

## Richmond CC Men and McArthur Island CC Women are 2018 PIC Champions!

For the second straight year, the host Richmond Curling Centre has supplied a champion in the Pacific International Cup. In the PIC Men's Final, Richmond beat Arizona 7-1 in 6 ends. Skip Vic Shimizu, Cody Tanaka (throwing fourth stones), and their front-end of Trevor Bakken and Mark Yodogawa got an early lead, and after Richmond stole two in the 6<sup>th</sup> end, Arizona's Bob LeClair conceded and shook hands. Kimberley Dennis won the Women's PIC title for Richmond in 2017.

In the PIC Women's final, McArthur Island of Kamloops stole two in a dramatic final end to beat California 7-6 and complete the B.C. sweep. California needed to draw the 8-foot for the win against two McArthur Island counters, but the draw came up light, giving the title to McArthur Island and skip Lori Olsen.

The B.C. Championships--arguably the most important games of the week considering what's on the line--were both roller-coaster affairs. In the B.C. Men's final, venerable Richmond skip Vic Shimizu added another chapter to his curling legend, stealing singles in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> end to beat Langley 8-6. Richmond earns a trip to Miramichi, New Brunswick this November to represent B.C. at the Travelers Canadian Curling Club Championships. Langley skip Darren Frycz jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead after two ends, but Shimizu and company fought back to tie it in 4, then both teams traded deuces until the decisive final ends. In the 8<sup>th</sup> end, Richmond gambled for the steal, with Tanaka making a precision tap-raise, then a perfect guard--leaving Frycz only one option--an extremely difficult 10-foot wide-angle double-raise for the tie. The Langley rock over-curlled, giving Richmond the steal and the win.

In the Women's B.C. Final, McArthur Island (Okanagan) upset 4-time PIC champion Campbell River (Island North) 10-4. McArthur Island Skip Lori Olsen and her team of Kelsey Mar-

tin, Lisa Robitaille, and Andrea Bourassa were making their first appearance at the PIC, and dominated to earn their trip to Miramichi. Olsen got off to a slow start, giving up a steal of one in the 1<sup>st</sup> end, but bounced back with 3 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a steal of three more in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to lead 6-1. Campbell River--skipped by Kim Jonsson, with Lonnie Schopp throwing fourth stones--managed to take three back in the 4<sup>th</sup> end. But in the 5<sup>th</sup>, McArthur Island was lying 4--with last rock--when Schopp came up light on her final stone and Campbell River shook hands to concede.

In the International Pool finals, Arizona came within an inch of a sweep of both men's and women's titles, but only the men were able to hang on for the win. Bob LeClair and his Coyotes Curling Club team of Jeff Baird, Adam Endicott, and Tom Danielson upset defending PIC champion John Shoesmith of Washington 7-6. LeClair put on a hitting display early in the game, then had to make a clutch draw to the 4-foot facing 2 in the 8<sup>th</sup> end to seal the win.

California took the women's International title with a 5-4 extra-end win over Arizona. Down two coming home in 8, California skip Sarah Walsh made a tricky raise takeout--and roll--to score 2 to tie it, then stole 1 in the extra-end for the win. Congrats to Walsh and her team of Kim Chapin, BriAnna Weldon, and Kate Garfinkel!

In Sunday morning's women's pool semi-finals, Campbell River needed an extra-end to beat Cloverdale 6-5, and Arizona hung on to beat Washington 7-6. The men's pool semi-finals were not nearly as close. Richmond was up 7-1 early over Kamloops and shook hands, while Arizona beat the Yukon 9-2.



Lori Olsen (Skip - McArthur Island CC) capturing the 2018 PIC



The Legend and The Disciple (Richmond CC)

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# PIC Champions

## Men's

**Richmond CC (BC)**

## Women's

**McArthur Island  
CC (BC)**

## B.C Pool Champions

## Women's

**Gold:** McArthur Island Curling Club

**Silver:** Campbell River Curling Club

**Bronze:** Cloverdale Curling Club

## Men's

**Gold:** Richmond Curling Club

**Silver:** Langley Curling Club

**Bronze:** Kamloops Curling Club

## International Pool Champions

## Men's

**Gold:** Arizona (Coyotes Curling Club)

**Silver:** Washington (Granite Curling Club of Seattle)

**Bronze:** Yukon (Whitehorse Curling Club)

## Women's

**Gold:** California (San Francisco Bay Area Curling Club)

**Silver:** Arizona (Coyotes Curling Club)

**Bronze:** Washington (Granite Club of Seattle)



2018 PIC Women's Champs - McArthur Island CC



2018 PIC Men's Champs - Richmond CC

## Final Standings

### International Pool - Men's

Team	Wins	Losses
Washington	6	1
Arizona	5	2
Yukon	5	2
Alaska	4	3
Australia	4	3
California	2	5
Oregon	2	5
Nevada	0	7

### International Pool - Women's

Team	Wins	Losses
California	6	1
Arizona	5	2
Washington	5	2
Yukon	5	2
Oregon	5	2
Australia	3	4
Minnesota	3	4
Nevada	2	5
Alaska	1	6
Singapore	0	7

### BC Pool - Men's

Team	Wins	Losses
Langley	7	0
Richmond	6	1
Juan de Fuca	4	3
Kamloops	4	3
Quesnel	3	4
Royal City	2	5
Creston	1	6
Parksville	1	6

### BC Pool - Women's

Team	Wins	Losses
McArthur Island	6	1
Campbell River	5	2
Cloverdale	5	2
Creston	3	4
Royal City	2	5
Langley	2	5
Cowichan Rocks	2	5
Williams Lake	2	5

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