

Evergreen Curling Club Launches Fundraising Campaign for Dedicated Curling Ice

Evergreen Curling Club has launched a fundraising campaign to secure a dedicated curling facility in the Portland-Vancouver area. The campaign is titled DIY -- Dedicated Ice in a Year. The Club was founded in 2002 and plans to celebrate their 10th anniversary in a new facility in 2012. A dedicated facility will allow the Club to offer curling opportunities to the community seven days a week.

A fundraising dinner to kick-off the campaign will be held March 26th at 6:30 at the East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave., in Portland for members and friends of Evergreen Curling. For more information, or to contribute, please contact Kris Klinkhammer at kklinkhammer@gmail.com.

Evergreen Curling Club currently curls at the Lloyd Center in downtown Portland. The Club holds leagues on Sunday and Tuesday evenings from September through May, and spring leagues for both experienced curlers and novices began in March. Evergreen Curling Club holds frequent open houses for people wanting to give curling a try. It is anticipated that open houses will begin in September at the start of the new curling season.

"Curling is an inclusive sport where people of all ages and abilities compete with each other. Men and women play on the same team as well as against each other," said Steve Liske, President. "The Club held a Junior Curling program in March, and we have curlers with disabilities that participate in regular leagues. In addition to the physical benefits, curling is also social. Every game begins with a handshake, players call their own rules infractions, competitors congratulate each other regularly."

Four members of Evergreen (Eleanor Robertson, Yvonne Perceval, Kathy Placek and Kendall Speten-Hansen) recently represented MOPAC (Mountain Pacific) in the US Club National Championships in Mankato, MN, March 5-12. The Robertson rink were co-winners in the MOPAC Women's Club Championships held January 15-17 at Seattle's Granite Curling Club along with the Messier rink from Hollywood (CA) Curling Club.

In addition to the Hollywood team, teams from Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin also participated in the national tournament held by the United States Curling Association.

For more information on curling opportunities, please see the club's website at www.evergreencurling.org.