
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS



NOVEMBER 2016

After a few hiccups with our ice installation our ice crew and volunteers were able to get the ice ready for a November 1st start.

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!

Bruce Lamb, Mike Davis, Doug Haldane, John Salo, Jim Guillemette, Danny Flynn, Edgar Carreira, Clarke Brown, Dave Barker, Dwayne Sutherland, Norm Kristjanson

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Northern Ontario Curling Association provides an opportunity for NOCA member clubs to recognize their volunteers. Clubs are asked to write a letter of nomination outlining the reasons why the individual is deserving of this recognition. Selections are then made by a committee with the winners named at the NOCA annual general meeting and then presented to the recipients at a later date. CONGRATULATIONS to DANNY FLYNN who was given a Volunteer Award from NOCA during the club's first Thursday men's league after being nominated by the club. Danny was an active curler back in the seventies and eighties but gave the game up due to injury. He has continued to remain very active in the club, being the Second Vice President in charge of the bar for the last eleven years. Whenever there is a job to do, and volunteers required, the Club can always depend on Danny to help out!



Congratulations also to Pierrette "Peach" Lachance of the Longlac Curling Club who was also given one of the 2016 NOCA Volunteer awards for all of her contributions in looking after the bar, helping with the Junior league, and Ladies league!

EXECUTIVE:

The turnout at the General meeting in September was again very disappointing as only members of the Executive were there. There are still vacancies and people needed for First Vice-President (oversees bonspiels), Property, and NOCA Club rep.

President: Karen Saarimaki
Vice-President (Bar): Dan Flynn (and Bookings)
Secretary: Janet Flynn (and 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
Junior League: Serena Davis
Bookings: Dan Flynn

We are also 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:

Bruce Lamb once again is returning as our icemaker along with Jacques Lafrance, Markus Luomala and newcomer Derrin Espinola. We also welcome back Guylaine Letourneau as our Bartender!

FINANCES & FEES:

The Club continues to do all right financially, and will make some improvements to the club as long as finances permit. This year we only raised the two night fee, and kept the rest the same.

2016-17 FEES: (HST included)

Men`s or Ladies One Night - \$230

Men`s or Ladies Two Nights - \$300

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

Wednesday afternoon 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:

Thank you to everyone who paid their fees on our registration nights. We managed to collect 80% of the fees before curling starts which helps us out considerably.

*The **FOUR \$50 TEAM KITTY AWARDS** picked by Danny Flynn were won by:*

Tuesday night – Mitch Shallow

Wednesday night – Karen Saarimaki

Thursday night – Jim Guillemette

Friday night – Beth Anderson

NIGHT LEAGUES:

The Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night leagues each increased their numbers by one team.

Tuesday – OPEN League – Men`s, Ladies` or Mixed teams - 9 teams

Wednesday – Ladies League – 7 teams

Thursday – Men`s League – 9 teams

Friday – Mixed League – 9 teams

We welcome back sponsors **Dominion Motors, Stedmans V&S, Gay Muree Ladies Wear, MacIver`s Auto, Eileen Pile (Herb Pile Memorial), RBC, Got Wood** and new men`s league sponsor **Beaulieu Bus Lines** – THANK YOU for continuing to support our club! Please try to support these businesses in return!

Our Junior league has moved from Wednesday to Monday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. So far we have 24 kids signed up which is great!

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 3 - 5

Mens – March 10 - 12

Senior – Saturday, February 11th!

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.

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION:

Be sure to check out the NOCA website www.curlnoca.ca for up-to-date information on what's happening on the curling scene in Northern Ontario!

A reminder that we pay 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 is scheduled for November 19 - 27. 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 again be a Closest to the Pin contest with prizes such as curling items autographed by the Krista McCarville and Brad Jacobs teams, Goldline gift cards and tickets to the Scotties final weekend. These are being offered by NOCA for THREE age categories – under 12, 12 to 17, 18+. All finalists for the adult category will have their name entered into a Grand Prize draw of two tickets anywhere Bearskin Airlines flies. 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.

PLAYDOWNS:

We are scheduled to host the Northern Ontario U18 (formerly Bantam) BOYS Provincial Championship Feb. 23 – 26, 2017. The Longlac Curling Club will be hosting the U18 GIRLS Provincial event at the same time. This competition is for kids 17 and under as of June 30/16. The winners of these two events will be the first Northern Ontario teams to participate in Curling Canada's national U18 championship to be held later in April.

We are also scheduled to host the Region 3 Senior Championship for men and women Dec. 16 – 18. Entry deadline for this event is NOVEMBER 25th! Winners advance to the provincial championship in Kenora Jan. 25 – 29.

The following competitions are scheduled for other clubs in Region 3:

Bantams – Longlac Jan. 6-8

Travelers - Hearst Feb. 17-19 (Hearst is now part of Region 3 instead of Region 6)

NOCA Provincial Scotties – Nipigon Jan. 18-22 – Look for Tracy Fleury and Krista McCarville to battle it out in this event!

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. On Monday evenings the Junior league runs from 6 to 7 p.m. and the club will be open 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??



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.

For those of you who are considering entering NOCA competitions this year NOCA is implementing the sweeping moratorium on brush head technology, in compliance with recent WCF & Curling Canada brush moratorium statements. All teams competing in events operated directly by NOCA i.e. Region events, Qualifiers, and Provincial Championships, to comply with the moratorium. The ONLY exception to this will be the U18 Region events for the 2017-18 season. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link

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



SEE YOU ON THE ICE!

Upcoming curling events on TV:

2016 Canada Cup of Curling (Brandon, MB)

Date	Time (ET)	Matchup	Network
Wednesday, November 30, 2016	9:30am	Draw #1	TSN Network
Wednesday, November 30, 2016	2:30pm	Draw #2	TSN Network
Wednesday, November 30, 2016	7:30pm	Draw #3	TSN2
Thursday, December 01, 2016	9:30am	Draw #4	TSN Network
Thursday, December 01, 2016	2:30pm	Draw #5	TSN Network
Thursday, December 01, 2016	7:30pm	Draw #6	TSN1/4
Friday, December 02, 2016	9:30am	Draw #7	TSN Network
Friday, December 02, 2016	2:30pm	Draw #8	TSN Network
Friday, December 02, 2016	7:30pm	Draw #9	TSN1/3
Saturday, December 03, 2016	2:30pm	Women's Semifinal	TSN Network
Saturday, December 03, 2016	7:30pm	Men's Semifinal	TSN Network
Sunday, December 04, 2016	2:30pm	Women's Final	TSN Network
Sunday, December 04, 2016	7:30pm	Men's Final	TSN2

December 6 to 11, 2016 **Grand Slam - The National** Sault Ste Marie, ON

Thu Dec 8	@ noon	round robin play	(on Sportsnet, Canada)
	@ 2:30 pm	round robin play	(on Sportsnet, Canada)
	@ 7 pm	round robin play	(on Sportsnet One, Canada)
Fri Dec 9	@ noon	round robin play	(on Sportsnet, Canada)
	@ 2:30 pm	round robin play	(on Sportsnet, Canada)
	@ 7 pm	round robin play	(on Sportsnet E, ON, P, Canada)
Sat Dec 10	@ noon	men's quarterfinals	(on CBC, Canada)
	@ 4 pm	women's quarterfinals	(on Sportsnet, Canada)
	@ 7:30 pm	men's & women's semis	(on Sportsnet One, Canada)
Sun Dec 11	@ noon	men's final	(on CBC, Canada)
	@ 4 pm	women's final	(on Sportsnet, Canada)