



**NOCA Notes**  
**October 31, 2014**

**Sudbury Conference a Huge Success:**

NOCA, with the assistance of the Coaching Association of Canada, Investors Group, and CAAWS, held a second curling conference in Sudbury last weekend. 9 Club Coaches and 10 Competition Coaches were trained, 10 Curling Club Volunteers learned about how to better their clubs and programs, and 5 Officials received their Levels 1 & 2 training.

At the Gala Banquet Saturday evening, 7 teams from Sudbury who won NOCA Provincials were recognized: Megan Smith, Bantam Girls and Canada Winter Games representative for Ontario; Krysta Burns, Junior Women; Tanner Horgan, Junior Men; Tracy Horgan, Women, Vicky Barrett, Senior Women; Rob Gordon, Senior Men; and Janice Vettoretti, Travelers Curling Club Women.

Awards were also presented as follows: Jamie McPherson, Region 3 Coach; Steve Acorn, Region 4 Coach; Chris Johnson, Region 5 Coach; Julie Seim, Region 6 Coach; Ed Cummings, NOCA 2013-14 Volunteer Award (Ed is from the Sudbury CC); Deer Trail Curling Club, NOCA 2013-14 Club Recognition Award.

Congratulations to all teams and award winners.

**Keewatin CC Ticket Launch for the Travelers Men's Provincial:**

On Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Keewatin CC held the official ticket launch for the Travelers Northern Ontario Men's Provincial Championship. The event took place at the Lake of the Woods Brewing Company and was well attended. The official site for the Provincial Championship is <https://www.travelers.keewatincurlingclub.com/>.

**Canadian Mixed Curling Championship:**

Colin Koivula (Port Arthur CC) and his rink of Oye-Sem Won, Chris Briand, and Amanda Gates will be heading to North Bay next week to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships. Tickets for the event are available at <http://canadianmixed.com/tickets.php>. The format for this year will see all 14 Member Associations represented in the entire event (no pre-qualification to get to 12 teams). The event will use a 2 pool format, and all games will be 8 ends. The event site is <http://canadianmixed.com/index.php>.

Good Luck to the Koivula rink!

**Grand Slam Event in the Sault:**

The National Grand Slam Event will be held at the Essar Centre in Sault Ste. Marie, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets: <http://www.thegrandslamofcurling.com/tickets/>

**NOCA Notes Distribution:**

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**2 minutes Guide to the Sport of Curling:**

Use this video to promote curling in your community:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXHh\\_wadqPw&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXHh_wadqPw&feature=youtu.be)

**Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):**

**NOTE – THE CLOSING TIME FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 12:00 NOON.**

- Youth Challenge Kenora CC: November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Challenge Deer Trail CC: November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Regions: November 14<sup>th</sup>

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