
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2014



Curling season has started, and our leagues are now in full swing!

THANK YOU :

1. To Edgar Carreira, Mike Davis, Clarke Brown, Norm Kristjanson, Dan Flynn, Doug Haldane, Dwayne Sutherland, and Dave Barker as well as our ice crew Bruce Lamb, Dominique Lafrance and Jacques Lafrance for all of the time, effort and work that went into our ice installation. We really appreciate your commitment to our club.
2. To Mike Leclair and his GCHS Grade 12 Construction Technology & Design class who built two beautiful new boxes, to keep our junior brooms, sliders, stabilizers, and adult brooms in. The lower lid on these boxes can be used as benches. (Ethan Charles, Raymond Bouchard, Nathan Shaganash, Benjamin Bedwash, Joseph Begin, Leonard Bouchard and Les Kristjanson.



3. To Janet Flynn who painted the broom boxes.
4. To Heather Dyke, Kirsti Davis, and Sylvie Fortier for helping out at the Learn to Curl clinic on Nov. 1st.
5. To everyone who came out and paid their fees at registration nights, this made the process so much easier, with not much to collect afterwards.

The winners of the KITTY REWARDS (\$50 Gift Certificates for the Bar) were:

Tuesday Night – Mitch Shallow (Assad team)

Wednesday Night – Brandi Fortier (Lemieux team)

Thursday Night – Dave Barker (Aaltonen team)

Friday Night – Bhout Gosselin (Proteau team)

CONGRATULATIONS!! HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR WINNINGS!

LEAGUES & MEMBERSHIP:

Our membership is doing well – we have 8 teams on Tuesday Night (an increase of two), 6 Ladies teams on Wednesday, 10 Men's teams on Thursday and 13 Mixed teams on Fridays. A reminder that this year ALL CURLERS (including per game spares) must sign a Club Waiver as recommended by the CCA and our insurance company. A reminder also that NON-MEMBER SPARES must pay \$5/game to the Bartender (if they have not purchased a Club spare membership which is \$50 for the season). Skips are asked to please make sure your spares have paid their fees.

Did you know that part of your membership fees goes towards the club's affiliation fees that we pay each year to the Northern Ontario Curling Association which is \$15/person. The money is used by NOCA to provide services to clubs in regards to competitions, coaching, ice technician, business development etc. This year AVIS, BUDGET and BEST WESTERN HOTELS are offering discounts to NOCA members – see the back of your NOCA membership card which you were given when you registered for information and take advantage of their offers.

TUESDAY DROP-IN LEAGUE:

Do you know of anyone who might be looking for something new to try? Why not suggest STICK CURLING which we offer on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. This is not quite like the curling you see on TV – participants use a DELIVERY STICK to deliver rocks and sweeping is allowed (only from the hogline in) but not mandatory. People of any age can curl this way (it's not just for seniors). Anyone that used to curl but had to give it up because of knees and/or back problems, or perhaps always wanted to try curling but never have, then this could be the perfect

*opportunity for them to get involved with this great sport! Teams are made up of usually 2 or 3 players, and lineups are reshuffled each week. Games are usually six ends, followed by a social afterwards (often the best part!) Cost is only \$5/week (maximum \$30 for the season). Brooms and Sticks are provided – all players need is warm clothing and clean shoes with a decent grip. Instruction is also provided!
Questions? For more info – call Heather 854-0732 or Karen 854-1739*

SEASON OF CHAMPIONS:

The first National competition in the Season of Champions is the Canadian Mixed which is starting tomorrow at the North Bay Granite Club. Northern Ontario is being represented by the Colin Koivula rink of Thunder Bay (Oye-Sem Won Briand, Chris Briand and Amanda Gates).

MEN'S WEST QUALIFIER:

Our club will be hosting the Northern Ontario Men's West Qualifier which will be held Jan. 22-25, 2015. Three teams from this event will qualify for the Provincial Championship to be held in February in Kenora. Any men's teams interested in participating event can register online at www.curlnoc.ca. The registration deadline is January 13th. Three other teams will qualify at the East Qualifier being held Jan. 8 – 11, and the other two teams who will make up the 8 teams competing for the Northern Ontario title will be the top two teams from Northern Ontario who are on the CTRS points list as of December 19th (must be in the top 75).

SENIORS:

For any Senior Men (age 50 and over) interested in competing this year – The entry deadline is January 9th, with the Region 3 event scheduled for Terrace Bay Jan. 30 – Feb. 1. Hopefully there will be some teams in our club as well as other clubs in our area that are interested in participating especially with the Provincial championship being held just up the road in Longlac, Feb. 18 – 22/15. Remember – this year only 8 ends instead of 10!

TRAVELERS CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

The Region 3 championship is tentative scheduled for February 13 – 15, location still to be determined (depending on what clubs in the region that are interested). Clubs must declare their intent to have a team enter the Region event by January 16th. More information will be posted on the Club Bulletin board sometime in the next couple of weeks.

GOOD LUCK to Dave Barker, Brian Aaltonen, Ron Melhuish and Kurt Pristanski as they head to the Travelers Club National Championship representing Northern Ontario November 24 – 29th at the Mayflower Club in Halifax! As part of the event teams are asked to fundraise for the Canadian Paraplegic Association. If you are interested in supporting the team by check out. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/geraldton-curling-club/>. **HAVE A GREAT TIME GUYS!**

EXECUTIVE:

We are still looking for someone to take on the position of NOCA Club Rep. If you think you might be interested in the job or would like information as to what the position involves please contact Karen S.

We are always looking for members who are willing to volunteer some time to help us out in many different capacities throughout the season so if you have some skills and can offer us some time, just let an Executive member know!

CLUB HOURS:

A reminder that the club is open on Monday evenings for anyone that wants to practice or play a makeup game. If you have a game to makeup please sign the board located in the hallway outside of the men's locker room so that our ice crew knows to prepare ice.

Mixed League Teams – IF you have to cancel a game, please let Beth/Steve Anderson know so that in case of 2 games being cancelled, all teams can play together on one draw!

CURLING EQUIPMENT:

Christmas is coming – If you are looking for some new curling equipment for yourself or for someone else then talk to Norm Kristjanson who looks after bringing in curling equipment at great prices for our members. Check out the display in our showcase!

If you happened to watch Dragon's Den on CBC on November 5th, then you may have seen a company called Hardline Curling that were successful in obtaining some financial help with their revolutionary new broom called the IcePad – check it out on www.hardlinecurling.com.

CURLING WEEK:

NOCA will be hosting its 6th annual Curling Week November Friday, November 15th to Sunday, November 23rd. There will be another Closest to the Pin Contest. After League play Tuesday to Friday, curlers will be given an opportunity to try to Draw to the Button (cost is a toonie or 3 attempts for \$5). The money collected will be split amongst the top 3 finishers. The person who has the closest distance will be our club finalist and have an opportunity to win two flights courtesy of Bearskin Airlines. Second to fourth will also win some great prizes (some courtesy of the Brad Jacobs team). There will be no final throw on Saturday this year – the name of the person with the closest distance will simply be sent to the NOCA office with the distance achieved compared to every finalist from all of the other clubs that compete. Winners will be announced on November 24th. A challenge is issued to Doug Haldane and Bruce Lamb – can you win some money again this year?

Grand Slam in Sault Ste. Marie

How many of you saw that great double run back double takeout that Mike McEwen made against Brad Gushue in the final of the Masters event last weekend in Selkirk, MB to score 4? Want to see some more great shots in person? Then check out the Grand Slam event being held in Sault Ste. Marie Nov. 19-23. For tickets – check out <http://www.thegrandslamofcurling.com/tickets/>



SEE YOU ON THE ICE!