

**Note: These “Articles of Club History and Rules” was obtained from the Maverick League collection. The history portion was written in 1999. The date of writing of the Maverick Curling Club Rules is unknown. Anyone wishing to contribute information or add to these documents would be greatly appreciated.**

In the late 1950's when the Petroleum Curling Club was contemplating reorganization and expansion our club's founding members decided to break off and form their own league: hence the name Maverick Curling Club. Although records and memories are suspect those individuals are believed to be Bill Blakely, Ken Jackson, Earl Lawrence, Stan Williams, and John Zedde.

Operations began in October 1959 at the Calgary Curling Club and have continued there every year except 1976/77 when the Calgary Curling Club was being rebuilt following a fire. That year the Maverick curled at the Westwind's Curling Club. Apart from in-house leagues at various curling clubs, the Maverick is among the oldest continuously run curling clubs in Calgary.

For many years prior to the Calgary Curling Club obtaining a liquor license, our club ran it's own bar in the green concrete basement of the rink. Profits from the bar went to lessen yearly dues and the wind-up party. Old-timers may consider those to be the good old day but many of them should not have been driving home after the longer sessions. In fact although names are conveniently lost to memory there were occasions when some members were compelled to “sleep it off” in that cold basement before heading home the next day.

Many of our members or former members have achieved significant success outside the Maverick. Nick Lashuk, Ray Tull and Murray MacDonald have distinguished themselves at the provincial or national levels. Many others have done well in the Alberta Oilmen's and Doodlespiel over the years. Most recently Cliff Butchko and Cliff Lundell have won events in the Oilmen's. While the Doodlespiel in Banff has seen its share of Maverick winners, Jim Hume won the initial Doodlespiel in 1973 and the 25<sup>th</sup> Doodlespiel in 1997. Randy Gill, Michael Langlois, Wade Brillon, Warner Loven, Bob Won and Barry Johnson were all represented on every winning rink at the Doodlespiel. Michael Langlois was on the “A” winner, Dick Luten was on “B”. Arnold Aylesworth, Jim Wasilenkoff, Brian Montgomery and Ken Brillon won “C” and Danny MacDonald, Gord Cope, Mike Young and Todd Stafford won “D”.

From the late 1960's until the mid 1990's the Maverick was capably run by Bob Penfield, Ron MacDonald and Corby Hart. The wind-up parties catered by these fine chefs will long be remembered for the great roast beef and baked beans. Currently the club is being well managed by Arnold Aylesworth and Ken Brillon. To these five gentlemen the club is much indebted.

The club has historically curled with sixteen teams in two divisions “A” & “B”. This year we are trying a round-robin format with each team playing all other teams once. The team accumulating the most points during the regular season will be declared as Club Champion. Playoffs will be held with a format that yields “A” & “B” winners. There are few strict rules in the club but there is one that says a team cannot win more than one trophy. After all this is purely a fun league. From the mid 1970’s to the mid 1980’s the Burned Brick trophy was awarded to the individual selected for his outstanding inconsistency in shot making, lousy sweeping and general suspect conduct both on and off the ice during the season. The magnificent brick centerpiece of this trophy was salvaged from the original Calgary Curling Club that burned to the ground on the night of October 13, 1976. It has since been lost and therefore is no longer presented.

In recent years we have mourned the loss of several long-time club curlers. These include Bob Penfield, Bob Won, Ron Richardson and Debel Pasveer. The club has a long history with perhaps only a half dozen teams that have completed quit the club. This closeness is reflected in long-term but friendly rivalries among teams, and a sharing of interests and banter in the post game equivalent of golf’s nineteenth hole.

Current members who have curled in the league for twenty-five or more years include George Grant, Barry Johnson, Larry Miskew, Bob Park, Ed Sakundiak and Bob Stanich.

We wish to thank the Calgary Curling Club for its co-operation with the Maverick over four decades. We appreciate the “world class” facilities provided by Gary Pepper and his able staff and eagerly look forward to many more Friday nights of friendly curling rivalries and post-mortem comradery.

## Maverick Curling Club Rules

1. All games will be curled based on 8 ends, subject to time limit.
2. Two points will be awarded for a win, zero points for a loss, and one point for a tie. Ties will not be broken.
3. All games in progress at the time the bell rings will be permitted to conclude the end in progress subject, however, to the breaking of a tie game.
4. A rink must comprise of at least three curlers (two of which are regular rink members) to be declared playable: otherwise, the game is defaulted. Spares may play only lead and second. Skips having to default a game should notify the opposing team in advance for their convenience.
5. Positions on a rink may be interchanged but not driving the course of a game.
6. A rink having a minimum of 3 curlers must be awarded one point for each ten minutes an opposing team is late or not playable and the end will not be curled. Time will count from 5:00 p.m. A skip being awarded points under this section must be offered such points by the late skip and such shall be posted on the score board.
7. The Third, on the winning rink, is responsible for correct marking of the score on the score card and handing the completed score card to Corby Hart or Bob Penfield after the completion of the game. Cards will be provided.
8. Round robin position ties will be settled on a basis of best points for/against average amongst teams tied during the game or games played against each other.

As the ice is obtained from the Calgary Curling Club on a rental basis, Maverick members are subject to the rules of conduct of that club. Your kind co-operation is requested in leaving the ice promptly when requested by the ice caretaker and also in cleaning footwear before entering the ice area. Lounge facilities are available for Maverick Curling Club members. Lockers are also available for Maverick members.