



Tunnel Town Curling Club  
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## Tunnel Town History 2022-2023

Board of Directors: The Executive includes Rick Gillis (President), Neil McLennan (Vice-President), David McCulloch (Treasurer) and Clarice Brabbins (Secretary). Remaining Board members are: Mary Kay Thurston, Peter Holloway, Mike Russell, Mallory Wilkins.

Club Historian, Bob Fischer.

Club Manager, Sandra Boisvert (formerly, McKinnon). Bar staff included Rick, Terri and Dianne.

Opening Night on Friday, September 23, 2022 was a welcome event, after many interruptions to our curling schedule over the past 2 years due to COVID restrictions.

It was also a big year as Tunnel Town Curling Club celebrated its 60th year in our community!!!

Once again, we were successful in obtaining a grant from the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The \$10,000 grant was used to purchase new curling equipment for our senior curlers (eg: sticks, protective head gear, stabilizers, grippers, etc).

We also received a \$25,000 Community Gaming Grant to be used to offset operating costs.

With the return to normal operations, we also saw the return of Try Curling Clinics, Learn to Curl Programs, and private events throughout the season. The juniors program also returned with members of the Master League volunteering their time to mentor and assist with instruction.

This year our men's bonspiel was held in October to avoid any potential closure due to COVID, and to accommodate the Strathcona Cup, but will revert to January next year. Our Mixed Bonspiel was held in November with a total of 16 teams participating. We are confident that we will have a full house for next year's bonspiel as life returns to "normal".



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In January we hosted curlers from Scotland for the Strathcona Cup, the world's oldest curling competition between male curlers from Scotland and Canada. The event happens every five years. One country hosts the tour every 10 years, with Canadian teams traveling to Scotland for one tour and a Scottish team touring Canada for the other.

Tunnel Town hosted the first game of the tournament on January 12, 2023, as well as the opening banquet. Four teams were assembled from amongst our members.

In February, the Ladies' Bonspiel incorporated a Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser. This resulted in a \$2,000 donation to the BC Breast Cancer agency on behalf of the participants. Many thanks to our Club Manager, Sandra McKinnon for spearheading this initiative!

The Shake Your Shamrocks Open Doubles Bonspiel in March 2023 was a sellout with 5 teams on the waitlist.

The season was wrapped up with our 60th Anniversary Gala, held at the new Cascades Casino in Delta.

Daniel Boisvert was the recipient of the Special Recognition Award for 2022/2023. Dan was the leading force in bringing the Strathcona Cup to our club in January 2023. Without his hard work and commitment, we would not have had the opportunity to host this event. A great time was had by our visitors from Scotland and the event was well attended and supported by our Club members. Dan has also been a long time supporter of our Junior Program, including sponsoring juniors who are now performing at a higher level, such as Connor Deane and his team.

*Further information:*

*Refer to Tunnel Town League Winners & Champions 2022-2023*

*Refer to Tunnel Town Bonspiels Winners 2022-2023*