



NOCA Notes

April 5, 2012

Saluting our Competitors:

Many competitors from Northern Ontario placed in the top three, received awards, or competed at other national events.

Ontario Winter Games:

- **Girls Gold Medal** - Krysta Burns (Monica Graham, Sara Guy, Michela Nero, Coach Rodney Guy) Idylwyldyle G&CC ,.
- **Boys Silver Medal** - Zacharia Warkentin (Will Perozak, Mackenzie Joblin, Ryan McClendon, Coach Tim Warkentin) Port Arthur CC,
- **Boys Bronze Medal** - Tanner Horgan (Owen Sheppard, Jacob Horgan, Connor Lawes, Coach Gerry Horgan), Idylwyld G&CC.

OFSSA:

- **Boys Gold Medal** - Cody Tetreault (Kyle Sherlock, Austin Adams, Daniel Rankin, Coach Kathy Ingram), Central Algoma SS (Thessalon CC)
- **Girls Silver Medal** - Kaitlin Poirier, Jenna Poirier, Kacie Ransom, Jennifer Radford, Coach Glen Poirier), Queen Elizabeth DHS (Sioux Lookout G&CC)

National Events:

- **M&M Meat Shops Canadian Junior Men's Silver** – Brennan Wark (Kristofer Leupen, Kyle Toset, Joel Adams, Coach Don Main), Port Arthur CC
- **Canadian Masters Women's Bronze** – Marion Clark (Barbara Ward, Tannis Ferguson, Bev Junnila), Port Arthur CC

Awards:

- **Kristofer Leupen** – Third on the 2nd All Star Junior Men's team, M&M Meat Shops Cdn. Juniors
- **Amanda Gates** – Marj Mitchell Sportsmanship Award, Scotties Tournament of Hearts
- **Robbie Gordon** – Skip on the 2nd All Star Men's Team, Canadian Seniors
- **Dion Dumontelle** - Sportsmanship Award, Canadian Seniors
- **Carl Levesque rink** (Rick Bell, Mel Prairie, Sharon Lafroye, Doug Dean, Coach Dave Kawahara) won the John McCrae trophy in the challenge between the OCA Wheelchair team and the NOCA Wheelchair team at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships.

Other Stars who hail from Northern Ontario:

- **Jennifer Gates** – Second on the Wilfred Laurier University team who won gold at the CIS/CCA University Championships (originally from the Idylwyld G&CC)
- **Nathan Ransom** – Alternate on the Western University team who won silver at the CIS/CCA University Championships (originally from the Sioux Lookout G&CC)
- **Mark Dugas** – All Star Skip at the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) – played for the Sault College rink (originally from the Soo Curlers Association)
- **D.J. Ronaldson** – Third on the Fanshawe Falcons rink who won Gold at the CCAA Championship, and was also the Third on the All Star team (originally from Nipigon CC)
- **Cody Heyens** – Lead on the Fanshawe Falcons rink who won Gold at the CCAA Championship (originally from the Fort Frances CC)

If there is someone not included in this publication who should be recognized, please email the information to info@curlnoc.ca

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NOCA Notes

March 30, 2012

The Dominion Curling Club Provincial Championships

The Horne Granite CC in New Liskeard is hosting this provincial event March 30 – April 1. 6 men's teams and 6 women's teams (one from each region) will compete for the title of Men'/Women's NOCA Champion. The winning teams will represent Northern Ontario at The Dominion Curling Club National Championships in Scarborough, November 19 – 25, 2012.

Teams:

Lori Hoppe – Kenora CC

Susan Lammi – Fort William Business Women

Karen Saarimaki – Geraldton CC

Marg Hawkins – Soo Curlers Association

Meri Bolander – Copper Cliff CC

Stacey Svec – McIntyre CC

Raymond Roy, Fort Frances CC

Russ Mellerup – Port Arthur CC

Dave Barker – Geraldton CC

Alain Leduc – Espanola CC

Tom Leonard – Sudbury CC

Matti Lehtisaari – Kapuskasing CC

Results are available at www.playdowns.com

John Shea Mixed Provincials:

Congratulations to the Mike Assad rink (Assad, Ashley Kallos, Taylor Kallos, Kady Stachiw) from the Fort William CC. The team will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Mixed Championships in Montreal, QC, November 15 – 24, 2012.

Curling Week Prize Winner

Wayne Venturi from Sault Ste. Marie is the Curling Week prize package winner. Wayne wins a prize package which includes 2 flights courtesy of Bearskin Airlines, 3 nights' accommodation, and a ticket package for two to The Dominion Curling Club National Championships to be held at the Fort William CC in November 2013.



Ian Fisher, NOCA Region 4 Director presents Wayne with his prize package.

Awards – Deadlines for nominations this month

There are several awards available each year from NOCA and the Ontario Curling Council. NOCA offers 3 volunteer awards annually, a Club Recognition Award, and Honorary Life Memberships.

The Ontario Curling Council offers two Pat O. Reid Coaching Awards each year, one to a coach from NOCA and one to a coach from the OCA. Information about the awards is available at curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Awards/

Deadlines for nominations are April 15 (Pat O. Reid Coaching Award) and April 30 (NOCA Volunteer and Honorary Life Awards)

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NOCA Notes

March 23, 2012

John Shea Mixed Provincials:

Geraldton is hosting the John Shea Mixed Provincials this weekend. 8 teams will vie for the title of NOCA Mixed Champions and the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the 2013 Canadian Mixed Championships, November 15 – 24, 2012 in Montreal, QC.

Results can see viewed at www.playdowns.com/noca/

8-Enders

This season has been record breaking for the number of 8-enders scored in Northern Ontario. All of the teams received NOCA 8-Enders Club fleece vests, and certificates and pins from the CCA.



Jim Armitage rink,
Fort William CC, Open Men's League



Rob Dubinsky rink
Kakabeka Falls CC, Mixed league



Brad Jacobs rink, Soo Curlers,
semi-final NOCA men's playdown



Richard McNaughton rink
Horne Granite CC, Dominion CCC Men's



Denis Mousseau rink
Sturgeon Falls CC, Mixed League



Jim Ryan rink,
Capreol CC, Mixed League



Jody Yusko rink,
Espanola CC, Ladies Bonspiel



Rejeanne MacLeod rink,
Soo Curlers Ladies

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NOCA Notes

March 16, 2012

Canadian Senior Championships start Saturday

Good luck to the Robbie Gordon rink (Gordon, Ron Henderson, Dion Dumontelle, Doug Hong) from the Sudbury CC, and the Darla Esch rink (Esch, Jann Bobenic-Costante, Sue Cantin, Paulette Brown) from the North Bay Granite CC. These teams are representing Northern Ontario at the Canadian Seniors in Abbotsford, BC.

The event site is www.curling.ca/championships/seniors/

Canadian Wheelchair Championships

The Fort William Curling Club is hosting the Canadian Wheelchair Championships from March 18 – 25. 10 teams from across Canada will compete for the Canadian title. Northern Ontario's 2012 Wheelchair Provincial Championship team, the Carl Levesque rink, will hold the NOCA seat, while the Rick Prud'homme rink will hold the Host team seat. The Levesque rink (Levesque, Rick Bell, Mel Prairie, Sharon Lafroye, Doug Dean, and Coach Dave Kawahara) hail from the Fort William CC, while the Prud'homme rink (Prud'homme, Sarah Lashbrook, Dennis Duclos, Gino Sonogo, Linda Kontunen, and Coach Norm Gervais) represent the Sudbury CC. Good luck to both teams. Event site <http://www.curling.ca/championships/wheelchair/>

Coach Course

Competition Coach: Fort Frances CC, March 31 – April 1 Deadline March 23

Registration is available on the NOCA website.

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

If you are interested in hosting or participating in a coaching course, please contact Dick Henderson, NOCA Technical Coordinator, 807-621-4259, dickhenderson@curlno.ca

Levels I and II Ice Technician Courses

The NOCA will once again hold Level I and II Ice Technician courses prior to the Amethyst Camp in Sudbury the last week of June. More information and registration is available at curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

Awards

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Men's Provincial Format

A survey was sent to all male competitors with an email address on file at the NOCA office requesting input into the future format of the men's provincial and qualifiers. The survey is available on the website homepage.

John Shea Mixed Provincials:

Geraldton will host the John Shea Mixed Provincials starting Thursday March 22nd. 8 teams will vie for the title of NOCA Mixed Champions and the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the 2013 Canadian Mixed Championships, November 15 – 24, 2012 in Montreal, QC.

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March 9, 2012

NOCA Masters Men Provincials

Congratulations to the Paul Carr rink from the Port Arthur CC (Carr, Glen Fossum, Ken Ketonen, Ed Koivula) who won the NOCA provincial Masters Men title last weekend. They will represent NOCA at the Canadian Masters in Montreal, March 26 – April 1. The Masters Women's teams representing the NOCA is the Marion Clark rink from the Port Arthur CC.

Coach Courses

Competition Coach: Soo Curlers, March 24-25, Deadline March 14
Competition Coach: Fort Frances CC, March 31 – April 1 Deadline March 23

Registration is available on the NOCA website.

http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

If you are interested in hosting or participating in a coaching course, please contact Dick Henderson, NOCA Technical Coordinator, 807-621-4259, dickhenderson@curlnoca.ca

Trivia Contest

The winners of the final week of the NOCA Trivia contest were Helga MacKenzie and Karlee Jones. Congratulations to all winners this year.

Levels I and II Ice Technician Courses

The NOCA will once again hold Level I and II Ice Technician courses prior to the Amethyst Camp in Sudbury the last week of June. More information and registration is available at curlnoca.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Regions 1, 4, and 5 compete this weekend for the region titles. The Dominion Curling Club NOA Provincials take place March 29-April 1 at the Horne Granite CC in New Liskeard. Results for this weekend are posted at <http://www.playdowns.com/noca/>

Awards

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Bearskin Airlines to receive award

Bearskin Airlines will receive a Sport Alliance of Ontario Corporate Sport Citation Award for their support and contribution to curling and charity events (golf and curling) in Northern Ontario. The award will be presented at the Sport Alliance of Ontario Awards Banquet April 14th at Ontario Place. Congratulations to Bearskin Airlines, and thank you to Harvey Friesen (President), Cliff Friesen (Executive Vice President), and Ron Hell (Director Marketing and Sales) for their ongoing support.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Competition Coach Course Soo Curlers – March 14
- Competition Coach Course Fort Frances – March 23

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NOCA Notes

March 2, 2012

Tim Hortons Brier starts Saturday

The Brier takes place starting Saturday March 3rd in Saskatoon. Watch all draws on TSN. Results and event information are available at www.curling.ca/championships/brier/

Good luck to the Brad Jacobs rink (Jacobs, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden, Scott Seabrook, Joe Scharf, and coach Tom Coulterman) rink from the Soo Curlers Association.

NOCA Masters Men Provincials

4 Masters Men's teams are competing this weekend at the Tarentorus CC for the title of NOCA Masters Men's Champion. The winning team will represent NOCA at the Canadian Masters in Montreal, March 26 – April 1. The Masters Women's teams representing the NOCA is the Marion Clark rink from the Port Arthur CC. Results are available at www.playdowns.com/noca/

NOCA Senior Provincial Winners

Congratulations to the Rob Gordon rink (Gordon, Ron Henderson, Dion Dumontelle, Doug Hong, Mark Borgogelli) from the Sudbury CC, and the Darla Esch rink (Esch, Jann Constante, Sue Cantin, Paulette Brown) from the North Bay Granite CC. These two teams earned the title of Northern Ontario Senior Champions and will represent NOCA at the Canadian Seniors, March 17 – 24, in Abbotsford, BC.

Coach Courses

Competition Coach: Soo Curlers, March 24-25, Deadline March 14

Registration is available on the NOCA website.
http://curlnoc.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

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Trivia Contest

This is the last week of the NOCA Trivia Contest. Last week's winners were Murray McLean and Patrick Briere. Go to the NOCA homepage to answer the weekly trivia contest for the chance to win a Fit to Curl book by John Morris and Dean Gemmell.

Levels I and II Ice Technician Courses

The NOCA will once again hold Level I and II Ice Technician courses prior to the Amethyst Camp in Sudbury the last week of June. More information is available at curlnoc.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

The Dominion Curling Club Championships

The regional playdowns started this week in Region 2, and this weekend in Region 6. All other regions will compete March 9-11. Results are posted at <http://www.playdowns.com/noca/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **John Shea Insurance 2012 NOCA Mixed Championship – March 2**
- Competition Coach Course Soo Curlers – March 14

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NOCA Notes

February 24, 2012

Curling Week in Northern Ontario Starts Today

Bearskin Airlines is proud to sponsor Curling Week in Northern Ontario again this season. The dates are February 24th to March 4th, 2012. It is a great opportunity for clubs to attract people to the club and generate interest in our sport. Check out the schedule of events at NOCA clubs on the website. Listen for ads on local radio stations.

NOCA Senior Provincials Feb. 23rd - 26th

8 teams each of Senior Men and Senior Women are competing this weekend in the NOCA Senior Provincials. The Kapuskasing CC is hosting the women's event, and the McIntyre CC (Timmins) is hosting the men's event. The teams are competing for the NOCA berths at the World Financial Group Canadian Seniors in Abbotsford, BC, March 17 – 24. Results can be viewed at www.playdowns.com/noca/ or curlthemac.ca/seniors/seniors.html (men)

Coach Courses

Competition Coach:

Coniston CC, March 10-11

Deadline February 29

Soo Curlers, March 24-25

Deadline March 14

Registration is available on the NOCA website.

http://curlnoc.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

Trivia Contest

The NOCA Trivia Contest continued this week and will run weekly until the end of Curling Week. Last week's winners were Rick Sutton and Robert Carricato. Go to the NOCA homepage to answer the weekly trivia contest for the chance to win a Fit to Curl book by John Morris and Dean Gemmill.

The Dominion Curling Club Regions

45 teams (24 men's teams and 21 women's teams) will compete in the regional playdowns over the next two weekends. The winning men's and women's team from each region will compete at The Dominion Curling Club NOCA Provincials at the Horne Granite CC in New Liskeard, March 29th – April 1st. Results will be posted on playdowns.com.

Levels I and II Ice Technician Courses

The NOCA will once again hold Level I and II Ice Technician courses prior to the Amethyst Camp in Sudbury the last week of June. More information will be available next week.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Competition Coach Course Coniston CC – February 29
- **John Shea Insurance 2012 NOCA Mixed Championship – March 2**
- Competition Coach Course Soo Curlers – March 14

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February 17, 2012

The Dominion Men's Provincial

The Dominion 2012 NOCA Men's Provincials was won by the Brad Jacobs rink from Soo Curlers Association (Jacobs, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden, Scott Seabrook, Coach Tom Coulterman). The team scored an 8-ender in the semi-final game which ended in a 14-3 finish. The final game against the Mike Jakubo rink from the Copper Cliff CC ended with a 9-2 finish after 8 ends. The Jacobs team will represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Horton's Brier in Saskatoon, March 3-11, 2012.

The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Today is the last day for clubs to register online for The Dominion Curling Club NOCA regional playdowns.

Coach Courses

Club Coach:

Longlac CC, March 3

Deadline February 22

Competition Coach:

Coniston CC, March 10-11

Deadline February 29

Soo Curlers, March 24-25

Deadline March 14

Registration is available on the NOCA website.

http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

Scotties Tournament of Hearts

The national championship starts Saturday February 18th. The event site link is on the NOCA website. Good luck to the Tracy Horgan rink (Horgan, Jennifer Seabrook, Jenna Enge, Amanda Gates, Jennifer Gates, Coach Louise Logan) from the Idylwyld G&CC who won the Ontario Scotties in Kenora.

Trivia Contest

The NOCA Trivia Contest continued this week and will run weekly until the end of Curling Week. Last week's winners were Ron Cain, and Betty Lou Morrow.

Curling Week in Northern Ontario

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Idylwyld Little Rocks Program featured

This program is featured in this week's CCA Pebbles to Boulders blog. Read the article on the CCA website www.curling.ca/

Upcoming Deadlines:

- The Dominion Curling Club Championship – February 17th
- John Shea Insurance 2012 NOCA Mixed Championship – March 2

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NOCA Notes

February 10, 2012

The Dominion Men's Provincial

The Dominion 2012 NOCA Men's Provincials Page Playoffs take place Friday and Saturday. Friday afternoon will see the Page 3-4 game. The Page 1-2 game will be played Friday evening and will see the Mike Jakubo and Brad Jacobs rinks battle it out. On Saturday afternoon, the semi finals (winner of the Page 3-4 and loser of the Page 1-2) will be played, and the final game will take place Saturday evening. The winner of that game will represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Horton's Brier in Saskatoon, March 3-11, 2012. Results are posted on www.playdowns.com/ as well as on the event site www.socurlers.com/. The games are also available for viewing online at www.livestream.com/socurlerslive?t=607829

Bantam Boys & Girls Provincial Winners

Congratulations to the Zacharia Warkentin and Leah Hodgson rinks who are the 2012 Bantam Boys and Girls Champions. The top three teams from each event will now attend the Ontario Winter Games in Collingwood, March 8-10, 2012.

Amethyst Camp Full

The 2012 Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp is now full. The camper list is posted on the NOCA website.

The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Registration is now available online for The Dominion Curling Club NOCA regional playdowns. **Clubs must register their teams by February 17th, 2012.**

M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors

Watch Brennan Wark's rink as he continues in the Page Playoff this weekend. The Kendra Lilly rink finished with a 6 and 6 record this week.

Trivia Contest

The NOCA Trivia Contest continued this week and The contest will run weekly until the end of Curling Week. Last week's winners were Cindy Jacobs and Taylor Longo.

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Coach Courses

Club Coach:

Longlac CC, March 3rd

Competition Coach:

Coniston CC, March 10-11
Soo Curlers, March 24-25

Registration is available on the NOCA website.

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

Upcoming Deadlines:

- The Dominion Curling Club Championship – February 17th
- John Shea Insurance 2012 NOCA Mixed Championship – March 2

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NOCA Notes

February 3, 2012

The Dominion Men's Provincial

The Dominion 2012 NOCA Men's Provincials start this Sunday at the Soo Curlers Association. 12 of the best men's teams in Northern Ontario will battle it out in this week-long event for the right to represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Horton's Brier in Saskatoon, March 3-11, 2012. Results will be posted on www.playdowns.com/ as well as on the event site www.socurlers.com/

Bantam Boys & Girls Provincials

Eight Bantam Boys teams and eight Bantam Girls teams are competing in the NOCA Bantam Provincials this weekend. The Bantam Boys are at the Fort Frances CC and the Bantam Girls are at the Longlac CC. From each event, a NOCA Bantam Championship title will be earned, and the top three teams of each gender will secure berths in the Ontario Winter Games in Collingwood, March 8-10, 2012. Information and results are available at curlno.ca/content/Competitions/Bantams/ or www.playdowns.com/

The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Registration is now available online for The Dominion Curling Club NOCA regional playdowns. **Clubs must register their teams by February 17th, 2012.** While the teams representing the clubs may not be decided yet, club must register and pay the entry fee for their men's and/or women's teams. The team can just be registered as the club name for now and team member names can be entered once a winning team is declared. This is a great event designed for the club curlers. Don't miss the opportunity to earn the right to play at a provincial or national event. Information is available on the NOCA website.

Trivia Contest

The NOCA Trivia Contest started this week. Check out the questions, answers and winners on the NOCA website. The winners will each win a Fit to Curl book by John Morris, and Dean Gemmill. The contest will run weekly until the end of Curling Week. (

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Coach Courses

Club Coach:

Longlac CC, March 3rd

Competition Coach:

Coniston CC, March 10-11
Soo Curlers, March 24-25

Registration is available on the NOCA website.

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Masters – February 10th
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship – February 17th

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NOCA Notes

January 20, 2012

Ontario Scotties Starts Monday

10 of the best women's teams in Ontario will compete at the Ontario Scotties January 23 -29 at the Kenora CC. They will be vying for the right to represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, February 18 – 25 in Red Deer, AB.

6 teams from the Ontario Curling Association (Sherry Middaugh, Cathy Auld, Kathy Brown, Jenn Hanna, Rachel Homan, Allison Nimik), will compete against 4 teams from the Northern Ontario Curling Association (Krista McCarville, Marlo Dahl, Tracy Horgan, Laura Pickering). The event will see 2 draw daily finishing with a page playoff next weekend. The semi-final and final games will be televised on Shaw TV.

More information including results, schedule, team list, and an 'Email a Team' option is available on the NOCA website, as well as the host site, <http://scotties.mykenora.com/>

The field is incredible this year and promises to provide some great curling. Good luck to all teams.

Men Compete for Final Provincial Spots

Two final events for men's teams to earn a berth at The Dominion 2012 NOCA Men's Provincial take place this weekend. The Fort William Club will see 4 teams compete for 2 berths (Mike Assad, Bryan Burgess, Art Lappalainen, Jeff Currie), while the Copper Cliff CC will be host to the 7 teams competing for 3 berths (Jordan Chandler, Rob Gordon, Mike Jakubo, Eric Harnden, Rob Brewer, Dustin Montpellier, Devon Parry). All results will be posted on www.playdowns.com/

The Dominion Amethyst 2012 Curling Camp

General registration is now available for the camp which will be held in Sudbury July 1– 6, 2012. Information and registration sheets can be found at http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Curling_Camps/
Register now to make sure you get into this great camp.

Coach Courses

Club Coach:

- Longlac CC, March 3rd

Competition Coach:

- Coniston CC, March 10-11
- Soo Curlers, March 24-25

Registration is available on the NOCA website.

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Upcoming Deadlines:

- Masters – February 10th
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship – February 17th

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NOCA Notes

January 13, 2012 - REVISED

Junior Provincial Winners:

Congratulations to the Brennan Wark rink from the Port Arthur CC (Wark, Kris Leupen, Kyle Toset, Joel Adams, Coach Don Main) and the Kendra Lilly rink from the Idylwyld G&CC (Lilly, Crystal Lillico, Courtney Chenier, Avery Thomas, Coach Stephen Chenier). These teams earned the title of NOCA Junior Provincial Champions and will represent Northern Ontario at the M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors in Napanee, ON February 4 – 12, 2012.

Both the Junior Men's and Junior Women's provincials fielded some excellent competition. Congratulations to all teams who competed for their performances.

Bantams compete in Regions this weekend:

The Bantam regions will take place across Northern Ontario this weekend. 16 Boys teams and 13 girls teams will compete for the chance to advance to the Bantam provincials. Results and information are available on the NOCA website

<http://curlno.ca/content/Competitions/Bantams/>

or at <http://www.playdowns.com/noca/>

Coaches Receive Awards:

Asham Curling Supplies provides annual awards to coaches at the Junior Men's and Junior Women's provincials in each province/territory. The coaches are nominated by their peers at the events. Some of the nomination criteria include demonstrating respect for officials, opponents, host committee, demonstrating a philosophy of fair play, presenting a positive image of coaching, demonstrating the ability to improve athlete/team performance, and more.

The coaches who received the award this year are Peter Hinz (coach of the Tirzah Keffer rink from the Port Arthur CC), and Tim Warkentin (Coach of the Jordan Potter rink from the Port Arthur C. The coaches received an embroidered set of Asham mitts, a certificate, and other items from Asham. Congratulations Tim and Peter.

The Dominion Amethyst 2012 Curling Camp

General registration is now available for the camp which will be held in Sudbury July 1– 6, 2012. Information and registration sheets can be found at

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Curling_Camps/

Register now to make sure you get into this great camp.

Competition Coach Course

The Coniston CC will host a Competition Coach course March 10-11. Registration is available on the NOCA website.

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Courses/

Upcoming Deadlines:

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- The Dominion Curling Club Championship – February 17th

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NOCA Notes

January 5, 2012

Junior Provincials start this weekend:

The Junior Men's and Women's Provincials take place Thursday January 5th to Sunday January 8th. The Junior Men will play at the Atikokan CC, and the Junior Women will compete at the Sioux Lookout G&CC.

Eight teams of each gender earned berths in the provincial events which will see one Junior Men's team and one Junior Women's team will secure a spot in the M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors February 4th – 12th in Napanee, ON.

Results can be viewed at <http://curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Juniors/> or http://www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=127 (Junior Men), http://www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id_cmp=128 (Junior Women).

Good luck to all teams.

Men compete in Regions this weekend:

The Men's regions will take place across Northern Ontario this weekend at the following clubs: Region 1 - Fort Frances CC; Region 2 - Port Arthur CC; Region 4 - Thessalon CC, Region 5 - Voyageur CC (Mattawa), Region 6 - Iroquois Falls CC.

Results and information are available on the NOCA website

<http://curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Men/>
or at <http://www.playdowns.com/noca/>

Ontario Scotties

The Ontario Scotties will be held at the Kenora CC January 23-29, 2012. 10 of the best women's teams in Ontario (4 from Northern Ontario) will compete for the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer.

Read more: <http://curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Women/>

C.A.P. Funding deadline

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<http://www.curling.ca/programs-and-services/curling-assistance-program/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Senior Regions – January 6th
- Wheelchair Provincials – January 6th
- Men Qualifiers - January 11th
- CAP Funding applications – January 13th
- Masters – February 10th
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship – February 17th

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NOCA Notes

December 21, 2011

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Read more: <http://curlno.ca/content/Competitions/Women/>

8-Ender

Congratulations to the Rejeanne MacLeod rink from Soo Curlers who secured an 8-ender with a 3 person team! The team will receive NOCA 8-Ender club vests to wear proudly.



Rejeanne MacLeod
Sylvia Beange
Margo Kells

Thursday Ladies League, Soo Curlers Association

Christmas Hours

The NOCA office will be closed December 22 – 27 inclusive. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

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Upcoming Deadlines:

- Bantam Regions - December 23rd
- CCA Awards nominations – December 31st
- Senior Regions – January 6th
- Wheelchair Provincials – January 6th
- Men Qualifiers - January 11th
- CAP Funding applications – January 13th

Happy Holidays

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NOCA Notes

December 16, 2011

Off to the Ontario Scotties

Last weekend the Copper Cliff CC hosted a great NOCA Women's provincial. 7 teams provided exciting competition, with the Krista McCarville rink earning the title of Northern Ontario 2012 Women's Champion. Four teams from Northern Ontario advance to the Ontario Scotties in Kenora January 23-29th. The other three teams who will represent the NOCA are Tracy Horgan (Idylwyld G&CC), Marlo Dahl (PACC), and Laura Pickering (North Bay Granite CC).

The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp

This year the camp will run July 1st – 6th, 2012 in Sudbury. General information is available on the website. Registration packages will be mailed to all campers from last year as well as those who were on the waiting list by January 5th. Open registration will be on the website mid-January.

Thanks to a partnership with PBL Insurance, a bus will be available to transport campers to and from the camp. The bus will run from Thunder Bay to Nipigon, across Highway 11, through Timmins, and down to Sudbury. The cost is minimal and the campers who used this travel option last year had a great time. Information about the bus will be on the website soon.

Prize Package Winner

Congratulations to John Andruski from the Kakabeka Falls CC. John is first winner of one of the three prize packages provided by Asham to people who register on the NOCA membership database. Two more prizes will be awarded in the new year. To enter your name, go to <http://curlnoc.ca/register/>

Port Arthur CC Sticks & Stones program featured

The Canadian Curling Association posts weekly articles on various topics and the Sticks and Stones program was featured in the latest Pebbles to Boulders blog.

<http://www.curling.ca/2011/12/09/pebbles-to-boulders-under-a-watchful-eye/>

Read more articles from the CCA

<http://www.curling.ca/category/newsandarticles/cca-articles/>

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NOCA Notes December 8, 2011

Junior Regional Champions

The Junior Regional playdowns were held last weekend with the events declaring 8 Junior Men's teams and 8 Junior Women's teams regional winners. The Junior Men's teams will advance to the NOCA Junior Provincials January 5-8, 2012 in Atikokan, while the Junior Women will compete on the same weekend in Sioux Lookout.

Junior Men rinks:

Austin Smith – Keewatin CC
Brennan Wark – Port Arthur CC
Jordan Potter – Port Arthur CC
Austin Trottier – Geraldton CC
Nick Dawson – Soo Curlers Association
Chris Glibota – Soo Curlers Association
Dustin Montpellier – Sudbury CC
Kevin Gravel – Smooth Rock Falls CC

Junior Women rinks:

Kaitlyn Poirier – Sioux Lookout G&CC
Jessica Haw – Stratton CC
Tirzah Keffer – Port Arthur CC
Karlee Jones – Port Arthur CC
Danielle Ouellet – Longlac CC
Kendra Lilly – Idylwyld G&CC
Robin Beaudry – Idylwyld G&CC
Chloe Gordon – Copper Cliff CC

Rocks and Rings is Launched in Thunder Bay

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program was launched at the Vance Chapman Public School in Thunder Bay, Tuesday December 6th.

The program is now available to schools in the Thunder Bay and Sudbury areas. For more information about having this program delivered at your school, go to <http://rocksandrings.com/contact/> and select either Thunder Bay or Sudbury to contact the Program Coordinator in that area.

C.A.P. Funding now available

The Canadian Curling Association is once again offering financial assistance to clubs through the Curling Assistance Program. This program targets programs designed to grow the sport at the community level, or assist with capital projects. Funding is available in two categories: Bricks and Mortar, and Business Development. The guidelines and application are available at <http://www.curling.ca/programs-and-services/curling-assistance-program/>
The application deadline is January 11, 2012.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Men Regions - December 16th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd
- CCA Awards nominations – December 31st
- Senior Regions – January 6th
- Wheelchair Provincials – January 6th
- Men Qualifiers - January 11th
- CAP Funding applications – January 11th

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NOCA Notes

December 1, 2011

Junior Regional Playdowns

The Junior Regional playdowns take place this weekend. 32 teams have entered this level of competition with the goal of obtaining one of the 8 seats (of each gender) at the provincial events. The regional playdowns are being held at the Keewatin CC, Port Arthur and Fort William CCs, Longlac CC, Soo Curlers Association, and Idylwyld G&CC. Teams, draws, and results are available on the NOCA website.

<http://curlnoc.ca/content/Competitions/Juniors/> or <http://www.playdowns.com/noca/>

Good luck to all of the teams.

Competitor Guides

All Competitor Guides have been revised and re-posted on the website. Please ensure your team and coach have downloaded and read the version dated November 30, 2011.

Awards

The Canadian Curling Association is now accepting nominations for the several awards or recognitions: Volunteer of the Year, Ray Kingsmith Award, Award of Achievement, and the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame. Deadline for all nominations is December 31, 2011. Recognition Certificates are also available – no deadline.

<http://www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/>

The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration is no accepting nominations for the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2012.

http://curlnoc.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Awards/

Rocks and Rings is being Launched in Thunder Bay

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program will be launched at the Vance Chapman Public School in Thunder Bay, Tuesday December 6th. The event will take place from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Quest for Gold applications due – December 8th, 12 noon
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd
- CCA Awards nominations – December 31st
- Senior Regions – January 6th
- Wheelchair Provincials – January 6th

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NOCA Notes

November 25, 2011

The Dominion Canadian Curling Club Championships

The Mélanie Patry rink from the Coniston CC, and the Dale Dubinsky rink from the Kakabeka Falls CC are both faring well at this event. At the end of round robin play, the Patry rink sits at 5-1 tied for second place with Manitoba, and with one game to play, the Dubinsky rink sits at 3-2. <http://www.thedominioncurls.ca/en/2011.aspx>

Award Winners

Each year the NOCA presents 3 NOCA Volunteer awards, and a Club Recognition award. The volunteer award recipients this year were Jamie McPherson (Longlac CC), Bonnie Barbisan (Fort William CC), and John Sporer (Idylwyld G&CC), and the Soo Curlers Association earned the Club Recognition award. As well, Karen Saarimaki (Geraldton CC) earned the Pat O. Reid Coach of the Year award. Congratulations to all.



Karen Saarimaki &
Jamie McPherson



Bev Junnila &
Trevor Clifford
(for Bonnie Barbisan)



Alan Arkilander &
John Sporer



Bev Junnila &
Ian Fisher
(Soo Curlers)



Darlene Leupen &
Karen Saarimaki

Club Coach Youth and Club Coach courses

The Espanola CC will host these courses on December 3-4. Registration is available on the NOCA website. Registration deadline is Sunday November 27th.

Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program

The 2011-12 Guidelines and application are now on the NOCA website. As well, a ranking system for Bantam and Junior athletes is posted. The application deadline is Thursday December 8th, 12 noon. All information is available on the Bantam, Junior, and Quest for Gold pages of the NOCA Website.

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Quest_For_Gold/

Rocks and Rings Launched in Sudbury

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program launched their first event Tuesday November 22 at the MacLeod Public school. The event will launch in Thunder Bay on December 6th.

<http://rocksandrings.com/students-rock-as-capital-one-rocks-rings-arrives-2/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Club Coach Youth/Club Coach courses Espanola – Nov. 27th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Quest for Gold applications due – December 8th, 12 noon
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd

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NOCA Notes

November 17, 2011

The Dominion Canadian Curling Club Championships

The Mélanie Patry rink from the Coniston CC, and the Dale Dubinsky rink from the Kakabeka Falls CC will represent Northern Ontario at the national event in Richmond BC. The event runs from November 21-26, 2011. Good luck to both teams.

<http://www.thedominioncurls.ca/en/2011.aspx>

Courtesy Freight Superspiel

Congratulations to the Colin Koivula rink from Thunder Bay who won the Men's Division in a final game against the Tyler George rink from Duluth. On the women's side, the Krista McCarville rink won over the Aileen Sormenen rink, also from Duluth.

Colin Koivula and Brad Jacobs rinks now have berths in the The Dominion Men's 2012 NOCA Provincials which were earned in the KIA Classic and Courtesy Freight Superspiels.

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Rocks and Rings Launch in Sudbury

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program will launch their first event Tuesday November 22 at the MacLeod Public school. The launch takes place between 11:00 -12:30 pm. be coming to Northern Ontario. The program will be delivered in the Thunder Bay and Sudbury areas this year, and branch out to other locations next year.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Women NOCA Provincials - November 18th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Quest for Gold applications due – December 8th, 12 noon
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd

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NOCA Notes

November 9, 2011

Junior Curler from Thessalon wins draw to the button event

Kyle Sherlock wins \$1,000 for himself, and \$10,000 for his club. More information is available on the NOCA website homepage. Congratulations Kyle!

Canadian Mixed National Championship

The Sudbury CC is hosting this national event starting Saturday November 12th. The website for the event is <http://www.sudburycurlingclub.ca>. Ticket information and FAQ's can be found at 2012nationalmixed@gmail.com

Courtesy Freight Superspiel

This superspiel is one of the seven events in the Great Lakes Curling Tour, and it takes place at the Port Arthur CC this weekend. 24 Men's teams and 8 Women's teams are entered. The top NOCA men's team will earn a berth in The Dominion NOCA Men's provincial being hosted at the Soo Curlers Association. One berth has already been earned at the KIA Classic Superspiel by the Brad Jacobs rink. <http://www.majorleaguecurling.com/?q=Stats>

Writers needed

Writers are needed for the Ontario Curling Report. Currently Tom Mustapic writes about Northwestern Ontario, but writers for Northeastern Ontario (Timmins area) and Northern Ontario (Sault-North Bay-Sudbury areas) are needed. If you are interested in letting the rest of Ontario know about what's happening in Northern Ontario, please contact Bob Weeks at bobweeks@rogers.com

Rocks and Rings needs Instructor

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program will be coming to Northern Ontario. The program will be delivered in the Thunder Bay and Sudbury areas this year, and branch out to other locations next year. An instructor has been hired for the Sudbury area, but one is still needed in the Thunder Bay area. More information and a job description is available at <http://rocksandrings.com/rocks-and-rings-hiring-instructors-across-canada/>

CCA Launches Mobile Application

The CCA launched a mobile application today for iPod, iPhone, and iPad users. The application for Blackberry and Android phones will be available later this month. More information and the link to download the application can be found at <http://www.curling.ca/2011/11/09/curling-ca-mobile-curlings-official-mobile-app-is-here/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Junior Regions - November 11th
- Women NOCA Provincials - November 18th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd

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NOCA Notes

November 3, 2011

C.A.P. Funding now available

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Last year three clubs in Northern Ontario received funds for capital and development projects: Cobalt Haileybury CC, Kakabeka Falls CC, and Port Arthur CC.

Junior Stars at the Grand Slam Event this weekend

Junior Curlers in from 4 clubs in Region 4 will have the chance to draw to the button in a Junior Stars contest at the GP Car & Home World Cup of Curling Slam events this Saturday. 8 young curlers have qualified to represent their club in the competition. The eight curlers from these clubs receive a spot in the semi-final on Saturday November 5th as well as event access passes and a Capital One T-shirt. The four finalists each receive a spot in the final on Saturday afternoon along with a 2-year paid membership at their respective clubs, a pair of Goldline curling shoes, a Goldline curling brush and gloves, and a Capital One Grand Slam jacket signed by the participating players of the event.

The four finalists have one chance to draw to the button and one lucky curler will walk away with a \$1000 cash prize for themselves, plus \$10,000 for their club to be used for upgrades and equipment.

Cheer on these young curlers as they draw to the button Saturday during the Quarter-final 4th end break. That game begins at 12 noon and will be televised on CBC.

Canadian Mixed National Championship

The Sudbury CC is hosting this national event starting Saturday November 12th. The website for the event is <http://www.sudburycurlingclub.ca>. Ticket information and FAQ's can be found at 2012nationalmixed@gmail.com

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Youth Challenge Soo Curlers – November 4th
- Youth Challenge Longlac – November 4th
- Junior Regions - November 11th
- Women NOCA Provincials -November 18th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd

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NOCA Notes

October 21, 2011

NOCA is now on Facebook and Twitter

The NOCA now has a Facebook page. This page has information posted about the NOCA and other interesting curling stories. As well, results from playdowns.com will automatically be sent to the Facebook page. Anyone with a Facebook account can post information about their club or curling in their area to the wall. We also have a Twitter account that people can follow to receive any links that are posted to the Facebook page. Check us out at:

<http://www.facebook.com/curlnoca>

<http://twitter.com/curlnoca>

8-ENDER AWARDS

Each year the NOCA provides NOCA 8-ENDER Club fleece vests to teams who score an 8-ender. Teams must complete a form available on the website on the Awards page and forward it with a picture to the NOCA office.

2010-11 8-Enders:



Sheri Blake rink
Kenora CC



Jack McFayden rink
Fort Frances CC



Mike Jakubo rink
Copper Cliff CC



McCarville rink
Bonspiel



Reg Gardiner rink
Thessalon CC

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Youth Challenge Soo Curlers – November 4th
- Youth Challenge Longlac – November 4th
- Junior Regions - November 11th
- Women NOCA Provincials -November 18th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd

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NOCA Notes

October 14, 2011

CCA offers assistance with Waiver form and Assumption of Risk form for clubs

In response to requests from curling facilities for waiver forms, the CCA has consulted with **Steven Indig** from [Sport Law and Strategy Group](#) and has developed a few tips and options for clubs, as well as new updated templates for clubs to use to create their own custom version. Click here for the article on the CCA website, and to access the forms.

<http://www.curling.ca/2011/10/13/waiver-of-claims-assumption-of-risk/>

The Dominion Curling Club Championships

This event is designed to give club curlers the opportunity to advance to a provincial and national championship. It is in its third year of existence and has grown in popularity each year. The national championship for 2011 is scheduled for November 21 – 26 at the Richmond CC in BC. The teams representing the NOCA are the Dale Dubinsky rink from the Kakabeka Falls CC, and the Mélanie Patry rink from the Coniston CC.

The deadline for clubs to enter a team in their regional competition is February 17, 2012. Registration is available on the NOCA website. Regional playdowns to declare a men's and women's team from each region **MUST be completed** by March 11th. The NOCA provincial playdown will be held at the Horne Granite CC in New Liskeard, March 29 – April 1, 2012.

In order to be eligible for this event, teams must meet The Dominion's Eligibility requirements which can be read here: <http://www.thedominioncurls.ca/en/Eligibility.aspx>

Clubs will receive posters and copies of the eligibility requirements in early November.

Post your bonspiel on the NOCA website

All affiliated member facilities of the NOCA can post their bonspiels on the NOCA website. Bonspiels can be viewed and sorted by region, type of event, and date. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your club's bonspiels. Go to the NOCA website and select the Club Bonspiel link on the left, then follow the link to enter your information. Here is the link:

<http://www.curlnoc.ca/bonspiel.php>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Junior Regions - November 11th
- Women NOCA Provincials -November 18th
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Bantam Regions - December 23th
- Bantam Cup Idylwyld – October 14th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Youth Challenge Soo Curlers – November 4th
- Youth Challenge Longlac – November 4th **NEW**
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th

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NOCA Notes

October 7, 2011

Oops:

In the last edition of NOCA Notes, there was an error. Bill Groom, from the Sudbury CC received an honorary life membership. My apologies Bill, and congratulations.

New Membership Registration method:

The NOCA is required to provide information to government agencies about the number and gender of our members. This is being done through the creation of a membership database. Members are encouraged to enter their information on the database and be entered into a contest for 3 Asham prize packages. Personal information is not distributed to any source and is used strictly for data purposes and to create a distribution list for communications like NOCA Notes. The NOCA's privacy policy can be viewed in the Resource Manual available on this page: http://www.curlnoc.ca/content/About_NOCA/

In order to accumulate as much information as possible to satisfy the government agencies, member data can now be entered by league convenors, membership chairs, etc. All that is required is that members give their permission for this information to be entered. Register here: <http://www.curlnoc.ca/register/>

Business of Curling Seminar a Positive Experience

On October 1st, 8 people attended a Business of Curling Seminar in Sudbury. The day was packed with informative presentations and information sharing. Participants learned about using Social Media to enhance their club's visibility and communications, Membership Recruitment, Bonspiel solutions/ideas, and an overview of the Adult Learn to Curl program. As well, each participant was given a cd full of useful tools to help their clubs and membership. Contact the NOCA office if you would like information on any of these topics.

Great Lakes Curling Tour

A new tour with 7 events has been created. Both of the Superspiels are included in the tour. Spots are still available in the Courtesy Freight and Kia Classic Superspiels. More information about the tour and events is available by clicking the right side link on <http://www.curlnoc.ca/content/Competitions/Men/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Junior Regions - November 11th
- Women NOCA Provincials -November 18th
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Bantam Regions - December 23th
- Bantam Cup Idylwyld – October 14th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Youth Challenge Soo Curlers – November 4th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th

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NOCA Notes

September 29, 2011

Awards Recipients:

Each year the NOCA awards three NOCA Volunteer Awards, a Club Recognition Award, and Honorary Life Memberships. Following are the recipients for the 2010-11 season:

NOCA Volunteer:

- James McPherson – Longlac CC
- John Sporer – Idylwyld G&CC
- Bonnie Barbisan – Fort William CC

NOCA Club Recognition:

- Soo Curlers Association

Honorary Life Membership:

- Bill Volume, Sudbury
- Paul Sauve, Sudbury

As well, the Ontario Curling Council awards a **Pat O. Reid Coach of the Year** award annually. This year Karen Saarimaki from the Geraldton CC received the award.

Congratulations to all recipients. Your dedication to the sport is truly remarkable.

Competitions Update

Most of the **Competitor Guides** are now on the NOCA website. Competitors and Coaches are encouraged to download, print, and read the guide for the competition they are entering.

All **playdown registrations** are now on available online. The upcoming events and deadlines are:

- Junior - November 11th
- Women - November 18th
- Men - December 16th (regions), January 11th (qualifiers)
- Bantam - December 23th
- Senior - January 6th
- Wheelchair - January 6th
- Masters - February 10th
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship - February 17th
- Mixed - March 2nd

Other events:

- Bantam Cup Idylwyld – October 14th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- Youth Challenge Soo Curlers – November 4th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th

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NOCA Notes

September 23, 2011

Competition Changes

There are changes to the competition format of the Bantams, Juniors, and Seniors for the 2011-12 season. In order to decrease travel for the first level of competition, and to increase participation, the following changes will be implemented:

- Inter-region playdowns will be eliminated, with the first level of play being regional playdowns.
- The number of teams (of each gender) playing at provincials will increase from 6 to 8.
- Each existing region will qualify 1 team with the larger regions (regions 2 and 5) receiving 2 spots
- Regions 1, 3, 4, and 6 must have 2 teams participating to receive their Region's spot at provincials.
- Regions 2 and 5 must have 4 teams participating to receive their 2 spots at provincials.
- If a region does not have the required number of teams participating they will compete with the next geographically closest region. The additional spot will be awarded to the region with the most entries.
- For competition purposes only, Espanola and the Manitoulin Island clubs will compete with Region 5 to balance competition numbers, and reduce travel.

Business of Curling One-Day Seminar

A one-day Business of Curling seminar will be held **Saturday October 1st** at the Idylwyld G&CC. The session will run from 10 – 5 and the registration fee is \$25 including lunch. This seminar is open to anyone interested in helping their club succeed (staff, Board members, volunteers).

Topics for the day include:

- Embracing Social Media
- Bonspiels: Why are we having so much trouble?
- Eight Steps we can take to change the world of curling
- Getting Started in Curling for Adults
- Membership Recruitment
- Delivering Superior Customer Service

Registration for this seminar is available on the homepage of the NOCA website.

Registration deadline September 27th.

Canadian Mixed Championships

The Sudbury Curling Club will host the Canadian Mixed National Championship November 12-19, 2011. This is the first event where the Equal Opportunity for Access to Championships policy will be implemented. All 14 Member Associations will have a berth in the event. After this year there will be a playoff just prior to the national event for the bottom teams to qualify for the last spots.

Event website <http://www.sudburycurlingclub.ca/>

For tickets and information email <mailto:2012nationalmixed@gmail.com>

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NOCA Notes

September 16, 2011

CCA Launches Awareness Campaign for Clubs

The Canadian Curling Association recently launched a Curling Awareness campaign for clubs. All member facilities were sent 18 posters and a Planning Guide for Curling Facilities to Build the Sport in their Communities.

This is a great tool for curling facilities for recruitment of new members or users, and to promote the sport in their communities. More information is available on the NOCA website and at

<http://www.curling.ca/2011/08/12/guess-whats-right-around-the-corner/>

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A one-day Business of Curling seminar will be held **Saturday October 1st** at the Idylwyld G&CC. The session will run from 10 – 5 and the registration fee is \$25 including lunch. This seminar is open to anyone interested in helping their club succeed (staff, Board members, volunteers).

The Business of Curling program is designed to help clubs with operational issues, and this seminar will be jam packed with ideas. The session will be presented by Danny Lamoureux, Manager of Curling Club Development and Championship Services from the Canadian Curling Association. The day promises to be informative, interesting, and very interactive. Topics for the day include:

- Embracing Social Media
- Bonspiels: Why are we having so much trouble?
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- Membership Recruitment
- Delivering Superior Customer Service

Registration for this seminar is available on the homepage of the NOCA website.

Registration deadline September 27th.

Bantam/Youth Events

The NOCA is committed to providing opportunities for younger curlers to compete and improve. As a result, and with the help and commitment from a number of individuals, the following two programs have been established for the 2011-12 season.

Bantam Cup:

This is a series of events aimed at **Competitive** Bantam teams with some allowance for High School teams with no competitive NOCA Junior team members.

Youth Challenges:

The challenges are a number of events aimed at **Developing** bantam, elementary, high school, and younger junior teams, including mixed teams.

More information is available at

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Bantam_Cup_and_Youth_Challenges/

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Business of Curling One-Day Seminar

A one-day Business of Curling seminar will be held **Saturday October 1st** at the Idylwyld G&CC. The session will run from 10 – 5 and the registration fee is \$25 including lunch. This seminar is open to anyone interested in helping their club succeed (staff, Board members, volunteers).

The Business of Curling program is designed to help clubs with operational issues, and this seminar will be jam packed with ideas. The session will be presented by Danny Lamoureux, Manager of Curling Club Development and Championship Services from the Canadian Curling Association. The day promises to be informative, interesting, and very interactive.

Topics for the day include:

- Embracing Social Media
- Bonspiels: Why are we having so much trouble?
- Eight Steps we can take to change the world of curling
- Getting Started in Curling for Adults
- Membership Recruitment
- Delivering Superior Customer Service

Registration for this seminar is available on the homepage of the NOCA website.

Registration deadline September 27th.

New Registration format

The NOCA will be using a new registration format this season for all competitions and courses. The registration form is a very simple document right on the NOCA website, and payment methods are the same as in the past (Paypal, credit card, or cheque).

Membership Card Discounts

Every member of the NOCA will receive a membership card this season. Please go to the NOCA website to register your information and to be entered into a contest for great prizes.

Discounts from sponsors for members will be available on a Members only section of the site (currently under construction).

2011-2012 Competition Changes and Schedule

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Trillium Foundation

The next deadline for the Trillium Foundation funding program is November 1st. Many clubs have received funding for equipment, building repairs and renovations, and accessibility programs. <http://trilliumfoundation.org/>

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Awards Available

There are two awards currently available for nominations:

- The Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (deadline August 17)
www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards
- The Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards (deadline September 9)
<http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/feature.asp?featureId=25>

Curling Weekends Planned

The NOCA staff has applied for a grant to hold two Curling Weekends next fall. If the grant is approved, the weekends will take place in Thunder Bay Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, and in Sudbury Oct. 21 – 23. These weekends will have something for everyone:

- **Business of Curling** – Staff from the Canadian Curling Association will provide workshops on topics such as Volunteer recruitment and recognition, Membership Recruitment, Revenue Generation, Board effectiveness, Successful Club Operations, Running a successful Youth program, Sponsorship, and more.
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- **Two Investors Group Awards** will be presented to deserving Volunteer Sports Administrators.

These events are designed for club volunteers, Board members, coaches, and athletes, and are open to all sports groups. This will be a great opportunity to network and learn.

More information will follow once we have been notified of the status of our application.

Funding Programs

- Funding is available for not-for-profit organizations, small municipalities (under 250,000), and small private sector organizations to assist with enabling accessibility. The link for the website is below, deadline September 2, 2011.
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NOCA 2011 Annual General Meeting

The 2011 AGM took place in Thunder Bay Sunday June 13. Minutes will be posted on the website in August.

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Jet Ice Level 1 And Level 2 Ice Technician Courses

These courses will be offered in Sudbury prior to the Amethyst Curling Camp. The Level 2 course will start Tuesday June 28th and run until Friday July 1st, and the Level 1 course will start Thursday June 30th and end Friday July 1st. Guest speakers will present to both groups on Thursday. Registration and an information poster are available on the NOCA website. Registration deadline is June 17th.

NOCA High Performance Camp

A one-day High Performance camp will be held Saturday July 2 at the Tom Davies arena in Lively (just outside of Sudbury). Teams of all ages are welcome, registration is limited to the first 12 teams. Teams will work with national coaches Jim Waite, Wendy Morgan, Andrea Ronnebeck, and others. Registration deadline is June 17th. Information and registration is available on the NOCA homepage. Don't miss this opportunity for some off season training and instruction.

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NOCA Annual Meeting

The AGM will take place at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay at 11:00 am Sunday June 12th. Anyone is welcome to attend, and lunch will be provided afterward. Contact the NOCA office for more information.

2011-2012 Competitions Schedule

The schedule for next season is on the website. Some locations are still to be verified but the dates are set so teams can begin planning their season.

Congratulations to all of the NOCA Provincial winners

Next week NOCA Notes will feature photos of all of the provincial winning teams from last season.

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