



- Anniversary merchandise featuring the 50th logo will be for sale in January. Vests, shirts, hats and jackets will be made available before/after league play.
- Our decorating committee has done a great job of resurrecting and displaying many of our wonderful photos of past and current activities at our club. Take time out to look over the many interesting shots they have posted and browse through the historical albums displayed upstairs.
- We have also completed our first WEB Albums. There are currently three Galleries (Past Presidents, the 2008 Christmas Float and the 2008 Golden Hammer) set up on the WEB ([www.comoxvalleycurling.com](http://www.comoxvalleycurling.com)) that you can view from the comfort of your home. If you have any digital (.jpg .bmp or .gif type files) photo essays of the club or its historical activities, please contact Dee Horie ([pdhorie@shaw.ca](mailto:pdhorie@shaw.ca)) or Sharon Walker ([sharonwalker@shaw.ca](mailto:sharonwalker@shaw.ca)) to include them in the new Gallery.

# CVCC Newsletter

**AS WE REMINISCE DOWN MEMORY LANE,** the Comox Valley Curling Club saw many 'firsts' in its fledgling years. The 1st Men's Club President was Frank Wortman and for the Ladies, Sisel Crawford. Dues were \$25.00 with \$15 for the membership and \$10 for curling fees. The 1st Open Bonspiel was April 1, 2, and 3, 1960 with 32 rinks and an entry fee of \$20. The ladies catered to the Men's Open Bonspiel in the upstairs of the Curling Club and it was noted in the archive minutes as "primitive conditions". It was in the early days that club sweaters for the ladies were chosen featuring royal blue with white trim. The theme carries on to this day. Another first, an 8-ender recorded by the rink of Mabel and Lois McClure and Donna and Millie McKay in February, 1960. In March, 1975, CVCC hosted the first National Championship, the Corby Cup, with veteran Bob Pickering of Saskatchewan winning the event.



From the early '60's, Ken Aitken, who took over from Eric Chayko as part-time rink manager, was very instrumental in the management of the Curling Club from ice making and maintenance to bar chairman. He was the Men's President in 1961 and Club President in 1961-62 and has held several terms as Rink Chairman. Ken has become an icon at the curling club and can still be relied upon for knowledgeable advice and many great stories!

Another first in the 1980's was CVCC winning 1st prize in the annual Christmas Parade with their "Snow Carnival" float. The size of that curling rock was gigantic! The new addition to the club had its official opening following the Shorty Bonspiel, November, 1972. In 1974, a liquor license was obtained with the installation of the upstairs washrooms. Beer was 50 cents and drinks, 70 cents. Oh, those were the days! More nostalgia will be featured in the next issues, so stay tuned...



CVCC Float in 2008 Christmas Parade

## Current Events

The **50th Anniversary** festivities of the Comox Valley Curling Club will take place February 6th and 7th, 2009 at the Curling Club. Friday will feature wine and cheese at our Open House "Meet and Greet". Plenty of activities are planned for the weekend with member recognition, presentations and fun games. All leagues will be involved in providing gift baskets for our fund raiser, "The Loonie Auction". We will have more information to follow shortly. The gala will conclude on Saturday night with a dinner and dance to live music. Limited tickets are very reasonable at \$35.00 per person and will be available at the start of the January curling season. In consideration of our members, the 50th Anniversary Committee has arranged with a local high school to provide designated drivers for this occasion. So mark this off on your calendar and we'll see you there!

## CVCC HOSTED:

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| 1975 | Elks Corby Cup Playdowns                           |
| 1986 | Scott Tournament of Hearts<br>Provincial Playdowns |
| 1987 | Island Junior /Juvenile Playdowns                  |

*Happy Holidays* 

