



NOCA Notes
October 3, 2013

NOCA Launches New Website

On Monday October 7th, NOCA will launch a new website. The site will have a new look with the same information you've looked for in the past as well as some new features. Check it out on Monday. Same site, New look. curlno.ca/

Three Northern Ontario teams will compete at the Capital One Road to the Roar

The Brad Jacobs (Soo Curlers Association), Krista McCarville (Fort William CC), and Tracy Horgan (Idylwyld G&CC) rinks will all compete at the Capital One Road to the Roar Olympic pre-trials in Kitchener, November 5-10. 24 teams will compete at the Road to the Roar which will determine the final four teams – two men's and two women's – to fill out the 16-team field competing at the 2013 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings, Dec. 1-8 in Winnipeg. All clubs have received posters promoting the three teams. Good luck to all three teams from everyone in Northern Ontario!

Road to the Roar Contest

During the Road to the Roar pre-trials (November 5-10), NOCA will be holding contests for prizes donated by each of the Jacobs, McCarville, and Horgan teams. Each team has donated two signed brooms, and will each donate two signed jerseys from the pre-trials. There will be an adult winner and a youth winner for each of the prizes. Watch the NOCA website for further details and contest instructions.

NOCA 2014 Calendar - Fundraising Opportunity

NOCA is pleased to offer our curling clubs an exciting fundraising opportunity. A 2014 calendar will be available for clubs to sell and raise money for their club. Many clubs have indicated that the funds will be raised for their Junior or Little Rocks programs or teams. The calendar features all of the 2012-2013 curling season NOCA provincial champions, photos from national events, and club curlers. The dates of all World, Canadian, and NOCA provincial championships are listed for easy reference. The calendar is in the final proofing stage and will be available to all clubs by early November. Contact the NOCA office for more information.

Curling Week in Northern Ontario

Bearskin Airlines is pleased to present the 5th annual Curling Week in Northern Ontario. Curling Week will take place November 16 – 24, 2013. This year we will feature a Closest to the Pin contest with prizes for first to fourth place. All clubs will have the opportunity to have people qualify during Curling Week, with a finalist from each club competing at their club in an all Northern Ontario contest Saturday November 23rd. Prizes will include a trip to the 2015 Canadian Mixed in North Bay November 2014, and Goldline gift cards. A weekly Trivia contest will also be held leading up to Curling Week. Details and contest information will be available at your curling club and on our website.

Tim Hortons Youth Challenges

NOCA is pleased to announce a new partnership with Tim Hortons for the Youth Challenges. These challenges are a number of events aimed at Developing bantam, elementary, high school, and younger junior teams, including mixed teams. More host clubs are needed for these great events. More information is available on the NOCA website.

Courses:

2013-14 Courses:

If your club is interested in hosting a Coaching or Officiating Course, contact Dick Henderson (NOCA Technical Coordinator) at 807-621-4259 or dickhenderson@curlno.ca

Current Courses:

Club Coach Youth and Club Coach – October 26, Geraldton
Club Coach – October 19, South River
Registration is available on the NOCA website.

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Club Events on NOCA Website:

One feature of the newly launched NOCA website is the ability for clubs to enter their bonspiels, registration nights, annual meetings, and other club events on the site. The section of the website is "Club Events" and events can be searched by date, type of event, club, or region, or you can view a monthly calendar. Posters for events can be uploaded as well. To add your club event, go to curlnoca.ca/club-events/

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Police Record Checks

All NOCA coaches working with youth must have a Vulnerable Sector Check issued by their local police or OPP department. NOCA requires the coaches provide this documentation to the office, and that it be renewed every three years. This is also a good practice for clubs who have volunteers working with their Little Rock or Junior programs. There can be a fee for this service from the local police or OPP, and they may also require a form from NOCA or your club confirming that this person is working with youth. NOCA provides this form to coaches and it can also be used as a template for clubs to modify. If you need a copy of this form, please contact the NOCA office, or email info@curlnoca.ca

Feature Clubs

If your club has a story to tell, has had a really successful event, or has been recognized for an accomplishment, send the information to the NOCA office and it will be posted on the homepage of the website in the Member Information section. Please add photos if possible.

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 11:30 pm ET):

Club Coach / Club Coach Youth Geraldton – October 18th

Club Coach South River – November 1st

Sioux Lookout Youth Challenge – November 6th

Deer Trail Youth Challenge – November 6th

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Curling Week in Northern Ontario:

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This year there will be a Closest to the Pin contest for all NOCA Members. During Curling Week, clubs will offer the opportunity for people to draw closest to the pin. The participants' scores will be recorded and each club will have the person closest to the pin enter into a contest on Saturday November 23rd where all club finalists will throw a rock in their club to try to be the closest to the pin across all of Northern Ontario.

Leading up to Curling Week there will be a Trivia Contest on the NOCA website. The contest will start Monday October 28th and two people each week will win a 2014 NOCA Calendar.

An information package with posters was sent to all Club Delegates today.

Road to the Roar Brooms & Jerseys Contest:

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The contest will start on October 28th and entries will close November 4th. One draw for an adult prize and one draw for a youth prize will be drawn daily during the Road to the Roar. The contest will be on the new NOCA website.

Posters have been sent to all Club Delegates and are available for download at curlnoca.ca/member-services/resources/

8-ender Winners:

If your team scores an 8-ender, you are all eligible to receive a NOCA 8-Ender Fleece vest. Information is available at curlnoca.ca/programs/awards/noca-8-ender-winners

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Junior Regions – November 15th
Bantam Regions – November 22nd
NOCA Women – November 22nd

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November 1, 2013

Road to the Roar Starts Tuesday

November 5 – 10 will see 24 teams compete at the Capital One Road to the Roar Olympic Pre-trials for the last two spots (per gender) in the Tim Hortons Roar of Rings Olympic Trials. Three Northern Ontario teams will be competing in the event (Brad Jacobs from Soo Curlers Association, Krista McCarville from the Fort William CC, and Tracy Horgan from the Idylwyld G&CC. TSN will televise the playoffs next weekend and event information and results will be available during the week at www.curling.ca/2013roadtotheroar-en/. Good luck to all three teams.

Getting Started in Curling for Adults

Many clubs across Canada have started new leagues for beginning adult curlers. These leagues are instructional and the format is based on a very successful program created by Earle Morris for the CCA. The program is designed to be held over an entire curling season and involves weekly lessons followed by curling. The entire program is available for download on the CCA website link below. www.curling.ca/start-curling/getting-started-in-curling-for-adults/. This site features a planning guide and video clips for instructors.

Starting a program like this might seem daunting, but it has proven to be very successful at many clubs. The program can be modified to suit your needs. One NOCA club offered the program last year and had 6 people sign up; that wasn't enough to start a league so the club got creative. The team was put into a regular league to fill a spot. The instructors met with the team 45 minutes before the start of the draw each week. They worked on a "lesson" for a half hour, took a 10 minute warm up break, and then the instructors stayed with them throughout the game. This year another new team joined so the club will again offer the modified version of the Getting Started program. By being creative, this club gained 12 new members. The team from last year returned, and there are 6 new members this year. (This club is in a town with a population of 2800 people, not in a large city centre).

Club that have offered this program find that they retain at least 85% of the new people the next season; the new curlers are confident with their skills and enjoy the game. The added bonus is that they often want to get involved with the club bringing new ideas and more people into the volunteer base at a club.

Contests:

Don't forget to enter the *Road to the Roar Brooms & Jerseys contest*, and the weekly *Curling Week Trivia contest*. Enter here: www.curlnoca.ca. This week's Trivia Contest winners are Nicole Hartlin and Connor Hinz.

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Current Courses:

Club Coach – November 9, South River

Registration and a description of all courses is available at www.curlnoca.ca/programs/courses/

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 11:30 pm ET):

Club Coach South River – November 1st

Sioux Lookout Youth Challenge – November 6th

Deer Trail Youth Challenge – November 6th

Junior Regions – November 15th

Bantam Regions – November 22nd

NOCA Women – November 22nd

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Curling Week in Northern Ontario – November 16 - 24:

Bearskin Airlines is proud to sponsor Curling Week in Northern Ontario. This is the fifth annual event and offers clubs a chance to highlight their club in the community by hosting events such as Learn to Curl clinics, Open houses, league challenges, fun-spiels, and other great functions.

This year there will be a Closest to the Pin contest for all NOCA Members. Information has been sent to all clubs, and is posted here: <http://curlnoca.ca/programs/curling-week/>

The Curling Week Trivia Contest is in its third week with winners posted every Friday. This contest will continue until November 22nd.

A Curling Week calendar will be posted on the website next week and will be continually updated as clubs submit information to the NOCA office with the activities they are having that week. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your club and curling in your community and get participants entering the Closest to the Pin contest.

National Sports Day

RBC Sports Day in Canada, presented by ParticipACTION, CBC and True Sport, will be held this year on Saturday, November 30 in communities from coast to coast to coast. This national celebration of sport, from grassroots to high-performance, is an opportunity for all Canadians to celebrate the power of sport, build community and national spirit and facilitate healthy, active living.

Enter your club event and get more information at <http://sportsday.cbc.ca/>

CCA Awards:

The Canadian Curling Association provides several awards to volunteers, curlers, and clubs. The deadline for most nominations is December 31st. Information is available at www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/

Contests:

Don't forget to enter the *Road to the Roar Brooms & Jerseys contest*, and the weekly *Curling Week Trivia contest*. Enter here: www.curlnoca.ca. This week's Trivia Contest winners are Nicholas Bissonnette and Kathy Ingram. Winners of the daily Brooms & Jerseys contest are posted on the NOCA website in News.

Courses:

2013-14 Courses:

If your club is interested in hosting a Coaching or Officiating Course, contact:

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Current Courses:

Club Coach – November 9, South River

Club Coach Youth – November 24, Idylwylde G&CC (Sudbury)

Officiating Course – Sudbury November 10th (contact the NOCA office)

Registration and a description of all courses is available at www.curlnoca.ca/programs/courses/

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 11:30 pm ET):

Junior Regions – November 15th

Club Coach Youth – November 15th

Bantam Regions – November 22nd

NOCA Women – November 22nd

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Curling Week in Northern Ontario Starts Saturday:

Bearskin Airlines is proud to sponsor Curling Week in Northern Ontario. This is the fifth annual event and offers clubs a chance to highlight their club in the community by hosting events such as Learn to Curl clinics, Open houses, league challenges, fun-spiels, and other great functions.

This year there will be a Closest to the Pin contest for all NOCA Members. Information has been sent to all clubs, and is posted here: <http://curlnoca.ca/programs/curling-week/>. **Please note** that the rules regarding a tie between finalists have changed. If there are two or more finalists with the same distance to the pin, their names will be put in a hat and drawn for the winner and runner up.

The Curling Week Trivia Contest is in its third week with winners posted every Friday. This contest will continue until November 22nd. A Curling Week calendar is posted on the website and will be continually updated as clubs submit information to the NOCA office with their activities. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your club and curling in your community and get participants entering the Closest to the Pin contest.

Tom Coulterman receives Coaching Excellence Award

"Three highly successful Canadian curling coaches, Tom Coulterman, Earle Morris, and Joe Rea have been announced as recipients of 2013 Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Awards at the Coaching Association of Canada's annual Sport Leadership sportif conference in Calgary", as reported on the CCA website.

Tom is currently the coach of the Brad Jacobs rink, has acted as the Team Leader for Canadian Juniors competing at World events, is a NOCA Learning Facilitator and Amethyst Camp Instructor, and Adult Learn to Curl Program Leader at Soo Curlers Association.

Congratulations Tom, this award is well deserved.

www.curling.ca/blog/2013/11/13/sports-leadership-award-for-rea-morris-and-coulterman/

Vote for your favourite curlers to compete in the All-Star Curling Skins game

Travelers All-Star Curling Skins game presented by Pinty's is back for another fantastic year! To determine which Canadian men will compete in the All-Star Curling Skins game in Banff, fans will select their favourite curlers from the star-studded list of 48 players.

The Jacobs rink are all on the list of players to vote for. You can vote daily until December 8th.

<http://curlingskins.tsn.ca/>

Once the vote is over, 16 players will be grouped by position (Skip, Third, Second, and Lead). Competing players will then be selected by position via draft to create four All-Star teams. The draft show will be televised outdoors from the Town of Banff on January 10th, 2014 on TSN2. And as a bonus to you, just by voting you're entered to win one of our great weekly prizes

Partner Discounts

Choice Hotels, Avis, and Budget all provide NOCA members with discounts on their room or vehicle rentals. One member recently reported that she saved \$15/night on a reservation with Choice Hotels by using the discount code on the back of her membership card. That's the cost of the per capita fee all NOCA members pay to their club. You must use the discount codes on the membership card to secure these discounts; the individual hotels or rental agencies will not recognize the corporate code.

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):

PLEASE NOTE – THE CLOSING TIME FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 12:00 pm (NOON) except for the Junior Regions.

Junior Regions – November 15th
Club Coach Youth – November 15th
Bantam Regions – November 22nd
NOCA Women – November 22nd

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Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Starts Sunday

A trip to Sochi, Russia, and the right to wear the Maple Leaf in curling's most important event will be on the line when the 2013 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Monsanto, get underway on Sunday at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg.

The Trials competition format is a round robin, with the first-place teams advancing to their respective finals, while the second- and third-place teams meet in a semifinal to determine the other finalist. TSN/TSN2 and RDS2 will televise all draws, leading to the women's final on Saturday evening, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m., and the men's final Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs rink, the pride of Sault Ste. Marie, won the 2013 Tim Horton's Brier, claimed the silver medal at the 2013 World Men's Championship, and will now will compete against 7 other men's teams from across Canada for the right to wear the maple leaf.

TSN broadcast schedule: www.tsn.ca/curling/feature/?id=1085

Closest to the Pin Winners

On Saturday November 23rd, the final event of Curling Week in Northern Ontario was a Closest to the Pin contest. Finalists from each participating club threw to see who would be closest to the in. The winner of the Closest to the Pin Contest across all clubs in Northern Ontario is **Holly Davidson from the Copper Cliff Curling Club**. Holly covered the pin! She wins a trip for two to the 2015 Canadian Mixed in North Bay next November. Congratulations Holly!!

The other winners were:

Lori Perozak (Port Arthur CC): 26.2 cm. Lori wins a \$150 Goldline Gift Card
Gaston Trottier (Iroquois Falls CC): 42 cm. Gaston wins a \$100 Goldline Gift Card
Chris Pizzio (Sioux Lookout G&CC): 50 cm. Chris wins a \$50 Goldline Gift Card

Thanks to all of the finalists from each club who participated in this draw.

Let's GO Curling Promotion:

NOCA is pleased to announce a new program in conjunction with the Ontario Trillium Foundation: **Let's GO Curling**. The program will provide curling clubs with fun curling activities that will address the needs of both new and experienced curlers of all ages to numerous aspects of the game. This program also provides an opportunity for certification as an instructor or coach, who will then be available in the club as a resource for years to come. Ideally, this program of curling activities would be scheduled at any time during the curling season which best fits with your club's schedule. It may also be used as a special event for your club. In every case, NOCA will endeavour to bring a NOCA Provincial champion to the event.

Curling Club staff or volunteers are asked to submit a proposal to the NOCA office. Clubs will be awarded a **Let's GO Curling** weekend based on the merits of their application. Creativity is encouraged. For more information go to <http://curlnoca.ca/lets-go-curling-program/>

Coach Conferences:

NOCA will hold two coach conferences (one east, one west) on the Family Weekend, February 15-17, 2014. The conference will be held over two days. The conferences are in the planning stages but the weekend will include a Competition Coach Course, Competition Coach Evaluations, Coach workshops with guest speakers, Learning Facilitator training, and more. The conferences will be held in conjunction with two training camps for the Bantam teams who will represent Northern Ontario at the Ontario Winter Games. More information will be available in December.

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):

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Men Qualifier West: December 20th
 Senior Men & Women: January 10th

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Congratulations Team Jacobs:

Team Jacobs (Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden, fifth Caleb Flaxey, and Coach Tom Coulterman) won the men's side of the Roar of the Rings last week and will now represent Canada at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Jacobs came through the Roar undefeated and won the final against the John Morris rink with a 7-4 victory. Full Article:

<http://www.curling.ca/2013roaroftherings-en/2013/12/08/team-jacobs-books-trip-to-sochi-with-roar-of-the-rings-win/>

The team was greeted at the airport in Sault Ste. Marie and escorted to Soo Curlers Association for a welcome party. See more on this at www.sootoday.com/content/news/details.asp?c=65487

Bantam Regions and NOCA Women's Provincials this weekend:

December 12-15 will see six Bantam regional playdowns take place with 36 teams competing. The Bantam playdowns will declare 1 team of each gender from each region to advance to the provincials. The final two teams of each gender will be decided in the Bantam Challenges January 10-12, 2014. **The Bantam Provincial will take place at the Soo Curlers Association January 30 – February 2, 2014.** The top three teams of each gender from the provincials will advance to the Ontario Winter Games. Results and event info: <http://curlinoca.ca/competitions/bantam/>

The NOCA Women's provincial also takes place this weekend at Soo Curlers Association. Five teams will compete for four spots at the Ontario Scotties January 5-12, 2014 also at Soo Curlers Association. This is the last year that teams from NOCA will compete with teams from the OCA to declare Team Ontario for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Starting in 2015 Northern Ontario will have the opportunity to participate in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The NOCA team will have to earn the right to compete by participating in the pre-event competition.

Results and event info: <http://curlinoca.ca/competitions/women>

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Awards:

The CCA, NOCA, and the Ministry of Citizenship all have awards available. Take this opportunity to nominate someone deserving from your club. Deadlines are approaching soon.

CCA: www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/

NOCA: <http://curlinoca.ca/programs/awards/>

Ministry: <http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honoursandawards.shtml>

Coach Conferences – Date change:

The west conference will take place on the Family Weekend, February 15-17, 2014 and the east conference will take place later in the season, dates TBD. More information will be available in the new year.

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):

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Men Qualifier West: December 20th Senior Men & Women: January 10th

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NOCA 2014 Women's Provincials:

Congratulations to the **Tracy Horgan** rink from the Idylwyld G&CC who are the 2014 NOCA Women's Champions. The Horgan team (Jennifer Horgan, Amanda Gates, Jenna Enge, coach Louise Logan) will travel back to Soo Curlers Association to compete in the Ontario Scotties January 5-12, 2014. The other NOCA Teams who will compete at the Ontario Scotties are the **Kendra Lilly** rink (Laura Forget, Courtney Chenier, Amanda Corkall) North Bay Granite CC, the **Ashley Kallos** rink (Oye-Sem Won, Laura Vieira, Jessica William, coach Paul Carr) Port Arthur CC, and the home club **Dawna Premo** rink (Lindsay Miners, Megan St. Amand, Michelle MacLeod, Kelly McLellan).

These four teams will compete against six OCA teams for the opportunity to represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. This event, themed as "The End of an Era" will be the last provincial that sees Northern Ontario (NOCA) and Ontario (OCA) teams compete for one Ontario spot at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The 2015 Scotties will see fifteen teams (the 14 Member Associations and the defending champion from the 2014 Scotties) eligible to compete, meaning Northern Ontario will make its Scotties debut in Moose Jaw in the 2-15 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The event will be preceded by a pre-qualifying event that will determine the final 12-team field for the Scotties. Four teams will compete in the pre-qualifying round just before round-robin play begins to determine the final two entries. The format will be announced at a later date.

Bantam Region Winners:

Congratulations to Bantam Boys and Bantam Girls teams who earned the right to participate in the provincial championships at the regional playdowns last weekend.

Bantam Girls teams:

Cassidy Romyn (Sioux Lookout G&CC)
Tiana Gaudry (Port Arthur CC)
Hayley Horton (Blind River CC)
Katie Rutledge (Soo Curlers)
Calli Barclay (North Bay Granite CC)
Emma Landry (Horne Granite CC)

Bantam Boys teams:

Chris Silver (Fort Frances CC)
Christopher Perozak (Port Arthur CC)
Brendan Acorn (Soo Curlers)
Doug Goodmurphy (Thessalon)
Tanner Horgan (Idylwyld G&CC)
Felix Lasalle (McIntyre CC)

The last two teams per gender will be determined at the East and West Bantam Challenges January 10-12, 2014. The Provincials (combined event) will be held at the Soo Curlers Association, January 30 – February 2, 2014.

Travelers 2014 Amethyst Junior Curling Camp

Information packages will be sent to all campers from last year on January 6th. Those campers have until January 24, 2013. After that date spots will be filled with other applicants. General registration information will be on the NOCA website in early January.

Christmas Hours

The NOCA office will be closed December 23 – January 1 inclusive. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):

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- Senior Men & Women: January 10th
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship Regions: January 17th
(Note - this is the date that clubs must declare if they are entering teams or not)
- Mixed Doubles: January 24th

Happy Holidays

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Ontario Scotties:

January 6 – 12, 2014 will see 10 Women's teams compete for the Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts Champion. 4 teams from Northern Ontario are competing against 6 Ontario Curling Association teams in the round robin event.

This is the last year that teams from NOCA will compete with teams from the OCA to declare Team Ontario for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Starting in 2015 Northern Ontario will have the opportunity to participate in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The NOCA team will have to earn the right to compete by participating in the pre-event competition.

Events site: www.2014ontarioscotties.com/

Results: www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=224

Junior Provincial Champions Declared:

The Junior Men's and Women's Provincial Champions were declared Sunday. The Tanner Horgan rink (Horgan, Nicholas Servant, Jacob Horgan, Maxime Blais, and Coach Gerry Horgan) earned the Junior Men's title at the provincial event hosted at the Longlac Curling Club, while on the Women's side, the Krysta Burns rink (Burns, Leah Hodgson, Sara Guy, Laura Masters, and Coach Rodney Guy) earned their title at the Fort William CC.

Both of the winning teams represent the Idylwylde G&CC. They will go on to represent Northern Ontario at the M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors in Liverpool, NS January 16-26, 2014.

Bantams and Men Compete this weekend:

This weekend will see the last two teams (per gender) earn berths in the Tim Hortons 2014 NOCA Bantam Provincials. The East Challenge has 4 boys teams and 4 girls teams competing at the Deer Trail CC in Elliot Lake, while the West Challenge sees 2 boys teams and 2 girls teams competing at the Stratton CC.

On the Men's side, 9 men's teams will compete for three spots at the Travelers Men's 2014 NOCA Provincial. The West Qualifier takes place at the Fort Frances CC and three teams will advance to the provincial. The East Qualifier will take place January 23 – 26 at the McIntyre CC in Timmins. The provincial takes place February 5 – 9, 2014 also at the McIntyre CC. 2 teams (Jeff Currie, Fort William CC, and Mike Jakubo, Copper Cliff CC) have already qualified for the provincial through CTRS points.

Coach Conferences:

Due to several scheduling conflicts, the Coach Conferences (East and West) will be rescheduled until sometime in March. More details will follow at a later date.

Let's GO Curling Promotion:

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Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):

NOTE – THE CLOSING TIME FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 12:00 NOON.

- Senior Men & Women: January 10th
- Youth Challenge – Idylwylde G&CC: January 15th
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship Regions: January 17th
(Note - this is the date that clubs must declare if they are entering teams or not)
- Mixed Doubles: January 24th

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NOCA Notes
January 18, 2014

M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors start Saturday:

The Tanner Horgan rink (Horgan, Nicholas Servant, Jacob Horgan, Maxime Blais, and Coach Gerry Horgan) and the Krysta Burns rink (Burns, Leah Hodgson, Sara Guy, Laura Masters, and Coach Rodney Guy) are representing Northern Ontario at the Canadian Juniors starting Saturday. Both teams will be competing for the national title and the chance to represent Canada at the World Juniors in Flims, Switzerland February 25 – March 5, 2014. Good luck to both teams. www.curling.ca/2014juniors-en/

Travelers Amethyst Junior Curling Camp

Registration will be available for the Amethyst Camp Monday January 20th. There is a bus available for campers to get to and from camp various locations across Northern Ontario. Once again NOCA and a partner are offering bursaries to assist with the registration fee to 4 successful applicants. All information about the camp will be available on the NOCA website Monday. **The camp will fill fast, so don't hesitate in sending in your registration.**

Mixed Doubles:

The Little Current Curling Club will host the second NOCA Mixed Doubles Provincial February 13-16, 2014. This event is for two person teams and the winner will advance to the Mixed Doubles Curling Trials in Ottawa, ON. Watch how the game is played during the Continental Cup on TSN January 16-19. Register by January 24th

8-Enders:

Congratulations to the Harold Arnold rink from the Providence Bay CC, and the Trevor Bonot rink from the Port Arthur CC. Arnold took their 8-ender in the Afternoon Mixed league, and Bonot secured their 8-ender in the Monday night Men's league. The teams will receive NOCA 8-Enders club vests to wear proudly.



Harold Arnold, Donna Kay
Paul Whalen, Donna Whalen



Trevor Bonot, Sarah Potts
Jordan Potts, Terry Lee

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- Mixed Doubles: January 24th
- Masters Men's & Women's Provincial: February 7th

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NOCA Notes
January 24, 2014

Final 3 Men's Teams Declared this weekend:

9 men's teams are competing in the East Qualifier at the McIntyre CC in Timmins this weekend. The teams are competing for the last 3 berths in the Travelers 2014 NOCA Men's Provincial which will also be held at the McIntyre CC, February 6-9, 2014.

Results: http://playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=229

The organizing committee for the 2014 Travelers Men's NOCA Provincial is working hard to provide a great event for the teams and spectators. More information is available at www.curlthemac.ca/provincial/index.html

Olympics as a Recruiting Tool:

The Men's Olympic team is from Northern Ontario – Team Jacobs from the Soo Curlers Association. What is your club doing during and after the 2014 Sochi Olympics to increase awareness about the sport or recruit new people to try curling?

NOCA is in the process of creating a poster for clubs to download. The poster will focus on the Olympics and Team Jacobs, and have a blank section for clubs to fill in events that the club will run during the Olympics. The posters are meant for distribution in and around your community to encourage people to try the sport. Some suggestions are Open Houses, Learn to Curl Clinics, Throw Your First Rock, Draw to the Button contests, Celebrity Challenges, School Curling, Family Funspiels, etc. The poster will be available on the NOCA website late next week and will be emailed to all affiliated clubs.

Don't miss this great opportunity to promote curling in your community.

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2014 Tim Hortons Bantam Boys and Girls NOCA Provincial:

The Provincial event will see 8 teams each of Bantam Boys and Girls compete for the title of 2014 NOCA Bantam Champion. The provincial takes place at Soo Curlers Association, Thursday January 30 – Sunday February 2.

The top three boys and girls teams will represent Northern Ontario at the Ontario Winter Games February 22 – March 1 in Orillia/Barrie.

Provincial Results will be posted at http://playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=230

Grant Deadlines:

Ontario Trillium Foundation: March 1, 2014
<http://otf.ca/en/index.asp>

Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF): February 20, 2014
www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR006918

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- Masters Men's & Women's Provincial: February 7th
- John Shea Mixed Provincials: February 28th

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NOCA Notes
January 31, 2014

Bantams and Seniors Compete this Weekend:

The 2014 Tim Hortons Bantam Boys and Girls Provincial will see 8 teams each of Bantam Boys and Girls compete this weekend at Soo Curlers Association, Thursday January 30 – Sunday February 2. Results: http://playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=230

Senior Men will compete this weekend as well at the Thessalon, Espanola, and Iroquois Falls Curling Club. Results: <http://curlno.ca/competitions/senior>

Competition Coach Development Course:

The CCA will be holding its first official Competition Development Workshop in Hamilton, Ontario at the Glendale Golf and Country Club on March 27-30, 2014. This is a national workshop, therefore participants from all provinces and territories are invited to attend. The registration form is available at <http://curlno.ca/programs/courses/>

The registration fee is \$450.00 which includes all training for the in person workshop and future webinar sessions this fall. Quest for Gold funding is available for this course. Information about this funding is available at www.coachesontario.ca/q4g/bursary-program/

NCCP Coach Transition:

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Asham Coach Awards:

Each year at the Junior Provincials, a coach in the Junior Men’s event and in the Junior Women’s event is presented with the Asham Coach Award. The award recipients are voted on by their peer coaches at the event. Congratulations to Rodney Guy, coach of the Krysta Burns rink, Idylwyde G&CC, and to Dan Lemieux, Coach of the Cody Tetreault rink, Thessalon CC. Congratulations Rodney and Dan.



Kris Woznesensky presenting to Rodney Guy



Ian Fisher presenting to Dan Lemieux

Olympics as a Recruiting Tool:

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NOCA Notes
February 6, 2014

2014 Travelers Men's NOCA Provincial:

8 men's teams are currently battling it out for the title of 2014 Travelers NOCA Men's Provincial Champion at the McIntyre Curling Club in Timmins. The round robin started Wednesday with the semi-final game scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and finals Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The winning team will represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Hortons Brier, March 1-9 in Kamloops, BC.

Results: http://playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=238

Event Site: <http://www.curlthetmac.ca/provincial/index.html>

2014 Sochi Olympics – Go Canada Go!!

The opening ceremonies take place at 11 am ET Friday February 7th. While a few events started today, many will commence tomorrow. Curling takes to ice in the Ice Cube Curling Centre beginning Monday February 10th at 12:00 a.m. ET. There is a 9 hour time difference so the games will be televised at 12:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

- Sochi Site: <http://www.sochi2014.com/en>
- Olympics Television Coverage (all sports):
<http://olympics.cbc.ca/broadcast-schedule/day=2014-02-07/index.html>
- Olympic Curling Television coverage (click on the day to see the schedule)
<http://olympics.cbc.ca/broadcast-schedule/sports/day=2014-02-10/sport=cu/index.html>

Go Team Jacobs and Team Jones.

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NOCA Notes
February 13, 2014

2014 Travelers Men's NOCA Provincial:

Congratulations to the Jeff Currie rink (Currie, Mike McCarville, Colin Koivula, Jamie Childs) from the Fort William Curling Club. Currie's rink won the final game in the 2014 Travelers Men's NOCA Provincial with a score of 9-4 over the Brian Adams Jr. rink (Port Arthur CC) and will now represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Hortons Brier March 1-9 in Kamloops, BC.

Thanks to Travelers, the sponsor of this event, and a great supporter of curling in Canada.

Mixed Doubles Provincials:

6 teams will meet in Little Current this weekend to compete for the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the CCA Mixed Doubles Curling Trials in Ottawa, March 19th - 23rd.

Results: http://playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=239

Mixed Doubles is a great game to play at your club. It takes less time than a regular game, and only two players/team are needed. It can be played as Mixed or just two-on-two. The game is played on the same sheets of ice as "traditional" curling. Teams have only six stones each (instead of eight) and one of those stones, from each team, is prepositioned on the centreline before each end of play starts. Player one delivers the first and last stones and player two plays the second, third and fourth stones. If they choose to, the two players may swap positions from one end to the next. Sweeping can be done by both team members.

Information and video: <http://www.worldcurling.org/mixed-doubles-curling>

Competition Coach Course

A course will be held in Sudbury at the Idylwyld G&CC, March 8-9, 2014. Information and registration is available at <http://www.curlnoca.ca/programs/courses/>

2014 Sochi Olympics – Go Canada Go!!

Curling takes place in the Ice Cube Curling Centre; there is a 9 hour time difference so the games will be televised at 12:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

- Sochi Site: <http://www.sochi2014.com/en>
- Olympics Television Coverage (all sports): <http://olympics.cbc.ca/broadcast-schedule/day=2014-02-07/index.html>
- Olympic Curling Television coverage (click on the day to see the schedule) <http://olympics.cbc.ca/broadcast-schedule/sports/day=2014-02-10/sport=cu/index.html>

Wheelchair Curling High Performance Camp:

On January 31 – February 2, 12 Wheelchair curlers and their coaches participated in a High Performance Camp at the Fort William CC. Wendy Morgan, CCA National Wheelchair Program Coordinator led the camp (with assistance from Andrea Ronnebeck and Hayley Smith). On and off ice sessions were held over the three day period with many topics covered, and technical assistance provided. Thanks to all who participated.

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):

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- John Shea Mixed Provincials: February 28th
- Competition Coach Course: February 28th

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NOCA Notes
February 28, 2014

2014 Senior and Mixed Doubles Provincial Champions:

Congratulations to the Vicky Barrett rink (Barrett, Margaret McLaughlin, Valerie MacInnes, Brenda Harrow) and the Robbie Gordon rink (Gordon, Ron Henderson, Dion Dumontelle, Doug Hong), both from the Sudbury CC for earning the titles of Senior Women and Men's 2014 Champions. These two teams will now represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Seniors Curling Championships in Yellowknife, February 19-23, 2014.

The duo of Eric Gelinis and Courtney Chenier took the Mixed Doubles Championship title at the Little Current CC. This team represents the North Bay Granite CC. Gelinis and Chenier will travel to Ottawa March 19-23 to compete in the Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials.

Good luck to all three teams in their quest to become Canadian Champions.

2014 Masters Men's Provincial Championships:

Three Masters Men's teams are battling it out at the Kakabeka Falls CC for the title of 2014 NOCA Masters Men's Provincial Champions. The winner of the provincial playdown will travel to Coaldale, AB March 31 – April 6 to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Masters Curling Championships.

Results:

9 Northern Ontario Teams Compete at the Ontario Winter Games:

Bantams:

The teams who finished as the top three Bantam Boys and Girls teams at the Tim Hortons 2014 NOCA Bantam Provincials are competing now at the Ontario Winter Games. The three teams per gender are competing against their counterparts from the Ontario Curling Association. The winning boys and girls teams will then represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games in Prince George, BC in February 2015.

Girls Results: <http://www.ontcurl.com/competitions/scores.aspx?id=533>

Boys Results: <http://www.ontcurl.com/competitions/scores.aspx?id=532>

Wheelchair:

Three NOCA Wheelchair curling teams are also competing at the Games in the Wheelchair curling event.

Results: <http://www.ontcurl.com/competitions/scores.aspx?id=534>

Travelers 2014 Amethyst Junior Curling Camp

There are still some openings at the Amethyst Camp this year but the open spots are filling quickly. Don't miss out on this opportunity to attend one of the premier youth curling camps in Canada.

Information and registration: <http://curlno.ca/programs/camps/>

2014 Tim Hortons Brier:

The Tim Hortons Brier starts March 1st. The Jeff Currie rink (Currie, Mike McCarville, Colin Koivula, Jamie Childs, Joe Scharf) will represent Northern Ontario at this year's Brier. Good luck to Team Currie.

Event site: <http://www.curling.ca/2014brier-en/>

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NOCA Notes
March 7, 2014

Ontario Winter Games Results:

Congratulations to all of the Bantam and Wheelchair teams who competed at the Ontario Winter Games last weekend in Orillia. The top three teams from the Bantam Boys and Girls Provincials competed against three teams from the Ontario Curling Association, and three NOCA Wheelchair teams competed against three OCA Wheelchair teams. The results were tremendous!

Bantam Boys Results:

- Brendan Acorn rink (Soo Curlers, NOCA Provincial winner) received Bronze
- Tanner Horgan rink (Idylwyde G&CC, 2nd place NOCA Provincials) placed 4th
- Sam Cull rink (Sudbury CC, 3rd place NOCA Provincials) placed 6th

Bantam Girls Results:

- Megan Smith rink (Sudbury CC, NOCA Provincial winner) earned Gold
- Katie Rutledge rink (Soo Curlers, NOCA 2nd place NOCA Provincials) placed 6th
- Calli Barclay rink (North Bay Granite CC, 3rd place NOCA Provincials) placed 5th

The Megan Smith rink (Smith, Kira Brunton, Mikaela Cheslock, Emma Johnson, Coach Chris Johnson) will now represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games in Prince George BC, in February 2015.

Wheelchair Results:

- Gino Sonego rink (Fort William CC) earned Silver
- Wayne Ficek rink (Kenora CC) earned Bronze
- Rick Prud'homme rink (Sudbury CC) placed 5th

Congratulations to all of the teams!

Medalists:



Megan Smith, Kira Brunton, Mikaela Cheslock, Emma Johnson, Coach Chris Johnson



Brendan Acorn, Mitchell Harris, Spencer Clark, Aaron Soulliere, Coach Steve Acorn



Wayne Ficek, Chester Draper, Denise Miault, Sarah Lashbrook, Coach Hayley Smith



Gino Sonego, Doug Dean, Chris Provenzano, Lola Graham
Coaches Mike Bergquist, Doug Gelmich

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NOCA Notes
March 14, 2014

Resignation of NOCA President:

NOCA announces the resignation of President Stephen Chenier, effective immediately. Steve has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Ontario Curling Association officially assuming this role June 23, 2014. He will be spending the next couple of months in the OCA office learning about the position.

Steve has been involved as a Board Member of NOCA for the past 8 years, and as President since 2012. During that time, the Northern Ontario Curling Association has grown from a newly amalgamated association to a well-respected member of the Canadian Curling Association largely because of Steve's hard work, dedication and commitment to curling.

The NOCA Board wishes Steve the very best in his new endeavor and look forward to working with him in his new role. He will be sorely missed.

Marion Clark, NOCA Vice-President, will assume the role of Acting President until the election of the new Board in April, 2014.

NOCA Election of Region Directors:

The NOCA Board composition will change in accordance with a bylaw change which was approved at the June 24, 2013 Annual General Meeting. As of June 1, 2014, the Board will be comprised of six (6) regional Directors and three (3) Directors at large. The Election process for Region Directors follows:

- Nominations, with resume or summary of curling committee experience, will be sent to the NOCA office via email, fax, or regular post. The deadline for these nominations will be **April 1 each year**.
- Once all nominations have been received, a list will then be compiled and emailed or faxed to all club delegates. Election will take place by email during the regional meeting in each region. The chair of the regional meeting will inform the NOCA Office of results via email or fax **by April 9**. In the event of a tie in a region, the club delegates in that region will be asked to vote again.
- Once the votes have been tallied, the Chair of the regional meeting will notify the successful candidates, all the club delegates, and the current NOCA Board of the new Directors on the Board. This will be done by **April 11**.

The three (3) Directors at large will be recruited based on skills/attributes after the new Region Directors are elected. The candidates for director at large will be required to include a summary of skills that they feel would benefit the NOCA board.

CCA National Curling Summit:

"The Canadian Curling Association is excited about our first ever National Curling Summit to be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, August 25-27, 2014. The Summit guarantees to bring together people from all over the world with a passion for our sport and the desire to continue to grow the sport of curling in all our communities.

Whether you are a club manager, an administrator, a coach or just a fan, we have built an agenda that will not only intrigue you but will deliver many best practices to help build your business. We encourage you to join us this August for an information-filled networking opportunity while listening to leaders in our sport discuss issues that impact us all.

Go to www.curling.ca/summit2014/ for more information or be the first to register!"

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NOCA Notes
April 4, 2014

NOCA Presents Curling Conferences in the fall of 2014

Don't miss out on this opportunity to develop as a Coach, Athlete, Club Volunteer or Staff, Instructor, Ice Technician, or Official.

Through grants provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, , NOCA will present two Curling Conferences in the fall of 2014: September 26-28 in Thunder Bay, and October 24-26 in Sudbury.

Agenda topics include Coaching and Officiating courses, Workshops on Membership Recruitment, Social Media, Best Practices, Taking the Mystery out of Ice and Rocks, and more. Guest Speakers will provide keynote addresses at a banquet Saturday evening along with awards presentations.

Subsidies will be available for travel and accommodation for participants so plan to fill up a car and bring a few people from your club.

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NOCA Seniors Recognized

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The Gordon rink played through the qualification process to earn the berth in the round robin and ended up playing a total of 16 games in the complete event including 3 qualification games, 11 round robin games, a tie-breaker and the semi final. This is apparently a record for the most games played in a Canadian Championship. The rink ended up winning Bronze. The Barrett rink rallied after a slower start to finish middle of the pack with a 4-7 record.

Canadian Masters:

The Canadian Masters is currently underway in Coaldale, AB. The Marion Clark rink (Clark, Barbara Ward, Tannis Ferguson, Bev Junnila) and the Gordon Williams rink (Williams, Ed Pedersen, Ernie Surkan, Ed Koivula), both from the Port Arthur CC, are representing Northern Ontario at the event. Good luck to both teams. [Event site](#)

Travelers and Wheelchair Champions Declared:

Last weekend saw three Northern Ontario Provincial Champions declared. At the Copper Cliff Curling Club, the Janice Vettoretti and Dave Barker rinks prevailed in the round robin to become the 2-14 Provincial Champions. Vettoretti (Meri Bolander, Jessie Orford, Trina Tallon) from the Sudbury CC, and Barker (Brian Aaltonen, Ron Melhuish, Kurt Pristanski) from the Geraldton CC will travel to Halifax next November to represent Northern Ontario at the 2014 Travelers Canadian Curling Club Championships. 6 men's teams and 6 women's teams (one from each region) competed in the round robin event and gave the spectators and volunteers some great curling to watch. Thanks to Travelers for sponsoring this true "curling club" event.

CCA National Curling Summit:

The Canadian Curling Association is holding a National curling Summit in Niagara Falls in August. Go to www.curling.ca/summit2014/ for more information. Early bird registration rates are available until April 30th.

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April 30, 2014

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At the 2014 Canadian Senior Curling Championships, the Robbie Gordon and Vicky Barrett rinks represented Northern Ontario, and members of both teams received recognition. Margaret McLaughlin, Ron Henderson, Dion Dumontelle were all named to the 2nd All Star team, and Doug Hong received the Male Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations!

The Gordon rink played through the qualification process to earn the berth in the round robin and ended up playing a total of 16 games in the complete event including 3 qualification games, 11 round robin games, a tie-breaker and the semi final. This is apparently a record for the most games played in a Canadian Championship. The rink won the Bronze medal. The Barrett rink rallied after a slower start to finish middle of the pack with a 4-7 record.

Travelers and Wheelchair Champions Declared:

At the Copper Cliff Curling Club Marcy 28-30, the Janice Vettoretti and Dave Barker rinks prevailed in the round robin to become the 2014 Provincial Champions. Vettoretti (Meri Bolander, Jessie Orford, Trina Tallon) from the Sudbury CC, and Barker (Brian Aaltonen, Ron Melhuish, Kurt Pristanski) from the Geraldton CC will travel to Halifax next November to represent Northern Ontario at the 2014 Travelers Canadian Curling Club Championships. 6 men's teams and 6 women's teams (one from each region) competed in the round robin event and gave the spectators and volunteers some great curling to watch. Thanks to Travelers for sponsoring this true "curling club" event.

The Fort William Curling club hosted the Shoppers Home Health Care Wheelchair Provincials the same weekend, and the Gino Sonogo rink earned the provincial title. The Sonogo rink (Sonogo, Doug Dean, Richard Dawid, Lola Graham, Chris Provenzano, Coaches Doug Gelmich, and Mike Bergquist) are currently in Boucherville Quebec. [Event Site](#)

CCA National Curling Summit:

The Canadian Curling Association is holding a National curling Summit in Niagara Falls in August. Go to www.curling.ca/summit2014/ for more information.

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NOCA Notes
May 14, 2013

Board Meetings:

Last weekend, the NOCA Board and staff met for their annual in person meeting. Due to financial constraints, the rest of the board and committee meetings during the year are held via teleconference. The weekend consists of committee meetings, strategic planning, budget presentation and approval, and a board meeting. The committees that met were the competitions committee, development committee, and bylaws and policies committee.

The **Competitions Committee** reviews events, entries, officiating, and other items related to competitions from both the current season and the last few seasons to identify any trends or concerns, and to make recommendations to address these items. *Changes to the competitions formats are attached.* The competition schedule for next season will be posted on the website today.

The **Development Committee** reviews the programs and services currently offered, and create a development plan for the next season. One of the key items that came out of this meeting was the creation of a committee to create guidelines and a "toolbox of ideas" for any club wanting to host a Youth Challenge. The development interns (positions created in a Trillium Foundation grant) provided a presentation outlining the work they have done this year in particular as it related to the development of curling for Aboriginal youth and adults. The interns are currently creating a member services manual that will be available to all clubs in the fall.

Curling Week in Northern Ontario was also discussed and it will be held November 16 – 24, 2013.

The **Bylaws and Policies Committee** continues to work on updating our policies to comply with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. As well, the implementation plan for the restructuring of the NOCA Board which will take place next April was reviewed.

The Board and staff also spent a half day reviewing the **2011-2016 Strategic Plan**. The result of the review as that action items will be identified with measurable outcomes defined that the Board can review for progress on a monthly basis.

The **Budget for 2013-14** was presented, discussed, and accepted by the Board. The budget presented for this fiscal year is a balanced budget (no deficit or profit). The year end financials and budget notes will be presented during the Annual General Meeting.

One of the exciting ideas that will be developed during the next few months will be the creation of a 16 month NOCA Calendar. This calendar will be available for clubs to sell as a fundraiser. More details will follow as work on the calendar progresses.

Region meetings:

Each club has a NOCA club delegate who is responsible for acting as the liaison between NOCA and their club. Each region has 2 meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. These meetings are scheduled for the next couple of weeks. Your regional directors will be reviewing last year and discussing next year so if you have any questions, please contact your regional director.

Annual General Meeting:

This year the AGM will be held via teleconference. Anyone is welcome to participate but you will be asked to pre-register so that you can be issued the dial in numbers. The only voting delegates at the AGM are the NOCA Board members, but participating and discussion by anyone is encouraged. Watch the website for more information. All club delegates will receive the information via email.

The date and time for the Annual General Meeting is **Monday June 24th at 7:30 pm ET.**

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Competitions Information 2013-14 Season

General Information:

The 1st place versus 2nd place championship final at provincial championships, with an undefeated team having to be beaten twice has been eliminated. Instead there will be a semi-final between the 2nd and 3rd place teams, with the winner to play in a final game against the 1st place team. The format for regional competitions and open provincials will continue with one change – 8 teams will play a round robin, with triple knockouts starting at 9 teams.

Men's format:

The provincial will be an eight (8) team round robin followed by a semi-final between the 2nd and 3rd place teams, with the winner to play the 1st place team in the championship. Three teams will qualify out of each of the East and West Qualifiers, with two teams coming from the CTRS points standing as of Dec. 31st (must be in the top 75 teams). Teams can enter one or both qualifiers which will be held on different weekends two weeks apart in January. In 2013-14 the West qualifier will be held first followed by the East qualifier (the provincial championship is also being held in the East). Deadline for the second qualifier will be 48 hours after the first qualifier has been completed. Three game days will be eliminated unless tiebreakers are necessary.

Bantams:

The provincial will continue to be an eight (8) team round robin followed by a semi-final and final. Six teams are eligible to qualify out of regional competition (one team per region) which will be moved ahead to December. Two Challenge Rounds will be held, one East, one West, on the previously scheduled Region weekend, with one team of each gender advancing out of each to the provincial.

Seniors:

Seniors will continue to play 10 end games until such time as the CCA makes a change at the National level. Three game days will be eliminated, unless tiebreakers are necessary. Since fifths are not allowed at the National Championship, fifths will not be allowed at the provincial. Teams can either use the spare pool or play with three players.

The Dominion Curling Club Championships:

The deadline for clubs to register their intent to send a team to the regional playdowns has been moved up to January 17, 2014. Regional playdowns must be completed by March 9th.

Entry Fees:

Entry fees will remain the same. Any team that plays in the first Men's Qualifier or Bantam Regions will have the opportunity to play in the second Men's Qualifier or one of the Bantam Challenge Rounds. Entry fee will be \$100 as long as three (3) players from the original team advance. If less than three (3) players on a team advance together this will be considered a new team and the entry fee will be the same as the initial entry fee (\$260/team for men + the CCA Competitor fee, and \$150/team for Bantams)

Competitor Guides:

Guides for all levels of competition will be available on the NOCA website by November 1st. Please ensure you have the most recent addition before your team competes as changes are sometimes made after the original guide is published.

Competition Schedule:

Available on the NOCA website.