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NOCA Notes
January 13th Edition

U21 Provincial Winners:

Congratulations to the Tanner Horgan rink (Copper Cliff CC), and the Krysta Burns rink (Idylwyld G&CC) for earning the title of Best Western 2017 NOCA U21 Champions. The teams will now travel to Victoria BC to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Juniors, January 21-29, 2017.



Team Burns:
Krysta Burns, Megan Smith
Sarah Guy, Laura Masters
Coach Rodney Guy



Team Horgan:
Tanner Horgan, Jacob Horgan
Nicholas Bissonnette, Maxime Blais
Coach Gerry Horgan

Asham Junior Coach Awards:

Asham provides Coach Awards annually at the U21 Provincial Championships across Canada. The coaches are nominated by their peers based on criteria supplied by Asham which include: Demonstrating respect for officials, opponents, host committee, curling association; demonstrating a philosophy of fair play, sportsmanship, and attitude that reflects the coaching code of conduct; concern for all-round athlete development, presenting a positive image of coaching, demonstrating ability to improve athletic performance of a team or athlete; and demonstrating the ability to apply athlete development and coaching techniques as outlined in the National Coaching Certification Program.

Congratulations to **John Leonard**, coach of the Evelyann Hoffman rink from the Idylwyld G&CC, and to **Dan Lemieux**, coach of the Nicholas Lemieux rink from the Community First CC.

John Leonard



Sandra Lahti presenting to Dan Lemieux



Next Gen Coach Apprenticeship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Next Gen Coach Apprenticeship Program – Don't miss out on this very limited opportunity to spend a day with a National Coach as they provide insight into what it takes to take teams to the "next level." In a unique training environment conducted in conjunction with our province's premier curling events – a small group of coaches will learn from either Rick Lang or Wendy Morgan in both a classroom and arena/club environment as the group observes our provinces best compete for a birth to the Nationals.

This is a FREE professional development opportunity, however it is extremely limited – only 10 coaches in total (five per location) with four spots guaranteed for female coaches.

[Information](#)

[Register](#)

Ontario Sport and Recreation Community Fund Grant:

The OSRCF grant is now accepting applications. This is a great funding program that curling clubs can apply to. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2017.

[Information](#) [Program Guidelines](#)

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Level 1 Officiating Course:

The North Bay Granite Club is hosting a Level 1 Officiating Course Wednesday January 25th at 6:30 pm.

[Register](#)

[Information](#)

Hit Draw & Tap Championship:

Has your club registered yet for the Hit Draw & Tap Championship? It's going to be an exciting time across Northern Ontario with all of the young curlers testing their skills. Get the youth at your club participating in the Hit, Draw, and Tap contests for the chance to compete (in person or via video) at the Men's Provincial Championship in February.

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

Adult Learn to Curl Program :

Modifications have been made to this exciting program so that clubs don't have to pay the registration fee until their Learn to Curl program is up and running. Webinars are available to find out more about this program which has proven to be one of the most successful tools for recruiting and retaining new curlers in clubs across Canada.

[Information and Webinar Registration](#)

Travelers Men's Qualifiers:

8 men's teams competed last weekend in the Travelers NOCA Men's East Qualifier. Teams Al Hackner, Chris Glibota, and Ryan Sayer all secured berths in the Provincials. Next weekend will see 5 teams compete for the last three berths in the Provincials. Fort Frances will host the Travelers Men's East Qualifier January 20-22.

[Results](#)

OCC Coach and Athlete Training Webinars:

Are you a coach looking to gain some professional development points, or an athlete looking for information on the how to improve your game? Upcoming webinar topics include: Advanced Strategy; Investing in Straight – A Curling Delivery Technical Review; Introduction to Mental Training; Doping in Curling; and Technology in Coaching.

[Information and Registration](#)

Jet Ice Ice Logo Contest:

Jet Ice and NOCA are pleased to announce the second year of an Ice Logo Contest. This year the contest is only open to youth 17 years of age and under and their submission must be accompanied by a story about their design. Clubs must submit designs for ice houses by March 1st, and the winning design will receive two full houses for next season from Jet Ice. The value of these houses is over \$700. [Jet Ice Logo Contest Information](#)

Don't Forget to Register your Bonspiel:

There is a section on the NOCA site for clubs to enter bonspiels and events. A poster can also be downloaded. [Click here](#) to enter your club's events.

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

- **Travelers Curling Club** (clubs must register their intention to have a male and/or female team participate by registering online by **January 27th**. Once the teams are declared they are to complete the Entry form on the NOCA website
- **Copper Cliff Youth Challenge:** Wednesday January 18th
- **North Bay Level 1 Officiating:** Tuesday January 24th

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