



2018 FALL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Once again, another curling season is underway. Hopefully, you all had a wonderful summer. This edition of the newsletter will focus on a number of items including last year's Combined Championship which was hosted by the Kamloops CC, membership and sponsorship to name a few.

2018 Combined Championship

The combined championship for 2018 was held at the Kamloops curling club March 21 - 24. A special thanks of appreciation to the organizing committee of Marilyn Brooks, John Cox, Wayne Saboe and Rob Nordin for hosting a flawless event. Following is a summary of the results of each category:

Ladies 60+

In this event, the team of Amber Dufor team from Comox won both the PCMCA and Combined Championships. The Karen Mosure team from Vernon won the BCIMCA championship.

Mixed 60+

In the mixed 60+ event, the Paul Kondal team from Duncan with Liz Saboe from Kamloops playing lead won both the PCMCA and Combined Championships. Winning the BCIMCA championship was the Francis Reglin team from Kelowna.

Men's 60+

Team John Zwarych of the Royal City curling club won the PCMCA and Combined Championships. Winning the BCIMCA championship was team Gord Duplisse from Salmon Arm.

Men's 70+

Team Wayne Saboe of the Kamloops curling club won the BCIMCA and Combined Championships. Winning the PCMCA championship was team Milt Sinclair of Abbotsford.

Sportsmanship Awards

Following are the recipients of the Sportsmanship awards:

Sandy's Heart (60+ Ladies) – Pam Wheat (3rd for Kay Nobel of Grand Forks.

Mixed – Steve Enge of Delta Thistle.

60+ Men – Dave Ralston of Creston.

70+ Men – Yoshi (Jerry) Asao of Kelowna.

Congratulations to all!

The 2019 Combined Championships will be hosted by the Victoria Curling Club on March 19-23, 2019.

Membership

This past year of 2017/2018 the membership was 820 men and 348 ladies for a total of 1,168 which was up slightly from 2016/2017 which had 783 men and 268 for a total of 1051. Zone Directors continue their efforts to encourage clubs to either join or rejoin the BCIMCA.

2017/2018 BCIMCA Zone Playdowns

The number of teams participating in the BCIMCA zone playdowns was up slightly from the previous year. Once again there were no Ladies or Mixed teams representing Zone 2 (East Kootenays). Instead, team Skrenek (Zone 4 runner-up mixed) and team Mosure (Zone 4 runner-up Ladies) filled the vacant Zone 2 spots.

2018/2019 Zone Playdowns

Venues and dates for this year's zone playdowns are being finalized by the zone directors. Posters will be prepared and distributed to clubs throughout the fall.

Sponsorship

Effort continues to find sponsors to help with costs associated with team travel to the Combined Championship and host of the Combined Championship. To date, solicitations have been sent to KalTire, Bannister Honda/GM, the Regency Resorts and Connect Hearing. While KalTire and Bannister Honda/GM have declined, we are waiting for responses from the other organizations.

Crests for 5th Players

In keeping with PCMCA practice, except for mixed teams, the BCIMCA will provide crests for the 5th players of teams that that participate in the Combined Championship and for those that win the BCIMCA championship.

Banners for Combined Champions

The BCIMCA executive has approved purchasing banners for BCIMCA teams that win the Combined Championship in their category.

Continued Affiliation With CurlBC

Each year CurlBC contributes \$5,000 to the PCMCA/BCIMCA organizations. By a long standing agreement \$2,000 is retained by the PCMCA. The remaining \$3,000 is used to offset expenses associated with hosting the Combined Championship. Since the number of curlers who are 50+ years of age is increasing each year, a consensus of the AGM held in Kamloops was that CurlBC should contribute more funds to the PCMCA/BCIMCA.

2019 Combined Championship

As previously mentioned, the 2019 Combined Championship will be held in Victoria March 19-23. The PCMCA President advises that plans are well underway. BCIMCA curlers should mark these dates on your calendars and get your team entered in the Zone playdowns.

2020 Combined Championship

The 2020 Combined Championship will be co-hosted by the Penticton and Summerland curling clubs.

5-Rock Rule

Both Curling Canada and CurlBC will use the 5-rock rule in zone playdowns and provincial/national events. Additionally, a number of clubs/leagues in the BCIMCA have adopted the 5-rock rule. Accordingly, both the BCIMCA and PCMCA will use the 5-rock rule in their zone playdowns and at the Combined Championship.

BCIMCA Initiatives for 2018/2019

A few of the initiatives for this year include:

- Continued efforts to secure a sponsor(s)
- Encourage clubs to either join or rejoin the BCIMCA
- Increase team participation in zone playdowns

Enjoy a great curling season and we look forward to many teams entering our Zone playdowns and participating in the Combined Championships in Victoria March 19 – 23, 2019.