

Update on the World Men's Curling Tournament

Need for Volunteers – A lot of volunteer help will be needed prior to, and during the week of the World Men's Curling Championship. Committee chairs and other lead people are in full swing with planning for the tournament. Most committees still don't have a completely clear picture of exactly what will happen during the Worlds, and probably won't until things start to unfold. For this reason, please don't get discouraged if it seems like nothing is happening. Many of us are planning to take work time off during the week, because there will be a lot of work to do, and there should be a lot of fun things happening.

There is still time to sign up to volunteer. Sign up sheets are available at the GF Curling Club, or you can sign up on-line on the Ralph Engelstad Arena site, www.worldmenscurling2008.com, or at the REA.

Non GF curling club people are also encouraged to volunteer. For a small fee of \$50, volunteers will receive a free pass to all games, an Asham jacket, and a guaranteed good time!

Thanks to all who plan to volunteer.

NEED FOR COMMITMENT FROM THE GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB

- The Curling Club stands to make a fair or even a substantial profit from this event.
- **The compressor and heat exchanger for the GF Curling Club ice system will need to be replaced, hopefully by next year.**
- **By working extra hard at the Worlds, the club should be able to avoid raising membership rates next year, or doing a major fund raiser.**
- **The primary money makers for the Curling Club (the 50-50 and cleanup) are also in need of the most volunteers. Therefore, the Board has proposed each league will be responsible for 50-50 sales and cleanup on specified days during the Worlds. The Tuesday night Women's league will work each game on Sat. and Sun., April 5 & 6th. The Monday night Men's league will work the Mon. and Tues. games on the 7th and 8th of April. The Wed. league will work Wed. ,April 9th, and the Thurs. league April 10th. If there are games on Fri., April 11th, the Wed. and Thurs. leagues will work them. The youth leagues will take care of cleanup on Sat. and Sun. April 12 & 13, and Wed. and Thurs. leagues will do the 50-50. League chairs will be in charge of volunteers on their specified days, and skips will be given the responsibility of making sure each team does their fair share.**

- A major success could help with further renovations to the 50 year old GF Curling Club building, such as an upper level addition, or if we dream big, a down payment on a new club.
- How much will the Curling Club make on the event? Estimates range from \$10,000 on up, with more likely estimates in the \$20,000 range.
- This event is co –sponsored by the GF Curling Club and Ralph Engelstad Arena. It is up to both of us to do whatever we can to make this event as good as possible.
- A successful Worlds tournament in Grand Forks will have a positive effect on Curling in Grand Forks, and the United States. Clubs are sprouting up all over the U.S. , according to the USCA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

50-50 Committee – Raffle licenses have been applied for, and raffle tickets have been purchased from a local print shop. Lead people will be needed to coordinate sales during the curling events. There will be a cumulative 50-50 raffle that will start around March 1st, and end the day of the finals, and there will be match 50-50 raffles that will start before each event and be completed by the 5th end break of each match. Up to 30 volunteers are expected to be needed during most matches, and possibly more during main event matches.

HOSPITALITY

Volunteers are still needed for ushering, information booths, etc. More will be coming out soon on these areas.

The Broken Broom lounge will be very busy after main events. Volunteer names are needed for help in this area. League chairs who will be in charge of the 50-50 and cleanup crews, may be asked to send a few volunteers to help man the bars when it gets busy.

CLEANUP

Cleanup crews will be assigned, as mentioned above. All members are urgently needed to do their duty in this area. Many hands will make this job go much easier for everyone, which will be greatly appreciated.

TRANSPORTATION

More drivers are needed. We are short at least five drivers for teams and officials. Drivers will be put on set schedules.

DECORATING

Setting up the Broken Broom Lounge in the Olympic ice arena at the REA will begin the Thurs. before the Worlds. Volunteers will be needed to set up decorations and seating in the lounge area, locker rooms, and corridors at the REA.

OTHER COMMITTEES

There are other committees that will also need additional volunteers. The next update should have more specific volunteer information available.