recruiting to an Assistant Zone Director in each of the 4 Zones** to not only assist the Zone Director, but to fill in during his or her absence, and to step into the Directors position at the end of their term. Service and communication to our members and to our clubs in the Region is paramount and this added position will further serve achieving this goal. If you are interested in finding out more about this position please contact your Zone Director.

*At the request of Curl BC we, along with the PCMCA and the BC Stick Curling Association, have provided input to the **Curl BC Strategic Plan** as it relates to recreation and competitive curling opportunities to those curlers age 55+ in the Province of BC. We remain active with Curl BC in its program development as it relates to our Master Curler membership opportunities.*

## **AGM**

***Our BCIMCA AGM is scheduled for December 2, at 12:00 noon in the upstairs lunge of the Grand Forks Curling Club.** Grand Forks is considered central to the BCIMCA membership which makes travel distance “fair” for all. It is again being held in conjunction with the Grand Forks McGowan/Busby (Masters) Bonspiel December 2-4, 2013.*

***We are interested in your feedback** - please contact any member of our executive with your constructive feedback, comments, suggestions. We are committed to make your organization the best it can be in the interests of serving our daytime/retiree curling membership.*

***Look for our Winter (mid-season) Newsletter in early January***