

# Welcome to the Oliver Curling Club!

## OUR CLUB

The Oliver Curling Club has been sliding and sweeping since 1969—we've got this curling thing down. Join us for some great exercise, friendship and fun!

- ☑ We've got leagues for all ages, abilities and skill levels; day and evening games; social and more competitive leagues; and fall and winter sessions. Or sign up to spare whenever you can play.
- ☑ New to curling? Fantastic! Just bring clean shoes and warm clothing, and we'll provide the equipment and lots of usually helpful advice!
- ☑ Spirit willing but body less eager? No problem! We've got sticks to use for delivering the rocks if bending down (or getting back up!) is a concern.

There's lots more about curling with us on our website too: [eastlinkcurlingcentre.ca](http://eastlinkcurlingcentre.ca)



## OUR HOUSE

All the action happens at the Eastlink Curling Centre. We've got four sheets of mighty fine curling ice; change rooms with lockers available for rent; bar/lounge with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks; TV and information screens; fully accessible lower level including the ice area; and rental of the ice area and/or lounge for social events and meetings. Drop by sometime and check it out—we're a friendly bunch who like to chat!

## 2018-19 SEASON EVENTS

Important dates to add to your calendar:

**Registration Night:** Friday, Sept 14, 7 pm

**Learn to Curl:** Saturday, Sept 29, 2 pm

**Free Practice Ice:** Oct 1-5 at 12-2 pm & 7-9 pm

**Fall Session:** Tuesday, Oct 9 to Friday, Dec 15

**Weekly Practice Ice times:** Monday & Wednesday at 12-2 pm, Sunday at 2-4

**Eastlink Mixed Bonspiel:** Saturday, Oct 27, 9 am

**Oliver-Osoyoos Day League Bonspiel:** Nov 26-28

**Auction & Potluck Dinner:** Friday, Dec 7, 6 pm

**Turkey Shoot:** Thursday, Dec 13, 7 pm

**Free Practice Ice:** Jan 2-4, 2019 (time TBD)

**Winter Session:** Monday, Jan 7 to Friday, Mar 15

**Ladies Snowman Bonspiel:** Friday, Jan 11, 9 am

**Junior Bonspiel:** Saturday, Feb 2, 2019 (time TBD)

**Men & Ladies Combined Bonspiel:** Feb 22-24, starts at 3 pm on Friday

**Mixed Wind-Up Bonspiel:** Saturday, Mar 9, 9 am

**Wind-Up Dinner & Awards Night:** Saturday, Mar 16, 6 pm

**AGM:** Monday, May 27, 7 pm

## JOINING ALL THE FUN

As a club member you get:

- ☑ League play: Pay to curl once or twice a week then pick your league(s). After you pay for two games/week, you can curl in as many other leagues as your body lets you.
- ☑ Open practice ice: Drop in to practise and perfect your curling moves (in half-hour slots if it's busy).
- ☑ Sparring: If you've paid to curl in a regular league, you can spare in any other league for free (except the Corporate League where you need to pay the \$10 spare fee). Just put your name on the spare list for the league(s) on the bulletin boards.
- ☑ Curl BC membership: You can participate in any Curl BC provincial playdowns.
- ☑ Voting rights: Members in good standing have AGM voting rights and potential for shanghaiing onto the Board of Directors.
- ☑ Volunteer hours: Just contribute four hours during the season to keep our club going and share the load. If you can't or don't wish to volunteer, you can pay an opt-out fee of \$80 to support activities in a financial way.

**Non-members:** You can still play in leagues, practise and spare, but you miss out on the big membership savings!

**Sparring:** Anyone who has not paid to curl in a regular league can spare for \$10 a game. Put your payment in the box at the back of the curling club in the envelope provided; write your name, the league and date you spared on the outside of the envelope. **Note: Brand new curlers get two free games before you need to pay!**

**Missing a game:** If you have to miss a game, please check the board to find a spare and tell your skip as soon as possible.

## GETTING STARTED

Check out our website for lots of Curling 101 info, videos and peculiar terminology. Like most curling clubs, we follow the World Curling Federation rules. (A summary is posted in the washrooms to settle any debates.) But really, rule number 1 is to have fun. Rule number 2, win and lose well. It's just a game and there's always another one! Rule number 3, there's always the bar to make up for missed shots—or be offered consolation for them.

## STAYING SAFE & WELL LIKED ON THE ICE

- ☑ Shake hands before every game and wish your opponents "Good Curling."
- ☑ Step on the ice with your gripper foot first, cool your slider before you get in the hack, rub your belly and pat your head at the same time.
- ☑ Be ready to throw when it's your turn or stand between the hog lines if waiting to sweep while the other team throws.
- ☑ Don't run, move suddenly or dance wildly.
- ☑ If you can't keep up with the rock, wish it well and let it go.
- ☑ Don't let a rock contact a player, or a player contact a player.
- ☑ Avoid distracted curling (e.g., no cell phones, alcohol, really good gossip).
- ☑ Help keep the ice clean: wear clean shoes and clothes that don't shed (synthetics are better than wool), clean your broom often and swear in justifiable amounts.
- ☑ Don't rest your hand or knee (or butt) on the ice for long—it can cause flat spots and nagging not to do it.
- ☑ Shake hands after every game and offer congratulations or thanks for a good game (just say something nice no matter what side of a thumping you find yourself).

## OUR LEAGUES

### **Mixed Day League – Monday and Wednesday mornings (10 am to noon)**

This is a fun and friendly league for all curlers: new, experienced and anywhere in between. All you need to be able to do is play during the day, whether you're retired or have kids in school or work shifts or call in sick. (Sorry, this league is for adults, all you kids still have to go to school.) Most people play both days, but we can usually juggle players only available one day (that is, we juggle the names not actual people). Teams are randomly drawn and subtly engineered for a balance of new(er) and seasoned curlers, plus teams change between the fall and winter sessions so you get to make even more new friends.

### **Corporate League – Monday nights (7 to 9 pm)**

Put together a team of your coworkers for some socializing, friendly competition and libations with other local businesses and organizations. Who knows, you might even get to yell at your boss depending on who's sweeping. Teams need at least four players, in any combination of men and/or women, and they can be the same or different people from week to week (but only four are allowed on the ice at a time!). Or, if your team is short a player, we may have some curlers who can fill out your team. You don't even need to know how to curl—we'll have club members on hand to get you started and you'll catch on pretty quickly! Games are six ends because, hey, work makes people thirsty.

### **Junior League – Tuesday afternoons (3 to 4:30 pm)**

School's over, now all you young curlers (7 to 17 years old) can come play! This league focuses on fun and basic curling skills as you learn the sport, and on fun and more competitive development as you advance. And then you start showing the adult volunteers how it's done! Teams will be

formed based on players' preferred positions and experience, with instruction and real game play and an annual Junior Bonspiel. You'll also have free access to grippers, sliders, brooms, delivery devices, etc. This is waaaaay better than going to the mall (which Oliver doesn't really have, anyways).

### **Ladies League – Tuesday nights (7 to 9 pm)**

Here is where women again prove their mastery of multitasking. Ladies, show how you can learn how to curl or curl better, make new friends and hang out with old familiar ones, compete graciously, compliment teammates and opponents on curling/clothing/hair styles, solve three or four of the world's problems, get some great exercise, and hold several conversations all at the same time. Then continue them afterward in the bar without missing a word. Skips can choose one other player and then the remaining team members are assigned based on good fit of experience and hair colour. Teams may change from fall to winter sessions to maximize conversational opportunities (and adjust for numbers of migrating snowbirds).

### **Mixed League – Wednesday nights (7 to 9 pm)**

This is our grab bag of leagues: it's got a bit of everything and something for everyone. It is for new or experienced curlers, men or women in any combination on a team, brave/foolhardy couples who choose to play on the same team. socializing during and after games, and competition as friendly or fierce as you like. You can put together your own team or we'll find you one. Teams can stay the same or change from fall to winter sessions—it just depends if you end up wanting a (curling) divorce. (We tried to warn you.)

### **Men's League – Thursday nights (7 to 9 pm)**

This full contact curling league is open to all levels of male curlers. Strong ego, thick skin or sense of humour might prove helpful. You can enter your

own team or be placed on a team if there's space. Bribes will be accepted if you want to be put on a good team. Teams can stay together for the whole year or change midway based on who is most annoying. Become part of the legends that get (re)told in the bar every week, year after year after year...!

### Elementary School Program

It is the Oliver Curling Club's mission to teach every Grade 6-7 student in Oliver and Okanagan Falls how to curl! (Resistance is futile!). Every year we offer local schools a series of Learn to Curl sessions: one in-class lesson and three on-ice lessons to practice basic skills and, in the last session, play a short game. We provide all the equipment and volunteers for mentoring, cheering and corralling. We can accommodate mobility needs with a wheelchair ramp and sticks for delivering rocks too. Teachers, contact us to get your classes in on all the fun! Students, tell your teachers you want to go curling! Volunteers, come help us build the next generation of curlers!

### Special Olympics – Wednesday afternoons (2 to 3 pm)

Our Special Olympics program runs once a week with about 10 enthusiastic participants and three or four equally enthusiastic volunteers. These Special Olympians start with warm-up exercises, learn and practice basic curling skills, and then usually finish with a short game. Some seasons we've capped off with a one-day bonspiel and invited other Special Olympics teams from across the Okanagan. Come down to the curling centre to join in the fun and laughter and cheer for the athletes! Anyone interested in joining the Special Olympics program must be developmentally disabled and over 8 years old. Contact Lee Chic, Special Olympics local coordinator, at 250-408-9669 for more information.

## OUR BOARD & REPS

Need more info? You can contact any of us by emailing occ@eastlink.ca or calling 250-498-2244.

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### League Reps:

Mixed Day	Johanne Smith, Faye Kelly & Cathy Thompson
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