
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS



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It is hard to believe that February is over – only another month of curling left in our season with much happening! There certainly have been lots of exciting games to watch on the TSN channels this past week with the Scotties in Grande Prairie. **GOOD LUCK to NORTHERN ONTARIO** skipped by Krista McCarville from Thunder Bay who is taking on Chelsea Carey from Alberta in the Scotties Final tonite!

The Brier which will be taking place in Ottawa starting March 5th has one of the best fields ever assembled taking part in that event (McEwen, Koe, Simmons, Jacobs, Gushue, Howard, Cotter, Laycock, Casey, Menard, Kennedy and one team to be determined in the pre-qualifying).

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to Sylvie Fortier for looking after the timing at the Region 3 Senior playdown we held at the end of January.

THANK YOU to the Longlac Curling Club for putting on a great one day Senior Spiel on Feb. 6th – those members that attended had a great time! Next on the “Greenstone Senior Curling Tour” is the Nakina Senior Spiel on Saturday, March 12th. Contact Reg Boudreault or Louise Young if you are interested.

BONSPIELS UPDATE:

SENIOR SPIEL

The Geraldton Curling Club held a very successful 2nd Annual one day Senior Bonsel held this past Saturday with 48 people taking part including 19 from Longlac, 7 from Nakina and 1 from Red Rock! Teams were set up in four pools, then advanced to one of four events depending on their results in the pool play games. Games were 3 ends in length, with lots of time in between to socialize, eat some great food prepared by the members, and of course to have a few beverages. In between games there was a heated Lounge Curling tournament that took place with the team of Darlene Leupen, Les McLean, Evan Armstrong and Lil McPherson defeating the team of Arnie Friske, Cal Hartley, Arlene Aird and Louise Young in the final.

First Event

1. Norm Kristjanson, Gary Emms, Heather Liscomb, Betty Lines
2. John Salo, Diane Tschajka, Ray McClory, Anneli Ikkala

First Event Consolation

1. Darlene Leupen, Les McLean, Evan Armstrong, Lil McPherson
2. Dave Barker, Monique Emms, JP Lauzon, Gary Rudderham

Second Event

1. Karen Saarimaki, Cathy Case, Rick Sarmiento, Perry Barkhouse
2. Edgar Carreira, Frank Dzijacky, Dorothy Friske, Gaetan Lauzon

Second Event Consolation

1. Arnie Friske, Cal Hartley, Arlene Aird, Louise Young
2. Dick Mannisto, Doug Haldane, Arlene Boracheff, Carol McLean

Third Event

1. Jamie McPherson, Carol Kristjanson, Cameron Cotton, Shirley Nadon
2. Glen Case, Sylvie Duranceau, James Nadon, Elaine Mannisto

Third Event Consolation

1. Ken Friske, Reg Boudreault, Pauline Violette, Pauline Lapointe
2. Victor Tschajka, Ken Aird, Alves Agostino, Winnie Rudderham

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT HELPED OUT!

Food – Heather Liscomb, Dorothy Sutherland, Alex Uetz, Arlene Boracheff, Karen Saarimaki, Carol Kristjanson, Darlene Leupen, Joan Bull, Dorothy Friske, Myrna Letourneau

Setup and cleanup – Lana Letourneau, Sylvie Fortier, Pauline Violette, Carol Kristjanson

50/50 – Heather Liscomb & Sylvie Duranceau

Ice – Bruce Lamb & Donald Pettigrew

LADIES BONSPIEL

The Ladies Bonspiel is being held this coming weekend March 4 - 6, with the theme being "TV Families". We have 14 teams signed up and are looking for two more so that we can run it in a similar fashion to last year – 4 pools of 4 teams followed by playoffs. Contact Pina Luomala at 854-2035 or email her at pinaluomala@gmail.com.

MENS' BONSPIEL

Men's Spiel – March 18-20, contact Dwayne Sutherland 854-0116 – cash prizes this year, so far there only ten teams that have signed up! If you are planning on participating please sign up asap, so that we can get started on planning and preparation.

NOCA COMPETITIONS

The Northern Ontario Competition season is starting to wind down with only a couple more provincial championships to take place. Mike Assad from the Geraldton club will be competing in the **Provincial Mixed** in Fort Frances March 10 – 13, along with Leanne Eliuk, Bobby Ray and Joanne Come in that event against some strong teams skipped by Trevor Bonot (Port Arthur/Stratton), Dylan Johnston (Fort William/Fort Frances) and defending Canadian bronze medallist Colin Koivula (Fort William) for the right to represent Northern Ontario at the National Championship to be held next November.

*Northern Ontario is having a great year and is tied for first place with Alberta in the MA Cup which is a friendly competition amongst the 14 Member Associations of Curling Canada. Points are awarded to each association for their placings in eight annual Canadian curling championships. Congratulations to the Tanner Horgan team from Sudbury who won the silver medal in the **Canadian Junior Championship** held at the end of January. The Horgan team lost to a very talented Matt Dunstone team from Manitoba who won their second Junior Championship. The Dunstone team also entered the Manitoba Provincial men's playdowns and made it all the way through the 32 team field to the final losing to the squad skipped by Mike McEwen. Dunstone now represents Canada at the World Junior Championships along with the Junior Women's team skipped by Mary Fay from Nova Scotia in March.*

Geraldton hosted the **Region 3 Senior Men's** event on the weekend of January 30th with the team skipped by Dave Barker (Edgar Carreira, Ron, Melhuish and Gates Goulet) defeating John Salo (with Norm Kristjanson, Brian Aaltonen, and Clarke Brown) two games straight.

The Barker team with Dave Morris as replacement for Edgar Carreira, and the addition of Glen Case as fifth, then advanced to the **Northern Ontario Provincial Senior Championship** held in Iroquois Falls Feb. 18 – 21, where they finished with a 2-5 record. Also competing at the Senior Championship was the local Senior Women's team of Pina Luomala, Darlene Leupen, Guylaine Letourneau, and Suzanne Lafrance (with 5th Denise Santerre). Unfortunately interest in the Ladies competitive events continues to be on the decline as there were only two teams again this year vying for the provincial title (there were only four that competed for the Northern Ontario berth at this year's Scotties). Pina and team struggled with the keen ice for the first game, but gave the Peggy Taylor team from Kenora all they could handle in the second, once they adjusted their weight, forcing Taylor Peggy to make somewhat of a circus shot with her last in the eighth end to tie the game and then steal the winning point in the extra end.



*Good luck to the Geraldton club teams skipped by Darlene Leupen (Dorothy Sutherland, Kirsti Davis and Carol Kristjanson) and Dave Barker (Brian Aaltonen, Mark Wright and Bruce Lamb) who will be competing at the **NOCA Travelers Curling Club Provincial** to be held at the Fort William Curling Club in Thunder Bay at the end of March, and to Karen Saarimaki who is competing in the **Canadian Masters Championship** in Nova Scotia in April.*

FUNDRAISING:

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE for an IPAD and a TV to be drawn at our annual windup in May. Tickets are only \$5 and will be available at the bar, from Executive members and at locations around town. Be sure to circle MAY 7th on your calendar as that is the date of our annual windup!

CURLING EQUIPMENT:

A reminder about curling equipment – if you are looking for something new or want to replace some equipment that perhaps isn't doing its job properly or efficiently, then check out the showcase at the club, and talk to Norm Kristjanson.

JET ICE LOGO CONTEST – DEADLINE TUESDAY, March 1st

REMINDERS:

It's a good idea NOT to leave your lockers open or unlocked as items may disappear especially if the doors to the public washrooms are left open. Please try to remember to shut the doors to the washrooms if you are the last one leaving!

A reminder that liquor is not to be taken OUTSIDE the club or into the locker rooms as it puts our license in jeopardy!

See you on the ice!



Upcoming CURLING ON TV

Brier

Mar. 5 – 13

TSN – times 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

GSOC ELITE 10

Mar. 17 11:30 a.m., 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 18 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 19 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 20 1 p.m.

Sportsnet

This is a new Grand Slam of Curling Event – 10 elite teams have been invited to compete - McEwen, Edin, Gushue, Koe, Bottcher, Laycock, Epping, Carruthers, Thomas along with *Rachel Homan!* This event which features a match play format where teams attempt to take the most ends per game in order to win. No carryovers, each end is worth the same amount. A \$100 000 purse is on the line!

Ford World Women's Curling Championship

Mar. 19-27 Swift Current, SK

TSN – times 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

World Men's Curling Championship

Apr. 2 – 10 Basil, Switzerland

TSN – times 3 a.m., 1 p.m. and 8 a.m.