



NOCA Notes
November 29, 2013

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):

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

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

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