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North Shore Winter Club chops curling for new hockey facility

Move spells the end of public curling on the North Shore

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Curlers at the North Shore Winter Club. File photo North Shore News

The North Shore Winter Club confirmed today that it will be opening a new Hockey Training Centre in June in the space that is currently being used for curling.

The move will close the last curling rink on the North Shore available to the public. West Vancouver's Hollyburn Country Club has curling facilities but their league play is only available to members.

Last fall the Winter Club announced that it would [scrap its curling facility \(http://www.nsnews.com/news/public-curling-swept-from-the-north-shore-1.1432318\)](http://www.nsnews.com/news/public-curling-swept-from-the-north-shore-1.1432318)— up until then made available to public curlers through an agreement with the North Vancouver Recreation Commission — unless 360 curlers signed up for a limited membership in the private club that included a \$900 initiation fee as well as monthly dues starting at \$113. Local curlers balked at paying the fees, leading to today's announcement.

The new hockey centre will include an intermediate ice sheet, a smaller goalie development ice sheet, a new family change room and a renovated upstairs bar and viewing area, according to a press release from the club.

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