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NOCA Notes November 12th Edition

Curling Week Starts November 19th

Don't forget to get your club participating in Curling Week in Northern Ontario. Presented by Bearskin Airlines, Curling Week takes place November 19-27 this year. **THREE** Closest to the Pin contests will take place: Youth under 12, Youth 12-17, and adults 18+. There are prizes for 1st – 3rd in each category including autographed items from Teams McCarville, Fleury and Jacobs, Goldline gift cards, and ticket packages to the National Grand Slam in Sault Ste. Marie in December. The winner Scotties in St. Catharines as well as a Best Western gift card. All of the adult finalists will be entered into a contest to win two tickets anywhere Bearskin Airlines flies. There will also be prizes for an online contest during the week.

Curling Week is a great opportunity to showcase your club to your community and invite new people to try curling. More information, including a poster to print and distribute around your community, is available here: [Curling Week Information](#)

Hit Draw & Tap Championship:

NOCA is excited to launch the "Hit, Draw and Tap Championship" in the 2016-2017 season. "HDT" is a youth skills competition where kids age 6-17 compete as individuals. HDT will group kids into four different age categories, and perform three different shots – a "Hit," a "Draw" and a "Tap." The difficulty of the skills is modified based on the age of the participant.

Participants will compete within their local club – and repeat each skill 5 times for a total score that will be compared against others in Northern Ontario on a "Leader Board". The TOP 5 curlers in each age group + ties will qualify for the Hit – Draw – Tap Championship to be held in Thunder Bay on February 12, 2017 as part of the Northern Ontario Men's Provincial Championship. Winners who are able to attend the Provincials would do so and compete live, while winners who are not able to travel to Thunder Bay would perform the skills again and be recorded on video. Results of their performance would be kept secret until the Men's Provincials.

[Register](#) your club for the Hit Draw Tap Championships now! [Information](#)

Quest for Gold Athlete Assistance Program:

The Q4G Athlete Assistance Program is now accepting applications from **Training to Win (22-29 years old)**, **Mixed Doubles (22-29 years old)** and **Wheelchair** athletes. The application deadline is December 14th at 12:00 NOON. [Information](#)

Adult Learn to Curl Program:

The Ontario Curling Council (in partnership with NOCA and the OCA) will focus on **growing** curling through the province-wide implementation of an already successful Adult Learn to Curl Program. This program will attract new curlers, train them and retain them as long term members. People are more likely to keep playing the sport if it is fun, reasonably priced, and they master the technique quickly. Unlike traditional one-day clinics, this program helps entry level and novice curlers become progressively better through continued weekly instruction by trained instructors. [Program Information](#) [Register your club](#) – registration is limited

2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships start Sunday:

Good luck to the Trevor Bonot rink from the Port Arthur CC
[Results](#) [Event Site](#)

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

- Club Coach Youth Course New Liskeard: November 16th
- Competition Coach and MED Courses Timmins: November 23rd
- Competition Coach and MED Courses Thunder Bay: November 23rd
- Fort William CC Youth Challenge: November 23rd
- Senior Regions: November 25th
- Club Coach Youth Course Smooth Rock Falls: November 30th

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