

Friday the 13th - Lucky for Some at the 19th Annual PIC

2014 PIC Champion Darren Frycz of Langley and Richmond's Vic Shimizu are tied for first place in the B.C. Men's division after three days of play at the 19th Annual Pacific International Cup. Both teams won three games on Friday to set up a first place showdown on Saturday morning. Langley beat Quesnel, Kamloops, and Royal City. Richmond beat Parksville, Juan de Fuca, and then needed a come-from-behind 9-7 win over Creston to keep the home fans cheering. Juan de Fuca (4 and 2) clinched at least a tie-breaker spot with an 8-2 win over Quesnel. Kamloops stayed alive at 3 and 3 with a 7-4 win over Parksville. Kamloops and Juan de Fuca play Saturday morning to determine the final playoff spot.

In the International men's pool, the 2017 PIC Champions from Washington won their 4th straight game—6-3 over California—to take over top spot at 5 and 1. John Shoemith's team says they've had no easy games so far, and this year's international field is one of the toughest yet. Arizona, Alaska, and The Yukon are tied for second place at 4 and 2, setting up a Saturday shootout for playoff spots. In the late afternoon draw Arizona beat Alaska 6-4, while The Yukon beat Nevada 8-3.

Four-time PIC champion (2008, 2011, 2012, 2016) Kim Jonsen and her team from Campbell River are on a "drive-for-five", and remain undefeated in the B.C Women's pool. Jonsen—with long-time teammate Lonnie Schopp (another 4-time PIC champion) throwing fourth rocks—won a first-place showdown with Cloverdale in the morning, then beat Royal City 8-2 in their afternoon game to move to 5 and 0. Cloverdale is at 4-1, tied with McArthur Island—two games ahead of the pack in the playoff race.

In the International women's division, Arizona is alone in first place at 5 and 1 after a win over Singapore (see below). Oregon improved to 4 and 1 with an extra-end 6-5 nail-biter over

The Yukon (4 and 2). California had the night off after winning two games earlier in the day, and are tied for second place at 4 and 1. Minnesota has won three straight games to improve to 3 and 2, and along with Washington are still alive for a playoff spot.

6-ender mania: All three 6-enders reported to us so far have been in women's games—including two on Friday: McArthur Island popped a 6 in the 6th end against Creston (for a 14-1 win), and Nevada broke open a tight game against Singapore with a 6 in the 7th end to win 12-4. Cloverdale had a 6 ender on Thursday.

Sportsmanship on display – Arizona's women needed only 5 ends to beat Singapore 8-0, but after shaking hands the Arizona women offered to stay on the ice and mix up the teams for three more ends to give the rookie Singapore players more experience on curling club ice. Bravo!



The Legend Grows - Vic Shimizu in action (Skip - Richmond CC)

Creston's "Fifth Man" (and hasn't missed a shot yet!)

One of Team Creston's regular players (Jim) recently took a break from curling and opted not to join the team at the PIC. But they brought him along anyway "whether he likes it or not!" A cardboard cut-out of their teammate has been paraded

around faithfully. However, the team has been grumbling that "Paper Jim" has become the most famous member of the team.

PIC Bitters

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Cloverdale Third Jenn Routliffe has 2.5 year old border collie named SWEEP!



Jim... they're missing you (Kootenays - Creston CC)

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Current PIC Curlers Sarah Cai (Singapore) and Jennifer Westhagen (Australia) with future their future 40th Annual PIC Curlers!

Meet the Babies!

Two of the most popular people in the club this week are not curlers—they're "future curlers". Australia women's skip Jennifer Westhagen's newborn son Josh, and Singapore skip Sarah Cai's newborn son Casey have been melting hearts with every smile. Josh is 4-and-a-half months old, and his

proud papa is Australian men's skip Matt Panoussi. Casey is 3-and-a-half months old, and his dad Derek has been in charge of carrying the baby during Singapore's games. Congrats to all the mothers and fathers!

Meet the Teams

California Men (San Francisco Bay Area Curling Club)

Lead - Jonathan Ochoco grew up in Houston, where he had never heard of curling. He began curling 2011 in the San Francisco Bay Area and has loved it ever since. One curling dream is to one day form a curling team to represent his parents' native Philippines.

Second - Andrew Rivers has curled at clubs across the U.S. including the Madison Curling Club, Potomac, Granite, and now San Francisco. This fall Andrew and his wife will join the faculty at the University of British Columbia and will be looking for their new curling home in beautiful Vancouver.

Third - Richard Chin was born in Toronto and started playing competitively in Southern Ontario in 1990, before moving to Maryland and playing at the Potomac Curling Club. He now lives with his family in San Mateo and joined the San Francisco Bay Area Curling Club.

Skip - P.N. Raju has been curling for four years as a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Curling Club. He has now curled in several bonspiels across the USA and has been heavily involved in bringing curling to India.

Cowichan Rocks (Island South Women)

Skip - Diane Myrden has thrown rocks from coast to coast since she was 11. She grew up in Corner Brook, NL and has been on the Island for the past 38 years. This is her 5th time at the PIC and won the BC championship in 2014 and headed off to Halifax, NS for the Travelers Curling Club National Championship.

Third - Kari McKinlay lives in Lake Cowichan with her husband Brad and two boys Ty and Ryan. Kari has been curling for 25 years at Cowichan Rocks and has been to the PIC 5 times (all with Diane). Some of Kari's other interests include golfing, skiing, softball and going to "Kari"oke.

Second - Deirdre Monti was raised and still resides in Honeymoon Bay. She's been married for 40 years to husband Brad they have 4 grown daughters and 6 grandchildren. Now retired, she loves to garden, sew, cycle, and her new hobby - pottery. She has curled for over 30 years at Cowichan Rocks, and this is her first off-island curling event!

Lead - Dana Neuffer is a second year curler and it's her second time at the PIC. She has a daughter (9) and a son (6). When not at work she is usually running her kids around to sports and extracurricular activities.

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