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# GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

DECEMBER 2016



Last year at this time when the December newsletter was published we had no snow and were wondering if we were going to have a WHITE Christmas – what a difference a year makes!

Have you noticed the Club now has a NEW SIGN posted above the east entrance?

## ICE ISSUES:

*As you know we have had our fair share of issues with the ice plant/compressor etc. this year, in fact we nearly lost the ice again two weeks ago. **THANK YOU** to our icemaker Bruce Lamb, his ice helpers and anyone else who may have helped out during the latest crisis! Cross your fingers for the rest of the season!*

## CURLING FEES:

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.

**THANK YOU** to the Ladies League who got into the Christmas spirit and donated \$140.00, with \$90 going to the Greenstone Harvest Centre (food bank) and \$50 to St. Joseph's School for their turkey dinner!

## CURLING WEEK - DRAW TO THE BUTTON CONTEST:

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this event and to all those that helped with the measuring and collecting of funds during league play – Dwayne, Beth, Steve etc.

Congratulations to JULIE DAVIS who was 26.3 cm from the pin and won \$71.00 for first place in our local contest. Runners up were Tom Rivers (30.8 cm for \$43.00) and Steve Anderson (34.7 cm for \$29.00). Hmmmm - the Davis family seems to have a monopoly on this event (Mike was third last year, and Kirsti third the previous year)!

This year there were SIX participants (age 18+) who covered the pin in the Northern Ontario competition so three names were drawn for the prizes with Ken Aird of Longlac winning the 2017 Scotties Ticket package!

Two of our members won prizes in the online contest – Paul Leupen and Nancy Proteau! All of the winners can be found on the NOCA website – [www.curlno.ca](http://www.curlno.ca)

A reminder to all members to take advantage of the discounts available to NOCA members from AVIS, BUDGET and BEST WESTERN HOTELS – contact information is on the back of your membership card!

## EVEREST – FERBEY NATIONAL PRO AM:

**This is for all you seniors age 50+ – are you interested in possibly winning a trip to participate in the 3rd Annual Everest- Ferbey National Pro Am where you will have an opportunity to curl with Randy Ferbey and some other great curlers (last year's winners got to curl with Randy, Al Hackner, Jennifer Jones and Brad Jacobs)!**

This is a contest where **you don't have to do anything, or pay anything**, just write your name on the Club ballot form along with your phone # and email. The Geraldton Curling Club has been registered – Club ballots will be posted on the Club Bulletin Board. Club contest ballots will be submitted at the end of November, December, January and February. You may enter once each week, in each month. for a total of 4 times.

Four Grand prizes will be awarded, one from each of four regions in Canada along with 20 monthly prizes (Hats, shirts, posters etc.)

The Grand Prize consists of \$500 cheque, airfare for two to Fredericton, NB, hotel for 3 nights, two tickets to the Canadian Senior Curling Championship on Saturday, March 25th, and the opportunity to play in the Everest-Ferbey National Pro Am. For more information check out [www.everestfuneral.com/curling/](http://www.everestfuneral.com/curling/)

#### **BONSPIELS UPDATE:**

*Senior Spiel – Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – sign up sheet will be up shortly – contact Karen S. for info*

*Ladies Spiel – Mar. 3 - 5 Theme – Around the World – Darlene Leupen is heading up the committee*

*Men's Spiel – Mar. 10 - 12 Dwayne Sutherland is chairing again and looking for volunteers to help out  
Anyone interested in helping out with any of the spiels is asked to contact the chairperson.*

#### **JUNIOR CURLING:**

**THANK YOU** to Serena Davis for looking after the junior program on Monday evenings. Thank you to Bev Sivic, Kiara Gosselin, Ian McPherson, and Amie Nephin for helping out. We can always use more volunteers! December 19<sup>th</sup> will be the wrap up before Christmas with a pizza party!

#### **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! We have had a few carryovers during the past few weeks – **be sure to sign up for tomorrow's draw – it will be well over \$200!!**

#### **NOCA COMPETITIONS:**

*The Northern Ontario Competition season is now well underway.*

##### **Upcoming deadlines:**

*December 16 – U18 (formerly Bantams) – we are hosting the BOYS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP Feb. 23 – 25, and will be looking for volunteers to officiate, act as timers, help with food/hospitality etc.*

*December 16 – Men's East Qualifier*

*December 30 – Masters Men & Women (age 60+)*

*January 2 – Scotties*

*January 10 – Men's East Qualifier*

*January 27 – Traveler's Club Championship (deadline for clubs to declare they will have a rep)*

*February 14 – Mixed Doubles*

*March 3 – Mixed*

*Senior Regions are being held this weekend with winners advancing to Provincials to be held in Kenora at the end of January. There is a local women's team skipped by Pina Luomala that will be participating.*

***GREAT NEWS for Northern Ontario – North Bay has been awarded the 2018 WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP!!***

*Information on all NOCA competitions – locations, deadline dates etc. has been posted on the Region 3 bulletin board and is available on the NOCA website [www.curlno.ca](http://www.curlno.ca). If you have any questions, contact Karen Saarimaki.*

#### **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!

Does your brush head need replacing? They do not last forever, in fact they should be changed **REGULARLY!** Sweeping is very ineffective using a dirty brush head, and does more harm than good to the ice!

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

**Mon. Dec. 19 – Junior League Pizza party**

**Thurs. Dec. 22 – Men's League Holiday Pot Luck**

**Sat. Dec. 16 – Cloutier Contracting Christmas Party**

**Fri. Dec. 25 – Family Rental**

**Thurs. Dec. 29 – Private booking**

*Next week there will be regular league curling on Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday evening and Thursday evening with the club then closing for the holidays, and for ice maintenance. The Club will reopen on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

## CURLING on TV

There has been a lot of great curling on TV the last few weeks – the Canada Cup where Jennifer Jones and Reid Carruthers earned the right to play in the Continental Cup in Vegas in January, as well as earning Olympic Trials berths – the Boost National Grand Slam in Sault Ste. Marie where Northern Ontario’s Brad Jacobs came through a tiebreaker and playoffs to win the title in front of his hometown fans, and Thunder Bay’s Krista McCarville came oh so close on making the final which was won by Kerri Einarson of Manitoba.

*Here is what is coming up in the next month:*

### **2017 Meridian Canadian Open: TV Schedule**

Date	Draw	Eastern Time (ET)	Pacific Time (PT)	TV
Thursday, Jan. 5	Triple Knockout	12:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	Sportsnet
	Triple Knockout	4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Triple Knockout	7:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Sportsnet 360
Friday, Jan. 6	Triple Knockout	12:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	Sportsnet
	Triple Knockout	4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Sportsnet
	Triple Knockout	7:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Sportsnet East, West, Pacific & ONE
Saturday, Jan. 7	Men’s Quarterfinals	1:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	CBC
	Women’s Quarterfinals	5:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE
	Men’s & Women’s Semifinals	9:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Sportsnet ONE & 360
Sunday, Jan. 8	Men’s Final	12:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	CBC
	Women’s Final	4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Sportsnet

### **January 12 to 15, 2017 World Financial Group Continental Cup Las Vegas, NV, U.S.A.**

Thu Jan 12	@ 12 noon	team competition	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 4:30 pm	mixed doubles	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 9:30 pm	team competition	(on TSN1/3/4, Canada)
Fri Jan 13	@ 12 noon	team competition	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 4:30 pm	mixed doubles	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 9:30 pm	team competition	(on TSN1/4/5, Canada)
Sat Jan 14	@ 12 noon	mixed doubles	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 4:30 pm	team competition	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 9:30 pm	team competition	(on TSN network, Canada)
Sun Jan 15	@ 4:30 pm	skins	(on TSN1/3, Canada)
	@ 9:30 pm	skins	(on TSN1/3/5, Canada)

### **January 21 to 29, 2017 Canadian Juniors Victoria, BC, Canada**

Sat Jan 28	@ 4:30 pm	women's semifinal	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 8:30 pm	men's semifinal	(on TSN network, Canada)
Sun Jan 29	@ 12 noon	women's final	(on TSN network, Canada)
	@ 4:30 pm	men's final	(on TSN1/3, Canada)

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

