



- Painting will be ongoing. The main level is finished in club colours with revamped bulletin boards framed in blue. New colours and mirrors spruce up the lower washrooms. Entrance doors have been painted and silhouettes of curlers, young and old, flank the entrance walls.
- Club pictures are regrouped in the upper lounge area.
- Newsletters with history of past 50 years compiled.
- CVCC will enter a float in the Comox Valley Christmas Parade 29th on 5th Street, Courtenay starting at 10 AM. The theme of the float will feature the 50th Anniversary of the Curling Club.



# CVCC Newsletter

**FIFTY YEARS AGO** in the Comox Valley, there was a group of prairie expatriates, the Wetaskinites, who longed for something more indicative of winter than golf greens, sailing and fishing. The call of curling was clearly on their minds if not in their blood. Through their drive and vision, an active fund raising campaign was started.

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"tremendous" projected profits from curling. Two hundred and forty five \$100 dollar interest free bonds were sold in the valley, which at the time, pretty well included every soul that could raise \$100.00 and some that couldn't. Nevertheless, the tenacity of the volunteers raised \$28,000 which was put towards the \$130,000 cost of the building. The curling rink was built through the

dedicated efforts of many people, particularly members of the Exhibition Association, the late Myrtle Vickburg,



manager of the

Credit Union who provided a \$65,000 mortgage and the help of numerous volunteers. In 1957, Don Sinclair, Archie Dick, George Selby, Harry Cornwall, Frank Wortman and Don Good rolled up their sleeves to turn the first shovelful of sod for the new Exhibition building.

On January 31, 1959 the doors to the Comox Valley rink opened and curling has been "sweeping the Valley" ever since.



Rink Under Construction

## Current Events

Check out the "Archives" bulletin board for a glimpse of the past history of the Comox Valley Curling Club. Starting with the 1960's and continuing on to this fiftieth year, a journey down memory lane will be brought to you through a collage of past newspaper articles and pictures of notable events.

Our thanks to Lynda Lee Root, Sandra Gallaway and the many volunteers for researching the volumes of albums and historical data. The scrapbooks and albums will be available for you to browse through at a later date. The decorating committee is planning to construct a viewing shelf which will be located upstairs opposite the ladies washroom. Stay tuned for more on the 50th Anniversary plans in the next newsletter.

## CVCC HOSTED:

- 1962 First Ladies Playdowns
- 1965 Tankard Bonspiel
- 1966 O'Keefe Playoffs
- 1968 O'Keefe Island Final Playdowns

