

Roar of the Rink

NANAIMO

CURLING CLUB

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Meet Nanaimo Curling Centre's new manager, **Andrea Trepanier**

Our wonderful manager Denise Wood retired in June after 20 years of being Nanaimo CC's manager. We will miss Denise very much! We are very fortunate to have an excellent new manager – Andrea Trepanier. Let's learn a little more about Andrea and her role as club manager.



Andrea has been curling since 1982, when she won Rookie of the Year at the Red Cliff Curling Club in Alberta. She curled in Midway BC, Grande Prairie AB, and Red Cliff AB before joining Nanaimo CC in 2008. At NCC, Andrea curls in Tuesday Business Women's, Sleeman 6 Pack and Thursday Women's Open leagues – "as many as I can fit in this year!!"

Andrea's past job experience includes, "working in the restaurant and tourism industry, logging industry, oil and gas industry and sport team management in the hockey industry. All of these were from a financial and managerial perspective and I really enjoyed owning my own industrial instrumentation company while in Grande Prairie, Alberta." What unique skills does Andrea bring to her new role? "I have spent the past 8 years living in an ice rink during the working hours, which were many in the hockey season, so I know how a rink operates and the demands of a seasonal job." She adds, "I have numerous fun stories about our hockey fans and I know I will add to that repertoire with the many great folks of the Nanaimo Curling Club." (Continued)

Mark Your Calendar

September 4
 Office and Online Registration
 Opens

September 27
 Regular League Play Begins
 (Check website calendar for details)

October 6
 Intro to Curling - Youth 10 am
 - Adults 1 pm

October 10
 Novice Adult Program 7 pm
 Intro to Curling - Adults 7:30 pm

October 12 – 14
 Sleeman Season Starter Bonspiel

Volunteers Needed

Our club is hosting the BC Masters Provincial Championship from March 5 – 10, 2019. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact event chair April Gale-Seixeiro at 2019BCMasters@nanaimocurlingclub.ca or 250-585-5306 if you would like to help out. All volunteers are welcome regardless of age, curling familiarity, or time commitment. We'll work with you to find the right role for you. Thank you!



Andrea Trepanier (continued)

We asked Andrea what her new role as NCC manager entails, and she responded “It is a big facility that hosts many events, not just curling. Booking and organizing those events and managing the staffing for all events and regular curling are part of my job. Ensuring the ice and equipment are maintained and operated safely and efficiently. Providing service and equipment in our Pro Shop. Maintaining relationships with our facility partner, the City of Nanaimo. Taking instruction and directives from the Board of Directors and following through. Keeping accurate records of all financial matters for the club. Ensuring all of our members have a great experience at our club.....and everything including the kitchen sink if it needs to be done!” If you’re a new curler, Andrea can help you with “registration, choosing an appropriate league for your skill level, coaching (I am a certified coach), assistance with equipment selection and purchases, information about volunteering and membership, even tying a shoelace.....” In short, Andrea is our best resource for information and assistance with all things NCC.

Andrea jumped right in to her new job and has already implemented some items that will be noticed by all NCC members. She also has some strong plans for the coming season. “I have spent July and August updating our technology at the club. I hope our members will be happy to be able to use a credit or tap debit card at our bar now, and to be able to register online for their leagues. Inventory management for the Pro Shop is now done through a computerized inventory system. We will provide better, more accessible services throughout the club because of these upgrades. Once our season is in full swing, I hope to focus more on sponsorships in our community and ways to increase our revenue streams so we can more easily afford to upgrade our equipment and maintain our facility.”

While we are very fortunate to have excellent club managers, both past and present, at NCC, there are still many opportunities for our members to give back to our community through volunteer work. Andrea notes, “We are always looking for volunteers to help with league organization, bonspiel coordination and program coaching and facilitating. Please contact me any time if you have any interest and I can explain in more detail what these jobs entail. There are also always small projects to maintain our facility that need handy helpers. Never be afraid to ask if there is something you can do to help your club. Every little bit matters.”

Andrea’s current office hours at the club are 10 am to 5 pm weekdays. Her office hours will change once the season starts – keep an eye on our website (www.nanaimocurlingclub.ca) for details. To reach Andrea, call her any time at 250-713-6312 or email her.

NEW DOUBLES LEAGUE

Starting this fall, the Nanaimo Curling Club will have an Open Doubles league on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM. October 15th and 22nd will be clinic sessions to learn the rules of play and practice. League play will begin October 29th. Sign up now to enjoy this exciting new Olympic sport! You can learn more about mixed doubles at:

<https://www.curling.ca/about-the-sport-of-curling/getting-started-in-curling/what-is-mixed-doubles-curling/>

How is your Curling Vocabulary ?

According to the Oxford English Dictionary:

SOOP (v.) To assist the progress of (a curling-stone) by sweeping the ice in front of it.

The word *soop* comes from the Old Norse *sópa* (compare Norwegian and Swedish *sopa*), and is related to Old English *swāpan*, meaning ‘to sweep’. Although the commonly used word now is *sweep*, the first citation for *soop* in the *OED* is from 1805, where the earliest citation for *sweep* in the context of curling is from 1811,

SLEEMAN SEASON STARTER BONSPIEL

Kick your curling season off with a Cash Bonspiel. This is an OPEN bonspiel, all teams welcome, \$280 per team includes banquet and dance on Saturday evening. Happening the weekend of October 12th to 14th. Register online

at <https://squareup.com/store/nanaimocurlingclub>
Start date and times will depend on the number of teams registered. Prizes will be determined based on team registration. Any Nanaimo members willing to pitch in to help assist with this bonspiel, please contact the office at 250-753-3474 or email manager@nanaimocurlingclub.ca