



Region 11 of Curl BC and the Washington State Curling Association (WSCA) partnered to engage in the fellowship of the historical International Tankard hosted by the Langley Curling Club, March 19, 20, 21, 2010.

This event followed closely on the heels of the 2010 Olympics with our Volunteer Attendees (aka) Athletes as our grass root 'Olympians'.

A meet and greet started Friday evening as a social gathering in the Club Lounge. The Opening Ceremonies held Saturday morning with the participants piped (by Scott McLean) onto the ice, guest speakers included His Worship, Mayor Rick Green, who sported an Olympic Torch used in the Torch Relay. This provided participants an opportunity to partake in carrying the torch as well as photo opportunities. The games began and the challenge of points ensued. The US Teams came determined and at the end of the first day, the BC Athletes were trailing. It was hoped the lovely banquet dinner followed by entertainment would quell the determination of the American teams. But alas, the weekend proved to be successful in the eyes of our neighbors, the score: US 11 - BC 6, as the Tankard Trophy returns to the Seattle Curling Club aka Washington State Curling Association for display, after many years of its absence. At the closing ceremonies, the Langley Curling Club presented the next host of the 2011 International Tankard, to the Gibsons Curling Club, a Banner with the International Tankard Crest and name. This gesture is intended to continue as each host club is named at the end of the ceremonies. (A handing over the torch).

Thank you to the Langley Curling Club, the host Committee Members, Washington State Curling Association and to all the participants who travelled great distances to partake in this event. Many friendships began and will continue to be nurtured. All participants enjoyed the camaraderie and invite fellow curlers to pass the message forward. This is a terrific venue of recognition for our volunteers, honouring, renewing &/ or building new friendships - hands (or brooms) across the border.

The 2011 host of the International Tankard is the Gibsons Curling Club, March 18th 19th, 20th. Start canvassing your clubs for submissions of names to the Region 11 International Committee. The earlier the names are submitted the ease of organizing this event. Contact any of the Region 11 International Committee Members for further details.

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