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# GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2017



**Our first newsletter of the curling season! Lots of news to report on!**

After a few hiccups with our ice installation, which seems to be the norm each year, our ice crew and volunteers were able to get the ice ready for an October 31<sup>st</sup> start. By the looks of the snow we have received already this season, it is going to be a long winter so get ready for lots of curling!

This is going to be an exciting curling year as the Olympics will be taking place in February of 2018 in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Canada is the defending Olympic champion in Men's, Women's and Wheelchair curling! Next week the Canadian Pre-trials (Road to the Roar) will be held in PEI to determine the last two men's and women's qualifiers for the Canadian Trials (Roar of the Rings) to be held the first week of December in Ottawa! Defending Olympic Men's Champion Brad Jacobs will be attempting to repeat the feat at the Roar while teams skipped by Krista McCarville of Thunder Bay and Tracy Fleury of Sudbury will be competing at the pre-trials! (See end of Newsletter for curling coverage on TV)

You may have noticed some handouts/newspapers/magazines on the lounge tables (with more available in the slots below the hall bulletin boards). The Northern Ontario Curling Association puts out a newsletter nearly every week to keep their membership informed as to what's happening. The Extra End magazines are sent to every club at no charge – there is lots of interesting reading in there, especially the current issue with the Olympic Trials coming up. The Curling News is purchased by the club for the enjoyment of our members – this current issue contains a full page Curling TV/Web Guide. **FEEL FREE TO TAKE** these items home with you to read at your leisure!

An ADULT LEARN TO CURL (Train the Trainer) training session was scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> but due to ice issues and an ill facilitator, this training has been rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. This training offers insights into how to run an Adult Learn to Curl program which has been proven to be one of the most successful recruiting tools that curling clubs have ever utilized. If you might be interested in perhaps taking this training or would like more information please contact Karen Saarimaki.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped and continues to help out with our ice installation!

We truly appreciate your help with this year after year!

Dave Barker, Edgar Carreira, Mike Davis, Doug Haldane, Danny Flynn, Clarke Brown, Dwayne Sutherland, Norm Kristjanson, Stephane Leblanc, Bill Assad, Darlene Leupen, Dariusz Ornatowski, Derrin Espinola

A special THANK YOU to Bruce Lamb for all of the years of service he has put in as our official icemaker! Bruce now has another fulltime job, but still volunteered many hours of his time in the past month to oversee our ice installation.

## **EXECUTIVE:**

We welcome Tim Milne to the Executive for 2017-18, who has taken on the position of Property chair. We are still looking for a First Vice-President.

President: Karen Saarimaki

Vice-President (Bar): Dan Flynn (and Bookings)

Secretary: Janet Flynn (also Bookings/Fundraising)

Treasurer: Sylvie Fortier

Ice: Dave Barker

Men's League: Dwayne Sutherland

Ladies' League: Pina Luomala

Mixed League: Steve & Beth Anderson

Afternoon League: Heather Liscomb

Property: Tim Milne

We are also still working on trying to get a Junior program operating for this year. Hopefully we will have news on this next week! 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!

#### **EMPLOYEES:**

*We welcome Nicole Cloutier who is going to be our league bartender from Tuesday through Friday each week, as well as Ben Mannisto who has joined our returning ice helpers Jacques Lafrance and Derrin Espinola.*

#### **FINANCES & FEES:**

The Club's financial position continues to be stable. The proposed increase in minimum wages in January 2018 will have an impact on our bottom line. We kept our fees the same this year but may be considering some changes for next year, as well as possible increase in some bar prices.

**2017-18 FEES:** (HST included)

**Men's or Ladies One Night - \$230**

**Men's or Ladies Two Nights - \$30290**

**Mixed League - \$510**

(split fees maximum six ways – any person playing in Ladies or Men's league does not pay extra for Mixed)

**Junior (in adult league) - \$120**

**Juniors - \$40 for 8 week session**

**Afternoon League - \$40 (or \$5/week)**

**Spare - \$5/game to maximum of \$50**

**Anyone who has NOT paid their fees yet, are asked to please get these paid asap!**

#### **REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP:**

*THANK YOU to everyone who paid their fees on our registration nights.*

*The **FOUR \$50 TEAM KITTY AWARDS** picked by our new bartender Nicole were won by:*

***Tuesday night – Phil Jorge***

***Wednesday night – Sandra Penner***

***Thursday night – Jim Smith***

***Friday night – Haley Garvie***

Tuesday – Open League – Men's, Ladies' or Mixed teams - 7 teams – a decrease of 2 teams

Wednesday – Ladies League – 8 teams – an increase of one

Thursday – Men's League – 10 teams – an increase of one

Friday – Mixed League – 8 teams – a decrease of one

We welcome back sponsors **Dominion Motors, Stedmans V&S, Gay Muree Ladies Wear, MacIver's Auto, Got Wood and Beaulieu Bus Lines** – THANK YOU for continuing to support our club! Please try to support these businesses in return! We are in need of one new Men's League Sponsor and possibly a Ladies League Sponsor so if anyone has any ideas please let us know. THANK YOU to Eileen Pile for all of the years she sponsored the Men's League Club Championship in memory of her husband Herb!

The afternoon stick league is still running on Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. Come on out and join them for six ends of curling and social time afterwards.

#### **BONSPIELS:**

*The dates for our bonspiels have been decided so mark them on your calendar now!*

***Ladies – March 2 - 4 - Dorothy Sutherland and team chairing***

***Mens – March 9 – 11 – Chair - Dwayne Sutherland***

***Senior – Sat. Feb. 24 – Chair - Karen Saarimaki***

***New for this season – a ONE DAY MIXED SPIEL to be held on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> being organized by Beth Anderson – poster coming out shortly.***

*If you are interested in perhaps participating in a spiel at one of the OTHER Region 3 clubs a LIST of Area Bonspiels is updated regularly and posted on the bulletin board.*

On Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> the Northern Ontario Curling Association along with the Ontario Curling Association are hosting the Great Ontario Bonspiel – 20 clubs from across the province applied to be part of this event including the Longlac Curling Club. They are hosting a one day spiel in support of the Cancer Society – the poster is on the club bulletin board. This should be a fun day for a great cause, so consider putting a team together and supporting the Longlac Club!

#### **NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION:**

Our club pays affiliation fees to the Northern Ontario Curling Association in the amount of \$15 for every regular league curler age 13 and up. This has been included in the price of your membership fee. Every member then receives a NOCA membership card – on the back of it is information from AVIS, BUDGET and BEST WESTERN Hotels who offer discounts to anyone who is a member of a NOCA club. **So don't forget to take advantage of these offers, if you need a rental car or are planning to stay at a Best Western Hotel!**

**Curling Week, presented by Bearskin Airlines will be held November 18 - 26.** The purpose of this week long event is to celebrate the great sport of curling across Northern Ontario – to raise awareness of the benefits of curling, to create interest for participation in the sport, and to learn/review curling's proud history in our province! There will be THREE Closest to the Pin contests: Youth under 12, Youth 12-17 and Adults 18+ with prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category. The overall winner will receive a weekend ticket package to the Roar of the Rings in Ottawa as well as a Best Western Gift Card. All of the adult finalists will be entered into a contest to win two tickets anywhere Bearskin airlines flies. There will also be prizes for an online contest during the week. The club will be running these during all of the leagues, entry is \$2/shot, or 3 shots for \$5, with the top three shooters sharing the money collected.

NOCA launched a new clothing campaign called "Fear the Moose" last week. You may have seen Trevor Bonot and his Northern Ontario Mixed team wearing some of the shirts at last Fall's Canadian Mixed. They must have been a good luck charm as the team won the Canadian title and last month won a Silver medal at the World Mixed Championship in Switzerland – first time in three years that a Canadian team has medalled! If you are interested in checking out what is available go to the NOCA website at [www.curlnoc.ca](http://www.curlnoc.ca), there is lots of other up-to-date information on what's happening on the curling scene in Northern Ontario.

#### **PLAYDOWNS:**

*Our club is not scheduled to host any playdowns this season. Here is what the other Region 3 clubs will be hosting:*  
*Travelers Region – Hearst Feb. 16-18*  
*Men's West Qualifier – Hearst Jan. 4-7*  
*Provincial Mixed – Nipigon Apr. 5-8*

*For any curlers considering entering competitions this year the NOCA schedule of events is posted on the club bulletin board (and also on the NOCA website). This year the registration process has changed somewhat – one person will register the team online then ALL PLAYERS will have to complete a player profile online. If you have any questions or need help with this please contact Karen Saarimaki*

*ALL teams in NOCA competitions must comply with the Curling Canada Brushing moratorium this year, and use only compliant brush heads (which we have for sale at the club – see Karen S.)*

#### **CLUB HOURS:**

The club is open for regular league play Tuesday to Fridays starting at 6:30, as well as Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 for the afternoon drop in league. The club will be open again on Monday evenings for practice or makeup games from 7 until 9 p.m. **THANK YOU to Julie D. again for looking after this.**

**If you need to book ice for makeup games at other times – please sign up on the board located in the hallway in order that our ice crew can make sure the ice is ready.**

#### **CURLING EQUIPMENT:**

*Do you have a brush head that looks like this?? We certainly hope not!*



***If you do, it is time to replace it!*** Once heads get shiny, dirty, no longer feel rough to the touch and fail to provide friction on the ice they need to be changed! ***What kind of shape is your gripper in?*** Constant use and subjecting to constant extremes of hot and cold like stepping off and on the ice, hastens the deterioration of the rubber particles that make up the gripper, which causes them to break off on the ice. These can create havoc to curling rocks as most of us have experienced on a few occasions!

If you are looking for a new gripper, or brush head, or pants etc. for yourself or as a gift for someone contact Norm Kristjanson who continues to look after bringing in curling equipment for our members! **THANK YOU NORM!** Old outdated, antiquated equipment can limit your skills and actually HARM ice conditions. Brushes with lighter handles made of carbon fibre or fiberglass, are available for as little as \$80 and make brushing less taxing for a whole game, and can help you become a more effective sweeper.

**CHRISTMAS is less than two months away so if you are looking for a Stocking Stuffer for that special someone – check out the latest 2018 MEN of CURLING Calendar at <https://www.menofcurling.ca/>. Proceeds from the calendars support multiple charities across the country!**

We are looking forward to offering everyone a great time curling during our long winter! Bring along some friends to try it out!

An ADULT Curling Clinic will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. if enough people are interested. Contact Karen Saarimaki [ksaari8@sympatico.ca](mailto:ksaari8@sympatico.ca) 854-1739



**SEE YOU ON THE ICE!**

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**Upcoming curling events on TV:**

**TSN - HOME HARDWARE ROAD TO THE ROAR - PEI**

Tiebreakers	Nov. 11 7 a.m.
Playoffs	Nov. 11 12:30 p.m.
Women's Qualifier	Nov. 11 6 p.m.
Men's Qualifier	Nov. 12 8 a.m.
Women's Qualifier	Nov. 12 1 p.m.
Men's Qualifier	Nov. 12 6:30 p.m.

**TIM HORTONS ROAR OF THE RINGS - Ottawa**

Round Robin	Dec. 2 2 p.m. 7 p.m.	Dec. 3,4,5,6,7,8 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.
Tiebreakers	Dec. 9 9 a.m.	
Women's Semi	Dec. 9 2 p.m.	
Men's Semi	Dec. 9 7 p.m.	
Women's Final	Dec. 10 7 p.m.	
Men's Final	Dec. 10 7 p.m.	

**SPORTSNET – Grand Slam – Boost National – Sault Ste. Marie**

Thursday, Nov. 16			
Round Robin	12:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	Sportsnet
Round Robin	4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Sportsnet
Round Robin	8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Sportsnet 360
Friday, Nov. 17			
Round Robin	12:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	Sportsnet
Round Robin	4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Sportsnet
Tiebreakers	8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Sportsnet
Saturday, Nov. 18			
Women's Quarterfinals	1:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	CBC
Men's Quarterfinals	5:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE
Men's & Women's Semifinals	9:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE
Sunday, Nov. 19			
Men's Final	12:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	CBC
Women's Final	4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	