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Westcoast Curling Classic

Event: 10th Annual Westcoast Curling Classic
Dates: October 8-12, 2009
Location: Royal City Curling Club, New Westminster, BC
Cost: Skins Game, Free – Day Pass, \$10 – Weekend Pass, \$25
Web: www.westcoastcurlingclassic.com

The Westcoast Curling Classic is the most prestigious annual curling event in the Lower Mainland. It takes place October 8 – 12, 2009 at the Royal City Curling Club in New Westminster, BC, where 32 men's teams vie for a total purse of \$80,000. The increased value of the purse and the lure of highly skilled teams and competitive games have attracted Canadian teams from coast to coast and International teams from overseas.

This weekend launches the excitement of the final run-up for teams on their quest to represent Canada in the upcoming Olympics. Eight of the twelve teams heading to the Pre-Trials are registered in the spiel. There will be many great game match-ups. Teams not preparing for the 2009 Olympic play-downs are looking to earn ranking points for positions in other cash spiels and grand slams. The International teams come for the top flight games our Canadian teams offer plus the opportunity to play on ice with similar conditions to those expected at the Olympics.

The event is sanctioned by the World Curling Tour and the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS). In a manner similar to golf and tennis, successful teams are awarded points from this event. These points accumulate towards eligibility to sanctioned world championships and facilitate the ranking for cash spiels and Grand Slam events.

There are 5 draws on Friday and Saturday, 4 draws Sunday and 3 on Monday with the final scheduled for 3pm. Event passes are on sale at the Royal City Curling Club. Prices have not increased: early-bird event passes (before October 9) are available for \$20, event passes are also available at the door for \$25, and daily passes for \$10.

Extra Excitement ~ Skins Game ~ October 8 at 7:30pm

Team Martin (last year's event winner & current Canadian champ) vs Team Geall (current BC champ)

Everyone is invited to watch the action as the dollars can add up or carry-over on each end. Entrance is free for this event.

Pro-Am ~ October 8, 4-6pm

Both the event committee and the players are committed to the youth involved in the sport. A Pro-Am event is organized where the "pros" share their expertise and insight with young curlers. Strategy, best practises, tips, tricks and maybe even a few jokes will be exchanged.

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