

# NOCA Notes

March 31, 2011

## John Shea Insurance Mixed Provincials

Congratulations to the Mike Assad rink who are the 2012 NOCA Mixed Champions. The team (Assad, Alissa Begin, Andrew Nerpin, Jann Constante) will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Mixed Championships next November in Sudbury.

## NOCA Awards:

Nominations for the NOCA Volunteer and Club Recognition, Honorary Life Member, and Pat O. Reid award are due in April. Information is on the NOCA Website. Take this opportunity to recognize someone who has contributed to your club, coaching, or the sport of curling in general. The **deadlines are April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>** as listed below.

## Canadian Masters

The Ron Kowalchuk (Kowalchuk, Ed Pedersen, Ernie Surkan, John Bird ) and the Marion Clark (Clark, Marlene Delorenzi, Tannis Ferguson, Jeannie Adams) rinks from the Port Arthur CC are representing Northern Ontario at the Canadian Masters March 30 – April 5<sup>th</sup>. The event is taking place at the Assiniboine CC in Winnipeg. Event information is on the NOCA website. Good luck to both teams!

## Upcoming Deadlines

- Jet Ice Ice Technician Courses: June 17th
- NOCA Volunteer Award Nominations: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- NOCA Club Recognition Award: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Pat O. Reid Coaching Award: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- NOCA Honorary Life Membership: April 30<sup>th</sup>

## Dominion Curling Club Provincials

The Dominion Curling Club Championship NOCA Provincials will take place at the Soo Curlers Association Friday April 8 – Sunday April 10, 2011. 6 teams of each gender from each of the 6 NOCA regions will compete for the title of Northern Ontario Champions. The two winning teams will represent the NOCA at the national event November 21-26 in Richmond, BC.

Event information is available on the NOCA website, and results will be available on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com)

## Jet Ice Level 1 And Level 2 Ice Technician Courses

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# NOCA Notes

March 25, 2011

## Winner of the Trip For Two Curling Week Contest

Don Burke from the Providence Bay Curling Club has won the Curling Week Contest prize package. The trip package includes travel to the event, accommodation for three nights at the Quality Inn Sudbury, and tickets for the opening weekend draws at the 2012 Canadian Mixed which is being held in Sudbury November 12-19, 2011. Congratulations, and thank you to Bearskin Airlines for presenting Curling Week in Northern Ontario.

## John Shea Insurance Mixed Provincials

The Mixed Provincials take place this weekend at the Soo Curlers Association. 10 teams are competing for the title of Northern Ontario Mixed Champion. The winner will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Mixed Championships next November in Sudbury. Results are available on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com)

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## Course Weekends

The Idylwyld G&CC will hold a Club Coach and Competition Coach Course April 2-3. Registration deadline is March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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- **NOCA Honorary Life Membership: April 30<sup>th</sup>**

## Dominion Curling Club Regional Playdowns

The last three regions will name their teams who will advance to The Dominion Curling Club Provincials in Sault Ste. Marie April 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The events will take place as follows:  
Regions 5 & 6: March 18-20, Idylwyld G&CC, Horne Granite CC  
Region 2: March 23-27, Kakabeka Falls CC

Results will be available on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com)

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# NOCA Notes

March 18, 2011

## Canadian Wheelchair Championships

Good luck to the Wayne Ficek rink who will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships in Edmonton, March 20-27. A link to the site is on the NOCA homepage

## World Financial Group Canadian Seniors

March 19-26 will see the Eric Harnden and Barbara Ward rinks compete at the Canadian Seniors in Digby, NS. Good curling to both teams. A link to the site is on the NOCA homepage.

## Coaching Course Weekends

The Cochrane CC will host a Coach Course weekend March 26-27. This was originally scheduled for March 5-6 but had to be postponed. Registration deadline Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## Upcoming Deadlines

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- Coaching Course weekend in Cochrane : March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Club Coach and Competition Coach courses at the Idylwyld in Sudbury: March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Competition Coach course in Fort Frances: March 25th

## Dominion Curling Club Regional Playdowns

This month will see all 6 regions compete for their spots in The Dominion Curling Club Provincials in Sault Ste. Marie April 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The events will take place as follows:  
Regions 5 & 6: March 18-20, Idylwyld G&CC, Horne Granite CC  
Regions 3 & 1: March 25-27, Marathon CC, Kenora CC  
Region 2: March in Thunder Bay

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# NOCA Notes

March 11, 2011

## Nexcap Bantam Provincials

This weekend will see 6 Bantam Boys teams and 6 Bantam Girls teams compete for the title of 2011 Bantam Provincial Champion. The provincial will take place at the Englehart Curling Club. Results will be posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com).

Not only will there be excellent competition this weekend, but the curlers will be treated to a pizza party hosted by the club, and a cake created by Deanna Chenier, Cake Decorator Extraordinaire. The cake is over 4 feet long!



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## Upcoming Deadlines

- CCA Curling Assistance Program: March 15th
- Jet Ice Technician Courses: June 17th
- Coaching Course weekend in Cochrane : March 18th

## Coaching Course Weekend

The Cochrane CC will host a Coach Course weekend March 26-27. This was originally scheduled for March 5-6 but had to be postponed. Registration is available on the NOCA website. Registration deadline Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Dominion Curling Club Regional Playdowns

This month will see all 6 regions compete for their spots in The Dominion Curling Club Provincials in Sault Ste. Marie April 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The events will take place as follows:

- Region 4: March 11-13, Deer Trail CC
- Regions 5 & 6: March 18-20, Idylwyld G&CC, Horne Granite CC
- Regions 3 & 1: March 25-27, Marathon CC, Kenora CC
- Region 2: March in Thunder Bay

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# NOCA Notes

March 4, 2011

## **NOCA is Proud to be Part of the Canadian Curling Future**

Recently in the press and political venues there have been rumblings of Northern Ontario not having a place at the Brier in years to come. This is inaccurate and a press release has been issued by the NOCA which explains the Equitable Opportunity for Access to Events that is in place now with the Canadian Curling Association. It ensures that in the years to come, all Member (Provincial and Territorial) Associations will have the opportunity to access the national championships which means that teams will have to earn their spot in the national events. The press release is on the homepage of the NOCA website.

## **Syl Apps Special Achievement Award Winner**

Jan Pula will be awarded the Syl Apps Special Achievement Award at the Ontario Sport Alliance Awards banquet April 14<sup>th</sup>. This award is presented annually by the Province of Ontario to Ontario volunteers who have contributed to the development of sport in the province. Congratulations Jan!!

## **Trivia Contest**

This was the last week for the NOCA Trivia Contest. Check out the questions, answers and winners on the NOCA website. The winners each won a Fit to Curl book by John Morris, assisted by Dean Gemmell.

## **Cameco Senior Provincials**

Congratulations to the Barbara Ward rink (PACC) and the Eric Harnden rink (Sudbury CC). These teams will represent Northern Ontario at the World Financial Group Canadian Senior Championships in Digby NS, March 19-16.

## **Shoppers Home HealthCare Wheelchair Provincials**

Last weekend saw some exciting competition at the Fort William Curling Club as 4 teams battled for the title of Northern Ontario Wheelchair Champions. There was a new team on the block this year, the Steve Daniel rink from the Sudbury CC, and while they got off to a slow start, they rallied through the tiebreakers to earn second place and play the Wayne Ficek rink from the Kenora/Dryden CCs for the Champion title. The final game was a back and forth game until the 7<sup>th</sup> end when Ficek scored 3. Daniel had the chance to tie it up but came out a bit short on his final shot giving the win to their opposition. The Ficek rink will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships in Edmonton, March 20-27. This will be the third consecutive year for the rink to advance to the nationals.

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# NOCA Notes

February 24, 2011

## Curling Week in Northern Ontario starts Friday

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Enter a contest to win a trip for two to the 2012 Canadian Mixed Championships in Sudbury November 12-19, 2011. Ballots are at all clubs in Northern Ontario. Contest closes March 6<sup>th</sup> with the winner announced March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Nexcap Bantam Inter-region Winners

Congratulations to the 6 Bantam Boys teams and 6 Bantam Girls teams who won their Inter-region playdown last weekend. These teams will advance to the Nexcap Bantam NOCA Provincials in Englehart March 10-13.

## Cameco Senior Provincials

The Cameco Senior NOCA Provincials take place February 24-27 at the Fort Frances CC. 6 Men's teams and 7 Women's teams will compete for the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the World Financial Group Canadian Senior Championships in Digby NS, March 19-16. Results will be posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com)

## Shoppers Home HealthCare Wheelchair Provincials

4 teams will compete in the Wheelchair Provincials February 25-27 at the Fort William Curling Club. Teams from Thunder Bay, Kenora/Dryden, and Sudbury will vie for the title of Northern Ontario Champions and the right to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships in Edmonton, March 20-27. Results are posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com), and live viewing via Ustream may be accessed on the NOCA or FWCC sites.

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## Membership Registration

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## The Dominion Men's Provincial

Congratulations to the Brad Jacobs rink from the Soo Curlers Association. The Jacobs rink will represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Horton's Brier March 5-13 in London. Thanks to all of the teams for some fantastic curling, and to the Fort William Curling Club and organizers for putting on a great event.

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This rewards program was announced this week. More information is available on the NOCA website.

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## The Dominion Men's Provincial

The Men's Provincials finals take place this weekend at the Fort William Curling Club. Results are posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com), and [www.2011northerns.com/](http://www.2011northerns.com/). The games can also be viewed live on Ustream, links on the NOCA and FWCC websites.

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## The Dominion Men's Provincial

The Men's Provincials start this Sunday at the Fort William Curling Club. 12 of the best men's teams in Northern Ontario will battle it out in this week-long event for the right to represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Horton's Brier in London, Ontario March 5-13. Results will be posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com), as well as on the event site <http://www.2011northerns.com/>

## NOCA Masters Provincials

Six Men's teams and 2 Women's teams are competing this weekend at the Kakabeka Falls CC for the title of NOCA Masters Men and Women's Champions. The winning teams will travel to Winnipeg March 30- April 5 for the Canadian Masters. Results and event information are posted on the NOCA website and [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com)

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Muriel Anderson, NOCA President, and Harvey Friesen, Bearskin Airlines President promote Curling Week in Northern Ontario

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- The Dominion Curling Club Championships: February 16<sup>th</sup>
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# NOCA Notes

January 28, 2011

## Men's Qualifiers

The Men's Qualifiers take place this weekend. In the East Qualifier (Soo Curlers) 6 teams will compete, and the West Qualifier (Atikokan) will host 5 teams. Each of these events will qualify 2 of the last 4 berths in The Dominion Men's 2011 NOCA Provincial. Results will be posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com).

## M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors

The Cody Johnston (Fort William CC) and Kendra Lilly (Idylwyld G&CC) teams will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Juniors starting Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>. Links to the event are on the NOCA website. Good luck to both teams.

## Ontario Scotties

Four NOCA Women's teams are competing at the Ontario Scotties. Links to the event are on the NOCA website. Good luck to the McCarville, Horgan, Kallos, and Dahl rinks.

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## Trivia Contest

Starting January 31<sup>st</sup> and running until March 5<sup>th</sup>, the NOCA will have a Trivia Contest on the website. Each week two questions will be posted, and Friday of each week, two winners will be announced. The winners will each win a Fit to Curl book by John Morris, assisted by Dean Gemmill.

## Upcoming Deadlines

- Shoppers Home Healthcare Wheelchair Provincials: February 2<sup>nd</sup>
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January 21, 2011

## Senior Men's Playdowns

This weekend will see 3 Senior Men's inter-regional events take place. The events are taking place at the Port Arthur CC, Blind River CC, and the Capreol CC. Results will be posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com). 17 Senior Mens' teams (6 in IR 1-2, 6 in IR 3-4, 5 in IR 5-6) are competing this weekend. Two teams from each event will earn a berth in The Cameco Senior NOCA Provincials in Fort Frances. The 7 Senior Women's teams entered will all advance directly to the provincials.

## Amethyst Camp

### Registration:

Registration for The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp is now available on the NOCA website. The camp is filling fast so get your application in as soon as possible.

### Bus:

Thanks to a generous donation from Brian Gates of PBL Insurance (Nexus) in Sudbury, a bus will be available for a nominal charge for campers to travel to and from the camp. The bus will leave Thunder Bay late Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and travel to Nipigon, across Highway 11 and down to Sudbury via Timmins. It will leave the camp on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> in the early afternoon and arrive back in Thunder Bay late that night. The bus will be chaperoned both ways. More information is on the website.

### Bursaries:

Together with our sponsors, the NOCA is offering 6 bursaries of \$500 each toward the registration fees for the Amethyst camp. The application form is on the NOCA website and the deadline is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Bantam Challenges

To date there have been 3 Bantam Challenges held. These events are meant to be a developmental experience for coaches and teams. The Copper Cliff CC hosted 12 teams, Fort William CC had 14 teams, and Soo Curlers saw 14 teams participate. All teams have been very positive about their experiences. There are still two events scheduled: Nipigon CC February 5-6, and Idylwyld G&CC February 12-13. Registration is still open on the NOCA website.

## Special Olympics Curling

The Special Olympics Ontario Winter Games are being held in Thunder Bay this weekend. Curling action takes place at the Fort William Curling Club. Results can be accessed through the Fort William CC website (<http://www.fortwilliamcurlingclub.com/content/Home/>) or on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com) through the NOCA link.

## Upcoming Deadlines

- Volunteer Service Awards Nominations: January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Inter-regions: January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Challenge Idylwyld: January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers: January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Shoppers Home Healthcare Wheelchair Provincials: February 2<sup>nd</sup>

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# NOCA Notes

January 14, 2011

## The Dominion Men's Regional Playdowns

This weekend will see 6 Men's regional events take place. One team from each event will earn a berth in The Dominion Men's NOCA Provincials. The events are taking place at the Keewatin CC, Port Arthur CC, Geraldton CC, Tarentorus CC, Copper Cliff CC, and the Cochrane CC. Results will be posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com). Some events will post scores during the games, some will post scores after each draw is completed.

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The Canadian Curling Association is pleased to announce the Curling Assistance Program. This is a funding program to help affiliated curling clubs in Canada promote and develop the sport, or assist with capital projects. More information is available on the homepage of the NOCA website. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2011.

## The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Registration is now available online for The Dominion Curling Club NOCA regional playdowns. Clubs must register their teams by February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. While the teams representing the clubs may not be decided yet, club must register and pay the entry fee for their men's and/or women's teams. The team can just be registered as the club name for now and team member names can be entered once a winning team is declared. This is a great event designed for the club curlers. Don't miss the opportunity to earn the right to play at a provincial or national event. Information is available on the NOCA site.

## Club Bonspiels

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## Upcoming Deadlines

- Men's Qualifier East or West: January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Challenge Nipigon: January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Volunteer Service Awards Nominations: January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Inter-regions: January 26<sup>th</sup>
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## 8-ENDER Club

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## Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers as well as the Volunteer Service Awards. Information is on the NOCA website. Deadlines are as posted above.

## Continental Cup

The Continental Cup started Thursday in St. Albert this weekend. Watch Team North America take on Team World in the various forms of the game. Events include Mixed Doubles, Men, Women, Skins, and Singles. Games are televised on TSN.

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# NOCA Notes

January 7, 2011

## Nexcap Junior Men & Women NOCA Provincials

The Junior Provincials take place at the North Bay Granite Curling Club this weekend. 12 teams (6 of each gender) will compete for the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the M&M Canadian Junior Championships, January 29 – February 5, 2011 in Calgary. All results will be posted on [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com) during the event. Good luck to all of the teams!

This event will be available for viewing on UStream as well. There will be a camera at both the home and away ends. The links are on the NOCA homepage.

## Curling Week in Northern Ontario

Bearskin Airlines is proud to sponsor Curling Week in Northern Ontario again this season. The dates are February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This encompasses both the final weekend of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, and the opening weekend of the Tim Horton's Brier. It is a great opportunity for clubs to attract people to the club and generate interest in our sport.

An information package will be sent to clubs mid January with some suggested events/ideas for your club for that week. The NOCA will post all events that are sent to the office on the website so people can see what is happening in their communities.

Some of the promotions include entering to win a trip for two to the 2012 Canadian Mixed Championships in Sudbury in November 2011. There will be a weekly Trivia contest with two winners weekly starting the week of January 24<sup>th</sup>. Winners will receive a copy of "Fit to Curl" written by John Morris, assisted by Dean Gemmell.

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## Upcoming Deadlines

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# NOCA Notes

December 23, 2010

## Seasons Greetings

The Board and staff of the NOCA would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. The office will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, and December 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

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# NOCA Notes

December 17, 2010

## NOCA Women's Provincial Winners

The Krista McCarville rink from the Fort William CC is the 2011 Northern Ontario Women's Provincial Champion. The championship took place last weekend at the Nipigon Curl-a-Drome and saw the McCarville, Ashley Kallos, Marlo Dahl, and Tracy Horgan rinks secure the four NOCA spots at the Ontario Scotties at the Thornhill G&CC, January 24-30, 2011. The teams will compete against 6 OCA teams for the chance to represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Charlottetown February 19-27, 2011.

## The Dominion Amethyst 2011 Junior Curling Camp

Information about this camp is now posted on the NOCA website. Invitations will be sent to campers from last year in early January, with general registration available starting January 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Amethyst Bus

Thanks to a generous donation from Brian Gates of PBL Insurance (Nexus) in Sudbury, a bus will be available for a nominal charge for campers to travel to and from the camp. The bus will leave Thunder Bay late Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and travel to Nipigon, across Highway 11, and down to Sudbury via Timmins. It will leave the camp on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> in the early afternoon and arrive back in Thunder Bay late that night. The bus will be chaperoned both ways.

More information is on the website.

## Bantam Challenges

There are 6 Bantam Challenges still scheduled for this season. These events are designed as a developmental experience for younger curlers. The curlers do not have to be Bantam age, and do not have to be NOCA members. High school teams are more than welcome to participate. This is a great opportunity to gain some valuable competitive experience and learn from mentor coaches. Please see the information letter on the Bantam page of the NOCA website for information. Deadlines are fast approaching.

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# NOCA Notes

December 10, 2010

## NOCA Women's Provincial

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## Upcoming Deadlines

- Bantam Challenge in Thunder Bay: Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>
- The Dominion Men's Regions: December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Inter-regions: December 29<sup>th</sup>

## Scotland-Canada Friendship Curling Tour

In November of this year, Helen Stewart from the Tarentorus CC had the experience of a lifetime participating in this curling tour. Helen was one of 24 Canadian women curlers to experience this event which took place in Scotland from November 6<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. A chronicle of Helen's experiences is on the News section of the NOCA website. Thanks Helen for sending us this information.

## Wheelchair Development Camp

A CCA Regional Development camp for Wheelchair curlers will take place December 17-18 at the Fort William Curling Club. The camp starts at 9:00 am Friday and 8:00 am Saturday. This is a great opportunity to see the Wheelchair athletes in motion on the ice.

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# NOCA Notes

December 3, 2010

## KIA Classic Superspiel

The KIA Classic takes place this weekend at the Soo Curlers Association. 20 teams are competing with the winning NOCA Men's team earning a berth in the Dominion Men's 2011 NOCA Provincial at the Fort William Curling Club, February 6-13, 2011.

A link to the event is available on the NOCA website. As well, this event is being televised on ustream.tv (link on the NOCA website). Check out the live action on your computer. One sheet per draw will be televised.

## NOCA Women's Provincial

The NOCA Women's provincial takes place at the Nipigon Curl-A-Drome December 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. 8 teams from across Northern Ontario are competing for the title of NOCA Women's 2011 Champion. As well, the top four teams earn berths in Ontario Scotties to be held at the Thornhill G&CC, January 24-30, 2011. The teams will compete against 6 OCA teams for the chance to represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Charlottetown February 19-27, 2011.

All results and team information is available at [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com).

## Junior Inter-Region Champions

The NEXCAP Junior NOCA Inter-regions took place November 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following teams who will advance to the NEXCAP 2011 Junior NOCA Provincials in North Bay January 7-9, 2011.

IR 1-2:

Karlee Jones – Port Arthur CC  
Cody Johnston – Fort William CC

Kim Zsakai – Port Arthur CC  
Brennan Wark – Port Arthur CC

IR 3-4 :

Blair Ball – Nipigon CC  
Sam Lachance – Longlac CC

Samantha Servant – Soo Curlers Assoc.  
Brendan Hodgson – Soo Curlers Assoc.

IR 5-6:

Kendra Lilly – Idylwyld G&CC  
Dustin Montpellier – Capreol CC

Kassy Breton – Iroquois Falls CC  
Tyler Langlois (Ray rink) – North Bay Granite CC

## Upcoming Deadlines

- Bantam Challenge in Copper Cliff: Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Bantam Challenge in Thunder Bay: Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Quest For Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program: Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> (noon)
- The Dominion Men's Regions: December 15<sup>th</sup>

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# NOCA Notes

November 19, 2010

## AVIS Car Rental Discount

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## The Dominion Curling Club National Championships

The national championship starts November 23<sup>rd</sup> in Charlottetown, PEI. The Raymond Roy rink from the Fort Frances CC and the Mélanie Patry rink from the Coniston CC earned the Northern Ontario Championship titles last April at the NOCA Dominion Provincials at the Port Arthur CC. Good luck to both teams. Keep up with their progress by clicking on the link on the NOCA website.



### Patry Rink:

Mélanie Patry – Skip  
Christine Dubuc – Vice  
Nicole Dubuc-Charbonneau – Second  
Bryna Gaudette - Lead

### Roy Rink:

Raymond Roy – Skip  
Dave Broman – Vice  
Butch Wensley – Second  
Patrick Briere - Lead



## Junior Inter-Regions November 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>

The NEXCAP Junior NOCA Inter-regions take place next weekend. At the Fort William CC, 6 Junior Men's teams and 6 Junior Women's teams will take to the ice; the Marathon CC will see 4 Junior Men's teams and 3 Junior Women's teams battle it out, while at the Coniston CC, 6 Junior Men's teams and 5 Junior Women's team will vie for the seats at provincials.

Each event will see two teams of each gender earn spots at the NEXCAP NOCA Junior Provincials. This provincial will take place at the North Bay Granite CC, January 6 – 9, 2011.

Results can be seen at [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com), or through the links on the NOCA website.

## Upcoming Deadlines

- Bantam Challenge in Copper Cliff: Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Bantam Challenge in Thunder Bay: Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Quest For Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program: Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> (noon)

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# NOCA Notes

November 12, 2010

## Membership Registration

The NOCA Member registration is now set up and operational on the NOCA website. Register now to be entered into a contest to win one of four Goldline prize packages. The information gathered on this database will be used solely for record keeping and communication with members. It will not be distributed to any other organizations or companies. As a provincial sport organization, the NOCA is required to report the number of members to various government agencies for funding purposes, and this requires an actual database to be maintained.

## Mixed Nationals Start Saturday

The Craig Kochan rink from the Fort William CC will represent Northern Ontario in the Canadian Mixed November 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> in Morris MB. The event website is on the NOCA website. Good luck to the team!

## 2011 Ontario Coaching Awards

The Coaches Association of Ontario is pleased to announce that it is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Ontario Coaching Excellence Awards.

There are four categories of awards which refer to the type of athlete the coach is primarily responsible for. In each category both male and female coaches will be recognized. The categories are Recreational/Grass Roots, Developmental, School Sports, and High Performance. More information is available at on the NOCA website in the Coach section.

Nominating a fellow coach is easy. Simply fill out the online form by Friday, December 10, 2010.

## Upcoming Deadlines

NOCA Scotties Provincial: Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> (11:30 pm)

Quest For Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program: Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> (noon)

## Notice to Competitors:

Please remember that new this year is a Team Registration and Club Certification form. This form must be signed by the club a team is representing. This form, along with the Participation Agreement, must be received by the NOCA office one week prior to the start of the competition.

## Competitor Guides

All Competitor Guides will be available on the NOCA website early next week. Please ensure that you read this document before you get to the competition. There are some changes this season that all competitors and coaches should be aware of.

## Interesting Reading:

The Canadian Curling Association has weekly blogs on the CCA website ([www.curling.ca](http://www.curling.ca)). These blogs include articles on youth curling, coaching (Hey Coach), club interest (Around the House), about curling (House Call), Athlete of the Week, the Business of Curling, Fitness (Fit to Curl), and more.

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# NOCA Notes

November 5, 2010

## Sudbury Coach Symposium a Success

The Coach Symposium held in Sudbury October 22-24 was very successful. 35 people participated in the event. The event followed the same format as the symposium in Thunder Bay.

At the banquet Saturday evening, dinner was followed by a presentation by Wendy Morgan, CCA Wheelchair Coordinator. The topic was the 2010 Winter Paralympics. The presentation was very poignant and gave a great look at the event and the athletes. Wendy Morgan and Dave Kawahara (NOCA Wheelchair Coordinator) conducted a wheelchair curling clinic on Sunday at the Sudbury CC where wheelchair curling will now take place on Sunday afternoons.

The Investors Group Volunteer Sports Administrator Award was presented to Debbie Grillanda. The Investors Group was unable to attend, so Kathy Ingram, NOCA Development Chair, presented a very surprised Debbie with the well deserved recognition. Congratulations Debbie! .

Debbie Grillanda &  
Kathy Ingram



Symposium participants and  
Learning Facilitators

Marjorie Smith from the Deer Trail CC spoke about her experience carrying the Olympic Torch. She brought her torch with her for all to see. There were three torch bearers at the symposium, Marjorie, Ryan Lafraniere, and Billy Mekers.

Torch Bearers:

Billy Mekers  
Marjorie Smith  
Ryan Lafraniere



## Kochan rink off to Mixed Nationals

The Craig Kochan rink from the Fort William CC will represent Northern Ontario in the Canadian Mixed, November 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> in Morris MB. *Craig Kochan (Skip), Liz Kingston (Third), Craig Koivula (Second), and Alissa Begin (Lead).*



## Bantam Challenge Date Change

The Bantam Challenge in Atikokan has been moved to December 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. The registration deadline is Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## The Dominion Curling Club Championships

The Eligibility requirements for the Dominion Curling Club Championships have changed this season. The requirements are available on the NOCA website on The Dominion playdowns page.

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# NOCA Notes

October 15, 2010

## Sudbury Coaching Symposium

There is still room for more registrants at the Coach Symposium in Sudbury October 22-24. The **registration deadline is Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>**. A Competition Coach course will be held in conjunction with this symposium. . Don't miss this great event! To register, go to [www.curlnoc.ca](http://www.curlnoc.ca)

## Investor's Group Volunteer Administrator Awards

The Investor's Group will present a Volunteer Sports Administrator Award at the Symposium. This award will be presented to someone who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and service in an administrative capacity for a club, organization, or event, resulting in a strong impact on the community for coaches and athletes. The award information is on the NOCA website. Nominations must be sent via email, fax, or mail to the NOCA office. The deadline for nominations is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Member Cards and Registration

All paid members of a curling club in the NOCA will now receive a member card. On the back of the card are some benefits from our partners. Choice Hotels (Choice, Quality Inns, Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Sleep Inn, Clarion, Econolodge, Rodeway Inn, and Ascend) and Avis Car Rentals offer discount rates to members, and Goldline has supplied four prize packages valued at \$100. When members register their information online, their name will be entered into a contest for the prizes. The member registration page is currently under construction but should be available shortly. Members should go to [www.curlnoc.ca/register](http://www.curlnoc.ca/register) to enter their information.

## Wheelchair Clinic Scheduled in Sudbury

An instructional afternoon will take place at the Sudbury Curling Club on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in Wheelchair Curling. This is for anyone interested in participating or assisting with a wheelchair curling program. More information will be on the NOCA website next week.

## Bantam Challenge Bonspiels

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It is anticipated that a minimum of 6 boys and 6 girls teams will participate in each competition. More information is available from Dick Henderson – NOCA Technical Coordinator 807-621-4259 or email: [dickhenderson@curlnoc.ca](mailto:dickhenderson@curlnoc.ca)

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## NOCA Notes

September 30, 2010

### Thunder Bay Coach Symposium a Success

The Coach Symposium held in Thunder Bay Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. 27 people participated in the event. The weekend started with an information session about the new NCCP program and how it translates to the previous Levels 1 and 2 certification. It was followed by an informal session for coaches to network with each other and the presenters.

Saturday began with classroom sessions in the morning and was followed by on ice sessions in the afternoon. At lunch, Jim Waite, CCA National Coach, gave a presentation on the National Athlete Funding Program, and revealed the results of a study about sweeping prepared by the University of Western Ontario (in partnership with the CCA and Own the Podium). This was a very interesting session ... we should see lots of new things happening in sweeping across the nation.

Kari MacLean and Rick Lang spoke about the La R el eve program. They had just returned from a session held in Edmonton for La R el eve athletes where 60 young people under the age of 32 were invited to participate in a weekend with the top players and coaches in Canada.

At the banquet Saturday evening, dinner was followed by another presentation by Jim Waite. The topic was the 2010 Winter Olympics. This presentation has lots of humour, but will bring a tear to the toughest out there, and makes you proud to be Canadian.

Two awards were also presented at the banquet Saturday. Donna Yocum from the Investors Group presented the Volunteer Sports Administrator Award to Dave Forester from the Fort William CC. As well, Chris Ransom presented the Pat O. Reid Coaching Award to Glen Poirier from the Sioux Lookout G&CC. Congratulations to both of these deserving volunteers.

*Donna Yocum &  
Dave Forester*



*Glen Poirier &  
Chris Ransom*



The symposium concluded early Sunday afternoon. Classroom sessions included an outline of the new rules, Coaching Athletes with Disabilities, the Quest for Gold program and other grants, Team Dynamics, the Bantam Challenge program, and more.

The **Sudbury Coaching Symposium will be held October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**. A Competition Coach and a Club Coach course will be held in conjunction with the symposium. Don't miss this great event! To register, go to [www.curlnoc.ca](http://www.curlnoc.ca)

### Competition Registrations

Registration for all NOCA Competitions as well as the Bantam Challenges will be available online next week.

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## NOCA Notes

September 23, 2010

### Superspiels

The Courtesy Freight Superspiel and the KIA Cup Classic Superspiel are both open for registration. These events are open to any teams (men, women, juniors, seniors, mixed) with a berth to The Dominion NOCA Men's Provincial being awarded to the top NOCA Men's team from each event.

The Courtesy Freight Superspiel takes place at the Port Arthur Curling Club November 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>.

The KIA Cup Classic Superspiel will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> at the Soo Curlers Association.

Event posters and registration information are available on the NOCA Website.

### Bearskin Airlines Partnership

Bearskin Airlines is once again partnering with the NOCA as "The Official Airline of the NOCA". This partnership includes a discounted flight rate to all provincial events, the Superspiels, and the Men's Qualifiers, as well the title sponsorship of Curling Week in Northern Ontario. The codes for the flight discounts will be available through the NOCA office, or provided when you register for an event.

### Awards Presentations

At the Coach Symposium in Thunder Bay this weekend, two awards will be presented at the banquet Saturday evening.

The Investors Group "Sport Administrator Award" and the Pat O. Reid Coaching Award will be presented to two deserving recipients from Northern Ontario.

### Guest Presentations

There will be two guest presenters this weekend at the symposium in Thunder Bay. At the luncheon at the Port Arthur CC (noon Saturday) Jim Waite, CCA National Team Coach for the Men's Olympic Team, will give a presentation on the National Team program and funding, and the plan toward the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

The evening presentations will include Jim Waite's Olympic Review, a presentation which will make you proud to be Canadian, and Kari MacLean who will review La Rélève funding for athletes.

Tickets for either event may be purchased by contacting Leslie Kerr or Dick Henderson:

[lesliekerr@curlnoc.ca](mailto:lesliekerr@curlnoc.ca)

807-598-0051

[dickhenderson@curlnoc.ca](mailto:dickhenderson@curlnoc.ca)

807-621-4259

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## NOCA Notes

September 17, 2010

### Coach Symposiums and Coaching Courses:

Two Coach Symposiums will be held this fall in Thunder Bay and in Sudbury. Check the NOCA website for more information.

The deadline for the Thunder Bay Symposiums is extended to Monday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### Website Design Packages for Curling Clubs

Hurricane Web Publishing (the creator of Playdowns.com, NOCA's competition results site) has created a package for curling clubs for website design and hosting.

This package provides a template for clubs to create a website and add information and pages as needed. The package is very user friendly and support will be provided. Contact the NOCA office for more information.

### Member Benefits:

- A Membership Benefits pamphlet has been created and will be distributed to all clubs in a mail out that will be sent the last week of November.
- A Membership card will be provided to each member of the NOCA who pays the \$15 per capita fee to their club.
- Sponsors have been secured to provide discounts to members including Choice Hotels, and Avis. Other partnerships are also being secured.

### Sponsors/Partners:

The NOCA Board would like to acknowledge and thank the various partners that provide assistance through their sponsorships to curlers and curling in Northern Ontario. Please check the NOCA website Sponsor link and support these companies.

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# NOCA Notes

September 11, 2010

## **Coaching Symposiums**

With funding assistance from the Ministry of Health Promotion & Sport, The Coaching Association of Canada, and the CCA, the NOCA is pleased to be holding two coaching symposiums this fall. The dates and locations are:

**Thunder Bay**

**September 24-26**

**Registration Deadline Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Sudbury**

**October 22-24**

**Registration Deadline Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Participants will receive off and on ice presentations/instruction on various current topics in coaching. Guest speakers from the Canadian Curling Association will speak at a lunch and banquet Saturday, both of which are open to the public. A Competition Coach course and Club Coach course will also be held during the weekend. See the attached sheet for more information. Registration is available on the NOCA website.

## **Competition Coach Grants**

A rebate of up to 75% for the registration fees and a travel subsidy for travel over 100km one way is available to coaches taking the Competition Coach Course through the Coaching Association of Ontario. More information is available at

[http://www.coachesontario.ca/g4g/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=27](http://www.coachesontario.ca/g4g/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=27)

## **Investor's Group Volunteer Administrator Awards**

The Investor's Group will present one Volunteer Sports Administrator Award at each Symposium.

These awards will be presented to someone who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and service in and administrative capacity for a club, organization, or event, resulting in a strong impact on the community for coaches and athletes. The award information is attached.

Nominations must be sent via email, fax, or mail to the NOCA office. The deadlines for nominations are:

**Thunder Bay Symposium September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Sudbury Symposium October 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **GM's Making Dreams Possible Grants**

This fall 50 grants of \$2000 each will be awarded to sport clubs across Canada to assist with coach development and training. Clubs may apply for a grant to host an NCCP course, coaching seminar, offer technical training to coaches and athletes, or provide web-based resources. There will be

another 50 grants awarded in the new year. **The deadline for application is September 27<sup>th</sup>.** The NOCA office will assist with your application if you need guidance. Information is available at

<http://www.coach.ca/makingdreamspossible/club/index.htm>

## **NCCP Coaching Transition**

The new National Coach Certification Program (NCCP) is now being fully implemented. Levels 1 and 2 courses are no longer available and the certification process has changed. Coaches certified in the old system will be required to complete some additional components to upgrade to the new program. Information is available on the NOCA website, and will be fully explained at both Coach Symposiums.

If you are unsure of your status, please contact Dick Henderson at [dickhenderson@curlno.ca](mailto:dickhenderson@curlno.ca)

## **NOCA Coach Symposium - Thunder Bay** **Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Port Arthur CC, host hotel Prince Arthur Waterfront Suites

Join us for an interactive weekend with some of the leading coaches and instructors from Northern Ontario and the Canadian Curling Association.

Open to all coaches and anyone interested in coaching.

A Competition Coach Course will be offered in conjunction with the symposium.

<b>Friday:</b>	8 -11 pm	Welcome, Introductions, Breakout Sessions, Guest Presenter - topic TBA
<b>Saturday:</b>	8:30 - noon	Breakout sessions
	12:30 - 2:00	Lunch at the club with a guest presenter (open to the public)
	2:30 - 5:00	On Ice Instruction/refresher (at PACC)
	6:30	Banquet (open to public) with presentation about the 2010 Olympics by Jim Waite, National Team Leader Presentation of a Volunteer Sports Administrator Award by the Investors Group Town Hall Meeting with a Panel of Guest Speakers
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 - noon	Breakout sessions

### **Breakout Session Topics:**

Team Dynamics, Coaching at Provincials and Nationals, What's New in Practice Planning, Fitness and Nutrition for Curling, Statistics for Curling, The New NCCP and the Transition Process for coach certification, Women in Coaching, The New Look of Brushing, Coaching Athletes with Disabilities, Curling for Life; The CCA Long Term Athlete Development Plan, and more

### **On Ice Topics:**

Warm ups for Curling, Line to Target, Balance, Grips and Turns, Skills Analysis, and more

**Registration fee: Only \$150 (includes Banquet)**

With financial assistance from the Ministry of Health Promotion and the Coaching Association of Canada, **subsidies will be provided for travel and accommodation (double occupancy in rooms) for out of town participants.** Load up your vehicle and come in for a great weekend of information sharing, refreshing/updating coaching skills, and networking.

Rooms have been booked at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Suites and will be held until September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please quote #133597, or the block name Northern ON Curling when booking.

You must book your own room. 1-800-267-2675

**Register now at [www.curlnoca.ca](http://www.curlnoca.ca) Deadline September 17, 2010**

### **For more information:**

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Dick Henderson 1-807-621-4259 or [dickhenderson@curlnoca.ca](mailto:dickhenderson@curlnoca.ca)



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## **NOCA Coach Symposium - Sudbury**

**Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Idylwyld G& CC, host hotel Quality Inn

**Join us for an interactive weekend with some of the leading coaches and instructors from Northern Ontario and the Canadian Curling Association.**

**Open to all coaches and anyone interested in coaching.**

**A Competition Coach Course will be offered in conjunction with the symposium.**

- Friday:** 8 -11 pm Registration. Welcome, Introductions, Breakout Sessions,  
Guest Presenter - topic TBA
- Saturday:** 8:30 - noon Breakout sessions  
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch at the club with a guest presenter (open to the public)  
2:30 - 5:00 On Ice Instruction/refresher (at Idylwyld G&CC)  
6:30 Banquet (open to public) with presentation about the 2010 Olympics  
by Wendy Morgan, National Wheelchair Team Leader  
Presentation of a Volunteer Sports Administrator Award by  
the Investors Group  
Town Hall Meeting with a Panel of Guest Speakers
- Sunday:** 9:00 - noon Breakout sessions

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Rooms have been booked at the Quality Inn and will be held until October 15th. Please quote the block name NOCA when booking.

You must book your own room. 1-800-461-1120

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# volunteer sport administrator award



The Investors Group Volunteer Sport Administrator Award is an integral part of each Community Coaching Conference sponsored by Investors Group.

## Objectives

The award recognizes the contribution to community sport programs made by a dedicated volunteer who has given countless hours of time so that coaches and athletes can enjoy the benefits of well-organized sport.

## Eligibility

The nominee demonstrates outstanding commitment and service in an administrative capacity for a club, organization, or event, resulting in a strong impact on the community for coaches and athletes. The coaching conference organizing committee selects the award recipient.

## Nominations

Nominators must provide the following information:

- name, address, and phone number of the nominee
- name, address, and phone number of the nominator
- the history of service to community sport programs reflecting the commitment and service of the nominee
- list of other awards or recognition received
- description of any outstanding qualities or contributions that the nominator feels would be of interest to the selection committee.

## Presentations

The presentation to the award recipient will be made at the Community Coaching Conference. The recipient will automatically become eligible for the Investors Group National Volunteer Sport Administrator Award, which is presented at the annual CAC Sport Leadership Awards.

## Submissions

Send nomination(s) to:  
**NOCA**  
**P.O. Box 940**  
**Atikokan, ON P0T 1C0**  
**Attn: AWARDS**

or email to:

[awards@curlno.ca](mailto:awards@curlno.ca)

**DEADLINE: September 17<sup>th</sup> (Thunder Bay)**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup> (Sudbury)**

For further information about financial and program assistance for Investors Group Community Coaching Conferences and the Investors Group Volunteer Sport Administrator Award, contact CAC:

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 141 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 300  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J3

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