
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS



FEBRUARY 2017

Well the groundhog said only six more weeks of winter – we only wish! Though it appears that we are in for a nice spring Family Day weekend with temperatures going to +5 on Saturday!

Curling on TV is gearing up – the Scotties starts this weekend and we all wish the NORTHERN ONTARIO rink skipped by Krista McCarville from Thunder Bay best of luck! McCarville plays her first game against Shannon Kleibrink from Alberta Saturday evening and there is a good chance that this game will be featured on TSN (*see last two pages of newsletter for tv schedule Scotties & Brier*)

The Brier which will be taking place in St. John's Newfoundland starting March 4th has a great field including the Brad Jacobs team who just won the Provincial Championship held at Fort William in Thunder Bay, defeating the Dylan Johnston team 6-3 in the final. Teams competing include K. Koe, McEwen, Casey, Gushue, Howard, Morris, Menard, J. Koe, Bottcher, Kennedy and one team to be determined in the pre-qualifying amongst Nix (Nunavut), Mackenzie (PEI), Murphy (NS), Kochan (Yukon) (some of you might recognize this name – Craig Kochan formerly of Kapuskasing and Thunder Bay is skipping the Yukon team in the pre-qualifying).

HIT/DRAW/TAP

This season NOCA started a program called Hit/Draw/Tap that clubs could register for. Youth participants in four age categories tested their skills at specific Hit, Draw and Tap drills with the winners in each age category at every club receiving a medal. 1st and 2nd Runners up received ribbons and all participants received a Participation Certificate.

Fifteen kids took part in our club, with their scores then compared against others in Northern Ontario on a "Leader Board". The TOP 5 curlers in each age group + ties then qualified for the Hit – Draw – Tap Championship which was held in Thunder Bay on February 12th as part of the Northern Ontario Men's Provincial Championship. CONGRATULATIONS to LIAM NEPHIN (proud parents Amie and Cory) who advanced to the championship in Thunder Bay and won the 6-8 year old category!



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to Mike & Julie Davis, Paul Leupen, Denise Santerre, Bruce Lamb, Dan & Janet Flynn, Steve and Beth Anderson for helping out with the "Push to Change" event put on by Eric Corbin at the club on Jan. 26th. This involved 80+ elementary school children curling for the day, and raising funds for the prevention of youth homelessness.

THANK YOU to the Longlac Curling Club for putting on a great one day Senior Spiel on Feb. 4th – those members from our club that attended had a great time!

BONSPIELS UPDATE:

SENIOR SPIEL

The Geraldton Curling Club held a very successful 3rd Annual one day Senior Bonspiel held this past Saturday with 48 people taking part including 16 from Longlac, 7 from Nakina and 1 from Thunder Bay! 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 Dick Mannisto, Dorothy Friske, Gaston Proteau and Lillian McPherson defeating the team of Joan Bull, Diane Tschajka, Frank Dzijacky and James Nadon in the final.

First Event

1. John Salo, Les McLean, Heather Liscomb, Louise Young
2. Karen Saarimaki, JP Lauzon, Sylvie Duranceau, Gary Smith
3. Chico Tschajka, Mike Davis, Janet Flynn, Betty Lines
4. Arnie Friske, Ken Aird, Carole McLean, Pauline Violette

Second Event

1. Joan Bull, Diane Tschajka, Frank Dzijacky, James Nadon
2. Glen Case, Julie Davis, Cam Cotton, Monique Emms
3. Ross Smith, Ken House, Arlene Aird, Elaine Mannisto
4. Jamie McPherson, Arlene Boracheff, Beth Anderson, Gaetanne Lauzon

Third Event

1. Dave Barker, Reg Boudreault, Guylaine Levesque, Kathy Durocher
2. Dave Hoffman, Doug Haldane, Jan Jacobs, Shirley Nadon
3. Dick Mannisto, Dorothy Friske, Gaston Proteau, Lillian McPherson
4. Steve Anderson, Joanne Hoffman, Perry Barkhouse, Myrna Letourneau

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT HELPED OUT!

Food – Heather Liscomb, Arlene Boracheff, Karen Saarimaki, Dorothy Friske, Joan Bull, Myrna Letourneau, Sylvie Koger, Steve and Beth Anderson

Setup and cleanup – Lana Letourneau, Julie & Mike Davis, Steve & Beth Anderson, Arlene Boracheff, Pauline Violette, Sondra Davis, Guylaine Letourneau

50/50 – Gary Smith

Ice – Bruce Lamb, Jacques Lafrance

and ANYONE ELSE THAT WAS MISSED!

LADIES BONSPIEL

The Ladies Bonspiel is being held in two weeks March 3 – 5, with theme being “Around the World”. We have 13 teams signed up and are looking for three more so that we can run it in a similar fashion to last year – 4 pools of 4 teams followed by playoffs. Contact Darlene Leupen at 854-0805 or email her at pdleupen@sympatico.ca.

MENS' BONSPIEL

Men's Spiel – March 10 - 12, contact Dwayne Sutherland 854-0116 – cash prizes, so far there only 4 teams that have signed up! If you are planning on participating PLEASE SIGN UP NOW, 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. Next weekend Longlac and Nipigon will be hosting the U18 Girls and Boys Provincials respectively. Both events have great fields with most teams returning from last year's provincial event to compete for an opportunity to be the first ever Northern Ontario team at the very first Canadian U18 Championship to be held later in April. You may recall that our club was supposed to host the U18 Boys event but due to a hockey tournament being on the same weekend, and subsequent lack of hotel rooms we had to give up the event, which is a real shame.

Northern Ontario is again having a great year and is tied for first place with Ontario 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 ten annual Canadian curling championships. In three Canadian Championships held so far, Northern Ontario has medalled in all three – Trevor Bonot from Thunder Bay won the Canadian Mixed, Tanner Horgan and Krysta Burns both placed third at the Canadian U21.

We had some local teams and individuals participate in some NOCA events this year. Mike Assad, Mitch Shallow, Andrew Hackner and Dwayne Sutherland competed in the East Men's Qualifier then combined with Trevor Bonot and Jamie Childs in the West Qualifier but just missed a provincial spot.

Masters - Dave Barker, Chico Tschajka, Kurt Pristanski, Greg Kendall and Frank Poulter competed in the Masters Provincial in the Soo in January. The team advanced to a tiebreaker to get to the final but fell to John Headley 7-5. Headley then was defeated by Al Hackner and his team of Eric Harnden, Frank Morrisette and Bruce Munro who now advance to the Canadian Masters in Guelph.

Seniors - Pina Luomala along with Denise Santerre, Guylaine Letourneau, Suzanne Lafrance and Judy MacIver travelled to Kenora to play in the Senior Women's Championship losing two games straight to the defending NOCA champs skipped by Peggy Taylor.

John Salo curled with Al Hackner in the Senior competition, where the team went 6-1 but lost to Ron Rosengren in the semi-final, who then lost to Rob Gordon and his Sudbury rink. The Gordon rink went undefeated and now make another trip to the Canadian Senior Championship.

This year unfortunately we had no club teams sign up for the Travelers Curling Club Championship. This is a great event and our club has been fortunate to have 3 teams advance to the Canadian Championship in the past. Hopefully there will be some renewed interest next year.

FUNDRAISING:

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE for an IPAD and a TV to be drawn at the Trade Show on April 29th. Tickets are only \$5 and will be available at the bar, from Executive members and at locations around town.

WINDUP:

Be sure to circle Saturday April 22nd 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.

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

2017 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS (ST. CATHARINES, ON)

DATE	TIME (ET)	MATCHUP	NETWORK
Saturday, February 18, 2017	2:30pm	Draw #1	TSN Network
Saturday, February 18, 2017	7:30pm	Draw #2	TSN 2
Sunday, February 19, 2017	9:30am	Draw #3	TSN Network
Sunday, February 19, 2017	2:30pm	Draw #4	TSN1/4
Sunday, February 19, 2017	7:30pm	Draw #5	TSN 1/3/4
Monday, February 20, 2017	2:30pm	Draw #6	TSN Network
Monday, February 20, 2017	7:30pm	Draw #7	TSN Network
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	9:30am	Draw #8	TSN Network
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	2:30pm	Draw #9	TSN 1/3/4
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	7:30pm	Draw #10	TSN1
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	9:30am	Draw #11	TSN Network
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	2:30pm	Draw #12	TSN1/3
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	7:30pm	Draw #13	TSN Network
Thursday, February 23, 2017	9:30am	Draw #14	TSN Network
Thursday, February 23, 2017	2:30pm	Draw #15	TSN1/3/4
Thursday, February 23, 2017	7:30pm	Draw #16	TSN Network
Friday, February 24, 2017	9:30am	Draw #17	TSN Network
Friday, February 24, 2017	2:30pm	Tiebreaker	TSN Network
Friday, February 24, 2017	7:30pm	Page Playoff	TSN1/3/4
Saturday, February 25, 2017	2:30pm	Page Playoff	TSN1/3/4
Saturday, February 25, 2017	7:30pm	Semifinal	TSN1/3/4
Sunday, February 26, 2017	2:30pm	Bronze Medal	TSN3
Sunday, February 26, 2017	7:30pm	Final	TSN Network

2017 TIM HORTONS BRIER (ST. JOHN'S, NL)

DATE	TIME (ET)	MATCHUP	NETWORK
Saturday, March 04, 2017	1:30pm	Draw #1	TSN Network
Saturday, March 04, 2017	6:30pm	Draw #2	TSN Network
Sunday, March 05, 2017	8:30am	Draw #3	TSN Network
Sunday, March 05, 2017	1:30pm	Draw #4	TSN 1/3/5
Sunday, March 05, 2017	6:30pm	Draw #5	TSN Network
Monday, March 06, 2017	1:30pm	Draw #6	TSN Network
Monday, March 06, 2017	6:30pm	Draw #7	TSN1/4
Tuesday, March 07, 2017	8:30am	Draw #8	TSN Network
Tuesday, March 07, 2017	1:30pm	Draw #9	TSN Network
Tuesday, March 07, 2017	6:30pm	Draw #10	TSN1/3/5
Wednesday, March 08, 2017	8:30am	Draw #11	TSN Network
Wednesday, March 08, 2017	1:30pm	Draw #12	TSN Network
Wednesday, March 08, 2017	6:30pm	Draw #13	TSN Network
Thursday, March 09, 2017	8:30am	Draw #14	TSN Network
Thursday, March 09, 2017	1:30pm	Draw #15	TSN1/3/5
Thursday, March 09, 2017	6:30pm	Draw #16	TSN1/3/4
Friday, March 10, 2017	8:30am	Draw #17	TSN Network
Friday, March 10, 2017	1:30pm	Tiebreaker	TSN Network
Friday, March 10, 2017	6:30pm	Page Playoff	TSN Network
Saturday, March 11, 2017	1:30pm	Page Playoff	TSN Network
Saturday, March 11, 2017	6:30pm	Semifinal	TSN Network
Sunday, March 12, 2017	1:30pm	Bronze Medal	TSN 1/3/5
Sunday, March 12, 2017	6:30pm	Final	TSN Network