



## **Responsibilities of the Hosting Club the International Tankard**

The International Tankard is held in BC every two years out of three. It is a prestigious curling event that BC Curling Clubs may wish to host. They may do so by forwarding a hosting bid to the CurlBC Region 11 International Tankard Committee. Selection is the responsibility of the Tankard Committee.

### **Responsibilities of a Hosting Club are:**

- \* Curling Facility must be a current member of CurlBC and located in Regions 8, 9, 10 or 11.
- \* Once a curling club has been selected to host the International Tankard, the club will form a Host Committee which will then liaise with the Regional Committee.
- \* One or two members of the Host Committee should be prepared to attend the previous year's International Tankard to understudy the event and to receive the International Tankard Banner from the current host. The Banner can be prominently displayed at the Host Club during the curling season leading up to the event.
- \* There is a window when the Tankard can be held at a Host Club so as to not clash with other curling events. The window is the 2nd, 3rd or 4th weekends of March with the 3rd week preferred. The event runs Friday Night through Sunday.
- \* The Host Club will receive \$2,700.00 from the Region 11 Treasurer to assist in ice rental, banquet and other costs. The Host Club can hold 50/50 draws (if eligible) to defray costs. Note: the bar usually does well during this event.
- \* The Host Committee should negotiate with a local hotel/motel the best price possible for accommodation for participants. Pass this information onto the Region 11 Committee so the information can be placed in Tankard Poster for all to see. Note: Best Western is a sponsor of CurlBC and already provides discounts to BC curlers using the corporate ID code. A further discount may be offered if the registrant holds a Best Western Rewards Card.



**The program for the weekend generally follows these traditions:**

- \* Friday night has no competition however there is a meet and greet at the host curling facility. Usually, this commences at 7:00pm. There will be a registration desk at the entrance (attended by the Region 11 Committee Members) where participants will be placed on a team, receive name tags and a Host Committee member will be available for the purchase of extra banquet tickets. The Host Club is encouraged to continue with their Friday Night Leagues and, in fact, ask them to join the soiree after their game as it adds to the evening. The Host Club may wish to provide appies during the evening.
- \* Saturday has Opening Ceremonies with piper, anthems, speeches, first rock and a group photograph. Opening Ceremonies are held between the first and second draw. The Host Club will provide a piper, both national anthems singer and may invite any local dignitary they wish for a welcoming speech. A Red Serge Mountie is nice to have attend the ceremony. Other short speeches will come from the Host Club President, Washington State Curling Association and CurlBC Region 11 Representatives.
- \* Each team plays two games on Saturday and one game on Sunday. The games are of eight ends with a fourth end break, a broom stack and the teams move to the lounge for a libation. The Region 11 Committee will provide draws for four or six sheet curling rinks.
- \* On Saturday night, the Host Club has a banquet. The Host Club Committee should plan for meals for 48 participants and anticipate approximately 10 extra dinner tickets to be bought. The Host Committee may decide the price for extra dinner tickets. Two to four dinners are provided to Region 11 Committee Members at no charge. Region 11 will provide the exact number ahead of time. The Host Club may wish to have entertainment after the banquet (ie. it can be dance music, background music, live music, local entertainer or nothing at all).



\* Sunday's Closing Ceremonies are a simple affair with presentation of the International Tankard to the winning side along with the presentation of the International Tankard Banner to the next year's host club. Everyone joins hands in the singing of Auld Lang Syne and says their goodbyes.

\* Many items the Host Committee should plan for can be seen in the examples provided at another location on this web site.