



**NOCA Notes**  
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**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.

More information is provided on the NOCA website and will be emailed to coaches, athletes, instructors and Club Delegates later this spring.

**NOCA Seniors Recognized**

Last weekend 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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/](http://www.curling.ca/summit2014/) for more information. Early bird registration rates are available until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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