

JUVENILE CURLING

Juvenile Boys' and Girls' 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 boys' and girls' 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 2003 BC Juvenile Provincial Curling Competition was held at the Langley Curling Club.

Medal winners were:

BOYS

Gold
Royal City

Skip Stephen Kopf
Third Chase Martyn
Second David Pankratz
Lead Mark Bradshaw
Fifth Tristan Welham

Silver
McArthur Island

Darren Nelson
Derek Simpson
Greg Osashi
Graeme Hardaker
David Foucault

Bronze
Prince George

Chris Calder
Ryan Errington
Derek Errington
Jeff Edmondson

GIRLS

Gold
Golden Ears

Skip Sarah Wark
Third Bethan Dinning
Second Ashley Murray
Lead Erin Fox

Silver
Kamloops

Kelsey Samborsky
Tiffany Krausher
Kayla Mitchell
Katie McKee

Bronze
Richmond

Kim Thompson
Kelly Thompson
Cynthia Lu
Kathleen Taylor

2003 INTERNATIONAL TANKARD

Cowichan Lake Regional Curling Club
March 14 – 16, 2003

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).

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.

2003 International Tankard



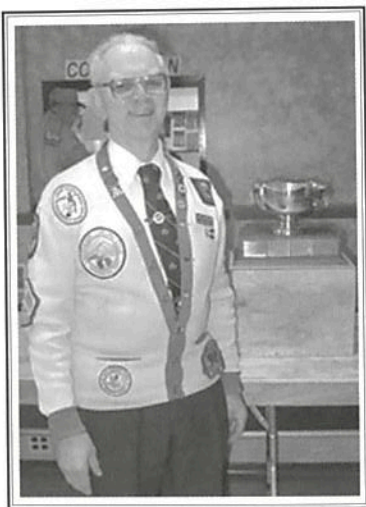
All participants are presented with a crest to commemorate their participation in the International Tankard. The Pacific Coast Curling Association hosts the Tankard for two consecutive years, alternating in each of the two zones within the association. Each third year the Washington State Curling Association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

The spirit of goodwill dominated at this year's International Tankard in Lake Cowichan. Not only was the over all result of the competition a tie, as

witnessed by the picture of WSCA President, Phil Draper and PCCA Director, Richard Bergman sharing the trophy, but the Americans graciously allowed the PCCA to retain possession of the trophy until next year's Tankard in Mission.

The entire Lake Cowichan crew put on a great weekend for all, beginning with the reception on Friday night where everyone got into the delicious munchies. The equally delicious banquet Saturday night, with barbecued steaks, was but a lead-in to the casino experience (everybody was provided with a fistful of play money), and howls of triumph and anguish could be heard as the blackjack dealers, Nanci McArthur, Tracey Clements and Maria Elzinga as well as the wheel spinner, Diane Myrden dished out and raked in stacks of money. At the end, only a few were completely broke, and the winnings were put to use when manager John Elzinga, as the enthusiastic and entertaining auctioneer, sold off various items after some very competitive bidding.

Dave Jenkinson of the Lakewood Curling Club south of Seattle was declared the "International Curler of the Year".



Dave has curled since 1950, when he first stepped on the ice in Calgary, and has remained faithful to the sport ever since, with the past 50 years spent south of the border. A broken back didn't end his curling days, just his sliding days, and he is contemplating taking up the no-lift delivery, to remedy that.

Congratulations Dave

This friendly International competition will head east across the waters next year to the Fraser Valley community of Mission. Planning sessions for the event began already during 4th end breaks in Lake Cowichan, and there's no doubt the Mission Granite Club will continue the tradition of friendly hosts organizing thoroughly enjoyable events

Thank you Cowichan Lake Regional Curling Club, for a memorable weekend!



Fifth Annual Pacific Club Challenge

The 5th Annual Pacific Club Challenge, hosted by the Langley Curling Club on April 4-6, 2003, 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 and to promote and encourage curling clubs to hold club championships and provide club curlers with the opportunity to participate in inter-club championship events. In 2000, the Pacific Club Challenge also became the means of qualifying for the Pacific International Cup. Teams must qualify through a Club Challenge event to be eligible for the trip to an international curling event in Japan awarded at the Pacific International Cup. Each Mainland Curling Association curling club in good standing in the PCCA can enter their men's club champion in the Club Challenge. Team eligibility rules require the team to have curled together in a club league and to be declared by their club, typically through a competition, as the men's club champion. To focus on club curlers, only one player on the team may have won a seniors, mens or mixed zone, or participated in a Grand Slam event in the current or previous year.

Eighteen out of the 21 Mainland Association clubs entered their men's club champions who were divided into four qualifying pools for a round robin playdown. The qualifiers then entered a sudden death championship round with the following results:

- Gold – Peace Arch Curling Club (Darrell Hunter, Art Jaehrlich, Ed Jaehrlich, Mick Mills)
- Silver – Abbotsford Curling Club (Dean Cross, Blair Patterson, Neil Johnston, Gord Bradley)
- Bronze – Vancouver Curling Club (Brian Gessner, Thom Lutes, Lawrence Layton, Jim Graham)
- Fourth – Tunnel Town Curling Club (Dale Larock, Larry Evans, Tom Booth, Bob Fisher)

