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# GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

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**TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY  
FA LA LA LA LA !**

**MIXED NITE – FRIDAY, DEC. 19TH**

**A, J & J**

(Andre, Jim and John)



*Invite some friends out for an evening  
of music and cheer!*

Mother Nature seems to be up to her usual tricks – after November weather being colder than normal, we now appear to be having a December being warmer than normal with temperatures heading to above zero this weekend. That is great news for the heating bills, but not for those who love the snow!

## CURLING FEES:

**THANK YOU** to all those members who have been diligent with paying fees this year. All of the fees have been collected except for a few lockers.

Our Leagues are operating at full tilt – A reminder to Skips that if you have someone spare for your team that is not a club member, they must pay \$5/game at the bar.

## CURLING WEEK - DRAW TO THE BUTTON CONTEST:

**THANK YOU** to Beth Anderson, Darlene Leupen, Steve Anderson and Jamie Armstrong (and anyone else who helped) in looking after this event. Congratulations to **MIKE ASSAD** who ended up 1 cm from the pin, and won \$73.50 for first place in our local contest. Runners-up were Jim Guillemette (8.0 cm – \$44.10) and Kirsti Davis (9.3 cm – \$29.40) There were NINE participants who covered the pin in the Northern Ontario competition with Jeremy Pacauld from Timmins winning the two tickets from Bearskin Airlines, Jennifer Ross-Hollins – Kenora, Christine Mol – Kakabeka and Sharon Rogerson – Port Arthur the recipients of gift cards from Goldline. We did have one local winner in the daily NOCA draws – Carol Kristjanson won an autographed copy of the new curling book ICE GOLD about the Brad Jacobs and Jennifer Jones teams curling journey from their start to Olympic Gold in Sochi.

## BONSPIELS UPDATE:

*March will be a very busy month for the club as all of our bonspiels will be happening then.*

*Posters have been sent out to area clubs and can be found on the club bulletin board.*

*Ladies Spiel – the theme will be THE EIGHTIES – Darlene Leupen is coordinating this event, and the prizes will be progressive cash this year.*

*Men's Spiel & Mixed Spiel – Kurt Pristanski is again looking after both of these events.*

*Senior Spiel – This year we are trying to have a one day Senior Bonspiel (Longlac and Nakina have been running very successful similar events over the past few years). This is open to any age 50+, you can deliver traditionally or use a stick. Contact Karen Saarimaki for more information. he men's and mixed spiels.*

*Anyone interested in helping out with any of the spiels is asked to contact the chairperson.*

## 50/50 DRAW:

A reminder about the weekly 50/50 draw. All members of the club (18+ years old) are eligible to take part in our weekly 50-50 draw. Sign up at the bar – it's only a toonie! If a name is drawn and that person hasn't signed up that week, then the pot will be carried over until the next week. It has been a lucky couple of weeks for Jim G. – he won a prize in the draw to the button and was last week's winner of the 50/50 draw !

### **NOCA COMPETITIONS:**

*The Northern Ontario Competition season is now underway. The Junior regions were held a couple of weeks ago, with the Bantams happening next weekend. After the New Year, there are competitions happening just about every week until the end of March.*

*Our club is hosting the **Men's West Qualifier January 22 – 25**, three teams will advance from this competition to the eight team Northern Ontario Provincial being held in Kenora in February. We are not sure how many teams will be taking part as the entry deadline is not until January 13<sup>th</sup>. Prior to this there will be a Men's East Qualifier held in Espanola with three teams also advancing from that event to the provincials. The final two spots are given to the top two teams from Northern Ontario on the CTRS points ranking list. Brad Jacobs will get the first spot, and the second will be determined after the last event eligible for points being held in Eveleth Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> weekend. Hopefully we will have at least one local team entering the West Qualifier to play against such as Bryan Burgess and Jeff Currie out of Thunder Bay. Volunteers will be needed to help with officiating, timing, hospitality etc. so if you can offer some help, please let Karen S. or Julie D. know.*

*Longlac is hosting the **Senior Men's Provincial February 18 – 22** and will also be looking for some volunteer help. Any Senior men (50+) that might be interested in qualifying for this event, need to enter a team by noon on January 9<sup>th</sup>. It appears that no other area club has teams that are interested so far. In order to have a Region 3 playdown there will have to be TWO teams enter the competition, if there is a single team, that team will probably have to travel to Thunder Bay to compete for a provincial spot. So fellows – how about organizing a couple of teams! It would be a shame not to have a local representative playing in a provincial being held so close by!*

*Dave Barker and his team of Brian Aaltonen, Ron Melhuish and Kurt Pristanski just returned from the National Traveler's Curling Club Championship held at the Mayflower Club in Halifax where they represented Northern Ontario. The ice was very quick and very swingy, unfortunately the team didn't win any games, but from what we have heard, the event was first class as usual, and the guys and families had a fabulous time! This year a couple of games were live streamed over the internet for each draw so we were able to see the guys curl online which was a nice added touch. Next year's Traveler's championship will be held in Ottawa and with the change in eligibility criteria, the Barker team will not be able to compete this year. So we are looking for another Geraldton Men's team as well as a Women's team to represent our club in the event. Club playdowns, if necessary will be held the weekend of January 10<sup>th</sup>, with the Region 3 playdown to be held in Nipigon on the following weekend January 17<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to enter club playdowns in January 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.*

Information on all NOCA competitions – locations, deadline dates etc. has been posted on the main club bulletin board and is available on the NOCA website [www.curlnoca.ca](http://www.curlnoca.ca). If you have any questions, contact Karen Saarimaki.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

*Looking for an extra **STOCKING STUFFER for Xmas?** 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. Why not pick up a couple?*

### **CURLING EQUIPMENT:**

A reminder that Norm Kristjanson has curling equipment for sale through the club – this could make a great Christmas present for someone, at great prices!

*Regular League games will continue until Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> then will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> in the **NEW YEAR!** Don't forget to come out on that last night to hear some great music from A, J & J, and have some Christmas Cheer! The Club will be busy over the holidays with two Shags taking place, one on Boxing Day and one on New Year's Eve as well.*

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

