


The Royal City Curling Club Presents The

**PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS** 

**WESTCOAST CURLING CLASSIC**

**OCTOBER 4-8, 2007**

75 East 6th Avenue, New Westminster

## Press Release

The most prestigious curling event in the Vancouver lower mainland is taking place October 4 - 8 at the Royal City Curling Club.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual PricewaterhouseCoopers Westcoast Curling Classic is bigger and better than ever.

It is sanctioned by the World Curling Tour and the Canadian Curling Association Team Ranking System. Points are given to successful teams in order to rank the teams in a manner similar to golf and tennis.

The total purse is \$64,000 with \$16,000 going to the winner. There are 5 draws on Friday and Saturday, 4 draws Sunday and 3 on Monday with the final going at 3:00 PM.

This event is put on completely by volunteers who work countless hours to ensure its success.

Many local businesses support the event by donating their services and providing the much needed financial assistance. Without the support of these businesses the event could not happen. Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> is our Sponsor Appreciation Salmon Bake evening along with a Skins game between the Kevin Martin and Kerry Burtnyk teams. This event is staged to express our thanks to our sponsors and in a small way repays them for their valuable contributions. It gives an opportunity for the sponsors to mingle with the players.

There are 32 World Class teams participating. Joining Kevin Martin and Kerry Burtnyk are former World champions Greg McAulay, Brent Pierce, Bryan Miki and Bert Gretzinger, Olympic silver medallist Mike Harris, former Canadian senior champion Ken Watson, former BC champions Bob Ursel, and Dean Joannis. Several international teams from China and the United States are also entered.

As the 2010 winter Olympics approach this event will attract more national team representatives in order to acclimatize themselves with the area and ice conditions.

To get to the event website go to [www.royalcitycc.com](http://www.royalcitycc.com) and click on event website at the bottom of the page. This site had over 550,000 hits last year.

Tickets are available at the door or purchase a complete event pass for only \$25.00.

