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Tall Ship Crew to Reenact 1847 Curling Match with Curling Club

Tall ships the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain are coming to town for the Rose Festival then to Washougal, Washington, but before they leave, some of their crew will be hitting the ice to reenact an 1847 curling match. Thanks to Fort Vancouver National Park Service, the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain for making this event possible.

According to the journal entry records of Hudson's Bay Company employees at Fort Vancouver,

*"February 11th, 1847: The weather continues the same.
A curling match was held today."*

Matches took place when visiting ships such as the Modeste from Britain stayed at Hudson's Bay Company Fort Vancouver.

Evergreen Curling Club in Portland contacted representatives of the visiting tall ships. They challenged them in a curling match to reenact the historic event with the assistance of the National Park Service at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. The crew and locals will don appropriate costumes, and you're sure to see some old-fashioned corn brooms.

Catch the event in Portland at Lloyd Center Ice in the mall on Tuesday, June 12th, from 7:30-9:30 pm. It's free to watch, but there is a small fee to join in the curling fun.

EVENT FAST FACTS:

Event Name: 1847 Curling Match Reenactment
Time/Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Location: Lloyd Center Ice Rink, 953 Lloyd Center, Portland, OR, 503-288-6073
Invited: All age groups (Under age 18 will need a signed parental release)
Cost for viewing: Free
Cost to get on the ice: Free to crew of tall ships & participants of reenactment;
\$10 for Evergreen Curling Club members; \$20 for non-members
Wear: Loose fitting clothing and sneakers (equipment provided)
Links: www.evergreencurling.org
<http://ladywashington.org/>
http://www.co.clark.wa.us/aboutcc/proud_past/curling.html

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