





### 2013 Canadian Masters

The Port Arthur CC is hosting the Canadian Masters Men's and Women's Championships April 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Northern Ontario has three teams (Men, Women, Host N-Ont) because a female team withdrew. The teams from Northern Ontario are:

Marion Clark (Clark, Barbara Ward, Tannis Ferguson, Bev Junnila) and Paul Carr (Carr, Glen Fossum, Ken Ketonen, Ed Koivula), both from PACC, and Jan Pula (Pula, Brenda Johnston, Anne Harris, Jan Towns) from the Idylwylde G&CC. Good luck to all three teams.

Event site: www.canadianmasterschampionship2013.com/

Results: www.playdowns.com/noca/

#### The Dominion 2013 NOCA Curling Club Provincials

Congratulations to the Kathie Jackson rink from the Fort Frances CC (Jackson, Teresa McFayden, Lisa Penner, Kris Sinclair), and the Jason Strelezki rink from the Copper Cliff CC (Strelezki, Chris Gordon, Jason Gauthier, Derek Crew). These teams earned the right to represent Northern Ontario at The Dominion Curling Club Canadian Championships in Thunder Bay November 18-23, 2013.

Soo Curlers Association hosted an excellent event. All of the teams had a great time. Next year we hope to increase the participaton rate of clubs and have every club in Northern Ontario enter a team into the regional playdowns.

This event truly is for club curlers. One of the highlights of the banquet was the recognition of 74 year old Ted Szajewski (Warkentin rink from Keewatin) who has always wanted to make it to a provincial. He finally made it to The Dominion Curling Club NOCA Provincial Championships.

### NOCA Regional Directors' Needed

Female Directors are needed for Regions 5 and 6. Region 5 Nominations have closed and Club Delegates must submit their votes by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for Region 6 are still open. For more information email <u>elections@curlnoca.ca</u>

#### **Awards**

NOCA offers 3 volunteer awards annually, a Club Recognition Award, and Honorary Life Memberships. The deadline for nominations is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Information about the awards is available at <a href="mailto:curlnoca.ca/content/Programs">curlnoca.ca/content/Programs</a> and <a href="mailto:Services/Awards/">Services/Awards/</a>

#### Coach Association of Ontario Super Clinic:

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### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Pat O. Reid Coach Award – April 15<sup>th</sup>
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# Jacobs continues to shine at the Ford World Men's Championship

Event site: <a href="www.curling.ca/championships/worlds/">www.curling.ca/championships/worlds/</a>
TSN Schedule: <a href="www.tsn.ca/curling/feature/?id=1085">www.tsn.ca/curling/feature/?id=1085</a>

### The Dominion 2013 NOCA Curling Club Provincials

Soo Curlers Association will host the provincial April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. 12 teams (one of each gender from each of the 6 regions) will compete for the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Championships at the Fort William CC November 18-23, 2013. Good luck to all teams.

Results: www.playdowns.com/noca/

# 2013 Canadian Masters

The Port Arthur CC will host the Canadian Masters Men's and Women's Championships April 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. 24 teams (12 of each gender) will be participating. Northern Ontario has three teams (Men, Women, Host N-Ont) because a female team withdrew. The teams from Northern Ontario are: Marion Clark (Clark, Barbara Ward, Tannis Ferguson, Bev Junnila) and Paul Carr (Carr, Glen Fossum, Ken Ketonen, Ed Koivula), both from PACC, and Jan Pula (Pula, Brenda Johnston, Anne Harris, Jan Towns) from the Idylwylde G&CC. Good luck to all three teams.

Event site: www.canadianmasterschampionship2013.com/

Results: www.playdowns.com/noca/

# Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships

The Gino Sonego rink placed fourth in the 2013 Canadian Wheelchair Championships. Congratulations on a great performance.

#### Pat O. Reid Coaching Award:

This award is presented annually to a deserving coach. Give your coach a thank you by nominating him/her for this award. Past recipients include Glen Poirier, Karen Saarimaki, and Kathy Ingram. Information is available at <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/files/Coach\_Award\_info.pdf">www.curlnoca.ca/files/Coach\_Award\_info.pdf</a>

To date there are NO nominations submitted. The deadline for nominations is April 15th.

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# NOCA Notes March 28, 2013

## Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships

The Gino Sonego rink is in second place after falling to the unbeaten Quebec rink yesterday. Event site: www.curling.ca/championships/wheelchair/

### Jacobs rink to represent Canada in the Ford World Men's Curling Championship

Good luck to the Brad Jacobs rink from the Soo Curlers Association. Event site: <a href="https://www.curling.ca/championships/worlds/">www.curling.ca/championships/worlds/</a>

## John Shea Insurance 2014 NOCA Mixed Provincials Winner

After a neck and neck game between the Charlie Robert rink from Soo Curlers Association and the Eric Gelinas rink (North Bay Granite CC), Robert claimed the Mixed Provincial title last weekend. Roberts (Lindsay Miners, Rob Thomas, Alissa Begin) will now represent Northern Ontario at the 2014 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships in Ottawa next November.

### Recognition for young adult NOCA Curlers:

Last weekend saw some Northern Ontario curlers put in noteworthy performances: 2013 Men's Champion was the Waterloo Warriors, with **Nathan Ransom** (Sioux Lookout) playing 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Fanshawe College claimed Bronze in the CCAA event with **D.J. Ronaldson** (Nipigon) and **Cody Heyens** (Stratton) on the team.
- All Canadian College Men's team included Phil Tribe and Brody McIntyre from the Confederation Thunderhawks, and the All Canadian College Women's team included Grace Esquega from the Confederation College Thunderhawks.
- Also playing in the CIS/CCA event was Adam Gagne from Elliot Lake. Adam was missed in NOCA Notes last week
- At the M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors the teams who were not in the playoff round competed in a Mixed Doubles event. **Megan Westlund** was on the team who won silver in this event.

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Club Coach and Competition Coach – March 31<sup>st</sup>, Thessalon CC (courses April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup>)

Pat O. Reid Coach Award – April 15<sup>th</sup>

**NOCA Volunteer and Honorary Life Membership** – April 30<sup>th</sup>

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# **NOCA Notes** March 21, 2013

## Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships

The RA Centre in Ottawa will host the 2013 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships March 24 -31. The Gino Sonego rink (Sonego, Richard Dawid, Doug Dean, Lola Graham, Sarah Lashbrook, and coach Michael Bergquist) from the Fort William CC will represent Northern Ontario. Event site www.curling.ca/championships/wheelchair/

### John Shea Insurance 2014 NOCA Mixed Provincials

The Idylwylde G&CC is hosting the Mixed Provincials March 21-24. 13 teams will compete for the title of provincial champion and the right to represent Northern Ontario at the 2014 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships in Ottawa next November. Draw and results: www.curlnoca.ca

# Canadian College Athletic Association Curling National Championships

This championship is currently taking place in Edmonton. Several young men and women from Northern Ontario are on teams at the event:

#### **Confederation Thunderhawks Men:**

Kurtis Byrd, Phillip Tribe, Kyle Toset, Brody McIntyre, Coach Paul Carr

#### **Confederation Thunderhawks Women:**

Megan St. Amand, Grace Esquega, Kathleen Murray, Megan Cain, Coach Walter Risi Sault Cougars Men:

Nick Dawson, Chris Glibota, Kyle Sherlock, Mark Dugas, Kyle Stoneman

And on the Fanshaw Falcons:

D.J. Ronaldson, Cody Heyens

Event site: ccaa.ca/curling2013/

# CIS/CCA University Curling Championships

This event is currently underway in Kamloops. Some Northern Ontario players include Nicole Westlund and Caitlin Romain (Western University Mustangs), and Nathan Ransom (Waterloo Warriors).

Event site: www.curling.ca/championships/university/

### Pat O. Reid Coaching Award:

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If you know of a worthy individual, please nominate them to honour them for their hard work and dedication to the sport. Information is available at

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# NOCA Notes March 13, 2013

# Jacobs Rink claims the 2013 Tim Horton's Brier title



Congratulations to Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden, Coach Tom Coulterman, and 5<sup>th</sup> Matt Dumontelle for winning the 2013 Brier. The team hails from the Soo Curlers Association (Sault Ste. Marie) and a party was held at their club last night to honour them. All of Northern Ontario will be cheering on the Jacobs rink when they represent Canada at the 2013 Ford Worlds Men's Curling Championship in Victoria, March 30 – April 7. More information and articles can be found on the NOCA Facebook page. http://www.facebook.com/curlnoca

### Canadian Senior Curling Championships

Summerside PEI will play host to the 2013 Canadian Senior Curling Championships March 16-24. The **Bruce Munro rink** (Munro, Duncan Bell, Drew Eloranta, and John Querney) from the Idylwylde G&CC, and the **Vicky Barrett rink**( Barrett, Margaret McLaughlin, Valerie MacInnes, and Brenda Harrow) from the Sudbury CC will represent Northern Ontario at this national event. Good luck to both teams. The event site is <a href="www.curling.ca/championships/seniors/">www.curling.ca/championships/seniors/</a>

### **Mixed Doubles Curling Trials**

**Stephen and Courtney Chenier** (father and daughter duo) will represent Northern Ontario at the 2013 Mixed Doubles Curling Trials in Leduc AB, March 14-17. The Chenier team won the NOCA Mixed Doubles Provincial in Sault Ste. Marie. This inaugural event is a thirty-two (32) team event with four (4) pools of eight (8) teams competing in individual round robins. Following these four round robins, twelve (12) teams will then advance to the playoff round. The championship winning team will advance to the World Mixed Doubles in Fredericton, April 13-20, 2013.

Team Chenier is in the D Pool, team D4. Watch the action at www.curling.ca/2013mixeddoubles/

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### **The Dominion Curling Club Championships**

Regional playdowns continue this weekend to declare the 12 teams (6 of each gender) who will represent their regions at The Dominion Provincial Championships at the Soo Curlers Association April 4-7. www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/The\_Dominion\_Curling\_Club\_Championship/

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Course descriptions, registration, and more information:

www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/

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# **NOCA Notes** March 8, 2013

### Tim Horton's Brier page playoff this weekend:

www.curling.ca/championships/brier/

#### **NOCA Provincial Winners**

Several NOCA Provincial Champions have been declared in the last three weekends:

### Mixed Doubles:

• Stephen and Courtney Chenier advance to the Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials in Leduc, AB, March 14-17.

### **Senior Men and Women:**

 The Bruce Munro rink (Idylwylde G&CC) and the Vicky Barrett rink (Sudbury CC) will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Senior Championships in Charlottetown, PEI, March 16 - 24.

#### Wheelchair:

• The Gino Sonego rink (Fort William CC) earned the title of NOCA Wheelchair Provincial Champions in Kenora. The team will compete at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships at the RA Center in Ottawa, March 24-31.

#### Masters:

 The 2013 Canadian Masters is being held in Thunder Bay at the Port Arthur Curling Club April 8-14, 2013. Two hometown teams will represent Northern Ontario at the event. The Marion Clark and Paul Carr rinks, both from the PACC, earned the provincial titles at the NOCA Masters provincial in New Liskeard. Northern Ontario also receives a host team berth in the women's division to round out the draw. Jan Pula's rink (Idylwylde G&CC) will be the N-Ont host rink.

### The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Regional playdowns started last weekend to declare the 12 teams (6 of each gender) who will represent their regions at The Dominion Provincial Championships at the Soo Curlers Association April 4-7. Last weekend saw teams in Region 6 compete; this weekend will see Regions 4 and 5 play off, and the other regions will be played over the next two weeks.

Results and information can be found at

www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/The Dominion Curling Club Championship/

# **Sponsor Discounts**

NOCA's corporate sponsors offer discounts to members. The information is on the back of your NOCA membership card and on the Sponsor link on the website. The discounts can save you money on hotel stays and car rentals. You must use the discount code provided and use the sponsor site (ie. Choice hotels) rather than contacting the hotel directly. An example of savings a member recently experienced is \$106.19 calling the hotel directly, \$96.99 calling the 1-800 number on the back of the NOCA membership card. Another member saved \$30 on a car rental by using the AVIS sponsor discount code. If you didn't receive a NOCA membership card when you joined your club, see your club delegate or manager.

# **Coaching Courses**

If your club is interested in hosting a course, contact NOCA's Technical Coordinator Dick Henderson at dickhenderson@curlnoca.ca 807-621-4259

## **Current Courses:**

Club Coach Youth - March 16<sup>th</sup>, South River CC (Deadline March 10<sup>th</sup>)

Club Coach – April 6<sup>th</sup>, Thessalon CC

Competition Coach - April 6-7, Thessalon CC

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#### Senior Provincials

This weekend will see the crowning of Northern Ontario's 2013 Senior Men's and Senior Women's provincial champions. The North Bay Granite Curling Club is host to 6 Senior Women's teams, and the Geraldton Curling Club is hosting 8 Senior Men's teams. The winners will represent NOCA at the Canadian Senior Championships in Summerside, PEI, March  $16^{th} - 24^{th}$ .

Senior Men's results <a href="www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=198">www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=198</a></a>
Senior Women's results <a href="www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=196">www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=198</a>

### Shoppers Home Health Care 2013 NOCA Wheelchair Provincials

The Kenora Curling Club is hosting the provincial wheelchair championships this weekend. 4 teams from across Northern Ontario are vying for the title of NOCA 2013 Wheelchair Champions. The winning team will represent NOCA at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships March  $24^{th} - 31^{st}$  at the RA Center in Ottawa.

Results www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=199

### Canada plays for Gold at the 2013 World Wheelchair Championships

www.curling.ca/blog/2013/02/22/canada-to-play-for-gold-at-wheelchair-worlds/

#### **Facebook**

Did you know that NOCA has a facebook page? Articles are posted on a regular basis. www.facebook.com/curlnoca

#### Interesting Reading/Listening

- Heart Chart is the daily newspaper produced at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts <u>www.curling.ca/championships/scotties/multimedia/heartchart-daily-newspaper/</u>
- Avoiding the Seasonal Curling Zombie Virus <u>www.curling.ca/blog/2013/02/20/house-call-avoid-the-seasonal-curling-zombie-virus/</u>
- Interviews with curlers, and about curling www.thecurlingshow.com/
- Bill Tschirhart's blog (author of A Pane in the Glass) February 20<sup>th</sup> article <u>truenorthbill.blogspot.ca/2013/02/what-do-i-do-with-my-lead-stones.html</u>

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Are you interested in getting involved in coaching, running a youth program, instructing at your club, or furthering your coaching qualifications? Courses are offered throughout the season. If your club is interested in hosting a course, contact NOCA's Technical Coordinator Dick Henderson at dickhenderson@curlnoca.ca 807-621-4259

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### Scotties Tournament of Hearts page playoff this weekend:

www.curling.ca/championships/scotties/



































# NOCA Notes February 15, 2013

### **NOCA Provincial Champions**

Last weekend three 2013 NOCA Provincial Champions were crowned.

- The **Brad Jacobs rink** (Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden, Coach Tom Coulterman) won the Men's provincial title and will represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Horton's Brier in Edmonton, March 2-10, 2013.
- At the Bantam Girls Provincial in Sioux Lookout, Jenna Poirier's hometown rink (Poirier, Kacie Ransom, Taylor Edmond, Cassidy Romyn, Ashlyn Fukishima, and Coach Glen Poirier) claimed the 2013 Bantam Girls title.
- The Tanner Horgan rink (Horgan, Dakota Allerston, Jacob Horgan, Martin Gravel, Maxime Blais, and Coach Gerry Horgan) from the Idylwylde G&CC earned the 2013 Bantam Boys title at the provincial championship held at the Longlac CC.

All three provincial hosts provided excellent events for the competitors and spectators. Thanks to the host committees and all of the volunteers, the officiating teams, and the dedicated Ice Technicians, in particular Lloyd Stansell and Brent Adamson.

### Juniors Receive Awards at M&M Meat Shops 2013 Canadian Junior Championships

The Tirzah Keffer and Matt Roberts rinks from the Port Arthur CC represented Northern Ontario at the Canadian Championships last week. Both teams received awards they should be very proud of.



**Tirzah Keffer**Joan Mead Legacy
\$500 scholarship



Sheree Hinz (2)
Ken Watson
Sportsmanship Award
Fair Play Award



Tim Warkentin
Asham National
Coaching Award



**Megan Westlund** 2<sup>nd</sup> on the All Star Second Team

# Sandra Schmirler Foundation announces Curling Scholarships

"We are excited to announce that we will now be offering six annual \$5,000 scholarships for junior curlers who are pursuing their competitive careers while maintaining their post-secondary studies." Information: <a href="https://www.sandraschmirler.org/english/news/">www.sandraschmirler.org/english/news/</a>

#### **Mixed Doubles Provincial**

4 teams will compete this weekend at the Soo Curlers Association for the chance to represent Northern Ontario at the Mixed Doubles Curling Trials in Leduc, AB. Results are available at <a href="https://www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=197">www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=197</a>

# **Coaching Courses**

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# **NOCA Notes February 8, 2013**

### The Dominion Men's Provincial

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Draw, roster, and results: www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Men/

### The Dominion Curling Club Championships

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### **Pond Curling**

The Idylwylde Golf & Country Club demonstrated the sport of curling at the Pond Hockey tournament that took place Feb. 2-4<sup>th</sup> on Ramsay Lake. Members manned the hacks and helped anyone that wished to throw some rocks at the green & gold ldylwylde rings. Sunny and -12 degrees - perfect curling temperatures. Members promoted the upcoming Feb. 9th beginner's curling clinic at the Club and passed out the new curling club business cards – a miniature version of their promotional sign at the tournament and new bill board on one of Sudbury's busiest corners.



#### **Grant Deadlines**

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- Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF) March 18, 2013 www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR006918

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Club Coach – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sioux Lookout

Club Coach – April 6<sup>th</sup>, Thessalon CC

Competition Coach - April 6-7, Thessalon CC

Aboriginal Coaching Modules (not a NOCA Course but part of ongoing NCCP training)

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Sioux Lookout

Information and registration: www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs and Services/Courses/

#### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Friday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: The Dominion Curling Club Regions

Sunday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>: Club Coach and Club Coach Youth Course registration (Sioux Lookout)

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Club Coach – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sioux Lookout

Club Coach – April 6<sup>th</sup>, Thessalon CC

Competition Coach - April 6-7, Thessalon CC

Aboriginal Coaching Modules (not a NOCA Course but part of ongoing NCCP training)

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Sioux Lookout

Information and registration: www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs and Services/Courses/

#### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Friday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: The Dominion Curling Club Regions

Sunday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>: Club Coach and Club Coach Youth Course registration (Sioux Lookout)

# Sponsors/ Partners





















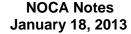












# **Bantam Region Winners:**

Congratulations to Bantam Boys and Bantam Girls teams who earned the right to participate in the provincial championships at the regional playdowns last weekend.

Bantam Girls teams: Bantam Boys teams:

Hannah Bazinet (Atikokan CC)

Jenna Poirier (Sioux Lookout G&CC)

Jenny Keetch (Port Arthur CC)

Jaron Hoppe (Keewatin CC)

Chris Silver (Fort Frances CC)

Mackenzie Joblin (Port Arthur CC)

Isabelle Ouellet (Longlac CC)Nick Servant (Soo Curlers)Katie Rutledge (Soo Curlers)Benjamin Manary (Soo Curlers)Megan Smith (Sudbury CC)Tanner Horgan (Idylwylde G&CC)

Krysta Burns (Idylwylde G&CC) Felix Lasalle (McIntyre CC)

Calli Barclay (North Bay Granite CC)

The Provincials will be held at the Longlac CC (Boys) and Sioux Lookout G&CC (Girls) February 7-10, 2013.

# Ontario Scotties Starts Monday

The Ontario Scotties takes place January 21 – 27, 2013 at the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club. Four teams from Northern Ontario will compete against six teams from the Ontario Curling Association for the title of Ontario Champions. The winning team will represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts February 16-24, 2-13 in Kingston, ON. Good luck to the Krista McCarville rink (Fort William CC), Tracy Horgan rink (Idylwylde G&CC), Marlo Dahl rink (Port Arthur CC) and the Kendra Lilly rink (North Bay Granite CC). The event site is <a href="https://www.ontarioscotties.com/">www.ontarioscotties.com/</a>

# The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp

Registration is now available for the Amethyst Camp. There is a bus available for campers to get to and from camp various locations across Northern Ontario. Once again NOCA and two partners are offering bursaries to assist with the registration fee to 6 successful applicants. All information about the camp is available at

www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs and Services/Curling Camps/

The camp will fill fast, so don't hesitate in sending in your registration.

# Social Media Policy

The NOCA Board of Directors has approved a Social Media Policy. Please review this policy before posting information on any social media venues. The Policy can be viewed at <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/content/About\_the\_NOCA/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/About\_the\_NOCA/</a>

### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Monday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> **NOON:** Men's West Challenge Round Sunday Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>: Copper Cliff Club Coach Course

Friday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>: Wheelchair Provincials Friday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Masters Provincials

Friday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Sunday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>: Club Coach Youth & Club Coach Courses Sioux Lookout

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# NOCA Notes January 11, 2013

# Bantam Regions and Men's Qualifiers:

This weekend will see 17 Bantam Boys teams and 16 Bantam Girls teams battle it out at the Bantam regionals for 8 spots each in the Bantam Provincials.

The Men's Qualifiers East and West are also being played this weekend with 11 teams vying for 6 spots to The Dominion 2013 NOCA Men's Provincial. The other two events for the men to qualify are the East and West Challenge Rounds being played January 18-20 and 25-27 respectively. Results are available at:

Bantams www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Bantams/

Men www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Men/

# Mixed Doubles:

Soo Curlers Association will host the first NOCA Mixed Doubles Provincial February 15-17, 2013. This event is for two person teams and the winner will advance to the Mixed Doubles Curling Trials in Leduc, AB. Watch how the game is played during the Continental Cup on TSN January 10-14. Information about the NOCA event is available at <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Mixed Doubles/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Mixed Doubles/</a> Register by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

# **Asham Junior Coach Awards**

Asham Curling Supplies provides an award annually to a Junior Men's Coach and Junior Women's Coach at the provincial events. The coach is nominated by his/her peers for the award. Congratulations to Amanda Gates (coach of the Conner Lawes rink), and Walter Risi (coach of the Jenny Keetch rink). Congratulations Amanda and Walt.



**Amanda Gates** 



Walt Risi (on left)

# Awards:

Click the links for information. Some deadlines are this month.

- My Coach Video contest: www.coachesontario.ca/news/my-coach-video-contest/
- Pat O. Reid Coach Award, NOCA Volunteer Award, Club Recognition Award, Honorary Life Membership: <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Awards/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Awards/</a>
- Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers: <a href="http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/youngvolunteers.shtml">http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/youngvolunteers.shtml</a>
- Volunteer Service Award: http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/vsa.shtml

# Club Coach Youth and Club Coach Courses

February 2 at the Copper Cliff CC Deadline Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sioux Lookout G&CC Deadline Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

Registration is available at <a href="http://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/">http://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/</a>























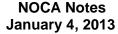












# Junior Provincials start this weekend:

The Junior Men's and Women's Provincials take place Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Junior Men will play at the Kapuskasing CC, and the Junior Women will compete at the Soo Curlers Association. Eight teams of each gender earned berths in the provincial events which will see one Junior Men's team and one Junior Women's team will secure a spot in the M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Fort McMurray, AB. Good luck to all teams.

Results can be viewed at <a href="www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Juniors/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Juniors/</a> or <a href="www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=176">www.playdowns.com/noca/event.php?id\_cmp=176</a> (Junior Women).

# C.A.P. Funding Reminder

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Since the program began in 2010, **NOCA clubs have received \$52,000** in funding toward Capital and Business development programs.

### The 2013 Dominion Amethyst Curling Camp

Information is now on the NOCA website about the camp which will take place June 30 – July 5, 2013. Information was sent to last year's campers today and they will have until January 25<sup>th</sup> to register. General registration will be available after January 25<sup>th</sup>. The registration form for new campers will be on our website January 18<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Curling\_Camps/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Curling\_Camps/</a>

# **Curling Ice**

When we don't make a shot, one of the common complaints is that there is a problem with the ice, or with the rocks. Here are a couple of articles about improving your game, and ice maintenance:

http://bobweeksoncurling.blogspot.ca/search?updated-min=2012-01-01T00:00:00-05:00&updated-max=2013-01-01T00:00:00-05:00&max-results=50

http://truenorthbill.blogspot.ca/2012/12/the-case-of-reversing-ice.html

http://www.curling.ca/blog/2012/12/20/making-great-ice-why-doesnt-my-club-have-championship-ice/

# Volunteer Awards

If you know a volunteer you would like to recognize, nominate him/her for a 2013 Volunteer Service Award. The deadline for nominations is January 25<sup>th</sup>. http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/vsa.shtml

# **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Friday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>: C.A.P. application deadline

Friday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>: Senior Regions

Friday Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer Service Award nominations

























# NOCA 2013 Women's Provincials:

Congratulations to the Krista McCarville rink from the Fort William CC who are the 2013 NOCA Women's Champions. The McCarville team (Ashley Miharija, Kari Lavoie, Sarah Lang, coach Rick Lang) will travel to The Kitchener Waterloo Granite Club to compete in the Ontario Scotties January 21-27, 2013. The other NOCA Teams who will compete at the Ontario Scotties are with the Marlo Dahl rink (Angela Lee, Steph Davis, Kim Zsakai, Anne Zsakai) Port Arthur CC, the Tracy Horgan rink (Jennifer Horgan, Amanda Gates, Jenna Enge, coach Andrea Ronnebeck) Idylwylde G&CC, and the Kendra Lilly rink (Laura Forget, Courtney Chenier, JoAnne Comé-Forget, coach Stephen Chenier) North Bay Granite CC. These four teams will compete against six OCA teams for the opportunity to represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

# The Dominion 2013 Amethyst Junior Curling Camp

Information packages will be sent to all campers from last year on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Those campers have until January 25, 2013. After that date spots will be filled with other applicants. General registration information will be on the NOCA website in early January.

# 8-Enders

Congratulations to the Ron Pender rink from the Idylwylde G&CC Wednesday Pensioners League who secured an 8-ender with a 3 person team, and the Robb Road Express rink from the Blind River CC Thursday Men's league. The teams will receive NOCA 8-Ender club vests to wear proudly.



Paul Roy, Cleo Plant, Ron Pender Idylwylde G&CC



Ben Lemieux, Robin St. Jules, Dan Horton, Lloyd Wilton Blind River CC

# **Competition Information**

There are some important changes to competitions this season. Please ensure that you have reviewed this information at <a href="www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/</a>

#### **Christmas Hours**

The NOCA office will be closed December 20 – 27 inclusive. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

# **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Friday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Fort William CC Youth Challenge Monday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: CCA Awards Nominations







































### NOCA Notes December 7th, 2012

# Junior Regional Champions:

The Junior Regional playdowns were held last weekend with the events declaring 8 Junior Men's teams and 8 Junior Women's teams as the regional winners. The Junior Men's teams will advance to the NOCA Junior Provincials January 3-6, 2013 at the Kapuskasing CC, while the Junior Women will compete on the same weekend at Soo Curlers Assoc.

#### Junior Men rinks:

Jay Turner – Atikokan CC
Brennan Wark – Port Arthur CC
Kurtis Byrd – Port Arthur CC
Zach Warkentin – Port Arthur CC
Nick Dawson – Soo Curlers Association
Cody Tetreault – Thessalon CC
Connor Lawes – North Bay Granite CC
Tanner Horgan – Idylwylde G&CC

#### Junior Women rinks:

Jessica Haw – Stratton CC
Tirzah Keffer – Port Arthur CC
Megan St. Amand – Port Arthur CC
Jenny Keetch – Port Arthur CC
Krysta Burns – Idylwylde G&CC
Robin Beaudry – Idylwylde G&CC
Brianne Manson – Idylwylde G&CC
Sarah-Anne Guay – Kapuskasing CC

# Rocks and Rings is available in Northern Ontario:

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program is now available to schools in the Thunder Bay, Sudbury, and Sault Ste. Marie areas. For more information about having this program delivered at your school, go to <a href="http://rocksandrings.com/contact/">http://rocksandrings.com/contact/</a> and select either Thunder Bay, Sudbury, or Sault Ste. Marie to contact the Program Coordinator in that area.

### **NOCA 2013 Women's Provincials:**

The Atikokan CC will host this championship December 14th-16<sup>th</sup>. Teams from Sudbury, North Bay, and Thunder Bay will compete for four spots at the Ontario Scotties scheduled for January21-27, 2013 at the Kitchener Waterloo G&CC. The winner of the Ontario Scotties will represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournaments of Hearts in Kingston, February 16-24, 2013. The draw and roster are available on the NOCA website, and results will be posted on playdowns.com.

### Competition Information

There are some important changes to competitions this season. Please ensure that you have reviewed this information at <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/</a>

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# **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Friday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: Bantam Cup Copper Cliff
Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Men's East and West Qualifiers

Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Bantam Regions

Friday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Fort William CC Youth Challenge

Monday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: CCA Awards Nominations



































### NOCA Notes November 30, 2012

# Junior Regional Playdowns

The first competitions of the season start this weekend. Junior teams will compete across Northern Ontario at the Emo CC, Kakabeka Falls CC, Soo Curlers Association, Espanola CC, Voyageur CC (Mattawa), and Kapuskasing CC. Online scores will be posted for each event at <a href="https://www.playdowns.com/noca/">www.playdowns.com/noca/</a>. Information about teams and the draws is posted on the NOCA website at <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Juniors/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Juniors/</a>

The teams will be competing for 8 berths at the NOCA Junior Men's Provincials in Kapuskasing, and 8 berths at the NOCA Junior Women's Provincials at Soo Curlers Association. Both provincials will be held January 3-6, 2013. Good luck to all teams.

### **Curling Week ends with winners**

Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants who made Curling Week in Northern Ontario 2012 a success. Many clubs used Curling Week and the Draw to the Button and Closest to the Pin Contests as recruitment and/or fundraising tools and were able to raise funds for youth programs or capital plans. Unfortunately there was no winner of the grand prize of \$10,000 for the Draw to the Button, but there were **four winners** of the closest to the pin contest.

**Charlie Camsell** from the Cobalt-Haileybury CC. Charlie drew 25.4 cm from the pin and wins two tickets to the opening weekend of the Roar of the Rings Olympic Trials in Winnipeg, December 2013. **Peter Muraska** from the Horne Granite CC (New Liskeard). Peter drew 28 cm from the pin and wins a \$100 Goldline Gift Card. **Royce Cooke** from the Thessalon CC. Royce drew 31 cm from the pin and wins a curling accessory package. **Jerrett Landry** from the Red Lake District CC. Jerrett drew 38 cm from the pin wins a curling accessory package.

The weekly Trivia contest winners were Lou Ann Arquette, Ruth Juhola, Taylor Hartlin, Don Sutton, Joel Adams, Jason Johnson, Bill Charlebois, and Kevin Rutledge.

Curling Week in Northern Ontario 2013, presented by Bearskin Airlines, will take place November 16 – 24, 2013. We are looking forward to some great contests and events during that week.

### **Competition Information**

There are some important changes to competitions this season. Please ensure that you have reviewed this information at <a href="https://www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/</a>

#### Youth Challenges and Bantam Cup:

There are two Youth Challenges and one Bantam Cup event still scheduled for this fall. These events are designed to give developing teams a chance to compete in a less formal event than a regular playdown. School teams are welcome, and teams do not have to belong to a club to register.

**Youth Challenges**: Cochrane CC (*deadline Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>*), Fort William CC (*deadline Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>*) **Bantam Cup**: Copper Cliff CC (*deadline Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>*)

### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Thursday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Quest for Gold Applications due Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Men's East and West Qualifiers

Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Bantam Regions





































### NOCA Notes November 22, 2012

### Draw to the Button Contest AND Closest to the Pin Contest

At 7:30 pm (ET), Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 27 finalists representing 27 of NOCA's clubs will participate in the Draw to the Button for \$10,000.

In addition to this contest, prizes have been secured for four other prizes. The four finalists closest to the pin will receive:

1st Prize: 2 tickets to the opening weekend of the Road of the Rings Olympic Trials

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$100 gift Card from Goldline 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Curling Accessory Package 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Curling Accessory Package

Rules and guidelines for both contests are available at <a href="http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs">http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs</a> and Services/Curling Week in Northern Ontario/

Good luck to all finalists! The results will be posted on the NOCA website Saturday night.

### **Quest for Gold Athlete Assistance Program**

The 2012-13 Guidelines and application are now on the NOCA website. As well, a ranking chart for Bantam, Junior, and Wheelchair athletes is posted. The application deadline is Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon. All information is available at

http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs and Services/Quest For Gold/

### CCA Awards:

The Canadian Curling Association offers annual awards: Board of Governors Award; Volunteer of the Year; Curling Hall of Fame; Ray Kingsmith Award; Award of Achievement. Information about these awards is available at <a href="https://www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/">www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/</a>

The Deadline for all of these nominations is December 31, 2012.

### 8-ender Awards:

NOCA provides 8-ender Club fleece vests and recognition certificates to any team scoring an 8-ender. More information is available at <a href="http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs">http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs</a> and Services/Awards

#### 2012-13 Courses:

If your club is interested in hosting a Coaching Course, contact Dick Henderson (NOCA Technical Coordinator) at 807-621-4259 or <a href="mailto:dickhenderson@curlnoca.ca">dickhenderson@curlnoca.ca</a>

**Current Courses:** 

Competition Coach - Nov. 17-18, Kenora

Competition Coach – Dec. 1-2 (note date change), New Liskeard

Registration is available at www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

Friday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: NOCA Women's Provincials

Saturday Nov. 24th NOON: Clubs must notify the NOCA Executive Director the name of the

finalist for their club for the Draw to the Button Contest

Saturday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm: Draw to the Button Contest at all participating clubs Sunday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: New Liskeard Competition Coach Course registration

Thursday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Quest for Gold Applications due Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Men's East and West Qualifiers

Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Bantam Regions



































# NOCA Notes November 9, 2012

# Draw to the Button Contest

As part of Curling Week in Northern Ontario a Draw to the Button contest to win \$10,000 will be held. During Curling Week clubs will offer participants the opportunity to draw as close to the button as possible. Each club will then have a finalist participate at their club in a Draw to the Button contest on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm ET. The person who completely covers the button will win \$10,000. A second place prize will be given for the finalist who is closest to the button. In order to participate, clubs must send a participation form to the NOCA office with the measurement of their stone by Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>. More information about Curling Week and the Draw to the Button rules are available at

http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Curling\_Week\_in\_Northern\_Ontario/

### Trivia Contest

The NOCA Trivia will run weekly until the end of Curling Week. Enter to win one of two Fit to Curl books by John Morris and Dean Gemmell. Winners will be posted on the website each Monday until the end of Curling Week. This week's winners are Enter here: <a href="www.curlnoca.ca/trivia2.php">www.curlnoca.ca/trivia2.php</a>

## **Curling Research**

Dr. Derek Kivi and Tracy Auld (Department of Kinesiology, Lakehead University) have produced and published three studies about curling: Curling Line of Delivery Study, Curling Fitness Assessment Study, and Curling Heart Rate Study. These articles can be found on Coach Information section of the NOCA website <a href="http://curlnoca.ca/content/Coach\_Information/">http://curlnoca.ca/content/Coach\_Information/</a>

### The Dominion Curling Club Canadian Championships

The Canadian Championship takes place November 19-24, 2012 at the Scarboro Golf and Country Club. Good luck to the Karen Saarimaki rink from the Geraldton CC (Saarimaki, Sylvie Fortier, Tara Evoy, Tarra Miller) and the Russ Mellerup rink from the Port Arthur CC (Mellerup, Dan Kukko, Ron Evans, Mike Rutledge).

### 2013 Canadian Mixed

Good luck to the Mike Assad rink from the Fort William CC (Assad, Ashley Kallos, Taylor Kallos, Kady Stachiw) who will represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Mixed Championships at the Town of Mount Royal CC in Montreal from November 17 – 24, 2012.

## 2012-13 Courses:

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Competition Coach – Nov. 17-18, Kenora

Competition Coach – Dec. 1-2 (note date change), New Liskeard

Registration is available at www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs and Services/Courses/

### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for clubs to submit their intention to participate in the

Draw to the Button contest

Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>: J

Junior Regions

Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup>: NOCA Women's Provincials

Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> NOON: Clubs must notify the NOCA Executive Director the name of the

finalist for their club for the Draw to the Button Contest

Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm: Draw to the Button Contest at all participating clubs

































### NOCA Notes November 1, 2012

# Curling Week in Northern Ontario

Bearskin Airlines is proud to sponsor Curling Week in Northern Ontario again this season. The dates are November  $17^{th} - 25th$ , 2012.

It is a great opportunity for clubs to attract people to the club and generate interest in our sport. An information package was mailed to all clubs with some suggested events/ideas for your club for that week.

This year there will be a **Draw to the Button** contest for the chance **to win \$10,000**. Information about the **rules**, **events taking place** during Curling Week, and the **trivia contest** is available at <a href="http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Curling\_Week\_in\_Northern\_Ontario/">http://curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Curling\_Week\_in\_Northern\_Ontario/</a>

Clubs are asked to send information about what events they are holding to attract new curlers during Curling Week to the NOCA office: <a href="mailto:info@curlnoca.ca">info@curlnoca.ca</a> or FAX 1-888-622-8884

# Trivia Contest

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Competition Coach – Dec. 1-2 (note date change), New Liskeard

Registration is available at www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs and Services/Courses/

#### Youth Challenges/Bantam Cup Events:

Several Youth Challenges are scheduled for this season as well as two Bantam Cup events. Bantam Cup:

This is a series of events aimed at Competitive Bantam teams with some allowance for High School teams with no competitive NOCA Junior team members.

#### Youth Challenges:

The challenges are a number of events aimed at Developing bantam, elementary, high school, and younger junior teams, including mixed teams.

More information is available at

www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Bantam\_Cup\_and\_Youth\_Challenges/

#### Post your Bonspiels on the NOCA website

All affiliated member facilities of the NOCA can post their bonspiels on the NOCA website. Bonspiels can be viewed and sorted by region, type of event, and date. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your club's bonspiels. Go to the NOCA website and select the Club Bonspiel link on the left, then follow the link to enter your information.

## **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Junior Regions: November 16, 2012

NOCA Women's Provincials: November 23, 2012

































### NOCA Notes October 19, 2012

### C.A.P. Funding now available

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Last year two clubs in Northern Ontario received funds for capital projects:

Fort Frances CC - \$16,500 for Geo-thermal heating;

Voyageur CC (Mattawa) - \$15,000 for heaters, header, and dehumidifier

### 2012-13 Courses:

Club Coach Youth Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Atikokan

Club Coach - Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Atikokan

Club Coach Youth - Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Providence Bay

Competition Coach - Nov. 17-18, Kenora

Competition Coach - Nov. 24-25, New Liskeard

Registration is available at <a href="www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/">www.curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/</a>

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Bearskin Airlines is proud to sponsor Curling Week in Northern Ontario again this season. The dates are November  $17^{th} - 25th$ , 2012.

It is a great opportunity for clubs to attract people to the club and generate interest in our sport. An information package is in the mail to all clubs with some suggested events/ideas for your club for that week.

This year there will be a **Draw to the Button** contest for the chance **to win \$10,000**. Clubs will offer the opportunity to draw to the button during Curling Week, and on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm ET, one finalist from each club will attempt to draw to the button at their club. The person who <u>completely covers the button</u> will win \$10,000. A prize package of 2 tickets to the opening weekend of the 2013 Roar of the Rings Olympic Trials in Winnipeg will be awarded to the person <u>closest to the button</u>.

Events scheduled during Curling Week will be posted on the NOCA website.

### Youth Challenges/Bantam Cup Events:

Several Youth Challenges are scheduled for this season as well as two Bantam Cup events. Bantam Cup:

This is a series of events aimed at Competitive Bantam teams with some allowance for High School teams with no competitive NOCA Junior team members.

# Youth Challenges:

The challenges are a number of events aimed at Developing bantam, elementary, high school, and younger junior teams, including mixed teams.

More information is available at

www.curlnoca.ca/content/Competitions/Bantam\_Cup\_and\_Youth\_Challenges/

### Post your Bonspiels on the NOCA website

All affiliated member facilities of the NOCA can post their bonspiels on the NOCA website. Bonspiels can be viewed and sorted by region, type of event, and date. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your club's bonspiels. Go to the NOCA website and select the Club Bonspiel link on the left, then follow the link to enter your information.

































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# Awards:

Some of the 2011-12 award recipients were presented in the Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> edition of NOCA Notes. Here are the remaining award recipients.

# NOCA Board members (term completed)



Kathy Ingram (right) 2009-2012



Bev Junnila (right) 2007-2012



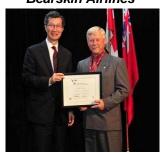
Don DeBenedet (right) 2009-2012

#### NOCA 2011-2012 Volunteer:



**Dave Kawahara** receives his award from Kris Woznesensky

#### Bearskin Airlines



Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Chan presents the <u>Sport Alliance Corporate Sport Citation</u>
Award to **Harvey Friesen**, Bearskin Airlines President

### 2012-13 Courses:

Club Coach Youth Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Atikokan Club Coach – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Atikokan

Competition Coach - Nov. 17-18, Kenora

Registration is available at <a href="mailto:curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/">curlnoca.ca/content/Programs\_and\_Services/Courses/</a>

#### 2012-13 Competition Registration

Registration is now available for all competitions on the NOCA website.

### Trillium Foundation Grant Deadline:

The next deadline for grant applications is November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Trillium Foundation provides funding in the Community Program program for Capital, Project, and Operating grants. More information is available at trilliumfoundation.org/en/applyForaGrant/how to apply.asp

### CCA announces Mixed Doubles Trials:

curling.ca/blog/2012/10/01/cca-announces-creation-of-canadian-mixed-doubles-curling-trials/
A new national competition was announced this week. Details are being finalized for a NOCA provincial event for a team to earn a berth in the Canadian Trials.

