

JUVENILE CURLING

Juvenile Boy's and Girl's Curling competitions are conducted by BC's three curling Associations, the BC Ladies Curling Association, the BC Interior Curling Association and the Pacific Coast Curling Association. To be eligible an individual must be no younger than 11 years old at the start of the provincials and no older than 16 as of December 31 in the year prior to the Provincial Finals.



For Juvenile competition, the Province is divided into eight zones (corresponding to the BC Winter Games boundaries). Each zone holds playdown to declare a boy's and girl's representative to advance to the Provincial Championships.

The method of declaring our champions changes each year. In the even years we declare the boys and girls at the BC Winter Games via the BC Games Society. In the odd years the three associations run the BC Juvenile Curling Championships at a site selected in turn by the associations.



To avoid confusion from year to year, the same format and age restrictions are used for the BC Winter Games and the Juvenile Provincial competition. The format is two four team block draws from which two teams each advance to the play-offs.

The 2002 BC Winter Games curling competition was held at the Williams Lake Curling Club.

Medal winners were:

BOYS

	<u>Gold - Terrace</u>	<u>Silver - Langley</u>	<u>Bronze - Quesnel</u>
Skip	Michael Dahms	Rick Miller	Ryan LeBlanc
Third	Carl Haugland	Matt Bell	Nick Sarabyn
Second	Kore Melanson	Bob Miller	Todd Jensen
Lead	Mathew Byorf	Jason Friesen	Dave McGary

GIRLS

	<u>Gold - Maple Ridge</u>	<u>Silver - Elkford</u>	<u>Bronze - Kamloops</u>
Skip	Kirsten Fox	Trysta Vandale	Amanda Nordin
Third	Sarah Wark	Joei Borys	Analysse Krausher
Second	Bethan Dinning	Stephanie Miller	Lori Robillard
Lead	Erin Fox	Brittany Hood	Crista Nordin
Coach	Fred Fox		

2002 INTERNATIONAL TANKARD

Seattle Granite Curling Club

April 5 - 7, 2002

Each year the Pacific Coast Curling Association and the Washington State Curling Association alternate hosting a friendly competition involving six teams from each association. The participating teams are comprised of the executives, directors and other volunteers from each association. This event has become a tradition with the two associations and consists of a series of 5 games, and social events focused on the Spirit of Curling, not on the winning of the games (although even these games are spirited in several ways and scores are indeed recorded).

2002 International Tankard - Seattle, Washington



The purpose of the International Tankard is to help maintain goodwill and feeling of community between the two Associations. In addition, it has become a forum to exchange ideas to the general betterment of curling and serves as a reminder that curling is indeed an international sport. It is an

event, which enables directors and other volunteers to co-mingle and share good "spirit" and information.

All participants are presented with a crest to commemorate their participation in the International Tankard. The Pacific Coast Curling Association hosts the Tankard for two consecutive years, alternating in each of the two zones within the association. Each third year the Washington State Curling Association hosts the event.

The spirit of goodwill was certainly the norm at this year's International Tankard held at the Granite Curling Club in Seattle Washington, April 5 - 7, 2002. Our American friends, led by their President, Greg Tonole, were gracious hosts, even allowing the Canadians to retain the Cup for another year.

Phil and Linda Draper, on their way to the World Curling Championships in Bismarck, North Dakota, fed, hosted and entertained all in an exceptional fashion. The Friday night "finger food" was outstanding, but even it was outdone by the banquet on Saturday night, which was second to none.

The Canadians, representing the member clubs and the Pacific Coast Curling Association Executive were successful in defending the Tankard this year, but cries of "wait till next year" could be heard as we parted.

Great show Seattle Granite Curling Club, you have raised the bar again!

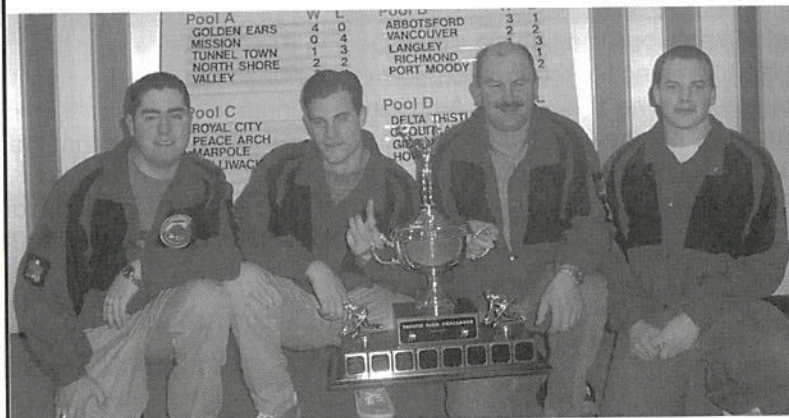
This friendly International competition will head north and west next year to the Vancouver Island community of Cowichan Lake March 21 - 23, 2003. Manager John Elzinga and his staff, along with club members are already preparing to host the Tankard in their Regional Curling Club.



Fourth Annual Pacific Club Challenge

The 4th Annual Pacific Club Challenge, hosted by the Valley Curling Club on March 29th to 31st, 2002, continued the successful history of this popular event. The Pacific Club Challenge began in 1999 and was designed to foster the development of men's club curling, to promote and encourage clubs to hold club championships and to provide club curlers with the opportunity to participate in inter-club and international championship events. The executive, management and members of the Valley Curling Club are to be congratulated for their excellent hospitality costs: Royal City (1999), Golden Ears (2000) and Richmond (2001).

CHAMPIONS



L to R: Jared Wannamaker, Kevan Penonzek, Ken Johnson, Cameron Johnson - Gibsons

Champions from 18 curling clubs participated in this year's Pacific Club Challenge which divides the teams into four boxes of round robin play. Every team won at least one game. The four box winners, two decided by tiebreakers, advance to the championship sudden death playoff. The clubs that participated in 2002 were:

Richmond	Peace Arch	Royal City	Coquitlam
Mission	Chilliwack	Abbotsford	Vancouver
North Shore	Howe Sound	Delta Thistle	Tunnel Town
Gibsons	Golden Ears	Langley	Valley
Marpole	Port Moody		

This represents 18 out of 21 clubs eligible to participate providing strong evidence of the event's popularity and success.

The four qualifiers were the Cal Fister team of Golden Ears (the 2001 Champion), the Ken Watson team of Richmond, the Darrel Hunter team of Peace Arch and the Jared Wannamaker team representing Gibsons. The Wannamaker team and Gibson's Curling Club emerged as this