



Volunteer News

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You're Invited! Volunteer Rally

**Sunday, Sept. 23
10:00 am**

**Saanich
Commonwealth Place**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Volunteer Uniform Sizing
- Accreditation Photos
- Collection of Volunteer Fees (\$100) – Cash, Cheque, Debit, Visa & MasterCard accepted
- Come and meet your Executive, Event Manager and Staff
- Refreshments served

If you are unable to attend then please let us know by sending an email to mspeakman@curling.ca.

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We know all too well the important role that volunteers play in a communities success.

For as long as we can remember, at Save-On-Foods we've actively supported the communities in which



we do business, focusing our efforts on local events like the Ford World Men's Curling Championship. We know all too well the important role that volunteers play in the success of community events. Victoria is a city that is known for its dedicated and enthusiastic network of volunteers and we're pleased to be a part of this event, supporting them in any way we can. After all, our communities support us too. So whether it's through participation in local sporting events, charities or community services, we're there.

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If you can't attend the September Volunteer Rally

If you miss the September volunteer rally, do not worry. We will be sending out an email that will have a list of times for you to come into the office and complete all of the administrative items. This includes paying the Volunteer Fee. If you are an out of town volunteer do not worry either. This email will also talk about how you can get your administrative items completed over the phone. This email will go out after the first volunteer rally. Thank you.

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COMMUNITY PARTNER

For those volunteers who are travelling to Victoria for the 2013 Ford World Men's Curling Championship, feel free to be in touch. Tourism Victoria will be able to help you with all of your accommodation needs.

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History, tradition and the secrets of curling on Vancouver Island...



Glen Meadows Curling Club history since 1977

By Percy N. Criddle

Percy Criddle and his family moved to North Saanich from Manitoba in the year 1960. Percy's desire was to build a championship golf course which he did. Glen Meadows Golf and Country Club was opened for play on August 14, 1965. Percy and some of his family were avid golfers but Percy also loved curling. There were no curling facilities on the Saanich Peninsula in the 1960's and 70's so Percy, his wife Rae and four of their children Perry, Ron, Jo-Ann and Larry traveled to Playland in Royal Oak (Victoria) where they helped start a new league from Glen Meadows. The response was very encouraging.



Rae and Percy Criddle at the opening of the Glen Meadows Curling Club in the winter of 1977.

Although there had been much discussion regarding building a curling rink in Sidney or North Saanich, nothing ever materialized. Percy and his family discussed the situation and decided that a curling rink at Glen Meadows was a natural addition to the club. There was already an 18 hole golf course, three tennis courts, and a clubhouse with all amenities plus staff to service everything.

In the winter of 1977 a six sheet curling rink opened for play and the response was tremendous. There were two draws every evening Monday through Thursday, three draws on Friday, plus a very active

ladies league and Master's day leagues. Weekends were active too with bonspiels and practice ice. The social aspect of the club also was great as curlers after their game would migrate to the lounge, have a couple of drinks, get to know their fellow competitors and share many laughs together.

In 1984, the Brier was held in Victoria. Glen Meadows got involved with many volunteers and the Criddle brothers helped prepare and maintain the ice. Glen Meadows hosted both the Prince Edward Island and the Saskatchewan teams with a fine banquet for both at the club. Since then there have been many successful bonspiels and visiting teams from other countries such as Scotland and the U.S.A. Also, we should add that many of our curlers have distinguished themselves at various bonspiels throughout the country. The latest accomplishments were at the 2009-10 PCMA 70+ South Island and Provincial Donaldson Championships where the team of John Demeriz (skip), Joe

Golumba (3rd), Stu Carmichael (2nd), and Jack Spencer (lead), won the Provincial Championship. Also the team of Lawrence Woytowich (skip), Wayne Scott (3rd), Paul Addison (2nd), and Ken Wigbers (lead), and Grant Marshall (5th), won the 2009 Golf Medal at the BC Senior Games. We're proud of all of them.

Over the years there have been many changes. In the year 1996 a record snowfall hit the Victoria area. A total downfall of over 3 feet brought everything to a standstill. The airport was closed, greenhouses collapsed, along

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In 1996 a record 3 foot snowfall caused the collapse of the Glen Meadows curling rink and lounge.

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with barns, hangers, sports arenas, plus Glen Meadows curling rink and lounge. Curling was cancelled for the balance of the season. Sometimes a disaster is a blessing in disguise as a new and much better curling rink and lounge was erected and opened for play right on schedule the following year.

Percy's two daughters, Jo-Ann and Helen head up the office staff. Percy's four sons, Perry, Ron, Larry, and Greg and their assistants are knowledgeable greens keepers and are also excellent ice-makers. There is a very devoted and enthusiastic executive working diligently to bring in new curlers and keep Glen Meadows a thriving and enthusiastic club. Because of their hard work Glen Meadows has kept its curling membership numbers in recent years where many clubs across the nation have dropped in number of members or unfortunately had to close their doors. It is the Criddle's hope that with their desire and that of future executives Glen Meadows will continue to provide entertainment for the community for many years to come.



Community Events





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