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NOCA Notes
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Scotties Champion Declared:

Congratulations to Team McCarville from the Fort William CC who will represent Northern Ontario at the Scotties Tournaments of Hearts in Grande Prairie, AB, February 20-28, 2016. Team McCarville (McCarville, Kendra Lilly, Ashley Sippala, Sarah Potts, Oye-Sem Won Briand, and Coach Lorraine Lang) came through round robin undefeated to meet the Tracy Fleury team in the final where they secured the title with an 8-4 win.

Team Horgan takes Silver at Canadian Juniors:

Congratulations to Team Tanner Horgan who should be very proud of their silver medal earned at the Egg Producers of Ontario Canadian Junior Curling Championship. After beating Team Dunstone from Manitoba in a nail biting round robin game to secure a spot in the final, Horgan succumbed to Dunstone in the gold medal game

Team Megan Smith put in their first appearance at the Canadian Juniors finishing with a 2-4 standing in round robin play and an impressive 5-4 overall standing in the Seeding Pool.

Travelers Men's Provincial Starts Wednesday:

The 2016 Travelers Northern Ontario Men's Provincial starts Wednesday February 10th and continues through to Sunday February 14th. The event is being held at the North Bay Granite CC, and will see 8 teams compete in a round robin, finishing with a semi-final and final. The final game is scheduled for Sunday February 10th at 2:00 p.m. The winning team will represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Hortons Brier March 5 – 13 in Ottawa. [Results](#) [Draw and Roster](#) [Event Site](#)

Bantam Qualifiers:

The last spots in the Bantam Provincials will be decided this weekend. The Deer Trail CC (Elliot Lake) and Nipigon Curling Club will host the Bantam East and West Qualifiers. 2 bantam boys' teams and 1 bantam girl's team will advance from the East event, while 1 team per gender will advance from the West event. [East Qualifier Results](#) [West Qualifier Results](#)

Amethyst Curling Camp – Celebrating 20 Years!:

Don't miss this great opportunity to enhance your skills, make some great friends, and learn from some of Northern Ontario and Canada's best coaches and instructors. Registration and all information is available on the Amethyst website: [Amethyst Curling Camp](#). Don't delay – get your application in now.

Amethyst Curling Camp Bursaries:

5 Bursaries are available toward registration fees at the Amethyst Camp. 4 of the bursaries are to assist with registration fees and the **deadline for these applications is February 8th**. Team Fleury is also providing a Podium Potential Bursary which includes financial assistance as well as Team Fleury swag, and a mentorship opportunity (deadline June 1st).

[Bursary Application](#) [Team Fleury Bursary](#) [Shirley Jean Francis- Bursary](#)

Bonspiels and Bon Bons?

The Walleye (a local arts and culture newspaper in Thunder Bay) has a great spread about curling in that area in the February edition. Lloyd Stansell, a Northern Ontario Icemaking Legend, is featured in one of the articles. [Online Issue](#)

Online Member Contest:

Watch the NOCA website next week for the launch of an online contest for NOCA Members. Prizes include Best Western gift cards, AVIS One Day free car rentals, NOCA toques, sports bags, and more. All you need to enter is your member number which can be found on the top of your membership card. All curlers over the age of 13 registered at a NOCA Club should have received a membership card. (If you don't have one, contact your NOCA Curling Club Delegate).

Upcoming Deadlines (all close at NOON on the deadline date):

- Amethyst Bursaries: February 8th
- Mixed Provincials: February 22nd

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