
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS



NOVEMBER 2015

Mother Nature has been very kind to us this Fall – winter has still yet to arrive though we have had a couple of tastes of it! Curling season is off and running, and our leagues are now in full swing!

THANK YOU :

1. To everyone for paying their fees promptly – all this year's membership money has been collected in record time! Much appreciated!
2. To Edgar Carreira, Mike Davis, Clarke Brown, Norm Kristjanson, Dan Flynn, Doug Haldane, and Dave Barker as well as Bruce Lamb and Jacques Lafrance for all of the time, effort and work that went into our ice installation. We really appreciate your commitment to our club.
3. To Carole Rivest and Jacques Lafrance for helping to unpack and set up the extra chairs we purchased.
4. To Kirsti Davis and Haley Garvie for helping out with teaching some of our new mixed members how to curl!

CURLING WEEK:

NOCA will be hosting its 7th annual Curling Week November Friday, November 20th to Sunday, November 29th. There will be another Closest to the Pin Contest which our club is going to participate in. This year there are THREE age categories (under 12, 12-17 and 18+) with three prizes being awarded by NOCA in each category. After League play Tuesday to Friday, curlers 18+ will be given an opportunity to try to Draw to the Button (cost is a toonie or 3 attempts for \$5). The money collected will be split amongst the top 3 finishers. We will also have a contest for our young curlers which will be done after school on Wednesday with no charge to the competitors, and we will provide a couple of prizes to the top shooters. The person in each category who has the closest distance will be our club finalist in that category with an opportunity to win some prizes from NOCA. All finalists for the adult category will have their name entered in for the Grand Prize draw of two (2) tickets anywhere Bearskin Airlines.

LEAGUES & MEMBERSHIP:

Our membership is pretty steady - we have 7 teams on Tuesday Night (a loss of one), 6 Ladies teams on Wednesday, 8 Men's teams on Thursday (a loss of two) and 13 Mixed teams on Fridays.

Did you know that part of your membership fees goes towards the club's affiliation fees that we pay each year to the Northern Ontario Curling Association which is \$15/person. The money is used by NOCA to provide services to clubs in regards to competitions, coaching, ice technician, business development etc. This year AVIS, BUDGET and BEST WESTERN HOTELS are offering discounts to NOCA members – see the back of your NOCA membership card which you were given when you registered for information and take advantage of their offers.

CONGRATULATIONS:

The winners of the KITTY REWARDS (\$50 Gift Certificates for the Bar) were:

Tuesday Night – Mitch Shallow (Assad team)

Wednesday Night – Dorothy Sutherland (Sutherland team)

Thursday Night – Jim Smith (Brown team)

Friday Night – Tara Evoy (Nephin team)

HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR WINNINGS!

VOLUNTEERS:

We are still looking for people for the following Executive positions: 1st Vice President, Property and NOCA Club Rep. If you might be interested but have questions please contact Karen S.

We also need someone to CHAIR a committee for the Men's 75th Annual Bonspiel. If no one steps forward then there will NOT be a Men's Bonspiel!!

50/50 DRAW

We run a 50/50 draw for members every week during the curling season. It is only a toonie to enter – sign up at the bar. A name is drawn every week, if that person signed up that week they win! Otherwise the money is carried over to the next week. Congratulations to Bill Arnott and Richelle Keough who are winners this year to date!

REMINDERS TO EVERYONE:

- 1. ALL CURLERS (including per game spares) must sign a Club Waiver as recommended by the CCA and our insurance company.**
- 2. NON-MEMBER SPARES must pay \$5/game to the Bartender (if they have not purchased a Club spare membership which is \$50 for the season). Skips - PLEASE make sure your spares have paid their fees.**
- 3. There is a lot of sand/mud in the parking lot so PLEASE clean your shoes/boots on the boot cleaner!**
- 4. There was a theft the other night from a vehicle in the parking lot so please remember to lock up your vehicles and don't leave stuff in the back of your trucks. PLEASE CLOSE the doors between the locker rooms and washrooms when no one is in there, so that people coming over from the arena side don't have access to the locker rooms. It also would be a good idea to LOCK UP your lockers when you are on the ice.**
- 5. NO LIQUOR is to be taken beyond the top of the stairs to the Locker rooms, OR OUTSIDE. We can't afford to lose our Liquor License!**

TUESDAY DROP-IN LEAGUE:

*Are you sitting at home on Tuesday afternoons with nothing to do? OR do you know of anyone who might be looking for something new to try? Why not suggest STICK CURLING which we offer on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. This is not quite like the curling you see on TV – participants use a DELIVERY STICK to deliver rocks and sweeping is allowed (only from the hogline in) but not mandatory. People of any age can curl this way (**it's not just for seniors**). Anyone that used to curl but had to give it up because of knees and/or back problems, or perhaps always wanted to try curling but never have, then this could be the perfect opportunity for them to get involved with this great sport! Teams are made up of usually 2 or 3 players, and lineups are reshuffled each week. Games are usually six ends, followed by a social afterwards (often the best part!) Cost is only \$5/week (maximum \$40 for the season). Brooms and Sticks are provided – all players need is warm clothing and clean shoes with a decent grip. Instruction is also provided!*

Questions? For more info – call Heather 854-0732 or Karen 854-1739

SEASON OF CHAMPIONS:

The first National competition in the Season of Champions was the Canadian Mixed which was held last week in Toronto. Northern Ontario was again represented by the Colin Koivula rink of Thunder Bay (Oye-Sem Won Briand, Chris Briand and Amanda Gates) who improved on their 5th place standing one year ago, to win the Bronze medal (defeating New Brunswick). Team Northern Ontario cleaned up on the awards again as well – Colin, Chris and Amanda was the All Star awards, Chris and wife Oye-Sem were recipients of the Sportsmanship awards!

Next event is the TRAVELERS CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP which starts on Monday, Nov. 23rd in Ottawa. We wish Mike, Mitch, Andrew and Dwayne the best of luck at that event! Information is available online at www.curling.ca/2015travelers with scores available at <http://www.curling.ca/scoreboard/>

The guys have been busy trying to fundraise along with the rest of the teams in the event, for the Rocks and Rings program by holding a Draw to the Button, and 50/50 draw. There are still a few days left to support them. As of this morning Team Northern Ontario sits in 4th place, only \$121 behind Whitehorse, so let's all get behind them by supporting this great cause! You can still donate to the cause by giving a donation to the team in person, or by going on line to <http://curlingca.donorpages.com/TravelersCC/GeraldtonCurlingClubTeamAssad/>

MASTERS:

Our club will be hosting the Northern Ontario Provincial Masters Jan. 21-24. This is for Men/Women aged 60 as of Dec. 31/15. Sticks are allowed in this competition. Last year there was no NOCA Provincial Championship, two teams from Northern Ontario advanced directly to the National event. This year the National Masters is being held April 4-10 in Kentville/Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

SENIORS:

For any Senior Men (age 50 and over) interested in competing this year we are scheduled to host the Region 3 Seniors January 29 – 31. The entry deadline is January 8th. Hopefully there will be some teams in our club as well as other clubs in our area that are interested in participating, last year there were NO teams in our Region that competed. The Provincial championship is schedule for Iroquois Falls Feb. 17 – 21.

Registration for all events must be done online at www.curlnoca.ca.

CURLING EQUIPMENT:

Christmas is coming – If you are looking for some new curling equipment for yourself or for someone else then talk to Norm Kristjanson who looks after bringing in curling equipment at great prices for our members. Check out the display in our showcase!

COMING EVENTS:

Sat. Dec. 5 – Hospital Christmas Party

Sat. Dec. 12 – Municipality Christmas Party

Wed. Dec. 16 – Ladies League Christmas Social

Thurs. Dec. 17 – Men’s League Holiday Pot Luck

Fri. Dec. 18 – Mixed League - Christmas Social – Music by Andre, John, and Jim

Sat. Dec. 19 – Cloutier Contracting Christmas Party

Fri. Dec. 25 – Family Rental

Sat. Dec. 26 & Sun. Dec. 27 – **ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK HOLIDAY MIXED BONSPIEL** – maximum 16 teams starting Sat. at 3 p.m. at the earliest - \$120/team – includes Dance Saturday night & supper on Sunday – 6 end games – cash prizes – A great opportunity to get together with family, friends, visitors from out of town for some great fun! SEE POSTER ON CLUB BULLETIN BOARDS!

INFORMATION ABOUT SWEEPING & THE BRUSH CONTROVERSY:

For those of you who have been watching curling and listening to all of the talk about the brush head controversy, as well as the new philosophy of one sweeper, here are a couple of links to information.

<http://truenorthbill.blogspot.ca/2015/03/guiding-rocks-down-ice.html>

<http://www.tsn.ca/inside-curling-s-broom-controversy-1.381050>



SEE YOU ON THE ICE!

CURLING ON TV

For those of you who enjoy watching curling on TV – here are the next events that are supposed to be broadcast:

2015 EUROPEAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS - NOV 23- 28 2015 FROM ESBJERG, DENMARK

DATE	TIME (ET)	MATCHUP	NETWORK
Mon. November 23	8am	Women - Sweden vs. Denmark	TSN 1/3
Mon. November 23	1pm	Men - Norway vs. Czech Republic	TSN2
Tue. November 24	8am	Men - Sweden vs. Switzerland	TSN 1/3
Wed. November 25	6am	Women - Russia vs. Sweden	TSN 1/3
Wed. November 25	10am	Men - Norway vs. Switzerland	TSN 1/3
Thu. November 26	1pm	Women's Semifinals	TSN1 (TD @ 20:00 - 23:00)
Fri. November 27	7:30am	Men's Semifinals	TSN 1/3
Fri. November 27	1am	Bronze Medal & World Challenge Games	TSN2
Sat. November 28	4am	Men's Gold Medal Game	TSN 1/3
Sat. November 28	9am	Women's Gold Medal Game	TSN2

2015 CANADA CUP OF CURLING - DECEMBER 2-6 2015 FROM GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB

DATE	TIME (ET)	MATCHUP	NETWORK
Wed. December 2	10:30am	Draw #1	TSN 1/3/5
Wed. December 2	3:30pm	Draw #2	TSN 1/3/5
Wed. December 2	8:30pm	Draw #3	TSN2
Thu. December 3	10:30am	Draw #4	TSN 1/3/5
Thu. December 3	3:30pm	Draw #5	TSN 1/3/5
Thu. December 3	8:30pm	Draw #6	TSN 1/3
Fri. December 4	10:30am	Draw #7	TSN 1/3/5
Fri. December 4	3:30pm	Draw #8	TSN 1/3/5
Fri. December 4	8:30pm	Draw #9	TSN Network
Sat. December 5	10:30am	Draw #10	TSN 1/3
Sat. December 5	3:30pm	Women's Semifinal	TSN Network
Sat. December 5	8:30pm	Men's Semifinal	TSN Network
Sun. December 6	1pm	Women's Final	TSN 1/3/5
Sun. December 6	7pm	Men's Final	TSN2

SPORTS NET Canadian Open

Date	Draw	Time (ET)	TV
Thursday, Dec. 10	Round Robin	Noon	Sportsnet
	Round Robin	3:30 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Round Robin	7:30 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE
Friday, Dec. 11	Round Robin	Noon	Sportsnet
	Round Robin	3:30 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Round Robin	7 p.m.	Sportsnet
Saturday, Dec. 12	Women's Quarterfinals	Noon	Sportsnet
	Men's Quarterfinals	3:30 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Men's & Women's Semifinals	7:30 p.m.	Sportsnet
Sunday, Dec. 13	Women's Final	Noon	Sportsnet
	Men's Final	3:30 p.m.	Sportsnet