



NOCA Notes December 20, 2013

NOCA 2014 Women's Provincials:

Congratulations to the **Tracy Horgan** rink from the Idylwylde 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 (Idylwylde 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.

<u>Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):</u> PLEASE NOTE – THE CLOSING TIME FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 12:00 pm (NOON).

- 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





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