

50TH ANNUAL BC NISEI BONSPIEL



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The Vancouver Nisei Curling Club and Bonspiel Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to all the participants, families and friends taking part in the 50th BC Nisei Bonspiel in Richmond. We are honoured to be the host club of this milestone event, with curlers entered from Hokkaido, Japan, Inverness, Illinois, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and many parts of BC.

The BC Nisei Curling Association was founded by a group of enthusiastic Nisei curlers from several BC communities who wanted to gather and compete on an annual basis. The first bonspiel was hosted in the small two- and three-sheet rinks of Greenwood and Midway in 1967. The success of that bonspiel encouraged other centres to host future events. Some 50 years later, we have gathered here in the Richmond Curling Club to celebrate a half-century of annual BC Nisei bonspiels with eight sheets of ice and 64 teams from three countries. During the many years of Nisei curling in BC, we have seen outstanding achievements by several curlers who have won Canadian and World Curling Championships. We are honoured to have the support and participation of past champions, and to introduce our young and talented curlers poised to win championships in the near future.

Our Bonspiel Committee has spent the last two years planning the agenda, from the opening ceremony, the special dinners, the various guest entertainers, and the unique gifts for the participants, to the Wall of Honour celebrating past and present BC curlers. As Chairperson of the Bonspiel Committee, I thank each and every one of the committee members and volunteers whose commitment to excellence has been their hallmark. I also want to thank the other BC centres who have offered timely assistance in areas of our organization. And on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all of the many sponsors and donors whose generosity has helped make this event a success.

To all participants, winning an event would be a great achievement for the week, but not everyone can be successful in this endeavour. The meeting of old and new friends, enjoyment of scrumptious dinners, indulgence of liquid refreshments, as well as the laughter from stories told and retold, will help make this a truly memorable celebration of this 50th BC Nisei Bonspiel. Travel safe, and I hope we meet again soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Murao".

Roy Murao – Chairperson

The Vancouver Nisei Curling Club was established in 1968, and next season we will celebrate our own 50th anniversary. I am extremely honoured and grateful to have been welcomed into this generous and friendly community of Nisei curlers.

I would like to add our Club's thanks to the many sponsors, donors, advertisers, volunteers, committee members and participants, without whom this historic bonspiel would have only remained a dream. I also look forward to meeting the many curlers visiting us over the next few days.

Five decades on, our Club remains vibrant and competitive, with 17 regular league teams this season. If any of you are interested in sparing or perhaps joining our Club, please get in touch with any of our committee or executive members, and check us out online at www.bciseicurling.ca and on Facebook @vancouvernisei.

Good luck and good curling!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Cockfield".

Ian Cockfield – President, Vancouver Nisei Curling Club (vancouver@bciseicurling.ca)

SCHEDULE

Wednesday April 12

Registration and team photos (Richmond Curling Club) starting at 6:00 pm

Draw Times:

7:00 pm, 9:30 pm

Come enjoy the hospitality and 50/50 draw

Thursday April 13

Registration and team photos (Richmond Curling Club) starting at 7:00 am

Draw Times:

7:30 am, 10:00 am

(12:15 - 1:30 pm ice maintenance)

1:30 pm, 4:00 pm

(7:30 - 8:45 pm ice maintenance)

9:00 pm

Chinese Dinner 5:30 - 8:00 pm (Richmond Curling Club)

Opening Ceremony 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Richmond Curling Club)

50/50 draw, raffle and silent auction ticket sales

Friday April 14

Draw Times:

7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm

(2:45 - 4:00 pm ice maintenance)

4:15 pm, 6:45 pm, 9:15 pm

Japanese Seafood Dinner 5:00 - 7:30 pm (Richmond Curling Club)

Jazz Band (IKUKO, vocals; Yuji Nakajima, guitar; Mark Wardrop, bass; Ron McKay, drums) 8:00 - 10:00 pm (RCC)

50/50 draw, raffle and silent auction ticket sales

Saturday April 15

Draw Times:

7:30 am, 10:00 am

(12:15 - 1:30 pm ice maintenance)

1:30 pm, 4:00 pm

No Host Bar 6:00 pm - midnight (Minoru Ballroom, Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel), 50/50 draw

Banquet Dinner 7:00 pm

Raffle and Silent Auction Draws 9:30 pm

DJ and Dance 9:30 - 11:00 pm

Sunday April 16

Draw Times:

8:00 am, 10:30 am, Finals 1:00 pm

Trophy Presentations 4:00 pm

Note: All winning teams will receive trophies.

Cash Prizes: A, B, C Events: Finalists and Semi-Finalists in each. D1, D2 Events: Finalists in each.

Breakfast and lunch will be available for sale at the Richmond Curling Club on Thursday - Saturday (hours will be posted)

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49th ANNUAL BC NISEI BONSPIEL WINNERS

Vernon, 2016

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(Vancouver)

Richard Omori
Ben Yoshida
Vivian Omori
Bob Flynn

B EVENT

(Vancouver)

Dave Kobayashi
Miki Endo
Ian Cockfield
Mike Nakanishi

C EVENT

(Winfield)

Bruce Taiji
Roy Kawano
Danny Loo
Cheryl Taiji

D EVENT

(Edmonton)

Terry Uyeda
Dale Murao
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Julianne Shimizu

BONSPIEL COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Roy Murao
Team Leaders	Wayne Saito, Mike Nakanishi, Bob Flynn, Susanna Shimizu, Gord Oikawa
MC / Hospitality	Dave Kobayashi
Liason	Wayne Saito, Ian Cockfield
Japanese Liason	Mako Endo, Miki Endo, Kazuko Sato
Treasurer	Michael Nakanishi
Registration	Ben Nishi, Ian Cockfield, Ken Ichiiwa
Program	Ian Cockfield
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Draw Master	Tony Imai
Rules	Ron Shimizu, Tony Imai, Ian Cockfield
Umpires	Ron Shimizu, Troy Matsumiya, Darrel Omae, Richard Omori, Dwayne Uyede
Spare Convenor	Ron Shimizu
Raffles, Silent Auction & 50/50	Susanna Shimizu, Judy Nishi, Bea Ichiiwa
Prizes & Trophies	Frances & Michael Nakanishi
Hotel & Banquet Dinners	Bob Flynn, Michael Nakanishi Judy Nishi, Gord Oikawa, Kathy Mukuyama, Noriko Kumagai, Richard Omori, Naoto Saeki
Entertainment	Sharon Flynn, Wayne Saito, Roy Murao, Pat Maihara
Artwork	Susanna Shimizu, Nicole Freeston
Featured Artist	Jori van der Linde www.jorivanderlinde.com
Photographer	Rachael Lam

And last, but certainly not least, we thank the many hard-working, generous volunteers without whom this bonspiel would not have happened.



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RULES & REGULATIONS

1. No rink will be eligible to play unless there is at least one female on the team.
2. Four rock free guard zone will apply. Canadian Curling Association Rules will govern the bonspiel.
3. No one shall be on the ice until it is prepared for play. Games are to start at scheduled times.
4. A rink that is late will be penalized one point for every 10 minutes. First rock is to be played by the late team. At the end of one half hour, the game is defaulted to the team ready to play.
5. Final games in all events will be 8 ends with no time limit.
6. Games other than Final games are 8 ends, time permitting! A bell will be rung at 1 hour and 45 minutes after the start time. Finish the end in progress and play one more end. (Definition: The next end is deemed to be "in progress" as soon as the last rock has come to rest.)
7. Tie games will be decided by an extra end(s), until a decision is reached.
8. Spares will be provided, or approved, by the Bonspiel Committee. A team must have at least two original team players in order not to default. Spares must play lead (unless two spares are required, in which case the spares must play lead and second).
9. Semi-Final and Final games must be played with four players on each team. All other games may be played with just three players on a team (as long as one player at least is female).
10. If a player cannot continue curling in the bonspiel due to injury or family matter, a permanent replacement will be allowed upon approval by the Bonspiel Committee. The original player who was replaced cannot return.
11. A team is allowed to change its players' positions (excluding spares) at any point except when their game is in progress.
12. In the event of any disagreement or dispute on the ice, the decision of the Umpire is final. Disputed rocks are measured by thirds and, if necessary, the Umpire may be called.
13. Thirds must fill out and sign score cards and return them to the draw room umpire.
14. All decisions covering rules & regulations made by the Bonspiel Committee are final.

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BC NISEI CURLING WALL OF HONOUR

Nisei curling roots run deeply within many communities throughout British Columbia. In 1967 a challenge went out and many curlers of Japanese descent answered the call to gather in Greenwood and Midway to decide which teams were the best. (The first winner of the “A” event was a team skipped by Gus Ishida.) A great time was had by all and a lot of friendships were formed that still endure today.

What also emerged was a consensus that this bonspiel was something special, and there was a strong desire to keep it going. Leaders from within the BC Nisei curling communities agreed to make this an annual event. Spurred on by the prospect of camaraderie and great competition on the ice, each host community was determined to make each spiel at least as good as, or better than, the one before. And they sure were. Every bonspiel had something special, particularly the bentos!

Many factors contributed to the success of the BC Nisei curling bonspiels, but a few key factors stood out: great curling; strong and loyal support from the Nisei communities through participation; and the support of businesses and individuals in the form of donations and time.

To remember these remarkable accomplishments, on the occasion of the 50th Annual BC Nisei Curling Bonspiel, all former and current community centres agreed to establish a Wall of Honour recognizing and honouring special individuals who through their athleticism, participation, volunteerism and other forms of support made the annual bonspiels possible and remarkable.

When thoughts turned to whose names should be installed on this Wall of Honour, many worthy individuals sprung to mind. It quickly became evident that the list could be long and the choices very difficult. For that reason, a nominating committee was established with representatives from many of the communities. The inaugural list was to focus on those distinctive individuals who helped establish the annual bonspiel tradition in the early years.

It is with great pleasure and privilege that the committee recognizes the following 27 individuals who through their athleticism, sense of community, and dedication made these BC Nisei curling bonspiels a reality to be celebrated:

- MAS IMAI
- BILL OMAE
- SEIJI ONIZUKA
- GORDON SHIMIZU
- SHIG UYEYAMA
- AL TRICK
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