



Tunnel Town Curling Club
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Tunnel Town History 2024-2025

Board of Directors: The Executive included Rick Gillis (President), Neil McLennan (Vice-President), David McCulloch (Treasurer) and Carole Dias (Secretary). Remaining Board members were: Clarice Brabbins, Mary Kay Thurston, Ron Phillip and Murray Pratt. Clarice Brabbins has assumed the role of Club Historian and will be supported by long time Club Historian, Bob Fischer. Our long time Club Manager is Sandra Boisvert.

The Club's lease with the City of Delta was renewed for an additional term of 5 years. The City of Delta also contributed to the purchase of new chairs for the Ice Chip Lounge!

Another new addition to the Club was removable hacks, which will facilitate ice preparation.

We have implemented the "no tick" rule, which was adopted by Curling Canada for the 2023-2024 season and also now adopted by Curl BC.

We received a \$25,000 Community Gaming Grant for the purpose of offsetting our annual operating costs.

Membership increased by approximately 15% with just under 400 members.

The 2024/2025 season kicked off on September 20, 2024 with Friday night Mixed League Curling. In addition to the Friday Night Mixed, evening leagues this year include: Ladies, Men's (2 nights), Open & Novice. In addition we have Ladies Curling on Wednesday AM, Stirling Curling on Friday AM and Friday Daytime Curling for 50 Plus.

Turkey Toss Fun Spiel was the first event of the season on Saturday, October 5, 2024, a "hatted" event including contests, prizes and a lunch.

A Mixed Bonspiel was held in November, Men's in January, Ladies in February and a Doubles Spiel in March.



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This year the Club hosted a 2024 Xmas Funspiel during the day on Wednesday, December 18th. Players were assigned to mixed teams and rotated positions throughout the 2 - four end games. A skills competition was also included. The curling was followed by a Chinese Food Buffet.

Rick and Julie Gillis once again planned and coordinated the Eggnogger, a fun casual event held during the Christmas break.

Another successful Men's Bonspiel was held January 10-12, 2025

The Ladies' Bonspiel on February 7-9, 2025 had a fundraising goal of \$10,000 for Breast Cancer Research and Support. Officially branded "Curl for the Girls", the "el Tropicana" themed event raised over \$17,300 for the Canadian Cancer Society! This contribution will go towards supporting breast cancer research and care in British Columbia, making a tangible difference in the lives of those affected.

In late February, the club received our new lounge chairs, which were a welcome and refreshing addition to the Club! Purchase of the chairs was partially funded by a \$20,000 grant from the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The cost of the chairs was also partially shared by the City of Delta under a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement.

Our Try Curling Clinics, held throughout the year, led to a significant number of participants in our two Learn to Curl Programs which commenced in October and in January.

KinVillage hosted a Community Curling fundraising event on February 22, 2025, which we hope will be the first of many.

The first weekend of March was also the championship weekend for the Brier, which was held this year in Kelowna. Tunnel Town was well represented with 30+ fans from our Club attending the event. As a result, several make-up games were scheduled for the Friday Night Mixed League.



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The Shake Your Shamrocks Doubles Spiel was held on the weekend of March 15 and 16, 2025, with 24 teams participating (6 out of club teams) and several more teams on the “waitlist”. The Winners were Brent and Carole Clarke.

An End of Season Funspiel was also held on March 21, 2025 using the same format as the Xmas Funspiel, followed by a Chinese Buffet.

Latino Curling Day was held again this year on March 23, 2025. A fun event for our Latino community, led by Peter Holloway with the support of Spanish speaking volunteers.

The Sleeman’s Lower Mainland Curling Club Championships (Inaugural event) took place over the weekend of April 25-27, 2025. Tunnel Town sent 4 teams to represent our club in the Men’s, Women’s, Open/Mixed and Novice events.

In Memoriam:

Charlene Nunes Blanchard, long time club member, board Secretary and recipient of a Special Recognition Award, passed away in June 2024.

Phil Savard, also a long time member, past President, and recipient of a Special Recognition Award, passed away in July 2024.

News was received in May 2025 of the passing of Lorne Purchas. Lorne, and his wife, Joan, were recognized with Honorary Life Time Memberships in 2024 for their 50 plus years as members of Tunnel Town Curling Club.

Further information:

Refer to Tunnel Town League Winners & Champions 2024-2025

Refer to Tunnel Town Bonspiel Winners 2024-2025