



The 47th competition of the International Tankard, a competition shared between Region 11 of Curl BC and the Washington State Curling Association (WSCA), can now be documented in our history books.

The 2009 International Tankard hosted by the Washington State Curling Association, was held at the Seattle Granite Club, Seattle Washington, March 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

The event commenced with a social gathering on Friday evening, in the Club Lounge. A provision of appetizers & no host bar began with President Mike Calcagno of WSCA welcoming all participants. The Opening Ceremonies were held @ 11:00 am Saturday morning with the curling participants piped onto the ice, a group photo followed. Saturday proved to be a bit daunting to the US Teams as Canada was serious about the game without allowing the opposition to score too many ends.

After the dinner banquet we were entertained with a Jazz singer and music. The last draw of the evening took place at 8 pm.

Sunday was competitive but the final draw proved too much for our neighbors. The Tankard has returned home to Richmond with a score of 14.5 to 3.5.

Many friendships were seeded and will continue to blossom in the future. All the participants enjoyed the camaraderie and invite their fellow curlers to pass the message forward. This is a terrific venue for all volunteers of our clubs to be honoured and to renew or build new friendships - hands (or brooms) across the border.

Many thanks to the Washington State Curling Association, Seattle Granite Club and all the participants who made this another successful event.

The International Tankard will return to British Columbia in 2010, with the Langley Curling Club as host.

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