



**NOCA Notes
January 8, 2014**

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:

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 may also provide 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. [Program Information](#)

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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