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### **RONNEBECK: The Latest in Coach News**

For those coaches who have been working away diligently with teams and perhaps haven't had time to catch up on NCCP developments, there are lots of changes since 2015. Coaches who are certified either Competition Coach or Competition Coach Development must earn professional development points over 5 years to maintain certification. PD points can be earned in many ways such as attendance at Curling Canada, OCC and NOCA conferences, webinars and workshops, participation in coach mentorship programs, and active coaching. For more information please go to [Curling.ca – About Curling](http://Curling.ca – About Curling) ([click here](#)).

To become Competition Coach Certified, you have to develop a practice plan and then be evaluated either via video or in person. We can accommodate anyone anywhere so please consider taking this final step.

There are many interesting

and informative webinars that are available for viewing and accumulation of PD points.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on current webinars.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on archived webinars.

If you would like to know where you stand with regard to PD points, please go to: [thelocker.coach.ca](http://thelocker.coach.ca). Log-in and you'll find everything you need to know.

Finally, coaches please remember that to work with your teams at NOCA Provincials, you must be Competition Coach Trained. This means you have taken the Competition Coach and Make Ethical Decisions workshops and completed the online evaluation for Make Ethical Decisions.

We are currently looking for candidates for Competition Coach and MED workshops in Timmins on November 9-11. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP.

If you are just interested in instructing at the club level, the Club Coach course will provide you with the tools. The Longlac Curling Club is hosting a Club Coach course November 16-17

[Click here to register.](#)

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## RANDY IN THE RINGS: Fortin relishes role as curling official

Longtime curling fans in the area, those whose memories can harken back five decades or more, are likely to still recognize the names of the father-and-son tandem of Don and Bill Groom, both of whom were members of the rink that represented Northern Ontario at the 1960 Brier in Fort William.

Debbie (Groom) Fortin, daughter of the chairman of committee to host the 1983 Brier in Sudbury, is quite fine with the fact that she might not be as well-known in local curling circles. As the most accredited current

official in the sport in this area, she understands fully than either of the two previous generation of Groom curling men. “Because curling is a ‘gentleman’s game,’ players are there to monitor themselves,” noted Fortin. “We step in when things are questioned, very similar to golf. When we are on the ice, we are dressed in black. The idea is to fade into the background – no splashy colours or anything like that.”

While many within the Groom clan faded away from the sport entirely over the years, Debbie stuck with it, gravitating to the family tradition from the bevy of sports that she experienced as a teenager at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. “I started curling in high school,” explained the 56-year-old local woman. “You didn’t start any younger than that back in those days.

“A lot of it had to do with strength. There was no Little Rocks for kids, so to try and push a 42-pound rock down the ice was a bit much.” A member of the Sudbury

Laurentian Swim Club in her youth and exceedingly active as a participant with several of the Knights’ teams during her secondary school career, Fortin eventually narrowed down the scope of her involvement over the years.

“Curling was the one sport that I did stick with,” she said. “That’s the beauty of curling – it’s an ageless game.”

A lifelong club curler, for the most part – she did dip her toes briefly into the competitive women’s curling scene for a couple of years – Fortin was introduced to the coaching ranks, assisting Frank Bell with the start of the Little Rocks program at the Idylwyld Golf & Country Club.

That, however, was not where she found her calling.

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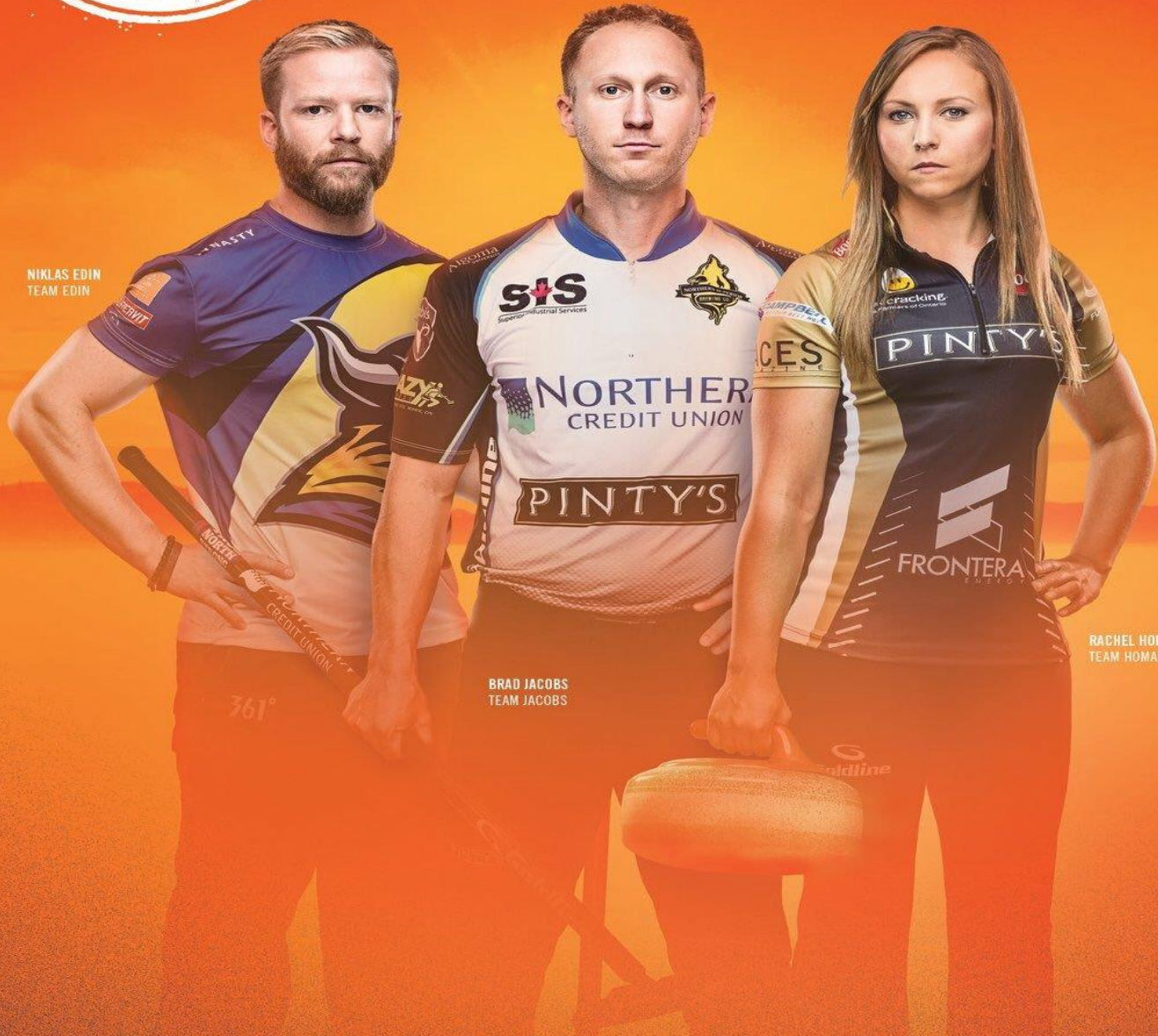
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## BUSINESS OF CURLING SYMPOSIUMS

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In partnership with Curling Canada, the NOCA is excited to announce that they will be hosting two one-day Business of Curling Symposiums led by Danny Lamoureux, Curling Canada's Director of Championship Services and Club Development, and the mover and shaker behind the Business of Curling program.

The program is delivered with a focus on providing tools to help clubs operate successfully and treat operations as a business.



Lamoureux will be visiting the Espanola Curling Club on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 3:30pm then the McIntyre Curling Club in Timmins on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3:30pm.

Registration is free for board members, staff and volunteers of affiliated clubs.

- [AGENDA](#)
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## CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP LIVES ON

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Although the former Travelers (and before that, Dominion) Curling Club Championship is presently without major sponsorship, Curling Canada's Member Associations are planning to organize provincial championship that may just require teams to fund their own travel expenses.

The only notable difference in the structure will be that any number of teams may register for the Regional playdown competition. Previously clubs were only permitted to send one designate.

"We are excited to pilot



opening up the regional events to more club teams. Our goal with this change is to increase the number of grassroots teams participating in these events," said NOCA President, Michael Szajewski.

Regionals will take place February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. One team per gender from each regional event will advance to the Provincial Championship April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> at the Port Arthur Curling Club in Thunder Bay.



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| TIME            | #  | A     | B     | C      | D     |
|-----------------|----|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Sunday 7pm      | 1  | MB-QC | NO-NU | ON-PE  | NT-NS |
| Monday 10am     | 2  | SK-NU | NL-YT | AB-BC  | NB-PE |
| Monday 2pm      | 3  | open  | NT-ON | open   | MB-NO |
| Monday 6pm      | 4  | AB-PE | NS-BC | QC-YT  | NL-NU |
| Tuesday 8am     | 5  | ON-NS | SK-MB | NB-NT  | NO-QC |
| Tuesday 12pm    | 6  | BC-NT | NB-AB | SK-NL  | YT-MB |
| Tuesday 4pm     | 7  | NL-NO | NU-QC | PE-NS  | AB-ON |
| Tuesday 8pm     | 8  | YT-SK | PE-NT | NU-MB  | BC-NB |
| Wednesday 10am  | 9  | NS-NB | YT-NO | BC-ON  | QC-SK |
| Wednesday 2pm   | 10 | PE-BC | MB-NL | NT-AB  | NU-YT |
| Wednesday 6pm   | 11 | QC-NL | ON-NB | NO-SK  | NS-AB |
| Thursday 9am    | 12 | E3-F1 | E2-F2 | E1-F3  | open  |
| Thursday 1230pm | 13 | D4-C1 | C2-D3 | D1-C4  | C3-D2 |
| Thursday 4pm    | 14 | open  | E1-F1 | F2-E3  | F3-E2 |
| Thursday 730pm  | 15 | C4-D2 | D1-C3 | C1-D3  | D4-C2 |
| Friday 10am     | 16 | C2-D1 | D2-C1 | C3-D4  | D3-C4 |
| Friday 2pm      | 17 | open  | E3-F3 | F1-E2  | F2-E1 |
| Friday 6pm      | 18 | D3-C3 | C4-D4 | D2-C2  | C1-D1 |
| Saturday 10am   | 19 |       |       | SEMIS  | SEMIS |
| Saturday 230pm  | 20 |       |       | BRONZE | GOLD  |

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- POOL B
- SEEDING POOL
- CHAMPIONSHIP POOL
- SEMIS & MEDAL GAMES

| Pool A | Pool B |
|--------|--------|
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| SK     | NB     |
| QC     | NS     |
| NL     | AB     |
| MB     | NT     |
| YT     | BC     |
| NU     | PE     |



## **RATHJE: New Youth Curling Programs**

Curling Canada, the Ontario Curling Council, NOCA, and many volunteers have been working very hard the past few years to collect best practices related to Youth Curling Programs. This is the year that these exciting new programs are officially launching – they have all been tested in various regions of Canada.

The programs provide lesson plans for each session – no more worry’s about finding the time to create a program – a huge plus for the club volunteers!

These are the new Youth Programs:

- Elementary School Curling (delivered at school prior to being on ice)
- U12 Learn to Curl
- Hit-Draw-Tap
- Youth Interclub Leagues
- Triples
- U15 Challenge Cup
- U18 Learn to Curl
- Campus Learn to Curl

Along with the new Youth Programming we are growing the number of youth Trainers & Coaches – via an initiative called ‘Leaders in Training’. These LIT’s will ideally be 16-25 years old – but the program is open to anyone that wants to commit time and energy!

The LIT initiative does not link to the NCCP Coaching architecture, however all NCCP Coach Programming is available.

Amanda Gates and Larry Rathje are the NOCA Youth Programming Leaders. Amanda is responsible for Regions 4, 5, and 6. Larry is responsible for Regions 1, 2, and 3. Please watch for the emails they are sending out to the respective Club Rep’s and Youth Leaders at affiliated clubs. They will help you get on track with the new Youth Programming!

Amanda and Larry will be organizing Youth Curling Summits in their respective Regions later this month – please help them make these events a success.

These Youth Curling Summits will bring together Youth Curling Coaches, Youth Program Leaders, and Young people (16-25) interested in getting involved in the delivery of youth programs from your club and area clubs - to learn about the new and exciting Curling Canada and

Ontario Curling Council developed programs for youth curlers. The programs will be instrumental to recruiting more youth to curling and keeping them involved.

Clubs - start recruiting LIT’s so they are ready to attend an upcoming Summit!!

For more information please contact the following individuals:

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## TEAM BRUNTON WINS WORLD CURLING TOUR EVENT

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It was the third straight tournament win this season for the young team representing the Sudbury Curling Club.

(Skip) Kira Brunton, (Vice) Megan Smith, (Second) Sara Guy and (Lead) Kate Sherry are Stu Sells Toronto Tankard Champions only weeks after winning a Junior Slam Series event and the Stu Sells Junior Tankard.

The rink went 3-1 through round play at their first WCT event before



defeating Kristen Streifel (6-5) in quarterfinals, Jacqueline Harrison (8-1) in semifinals and Cathy Auld (7-5) in the final.

As a result, Team Brunton has been invited to play in the Tier 2 Grand Slam of Curling's Tour Challenge taking place at the

Tournament Centre in Thunder Bay November 6-11, 2018.

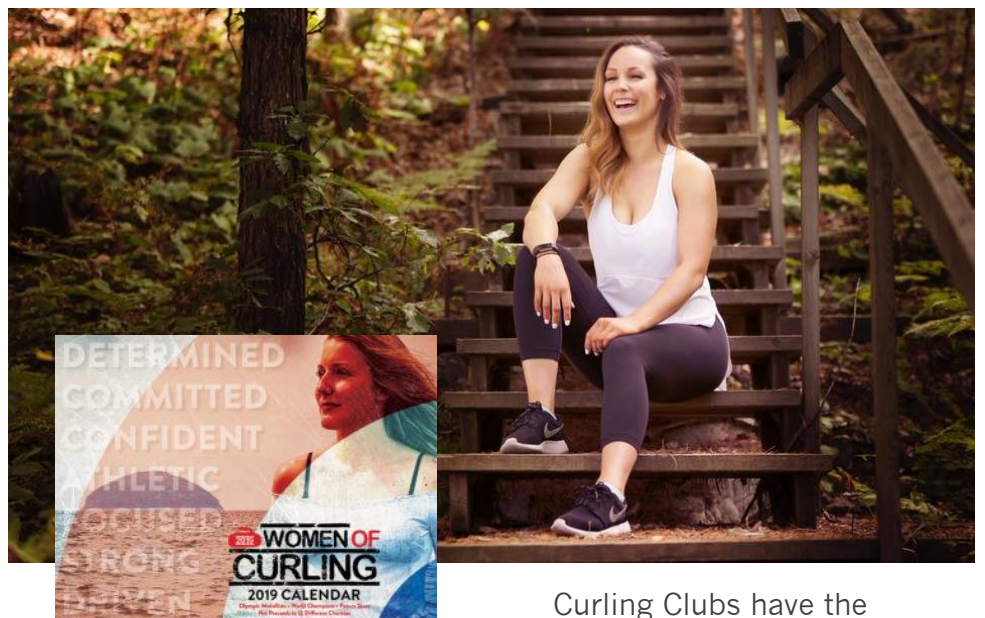
Northern Ontario's Team Brunton is now the 78<sup>th</sup> ranked women's team in the world.

## LILLY RAISING FUNDS FOR ALZHEIMER'S

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Fifteen of the world's top female curling competitors are featured in the 2019 Women of Curling Calendar which is on sale now at [womenofcurling.com](http://womenofcurling.com) or possibly at your local Curling Club.

Sudbury's Kendra Lilly appears in the month of October 2019 and is proud to be raising money



for the Alzheimer Society (Sudbury, Manitoulin, North Bay and districts).

Curling Clubs have the opportunity to sell calendars as a fundraiser. Email [rick@thecommunityfundraiser.com](mailto:rick@thecommunityfundraiser.com) for details.

# YOUTH CHALLENGES



NOCA is committed to providing opportunities for younger curlers to compete and improve. As a result, and with the help and commitment from a number of individuals, the following program will continue for the 2018-2019 season.

### Youth Challenges:

The challenges are a number of events aimed at **Developing** bantam, elementary, high school, and younger junior teams, including mixed teams. Divisions will be created in each event based on the competitive skill and experience of the teams.

| Date         | Location                        | Deadline | Contact Person            | Cost                        | Email  | Phone                                |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>East</b>  |                                 |          |                           |                             |  |                                      |
| Oct. 27-28   | Idylwyld (Sudbury)              | Oct. 18  | Shawn Crosier             | \$180                       | <a href="mailto:shawn_croisier@hotmail.com">shawn_croisier@hotmail.com</a><br>(1st 16 in development division and 1st 4 in developmental division) | 705-523-4932                         |
| Nov. 24      | Thessalon                       | Nov. 14  | Heather Zymar<br>Kim Boss | \$100                       | <a href="mailto:heathersenecal@hotmail.ca">heathersenecal@hotmail.ca</a>   | 705-842-2576<br>705-842-0864         |
| Dec 1-2      | North Bay CC                    | Nov. 21  | John Burns                | Comp - \$160<br>Dev. - \$80 | <a href="mailto:jburns29@cogeco.ca">jburns29@cogeco.ca</a>   | 705-490-0042                         |
| Dec 8        | Espanola CC                     | Nov. 28  | Sue Cairns                | \$100                       | <a href="mailto:sm.cairns@eastlink.ca">sm.cairns@eastlink.ca</a>   | 705-869-1772-h<br>705-662-2983-c     |
| Jan. 5-6     | McIntyre CC                     | Dec. 23  | Ken Stewart               | \$140                       | <a href="mailto:kenpatstewart@hotmail.com">kenpatstewart@hotmail.com</a>   | 705 465 0352 (w)<br>705 579 2124 (h) |
| Jan. 19 - 20 | Horne Granite CC (New Liskeard) | Jan. 9   | Sylvie Bonin-Ducharme     | \$160                       | <a href="mailto:sylvie.ducharme@cscdgr.education">sylvie.ducharme@cscdgr.education</a>   | 705-647-2282                         |
| <b>West</b>  |                                 |          |                           |                             |  |                                      |
|              |                                 |          |                           |                             |  |                                      |

NOCA wants to ensure an equal competitive level, so coaches are requested to contact the person responsible for the organization of the event so that teams are placed at the appropriate level.

Registration and more information for each of the above events is available at:

<http://curlnoc.ca/competitions/youth-challenges/>

Note: Deadlines are Wednesday the week and a half prior to the start of the event at Noon.

For more information about the Youth Challenges, contact:

Andrea Ronnebeck, Technical Coordinator [andrea.ronnebeck@curlnoc.ca](mailto:andrea.ronnebeck@curlnoc.ca) 807-466-8351

## GATES SISTERS OPEN PERFORMANCE CENTRE

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Jenny Gates has returned to the Big Nickel after a handful of years away pursuing a competitive Curling career, which included reaching an 8<sup>th</sup> place world ranking.

The 2-time National University champion is settling into a natural position as Curling and Communications Manager at the Idylwylde Golf and Country Club.

Additionally, she has teamed up with big sister



Amanda Gates to open the “Northern Performance Curling Centre” with headquarters at the Idy.

Services include: private and group lessons, weekly courses, half or full day clinics, program

development and coaching support.

For quotes or more information, please email [northernperformancecc@gmail.com](mailto:northernperformancecc@gmail.com) or call 705-561-7805. On Facebook @npcurling

## TOUR CHALLENGE TO FEATURE NORTHERN FLAVOUR

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The world’s best curlers should be forewarned to “Fear the Moose” when the Grand Slam of Curling’s Tour Challenge hits Thunder Bay November 6-11, 2018.

Northern Ontario’s Krista McCarville and Brad Jacobs highlight the Tier 1 field while Sudbury’s Tracy Fleury will also be in action with her new Manitoba-based rink,

In an interview with the Grand Slam of Curling, hometown hero Krista McCarville says “For the event to be coming to



Thunder Bay is pretty amazing,” said skip Krista McCarville. “I haven’t ever really curled in an event in Thunder Bay, like a really huge event like this. To be curling in this is awesome. For our families to watch

and not have to travel far to come and watch us is really and not have to travel far to

come and watch us is really nice.”

While Tier 2 teams have not yet been released, rumour has it that Northern Ontario’s Jordan Chandler, Tanner Horgan, Dylan Johnston, Kira Brunton, Colin Koivula, Hailey Beaudry and Jenna Enge have received invitations.

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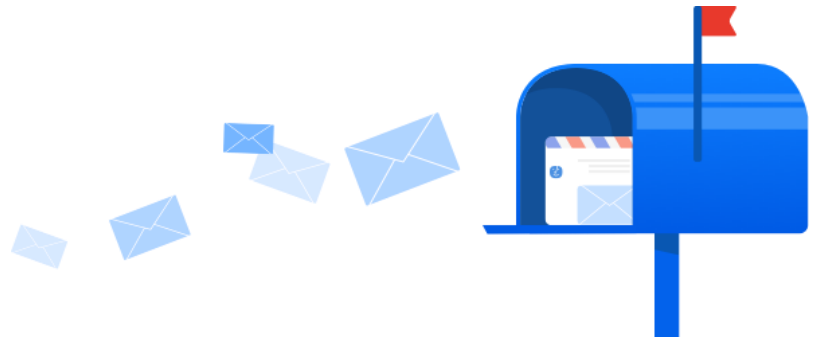


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