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# NOVA NEWS

SPECIAL EDITION

WHO WILL  
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NORTHERN ONTARIO  
AT THE 2020 BRIER  
AND SCOTTIES  
TOURNAMENT OF  
HEARTS?



2020 NORTHERN ONTARIO MEN'S AND SCOTTIES PROVINCIALS  
JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 2, 2020  
DON SHEPHERDSON MEMORIAL ARENA, TEMISKAMING SHORES



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### FROM THE CHAIR:

The Horne Granite Centre houses one of the best kept secrets in Temiskaming Shores. It's the home of the Horne Granite Curling Club, a small but enthusiastic group that love playing the sport. The club's overall membership has hovered around 125 - 175 members in recent years but has failed to show any real growth. As the debate has raged on within the clubhouse after games as to how to entice, attract and retain members most agreed that many still

perceive the sport as that game that middle aged overweight men play down at their club and have a few beverages after. We know that's not the case but how do you break that stigma to the community as a whole?

Our vision was to bring some of the finest athletes in the country to our city and put on a show that the community could not ignore! Show our neighbours just how fit and competitive these athletes really are. Put our community in an environment where they could hear the interaction amongst the players on the ice and realize just how compelling the sport is. Expose as many of the youth in the area as possible to our northern Olympians and possibly inspire some future Olympians of our own. But most importantly the intent is to get more bodies in our doors just to give the sport a try, so it's important we put on a great show, and that's what's planned!

**YES!**  
**LIVESTREAM**  
**ROCK THE SHORES**  
**YOUTUBE**



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The Northern Ontario Curling Association would like to extend a sincere Thank You to the organizing committee of the 2020 Men's and Scotties Provincial Championship being hosted by the Horne Granite Curling Club. This event, being held at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena in Temiskaming Shores, promises to be spectacular; a fantastic experience for the curlers and fans.

Event Chair, Steve Amyot, and the entire organizing committee deserve a great deal of credit. They have been working tirelessly over the last year to provide a unique experience for one and all. Also, a big thank you to the Ice Team led by Tom Leonard (Maple Leaf Ice Consulting) who will once again provide national level ice conditions to prepare the teams for the Canadian Championships.

To all the volunteers, without your hard work and dedication to the sport of curling this event would not be possible.

The many sponsors and local partners whose contributions make these events possible deserve a lot of recognition and thanks. I know that the host committee, competitors, and your supporters appreciate your generous support.

Good luck to all of the teams competing in this event. I wish everyone great curling and good fellowship over the next few days. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the hospitality of the Horne Granite Curling Club and Community of Temiskaming Shores at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena.

To the winning teams, wear the "Green and Gold" and the moose with great pride as you represent our great province, Northern Ontario, at the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier.

Michael Szajewski  
President  
Northern Ontario Curling Association

# THANK YOU TO ALL SUPPORTERS!

We are proud to say that with over forty event sponsors, we were able to fundraise in excess of fifty-five thousand dollars for this event. We could not be more grateful or thankful for their support!

## DOWNTOWN NEW LISKEARD

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Thank you to the BIA who has rolled out the welcome mat with a contest for city merchants to get into the curling spirit by decorating their store front. Participating businesses will be entered into a draw for a free pair of tickets.

## PLAYER SHUTTLES

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Thank you to two local dealerships that are offering shuttles to get teams to and from the North Bay airport and around Temiskaming Shores. Thank you also to our volunteer drivers.

## OFFICIATING

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Thank you to our team of officials headed by the calm, cool and collected Chief Umpire Claude Peloquin from North Bay. Thank you also to local volunteers who have become Level 1 and Level 2 certified in order to serve the roles of Game Umpires and Time Supervisors, and Game Timers.

## WELCOME BASKETS

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Thank you to local businesses and vendors who contributed items to welcome baskets for the teams that showcase our local products and amenities. The player's will also enjoy fresh fruits and snacks available at the playing venue to help keep energy levels up courtesy of local businesses and the Pantry/Market Eatery is also helping to provide snacks in the player's lounge.

## FACILITIES

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The City of Temiskaming Shores jumped in with both feet to support this project from day one. We have been overwhelmed with the support as the arena complex was donated to us at no charge. The city has recognized the economic impact this event will have and have done everything possible to make this event as large a success as possible.

## ICE

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The Don Shepherdson community arena, having hosted many years of pretty good ice in July for the New Liskeard Summerspiel, we knew would be suitable for providing a great curling surface in January. Thank you to Tom Leonard's Maple Leaf Ice Consulting from Sudbury who was immediately enlisted and has laid out a plan to assure teams would have the best possible ice conditions. No expense has been spared in assuring the ice team has all the tools they require to let the curlers show off all their skills on the ice.

# SCHEDULE OF PLAY



**NOCA Men's & Scotties Provincial Championship**  
**Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena, Temiskaming Shores**  
**Hosted by the Horne Granite Curling Club**  
**Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 2020**



Men's Teams		Women's Teams	
1	Sayer - Horne Granite	A	McCarville - Fort William
2	Jacobs - Community First	B	Croisier - Idylwyld
3	Brown - North Bay Granite	C	Gebhardt - New Liskeard
4	Badiuk - Geraldton	D	Daly - Curl Sudbury
5	MacEwan - Curl Sudbury	E	Burns - Idylwyld
6	Lemieux - Community First	F	Deschene - Curl Sudbury
7	Robert - Community First	G	Johnston - North Bay Granite
8	Chandler - Little Current/Port Arthur		

Day	Time	M Draw	W Draw	Ice A	Ice B	Ice C	Ice D	Ice E
<b>Round Robin</b>								
Wed.	1:30 p.m.	1	1	1-2	6-5	7-8	E-F	3-4
	7:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies						
	8:00 p.m.	2	2	8-6	C-D	3-1	2-4	5-7
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	3	3	4-5	E-G	6-2	B-C	A-D
	2:30 p.m.	4	4	A-G	7-3	F-B	1-8	C-E
	7:30 p.m.	5	5	2-7	8-4	D-F	3-6	1-5
Fri.	9:30 a.m.	6	6	G-F	5-2	8-3	A-E	D-B
	2:30 p.m.	7	7	D-E	F-C	B-G	7-1	4-6
	7:30 p.m.	8	8	5-8	4-1	C-A	6-7	2-3
Sat.	9:30 a.m.	9	9	7-4	B-A		5-3	G-C
	2:30 p.m.	10	10	E-B	1-6	G-D	8-2	F-A

M-W	Tiebreakers and Playoffs							
0-0	Sat.	7:30 p.m.	MSF	WTB1			MSF	WTB1
0-1	Sun.	9:30 a.m.		WSF		WSF		
		1:30 p.m.	MF				MF	
		5:30 p.m.		WF		WF		
1-0	Sat.	7:30 p.m.	MTB1	WTB1		MTB1		WTB1
	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	MSF	WSF		WSF	MSF	
		1:30 p.m.	MF				MF	
		5:30 p.m.		WF		WF		
2-0	Sat.	7:30 p.m.	MTB1	WTB1		MTB1		WTB1
	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	MTB2	WTB2		MTB2		WTB2
2-1		1:30 p.m.	MSF	WSF		WSF	MSF	
1-2		5:30 p.m.	MF	WF		WF	MF	
2-2								





S: LAURA JOHNSTON | 3: MACKENZIE DALEY | 2: LAURA FORGET | 1: AMANDA CORKAL



S: ABBY DESCHENE | 3: ALISSA BEGIN | 2: MEGAN ST. AMAND | 1: KIM HEADLEY



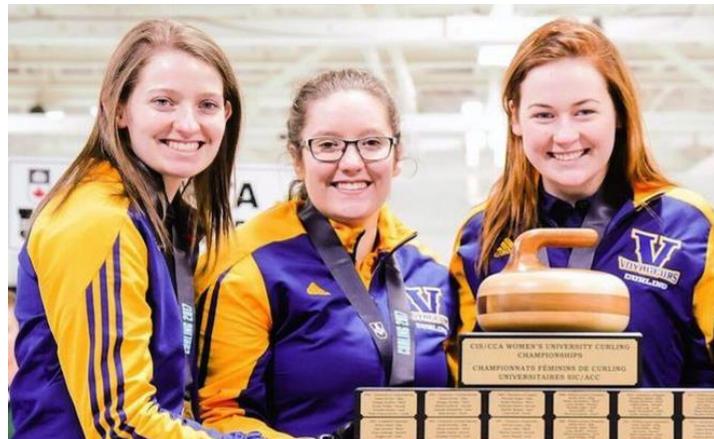
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S: BELLA CROISIER | 3: JAMIE SMITH | 2: EMILIE LOVITT | 1: PIPER CROISIER | C: SHAWN CROISIER



S: CAMILLE DALY | 3: ALYSSA DENYER | 2: MIKAELA CHESLOCK | 1: EMMA JOHNSON



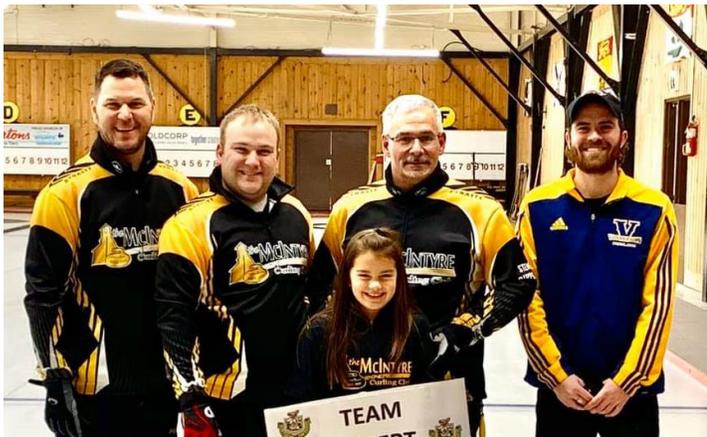
S: KRISTA BURNS | 3: MEGAN SMITH | 2: SARA GUY | 1: AMANDA GATES | C: RODNEY GUY



S: AMANDA GEBHARDT | 3: AMBER SAYER | 2: EMMA MCLEAN | 1: STACY DESILETS



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S: CHARLES ROBERT | 3: MATT HUNT | 2: STEVE MEUNIER | 1: JOSH VANDERBURG



S: SANDY MACEWAN | 3: DUSTIN MONTPPELLIER | 2: LEE TONER | 1: LUC QUIMET



S: BRAD JACOBS | 3: MARC KENNEDY | 2: E.J. HARNDEN | 1: RYAN HARNDEN



S: NICK LEMIEUX | 3: JAKE REID | 2: DAN LEMIEUX | 1: ANDREW BERG



S: RYAN SAYER | 3: GRAEHAEM SAYER | 2: TYLER LANGLAIS | 1: RYAN FORGET



S: JORDAN CHANDLER | 3: TREVOR BONDT | 2: NICK BISSONETTE | 1: KYLE CHANDLER | 5: TOM CULL



S: JEFF BROWN | 3: CHRIS CHARTRAND | 2: CHRIS BOWMAN | 1: BEN ALEXANDER | 5: STEVE DECARY



S: MIKE BADIUK | 3: KRISTOFER LEUPEN | 2: CHRIS BRIAND | 1: KURTIS BYRD | 5: DYLAN JOHNSTON

# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## SCHOOLS

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Local schools have been invited to attend the morning draw on Thursday January 30th and Friday January 31st. Over 400 students from grade 4 and up will be present to cheer on their favorite teams. Classes are invited to submit a short video or pictures demonstrating their curling spirit. The winning class will win a pizza lunch after the draw with an opportunity to try their hand at curling.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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Four local bands will be Rocking the Shores from Thursday to Saturday night starting at 9pm at the Horne Granite Curling Club. Evening performances by Random Chants, Steve Benoit and the Mud Dogs and an afternoon matinee with Forever Young on Saturday from 1 – 4 pm. It will be a great place to hang out after the last draw of the day. Come down for a drink, a quick bite and listen to great music.

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

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A deliberate effort was made to provide exposure to local beer entrepreneurs Whiskeyjack Brewing Co. who will provide product during the event. Environmentally friendly collector beer steins have been purchased for the purpose of eliminating waste in the form of plastic beer cups. These patrons get to go home with a souvenir of the event. Also, the arena's concession will offer a comprehensive menu of food items far exceeding the normal hot dogs and pizza.

## TICKETS

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It's not too late to get your tickets! We have Full Event Pass for \$125.00 and Championship Weekend Pass (Sat. & Sun.) for \$50.00. Want to see a specific team? Daily tickets or individual draws are available on our website at [www.hornegranite.com](http://www.hornegranite.com) or at the ticket booth the day of the event.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

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Wearing green t-shirts, all our event volunteers are eager and ready to help. We know the City of Temiskaming Shores is renowned for its volunteerism and hospitality at large community events. With over 130 enthusiastic volunteers, not only from the membership of our curling club member, youth committee and associated parents, but from the general community, we know this be an unforgettable curling event. THANK YOU!



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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The Waterfront Inn has been chosen as our host hotel due to its beautiful setting on the shores of Lake Temiskaming, its proximity to local amenities and proximity to the venue and curling rink. Rooms are available for those last-minute bookings to come and watch the curling and enjoy the area. Players also have access to a player's lounge at the host hotel to relax and visit with other curlers in the evenings. Still lots of room available for fans if they book soon.

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**Phone:** 705-647-8711





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# ENTERTAINMENT



Random Chants Thursday January 30- 9pm

Steve Benoit Friday January 31 - 9pm

Forever Young Saturday February 1 - 1pm-4pm

Mud Dogs Saturday February 1 - 9pm

Horne Granite Curling Club  
Temiskaming Shores

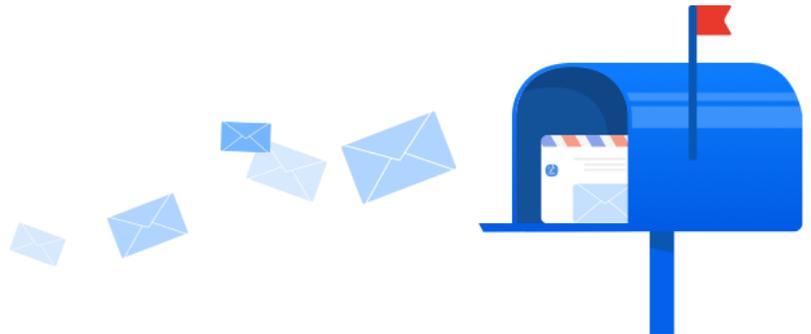


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