



Tunnel Town Curling Club
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TUNNEL TOWN CURLING CLUB RECORD DOCUMENTS TTCC DETAILED HISTORY

DETAIL HISTORY OF THE CURLING CLUB 2011 - 2020

The Municipality had contractors installed Low “E” reflective insulation on the ceiling of the curling ice area and re-lamped the lighting (with 400 watt Mercury Vapor Bulbs), in April 2011. The municipality paid the full cost (approx. \$16,000 for the ceiling - Jack Drover) of this installation. During the summer of 2011 the municipality had a contractor replace the carpet in the lower lobby with new linoleum, The municipal workers also painted the walls and ceiling of the lower lobby, and the walls of the curling ice area, all white

The club purchased 24 new lockers during the summer of 2011. The club manager installed them in banks of six, back to back, together with 12 of the original lockers, in a north south orientation, along the north side of the lower lounge. The total number of lockers was now 49.

The municipality had a WiFi Router installed in the lower lobby of the curling club during the summer of 2011.

TTCC contracted with Tonmar Janitorial Services to clean the Lobby and Lounge areas for the 2011-12 season.

Tina Betson donated a commercial type popcorn maker to the club in October 2011.

TTCC purchased a new Bar Fridge at a cost of \$2500 (11-09 Bod Mtg), a beer keg fridge for the lounge at a cost of \$3000 (11-09 Bod Mtg), a new cash register, and a new computer for the office during the 2011-12 season.

Delta’s Maintenance Supervisor for the South Delta Recreation Center, Tom Kinch transferred to Delta’s Tilbury facility, and was replaced by Kelly Johnston, on January 9th, 2012.

Tunnel Town hosted The Zone 3 -Lower Fraser Valley, High School Boys & Girls Playdowns January 21-22, 2012. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

Tunnel Town hosted The Zone 3 Masters Men’s 70+ Playdowns January 21-24, 2012. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document

Tunnel Town Curling Club was formed in 1962, to replace the Ladner Curling Club and various commercial leagues that had been curling at the facility in the Hanger at the Boundary

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Bay Airport. 2012 was therefore the 50th Anniversary of the Club. It was decided to hold a special Men's Bonspiel to celebrate this anniversary A Club member, Darcy Heisler solicited sponsorship funds from members and local businesses. He obtained enough donations so that the 40 teams who entered the event were playing for \$10,000 in cash prizes. The team which won the "A" Event received \$2,000, "B" Event got \$1,000 and "C" Event \$800. In addition, at the banquet, a reverse draw was held. The last team out received \$750 in credit for Goldline Curling Supplies, and with all teams receiving at least \$160 in Goldline credits.

A Neil Diamond impersonator called "Nearly Neil" was hired to entertain at the Awards Banquet held on Mar 31, 2012 to help celebrate the clubs 50th Anniversary of the club. Cost was \$2500 including a DJ.

Ron & June Franklin, who were long time members, donated their Official Tunnel Town Curling Club Sweaters from circa 1975 to the club in the spring of 2012. Bob Fisher donated a shadow box, in October 2012, into which the club manager, Sandra Mackinnon placed the two sweaters for display in the Ice Chip Lounge.

Tunnel Town hosted Draw 13 - West Tour, of the Strathcona Cup Centenary (2013) January 12, 2013, involving curling games between four Tunnel Curling Teams and Teams from Scotland. Teams from Scotland and Canada have competed for this cup at five year intervals, alternating between the two countries, since 1909. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

Tunnel Town hosted The Zone 3 -Lower Fraser Valley, High School Boys & Girls Playdowns January 17-19, 2013. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

The contract for cleaning the upper and lower lounges of the club was awarded to Sharon & Randy Lockhart for the 2013-14 season.

The club purchased drapes to cover the window looking into the Ice Arena in October of 2013 and Sandra MacKinnon installed them.

New Club By-Laws were approved at the AGM on April 10, 2013. The most significant changes were that the number of Directors required was changed to a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12, and the number of members present to constitute a quorum at the AGM was changed to 15.

A member, Scott Locke, arranged to have Mark Anthony Brands (Distributors) and Stanley Park Brewing Company team up and donate two 43 inch Samsung flat screen TV's to the club in January of 2014. The two old 37 inch TV's which were purchased in 2006, were sent to recycling.

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The Municipality provided a Defibrillator for the Curling Lobby in March of 2014. The club manager, and one person from each league attended training on its use.

The Club Playoff formats were changed for the 2013-14 season. The Monday night Ladies dropped the Consolation Playoff and all teams went into a modified Single-knockout Championship Playoff but with the Top Three teams having a Double knockout draw.. For Thur. Night Mens, the Top Four Teams went into a Double Knockout Championship Playoff and the next four team into a single knockout in the Championship with first game losers dropping into the Consolation Playoff, which was a Single Knock-out. The Tue Night was similar but with 7 Teams plus one representing the Daytime Master Men. The games were played on the regular league nights. The winner of Tue and Thur Nights then played for the Mens Club Championship. The Wed Night & Fri Night Mixed had a similar Playoff draw but with different numbers of teams and both nights in the same draw. The final games for the Ladies, Mens and Mixed were held on the same night.

The Municipality sent the curling rocks to Thompson Rink Equipment in Winnipeg MB during the summer of 2014 for re-conditioning. The sides of the stones were re-shaped so that the striking bands were made narrower, making them more lively on contact with each other. New handles were also installed. The club members paid \$50 per handle (Total of \$4,800) to have their name and a few words engraved on the new handles, and held fund raising events which raised \$8,816. This money helped pay for the handles and rock re-finishing. The new handles cost \$34.75 each (\$3,753 total) plus engraving, GST & Shipping, and the re-finishing cost \$5,550 plus GST & Shipping

The Club purchased a Jig, (Cost \$150 plus GST & Shipping, plus \$130 for sand paper) for sanding the running surface of the rocks, and four new measuring sticks, (Cost \$475 each plus GST & Shipping) in the fall of 2014. The Club Manager Sandra MacKinnon, and a Member, Dale Larock, cleaned the rocks during the Christmas break with a fine sand paper, and then sanded them with a coarse sand paper on Jan 21 2015.

The contract for cleaning the upper and lower lounges of the club was awarded to Sharon & Randy Lockhart for the 2014-15 season.

In Sept. 2014 the club acquired an LG 54" Flat-screen TV which was donated to them by a member, Scott Locke, who worked for the Stanley Park Brewing Co. The existing large screen was sent to recycling.

For the 2013-14 season the Grand Aggregate Awards for the Men and Mixed Leagues were based on the highest winning percentage during their league games, rather than the most wins. This was a fairer method since because of byes, teams did not all play the same number of league games. Also the final Championship and Consolation games for the Mixed was played on Mar 27, and the Ladies and Mens on the 28th. This avoided conflicts for individuals who were in both finals, as had happened in the previous year.

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The club elected to take the option to extend the lease of the lower and upper lounges from Delta for an additional 5 years in 2015. Delta agreed to no increase in the rental rate for the first 3 years and then only 2% for each of the final two years.

The Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association (PCMCA) which was formed in 1963 to promote curling for men over the age of 60, now includes ladies and mixed competitions, and is an affiliated association of Curl BC. This association requested that TTCC Sr Mens Club change their name to TTCC Masters Club.

The Daytime Master Mens and Mixed Leagues voted to hold a separate Banquet with Award Presentations and Dancing. Their banquet was held on April 2, 2014, in the Upper Lounge of the club. The Wednesday Morning Ladies League held their luncheon on Apr. 8. The Evening Leagues Banquet was held on April 11, 2014 in the South Delta Recreation Centre Gymnasium.

Tunnel town received a \$6,000 grant from the BC Gaming Commission in March 2015.

A long time member of Tunnel Town Curling Club, Ron Hails, completed 50 consecutive years as a member in 2014. He was made an Honorary Life Member on April 2, 2015.

An amendment to the Club By-Laws was approved at the AGM on April 8, 2015. The most significant change was that the new Board of Directors would be elected at the Club AGM and then the Board would elect the Executive from the Board Members at the first Board meeting.

Board of Directors approved, at the May 5 2015 meeting, an agreement with 14 Oranges Software Inc. (Shane Todhunter) to re-design the clubs web-site at an estimated cost of \$12,197. The prime objectives of the modifications were as follows:

1. Make the site accessible by mobile phones.
2. Make registration and payment of dues online possible.
3. Make league game win/loss entries directly online with point totals automatically updated. Completion date was estimated at Aug. 2016, but later revised to July 2017.

The club Manager donated a 54 inch Toshiba TV set to the club in 2015.

Tunnel Town entered a float in, and operated an information booth at, both the May Day Parade in Ladner May 24 & 25, and the Tsawwassen Sun Festival, Aug. 1-3, 2016

Cody Tanaka, who began curling at Tunnel Town with the high school boys in 2007 was awarded the Junior Male Athlete of the year by Curl BC in 2015. Cody had skipped a Langley/TTCC Jr Boys team to the Provincial Finals, and an adult TTCC Mixed Team to the Provincial Playdowns.

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Tunnel town received a \$18,000 grant from the BC Gaming Commission in September 2015.

The club purchased a new Fagor Brand cooler (\$2,929.22) and dishwasher (\$4,013.63) for the lounge bar in September 2015, through a club member. Shipping and electrical upgrades cost another \$1,230.80 for a total cost of \$8,173.64. The club also purchased a new Point of Sale touch screen system for the bar sales, from Touch Bistro, at a cost of \$ 1800 in Sept. 2015.

The club purchased a new computer at a cost of \$1,350 and an office chair at a cost of \$200, in the fall of 2015.

The Municipality installed a new roof on the Curling Rink in Sept 2015.

TTCC had 341 members and 24 juniors, for the 2015/16 season. Novice Leagues with about 24 members each were operated before and after Christmas, with many of these individuals already listed in the regular Member Roster. Evening league fees were \$352 (incl. Curl BC dues), plus HST, for 1 evening, \$502 for 2, and 627 for 3. A daytime league cost \$272 or \$382 for 2 days. The Novice Leagues cost \$100 for one or \$75 each for the two. The Awards Banquet cost an additional \$40.

The contract for cleaning the upper and lower lounges of the club was awarded to Sharon & Randy Lockhart for the 2015-16 season.

Tunnel Town hosted The Zone 11 Mixed Playdowns February 05-07, 2016. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

The Popcorn machine was taken out of service in Feb. 2016 because the supply of popcorn in reasonable quantities was no longer available, but was re-activated for the 2016/17 season.

The club purchased a Pizza Warming Oven for the 2016/17 season at a cost of approx. \$2100.

The contract for cleaning the upper and lower lounges of the club was awarded to Sharon & Randy Lockhart again, for the 2016-17 season.

Tunnel Town received a \$18,000 grant from the BC Gaming Commission for the 2016-17 season.

Tunnel Town hosted The Zone 11 Sr. Men's Playdowns January 13-15, 2017. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

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A Consolation Winner Playoff was re-introduced for the Monday Ladies League for the 2016-17 Season.

An Open League (Teams could consist of any number of men and/or women) was operated on Wednesday evening, in place of a Mixed League, for the 2016-17 Season. The Mixed League Grand Aggregate Trophy was therefore not awarded as only one Mixed League functioned which was on Friday evening.

Tunnel Town hosted The Zone 3 Master Men's 60+ Guy Philips Playdowns January 30-February 01, 2017. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

Honorary Life Member, Bob Fisher, commenced preparing a History of the Tunnel Town Curling Club back in 1995 by speaking to long time members, and researching old Club Meeting Minutes and archived copies of the Delta Optimist News Paper. Since that time he has continually up-dated the history, as well as maintaining numerous other club records. The original portion of the Club History was put on the club website, in 2007, all in one large file. The spring of 2017, with the president's approval, a club member, Shane Todhunter, agreed to put nineteen separate files of Bob's, containing the up-dated Club History and Records, on the website. Shane did this at no cost to the club.

The Club combined the Daytime and Evening League curlers into one group for the Awards Banquette held on April 8, 2017. The Club rented the Ball Room at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf Club for this event. The Wednesday Morning Ladies League continued to hold a separate luncheon. It was held on Apr. 5th.

The Open League continued to play on Wednesday evening for the 2017-18 season.

Tunnel Town hosted The Lower Mainland Zone Sr. Men's & Women's 50+ Playdowns January 26-28, 2018. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

The club's Award Banquet was held at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf club again on April 7, 2018 with approximately 320 members and guests attending. June Franklin was presented with a plaque in recognition of her 50 years of membership and made an Honorary Life Member. A new award, a 30 Year Pin, was presented to fifteen members who had been members of the club for 30 or more years as of March 2019. Bob Fisher had been maintaining a framed document listing all individuals who have been a member of the club for 25 years or more. The board approved his suggestion in March 2018, that a 30 year pin be presented to each member that reaches that milestone.

The city staff painted the walkways around the curling ice in April 2018.

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The club purchased a ten foot by ten foot canopy with the clubs name on it at a cost of \$1200 in the summer of 2018. This canopy was used over the clubs display at the Ladner May Day and the Tsawwassen Sun Festival that year.

The contract for cleaning the upper and lower lounges of the club continued to be with Sharon & Randy Lockhart for the 2018-19 season.

Curling Canada adopted the five rock free guard zone rule for the 2018-19 season. Tunnel Town therefore adopted this rule for all league, playoff and bonspiel play for the same season.

Two 5 game doubles leagues were operated on Saturday afternoon for the 2018-19 season. One before Christmas and one after. A set of six dots for positioning the pre-set rocks were installed in the ice to accommodate these leagues.

Tunnel Town hosted The Lower Mainland Zone Women's Playdowns December 14-16, 2018. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

All of Delta's facilities were closed on the afternoon of December 20, 2018 due to high winds and power outages. Curling was therefore cancelled for that evening.

Tunnel Town hosted The Lower Mainland Zone Men's Playdowns January 26-28, 2019. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

The city hired a contractor (Paladin Security) to installed a closed circuit TV camera over each house on each of the six sheets of ice, and six 42 inch LG monitors above the windows in the lounge. These TV 's can be used to show cable TV programs when not showing the curling houses. This work was carried out in March and April 2019 at a cost of \$37,665 which was paid for by the club. The City will own and maintain this TV system. The two 43 inch Samsung flat screen TV's that had been donated to the club in 2014 will be relocated from the lounge to the lower lobby.

Tunnel town received a \$18,000 grant for operations from the BC Gaming Commission for the 2018-19 season.

The club's Award Banquet was again held at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course. The function which was held on April 6, 2019 was sold out to the rooms seating capacity of 380.

The City of Delta awarded a contract to Klondike Contracting in the spring of 2019 for the Supply and Installation of an elevator for the Recreation Center, and modifications to the Club's upper lounge washrooms and the lower lounge kitchen. The existing Men's and Women's washroom were modified to make room for a Handicap Access Washroom between them. New counters and fixtures were installed in all three of washrooms. The cooking fixtures

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were removed from the lower lounge kitchen so that it could be converted into a Pro-Shop. The washrooms and pro-shop were completed by mid-October 2019, but the elevator was not completed until September of 2020. The cost of this contract was \$1,150,000 which was paid for by the city.

The city purchased a new Ice Scraper Machine in the summer of 2019 to replace the Ice King Machine which had been purchased by the club in 1996. The new machine is a Direct Drive Boss Battery Powered Ice Scraper made by IceMaster Manufacturing. The cost of this machine was approx. \$12,000

TTCC had 442 members including 24 juniors, for the 2019/20 season. Novice Leagues with total of about 36 members operated before and after Christmas, with many of these individuals already listed in the regular Member Roster. Evening league fees were \$375 (incl. Curl BC dues), plus HST, for 1 evening, \$525 for 2, and 650 for 3. A daytime Masters league cost \$210 or \$405 for 2 days. The Wednesday Morning Ladies cost \$295. The Novice League cost \$150. The Awards Banquet Guest Ticket cost an additional \$50.

The contract for cleaning the upper and lower lounges of the club continued to be with Sharon & Randy Lockhart for the 2019-20 season, however they were forced to terminate their work in December 2019 due to health problems. Master Care Janitorial was hired in January to replace them. This firm provided janitorial service to the club until December 2020.

Because of the installation of the closed circuit TV Monitors above the windows in the lounge, in the spring of 2019, the following Heritage Items had to be relocated and re-hung:

- The four Masters plaques over the window to sheet 6, two hung on either side of the house monitor.
 - The Outdoor Bonspiel Painting was hung on the right side of the TV monitor over the window for sheet 3 and the Corn Broom Display was hung on the other side of the monitor.
 - The clock was hung on the left side the house monitor over the window for sheet 4.
- The relocation of these items was carried out by the Heritage Person (Bob Fisher) in October 2019.

Also because of the installation of the TV Monitors the Past Presidents Portraits required re-arranging. With the boards approval Bob Fisher purchased two additional 24" x 36" Frames, had twenty 8" x 10" photos reduced to 5" x 7", and installed ten of the smaller photos in each of the new large frames. These frames were hung on the wall over the window to sheet number two. This left room for twenty 8" x 10" photos of past presidents on the wall over the window to sheet one. These two large frames, were completed and hung in January 2020. The Franklin Sweater Display was hung on the wall at the top of the stair way at this same time.

The club entered into a contract with A&G Creative Group in January 2020, to have the clubs website updated.

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Tunnel Town hosted The Lower Mainland Zone Sr. Men's & Women's Playdowns January 18-19, 2020. Details of this event are contained in Appendix E of the club record document.

The Club entered into a new five year lease agreement with the City of Delta in March 2020.

The club held its first Open Mixed Doubles Bonspiel on March 14 and 15, 2020. A total of twenty teams participated, with five of them being from other clubs.

The Awards Banquet which was scheduled to be held at Tsawwassen Springs on April 4, 2020 was cancelled by the Board of Directors on March 13, due to concerns over the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic. The President issued an email on March 15 stating that although the City was closing the Recreation Centre, the club had been granted permission by the City of Delta to complete the season which was scheduled to end on March 28. The President issued another email on March 16th indicating that the season had been terminated and that members could visit the facility between 10 am and 4 pm on March 17 to 19 to clean out their lockers. That was how fast situations were changing with the onset of the Virus Pandemic.

No League Champions or Consolation winners were determined for the 2019-20 season because the final two weeks of the season were cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Also the final rounds of the daytime Master's League, Wednesday Morning Ladies League and the Friday Morning Mixed League were not completed.

The T.T.C.C. Board of Directors conducted a online survey of the 2019-20 season membership in August 2020 to determine how many would be interested in curling in the 2020-21 season during the COVID-19 Pandemic with necessary health safety adjustments to the game. Approximately 70% of the responders indicated that they would return.

The City's contract for the installation of an elevator and wheelchair accessible washroom in the lounge was finally completed in September 2020.

The T.T.C.C. Board of Directors had a plan for operation of the curling club during the COVID-19 Pandemic approved by Curl BC on September 1, 2020.

Curling commenced at the club on October 5th, with all of the regular leagues returning, but with about a thirty five percent drop in membership. The following is a brief summary of the main changes to the rules and club operation which were implemented to comply with COVID-19 safety requirements:

Players had to enter the rink via the east exit door, and exit through the north exit door at the bottom of the stairs.

Players were required to sign a health declaration before each game.

Players had to wear masks at all times in the building unless on the ice or sitting at

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a table in the lounge.

Each team had to disinfect the handles of their rocks before the game.

Only one person could sweep their teams rock between T-lines.

Scores were kept on a small board which could easily be disinfected.

Players must stay six feet apart on the ice.

The bar stopped serving drinks at 10pm.

Sweeping rule was changed on October 28 to allow a relay sweeper to take over between the Far Hog Line and the Back Line, but still only one sweeper at a time.

New COVID-19 Guide Lines were issued on Nov. 8th as follows:

Players must wear masks at all times including during play.

Only one sweeper was allowed but they could sweep their teams rocks from T-Line to Back Line.

The lounge was closed until at least November 23rd.

The club President issued an email on December 3, 2020 stating that in response to the new Public Health Order issued on December 2, because of the growing number of COVID-19 cases in BC, that effective immediately, TTCC would be closed until further notice.

The club manager issued an email on January 17, 2021 stating that the Board of Directors had approved Member Only practice, effective January 19th. Practice to be by reservation only. For adults 1 person for sheet, or two if from the same household. For persons under the age of twenty two, 4 persons plus 1 coach, per sheet.

The Club President issued an email on February 17 stating that due to COVID-19 Public Health Orders, the Club would be closing effective February 27, 2021.

The club Manager issued an email on March 16, 2021 indicating how members, who had curled in the shortened 1020-21 season, could apply for a refund or credit of 55% of the curling fee which they had paid.

TTCC has approved ten "Honorary Life Members" since 1959 as of 2020. A brief biography for each of them are contained in a separate portion of the Record Documents.

The Club has had approximately 17 Managers between 1962 and 2020, including two wives who were co-managers with their husbands, and a brief biography on those which were available for input are contained in another section of the Club Records.

TTCC has elected 52 Presidents between 1959 and 2020, including two who only served partial terms, and three who were Presidents of the Ladner Curling Club. A brief biography on most of them is contained in Appendix "B". The Ladies and Senior Men's Club Presidents are listed with their Directors in Appendix "C".

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TTCC has hired their own Bartenders since leasing the Bar from the municipality in 2004. Marie Rose and Terry Douglas shared the majority of this work over the first couple of years. Amber Haklander took some shifts in late 2006. Al Lee and his son Mike were hired in 2007? And continued to work through the 2010-11 season. Gary Smith was added to the bar staff for the first half of 2010. Al and Mike were replaced by Becky and Jamie Campbell in late February of 2011. Jeff Head was hired for the 2011-12, 2012-13 &2013-14 seasons. Lisa Gallant was hired for the 2014-15 season, and returned for 2015-16. Theresa Prest was hired in November 2015 as the regular bartender, but Lisa who no longer wished to work full time, continued to work part time. Sheril McLean and Tiffany Chan were hired for the 2016/17 season. Theresa Prest continued to do one shift per week. A member, Pam Langham also did one shift per week in 2016/17. Sheril McLean, & Joanna Salley were the main bartenders for 2017/18, with club member Ron Dulco taking one or two sifts per week. Sheril McLean, Joanna Salley and Sydney Allen were the bartenders for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons. Sydney Allen worked in the bar for the one month that it operated in the 2020-21 season.

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