
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS



APRIL 2015

The Curling Season has now come to a close with the last playoff games being completed a couple of days ago. Yesterday we were the recipients of an April Fool's joke (or should we say NO joke) as the white stuff was falling again. Looking outside it appears that we are not quite ready for golf season but hopefully it won't be more than a month away.

ICE and ROCKS:

THANK YOU to our Ice Crew – Bruce Lamb, Dominique Lafrance, Jacques Lafrance and Nick Marino, as well as Dwayne Sutherland for doing a great job on our ice this year. We appreciate your dedication to the job!

50/50 DRAW:

*Congratulations to Janette Aaltonen who was the winner of our final 50/50 draw this season! (\$116)
Thanks to everyone who supported this draw!*

COMPETITIONS:

The Northern Ontario competition season is now complete. Our club was represented at the Northern Ontario Provincial Mixed Championship held in Timmins a couple of weeks ago by Mike Assad, Darlene Leupen, Dwayne Sutherland and Tara Evoy. The team finished with a 2-3 record.

Congratulations to the Beardmore Volunteer Fire Department team of John Findley, Brady Trottier, Darren Goodman and Donald Trottier who won the Northern Ontario Firefighting Curling Championship and went on to represent Northern Ontario at the National championship just held in Quebec two weeks ago. The team had a great week finishing with a 6-4 record, which got them into a tiebreaker for the playoffs, where their winning streak came to an end, as they were defeated 7-5 by Prince Edward Island. Well done fellows!



On the world scene the Men's World Championship is nearly complete, with Team Canada skipped by Pat Simmons scheduled to play Norway in the one-two page playoff game Friday evening. There is one last Grand Slam event coming up next week – the Player's Championship with both men's and women's teams taking part.

Players' Championship TV Schedule

Date	Draw	Time (ET)	TV
Thursday, April 9	Round Robin	12 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Round Robin	3:30 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Round Robin	7 p.m.	Sportsnet 360
Friday, April 10	Round Robin	12 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE
	Round Robin	4 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE
	Round Robin	7:30 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE
Saturday, April 11	Women's Quarterfinals	12 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Men's Quarterfinals	3:30 p.m.	SN East, Ontario & Pacific
Sunday, April 12	Men's & Women's Semifinals	10 a.m.	Sportsnet
	Women's Final	2 p.m.	Sportsnet 360
	Men's Final	7 p.m.	Sportsnet

Travelers Curling Club Provincial Championship:

On the last weekend of March, each of the NOCA's six curling regions were represented by a men's and women's team who played a round robin competition followed by final game between the first and second place teams at the Soo Curlers Association in Sault Ste. Marie. The teams found the rock and ice conditions tough as the rocks had just been sharpened the week before the event, which resulted in a lot of curl, and ice that didn't always hold up for all eight ends in each game.

Representing Region 3 in the women's event was the Geraldton team of Karen Saarimaki along with Tara Evoy, Pina Luomala, and Sylvie Fortier who finished with a 2-3 record.

The Region 3 men's team was skipped by Mike Assad who along with Mitch Shallow, Andrew Hackner and Dwayne Sutherland lost only one game to finish the round robin at 4-1 setting up a final championship game against the Jason Strelezski team of Sudbury (the 2013 Northern Ontario champion). The game was played fairly wide open, with the Assad team up 3-2 after 5 ends. Strelezski missed his blank attempt in the sixth and scored one. Assad then blanked the seventh end, and was sitting one when Streleski went to throw his last rock. Unfortunately his freeze attempt picked, Assad did not have to throw his last rock, and the team earned a trip to the 2015 National Championship.5. This is the second year in a row that a men's team from Geraldton has won the Travelers Provincial championship earning the right to wear Northern Ontario green and gold, as Dave Barker and his team won the event in 2014.

Congratulations and good luck to Mike, Mitch, Andrew and Dwayne as "Team Northern Ontario" at the Travelers Club Curling National Championship to be held in Ottawa in November 2015!



BONSPIELS UPDATE:

Our Ladies', Men's and first ever Senior Bonspiels were great successes. Unfortunately the Mixed Business Spiel was cancelled due to lack of entries, but hopefully we can get another mixed spiel up and running next season.

LADIES BONSPIEL:

This year's Bonspiel theme was "The Eighties" and the 16 participating teams had a great time, especially those that dressed up in costumes on Saturday evening e.g. The Golden Girls, The Blues Brothers, The Prom Queens, Richard Simmons and his exercise girls. Etch a Sketch and Rubik's Cube, Cabbage Patch Dolls. The sixteen teams were divided up into pools of 4, and advanced to one of four events depending on how they finished in their pool. The Men's league headed by Claude Beaulieu prepared a great dinner as usual of prime rib and chicken, which the Ladies enjoyed while listening to music by our resident "Piano Man" - Norm Kristjanson. After supper the first and second event semi-finals were played, followed by more dancing to the music provided by Robert Gagnon. On Sunday the third and fourth third event semi-finals and all event finals were held with cash prizes awarded as follows:

Costume Prizes were awarded to:

- 1st Place – Serena Davis Team – The Golden Girls
- 2nd Place – Amie Nephin Team – The Blues Brothers
- 3rd Place – Dorothy Walker Team – The Prom Queens

Event Winners:*A Event*

- 1st D. Leupen, C. Kristjanson, K. Donylyk, P. Violette
- 2nd K. Saarimaki, T. Evoy, P. Luomala, S. Fortier
- 3rd A. Nephin, J. Davis, K. Davis, G. Letourneau
- 4th S. Salerno, S. Salo

B Event

- 1st D. Santerre, S. Lafrance, S. Sarrasin, J. MacIver
- 2nd J. Valley, B. Sivic, L. Slomke, M. Gosselin
- 3rd S. Koroscil, A. Aird, M. Sarmiento, N. Sutherland
- 4th L. Pelletier, J. Haskell,

C Event

- 1st Y. Metansinine, J. Dutil, H. Baillie, D. Bottle
- 2nd H. Maenpaa, S. Rondeau, L. Foulds, B. Anderson
- 3. R. Rodak, J. Lemieux, P. Tremblay, A. MacIver
- 4th S. Beaulieu, B. Fortier, S. Davis, D. Adams

D Event

- 1st D. Walker, H. Garvie, K. Harpman J. MacIver
- 2nd K. Pietsch, M. Scott, M. Kennedy, Alex
- 3rd D. Smith, L. Brown, J. Flynn, E. Armstrong
- 4th T. Nadon, N. Moffat, S. Nadon, F. Charles

MEN'S BONSPIEL:

The Men's 74th Annual Bonspiel had seventeen teams competing for prizes in four events. Snacks for Friday evening and a delicious prime rib dinner on Saturday were prepared by the Ladies League. A skills contest was held Saturday before dinner with Mike McCarville winning the top shooter prize.

Event Winners:*A Event*

- 1st M. Assad, M. Shallow, D. Sutherland, D. Lafrance
- 2nd B. Adams Jr., M. McCarville, A. Romeo, J. McCarville
- 3rd K. Leupen, A. Leupen, G. Taphorn, P. Levesque
- 4th E. Hoffman, A. Luomala, D. Hoffman, K. Aird

B Event

- 1st G. Case, B. Assad, V. Tschajka, S. Assad
- 2nd D. Barker, B. Aaltonen, R. Melhuish, G. Goulet
- 3rd J. McPherson, I. McPherson, C. Hartley, S. Duffus
- 4th J. Findlay, B. Trottier, D. Trottier, E. Fisher

C Event

- 1st E. Carriera, E. Armstrong, L. Pascoe, B. Lamb
- 2nd N. Kristjanson, T. Petty, T. Garbachevski, B. Frost
- 3rd J. Turner, J. Turner, M. Turner, B. Turner
- 4th C. Brown, J. Smith, J. Guillemette, R. Sarmiento

D Event

- 1st C. Nephin, S. Smith, B. Arnott, M. Davis
- 2nd T. Milne, R. Wach, C. Curtis, K. Levesque
- 3rd K. Prisstanski, D. Haldane, S. Leblanc, J. Heerema
- 4th J. Armstrong, R. Kurish, M. Wright, B. Henley

1st Team out

C. Beaulieu, E. Michon, A. Poulin, D. Randa

SENIOR BONSPIEL:

The club hosted our first ever one day Senior Bonspiel on Saturday, March 21st with 40 curlers from Geraldton, Longlac and Nakina taking part. Twenty-four of the curlers used a "stick" to deliver stones which aging knees and backs appreciate! Teams were randomly made up, and divided into two pools, with each team playing four – three end games. After the round robin, the top eight teams advanced to the semi-finals and finals with cash prizes awarded at the end of the day. A delicious lunch and supper made by volunteers were enjoyed by all. On bye draws everyone had a lot of fun competing in "table top curling" in the lounge area. The results were as follows:

A Event

1. Dave Barker, Les McLean, Arlene Boracheff, Beth Anderson
2. Steve Anderson, Cathy Case, Sylvie Duranceau, Anneli Ikkala
3. Glen Case, Julie Davis, Arlene Aird, Shirley Nadon
4. Kurt Pristanski, Ken Aird, Heather Liscomb, Pauline Violette

B Event

1. Joan Bull, Cal Hartley, Elaine Mannisto, Gary Rudderham
2. Jamie McPherson, Gae Guillemette, Rick Sarmiento, Louise Young
3. Kathy Durocher, Dick Mannisto, Sylvie Fortier, James Nadon
4. Chico Tschajka, Suzanne Lafrance, Perry Barkhouse, Winnie Rudderham
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Thanks to all of the curlers who took part, especially those who travelled in from Nakina and Longlac!

WINDUP:

Our annual windup dinner, league prize presentations and dance is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Details: 5 p.m. – Cocktails 6 p.m. – Dinner with prize presentations to follows

Cost - \$25

9 p.m. – OPEN Dance – music by Robert Gagnon – invite your friends!

Contact the following to get your name on the list (there are no real tickets)

- Karen S. 1739 ksaari8@sympatico.ca OR Darlene L. 0805 pdleupen@sympatico.ca

Deadline Wed. April 29th

A REMINDER THAT Tickets for 50" Toshiba LED HDTV and IPAD AIR 2 are still on sale – to support Junior Curling - Draw will be made at 11:59 p.m. May 2nd at the Windup

Hope to see you all at the Windup!

THANK YOU to the following for helping out at our three bonspiels!

Beaulieu Bus Lines	Brew Your Own	Canada Brokerlink
Cloutier Contracting	Crown & Anchor Motel	Connors Pizzeria – Family Restaurant
Gay Muree Ladies Wear	Jen's Hair Design	Frito Lay Distributor – J. Heerema
Geraldton Community Forest GEDC	Lake of the Woods Insurance	Women's League
Marino Hardware	Mary Kay – Johanna Liscomb	Mary Brown's Famous Chicken & Tators
Recon Air Corproation	Tru Hardware – MacLeods	Wayne's Esso
Angelo's Auto	Bestway Dry Cleaners	Caisse Populaire
Errington Home Hardware	Dan's General Store	Emergency Medical Services
Get in Gear/Got Wood	MacIver's Auto Service	Etc.
Municipality of Greenstone	North Star Convenience	Pasha Lake Cabins
Pietsch Group	RBC Royal Bank	Stedmans V & S Dept. Store
Superior Sight & Sound	T.N.T. Family Restaurant	Claude Beaulieu & Men's League
Greenstone Transfer	Residence Funeraire Fawcette Funeral Home	
Queen of Clubs Pizza Place	Beth Anderson	Bev Sivic
Carol Kristjanson	Dan Flynn	Dorothy Walker
Guylaine Letourneau	Haley Garvie	Helen Maenpaa
Julie Davis	Karen Saarimaki	Kirsti Davis
Megan Kennedy	Norm Kristjanson	Pauline Violette
Donna Smith	Liz Brown	Janet Flynn
Erin Armstrong	Tara Evoy	Sylvie Rondeau
Cory Nephin	Bill Assad	Doug Haldane
Jamie Armstrong	Lori Heerema	Rob Kurish
Stephane Leblanc	Heather Liscomb	Joan Bull
Dave Barker	Lana Letourneau	Myrna Letourneau
Arlene Boracheff	Erin Symington-Armstrong	Sylvie Fortier
Steve Anderson	Elaine Mannisto	Lillian McPherson
Brandy Fortier	Bruce Lamb	Dominique Lafrance
Jacques Lafrance	Nick Marino	

We would also like to thank all the teams who participated, for without you there would

be no bonspiels! If we have forgotten anyone we apologize.

Darlene Leupen, Kurt Pristanski & Karen Saarimaki – Bonspiel Chairpersons