

BCIMCA 2014 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Pres: Jim Skrenek, Vernon; **Past Pres:** Vern Ronmark, Creston; **Sec/Tres:** Linda DeBelser, Vernon

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

Zone 2 Director: Gordon Jenkins, Kimberley

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

Zone 4 Director: Bill Gawiuk, Vernon

WELCOME

Well, our 2013-14 curling season is in full swing and we are about to commence our Zone Playdowns. This is truly an exciting and special time of our season. Zone Playdown dates have been set, clubs have booked their ice, teams are in the last stages of their preparation and everyone has their sights on their respective Zone Championship title and looking forward to being in Salmon Arm February 25th-28th or Chase March 11th – 14th for “the big show”. And what a time it’s going to be.

This edition of our Newsletter will focus on our membership numbers, our recently held AGM, preparations underway for our Combined and Ladies Championship event at Salmon Arm and the BCIMCA Mixed Championship event at Chase.

MEMBERSHIP

Our overall membership has increased significantly. We presently boast a projected membership of approx 1,200 master curlers (at time of this newsletter we are still waiting for final numbers from Kelowna men and Chase men and ladies). Our lady membership has registered the largest increase with 136 new members from Salmon Arm, Kelowna and Vernon. Zone Directors are to be congratulated on all their hard work.



AGM

Special thanks to Zone Director Paul Beattie for organizing this years AGM and to the Grand Forks Curling Centre for hosting this years AGM in conjunction with their Annual Masters Open Bonspiel on November 2, 2013.

The AGM was well attended with representation across Zone 1, 2 and 3. It's always hard to strike the right balance with our AGM as we were put between 1st call at the bar following the first draw and getting in line for lunch. If anyone ever wondered how you run an AGM with these "book ends" and a 20 minute time limit to conduct your AGM in...just ask our President, Jim Skrenek how to tap dance a long agenda, get our business done, answer questions from the floor and having our executive voted in for another year. We did it. The key business we concluded were:

- *We have an opening bank balance of \$ 3,183*
- *Voted in favor of affiliating with Curl BC for another year*
- *Voted in favor of our Executive slate for 2013-14*
- *Support shown for our new brochure, website and addition of a ladies championship*
- *Hi-lited our accomplishments of 2012-13 and our priorities for 2013-14*
- *Acknowledgement was given to those members of our Executive stepping down their positions this past year; Vern Ronmark our past President, Fred Horcoff our Zone 1 Director, and Bill Carr, past Zone 4 Director, President, past President and Communications Director.*
- *Unveiling of our BCIMCA "Directors Trophy" for the BCIMCA Ladies Championship*



2014 SALMON ARM COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIPS

What a show it's going to be. The Salmon Arm Host Committee has been meeting throughout the summer and fall to plan a truly amazing championship event. Through a lot of hard work by Chairperson, Ken Nielsen and his committee, they are hard at work putting the final touches to what will be 4 days to remember.

All curlers will be staying at the Comfort Inn and Suites 114 room Hotel, which is within walking distance to the Salmon Arm Curling Centre. We have been given a great room rate of \$89 +tax per night based on double occupancy. Only \$10 per



extra guest to a maximum of 4 persons per room occupancy. There is a Jacuzzi, indoor pool with waterslide, fitness centre, with daily complimentary hot & cold breakfast. If you are registering please state our event to guarantee you the special room rate. To reserve call 1-800-473-9160.

The first Draw will commence with a skips meeting on February 25th, Opening Ceremonies are scheduled around noon with a Meet & Greet held in the upstairs lounge of the curling centre. Round robin play will wind-up the morning of the 28th, with shoot outs/extra game tie-breakers to follow if required. We will wrap-up with our Gala Banquet and Award.



The BCIMCA, the City of Salmon Arm and the Salmon Arm Curling Centre is looking forward to hosting all curlers, dignitary's, family, friends, and spectators to our 2014 Men's Combined Championships and Ladies BCIMCA Championship Event. It promises to be a time you won't want to miss.

For more information on what is being planned you are encouraged to contact the Salmon Arm Curling

Centre (ph: 250-832-8700), by visiting the Salmon Arm Curling Centre Website at salmonarmcc@shaw.ca or by contacting organizing chair Ken Nielsen at (ph: 250-832-1121) or email at debken1@telus.net.



2014 CHASE BCIMCA MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

The community of Chase and the Chase Curling Centre is the site of this years 2014 BCIMCA Mixed Championship. This warm and friendly community in Shuswap country is planning a great event that will be sure to provide a great time for everyone.



Committee Chair Dave Williams and his organizing committee will be releasing accommodation and program details shortly. Those wishing more detail are encouraged to contact the Chase Curling Club (ph: 250-675-3682), or by contacting organizing Chairperson Dave Williams at email admin@chasecurling.ca.

Pictured here are last years BCIMCA Champions, the Dan Martel rink from Zone 3 out of the Kelowna Curling Club. On the left is Vern Ronmark and on the right is Zone 3 Director Grant Snow.

RECOGNITION

At our recent AGM we recognized those of our BCIMCA Executive who have completed their term or who have turned their reins over to another. We want to take a few words here to give our special thanks.

***Vern Ronmark**, is stepping down as his 2 years as our President ended on May 31, 2013. Vern, has successfully guided us through two very successful years, which has seen enhancements to our communications program, continued growth of our Mixed Championship and launching of our first Ladies Championship. Vern remains on our Executive in his new capacity as Past President.*

***Fred Horcoff**, is stepping down as Zone Director in Zone 1, having been a stellar member in our updating of our BCIMCA Constitution, for acquiring our Mixed Championship trophy, and most importantly his tireless efforts to bring our message to all clubs and curlers across Zone 1.*

***Bill Carr**, has stepped down as our Communications Director, having served over 9 years in various Board capacities of Zone 4 Director, Vice President, President, Past President and Communications Director. Bill along with several other members was a driving force to revitalize the BCIMCA when it was on shaky ground. Bill worked hard to increase BCIMCA membership and was a strong force in getting the ladies involved in the BCIMCA through first a Mixed Championship and now a Ladies Championship. Bill is continuing on to manage our historical PCMCA/BCIMCA activities on our www.globalpodia.com website.*

It is through the outstanding efforts of these volunteers that we have a BCIMCA organization that we are all so proud to belong to today. On behalf of all BCIMCA members and its Board of Directors...thank you guy's for a job well done.

LOOK FOR OUR "SPRING NEWSLETTER" WHEN WE WRAP-UP OUR 2013-14 SEASON HILIGHTS, WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE RESULTS OF THE SALMON ARM COMBINED AND BCIMCA LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE CHASE BCIMCA MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT.