
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 28, 2013



CONGRATULATIONS to DOUG HALDANE – winner of our club’s Closest to the Pin competition held last week during Northern Ontario Curling Week. Doug and Bruce Lamb both covered the pin, with Doug winning the tie-breaker. For their efforts Doug won \$90, Bruce - \$54 for 2nd place followed by Mike Goulet - \$35 for third place (3.8 cm). On Saturday evening all the club winners across NOCA all tried their luck at 7:30 to cover the pin, unfortunately the ice was a little heavy that evening and Doug missed the house – Holly Davidson from the Copper Cliff Curling Club in Sudbury covered the pin that evening and won herself a trip to the 2015 Canadian Mixed Championship next November!

CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

You may have noticed that the club is making some improvements in our lounge and club – we purchased 50 new chairs and 12 new tables which have been set up. **THANK YOU** to Dan Flynn for spearheading the unloading, and unpacking of the new equipment, as well as Mike Davis, Edgar Carreira, Jim Guillemette, Steve Anderson, Darius Ornatowski and Karen Saarimaki for helping out. The club has some surplus chairs and tables that are going to be put up for sale on a first come – first served basis – signs will be posted on the bulletin board at the club when this will take place.

We have removed the Interac machine from the Bar and as a result are saving ourselves a fair amount in monthly service charges. Members and guests now have access to an ATM machine owned and operated by Frank Hildebrant.

A new bootcleaner has been set up at the top of the stairs to try and help cut down on the influx of dirt being brought into the club. Hopefully we may have enough funds available to purchase a new rug next season.

We also have purchased 24 new brooms, 12 new sliders, and 2 sticks, for use by our afternoon curlers, as well as rental groups that need equipment when they come in to curl. In the works is a new broom box to be kept in the viewing area between the lounge and the ice.

REGISTRATION & LEAGUES:

THANKS to all of you – membership fees are 99% paid (and it isn’t even December yet)!

All of our leagues are up and running! **The Mixed league’s first event finishes next week so if anyone knows of any teams that might be interested in joining Mixed for the second event which starts December 13th, please ask them to get in touch with Steve/Beth Anderson ASAP.**

Thirty children have joined our Wednesday after school program which is just great to see! Thanks to Serena, Brandi, Linnea, Haley, Colleen, Heather and Bev who are having fun with the kids each week!

BONSPIELS:

Posters have been made up and sent to all Northwestern Ontario clubs and are also now posted on our own club bulletin board.

LADIES – Feb. 28, Mar. 1-2 Darlene Leupen has agreed to oversee the bonspiel but is still looking for people to help out. There is a sign up sheet on the Ladies’ bulletin board at the club. The theme this year will be “Country & Western”!

MENS – Mar. 7-9

MIXED – Mar. 21-22

A list of area bonspiels is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway in case you are interested in supporting another club.

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION:

Next week the Roar of the Rings is taking place in Winnipeg, Manitoba where Northern Ontario's Brad Jacob and his rink from Sault Ste. Marie (2013 Brier champion and World silver medallist) will be competing against seven other of the top men's teams in Canada for the right to represent Canada at the Olympics in February 2014 in Sochi, Russia. Eight women's teams will also be taking part. TSN is covering most of the draws so if you can't be there in person, tune in and watch on tv. There are a few local people heading to the event – Steve & Beth Anderson, Johnny & Jody Marino, Karen Saarimaki, Suzanne Lafrance – perhaps you will see them in the stands!

Competition season is now underway. Junior regions are being held this weekend. Dominique Lafrance from our club is playing with a team from Longlac in the Region 3 event being held in Marathon. If you have a team that is interested in going in a NOCA competition check out the information posted on the Region 3 bulletin board in the club, go online and check out www.curlno.ca, or contact Karen Saarimaki for more information.

DOMINION CLUB CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

The National Dominion Club Curling Championship was held in Thunder Bay at the Fort William Curling Club the week of Nov. 18th-23rd (curling week). Twenty eight of the best Canadian Club curling teams, both men's and women's took part in a superb event co-chaired by world champions Rick Lang and Heather Houston. Dan Sherrard and his Alberta rink defended the championship they won in 2012 defeating Saskatchewan's Corey Martyn in the final. The Stacey Fordyce rink from Manitoba defeated Saskatchewan's Heather Burnett in the final of the women's event.

If your regular club men's or women's team is interested in entering the Dominion Club Curling Championship this season, information is posted on the main bulletin board. The club deadline to enter is THURSDAY, January 16th, as the NOCA deadline for a club to declare that they will have a team is January 17th. Club playdowns will be held the weekend of Feb. 8th with the Region 3 playdown scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 22nd here in Geraldton, and the Provincial championship at the Copper Cliff Curling Club in Sudbury, March 28 – 30.

CLUB WEBSITE:

Have you checked out the club's FACEBOOK page or TWITTER? Congratulations to Kayla Santerre who was the winner of our Like and share our page/Follow us on Twitter contest.

CALENDARS

Are you looking for an extra stocking stuffer for Xmas? We have just the thing – how about a Northern Ontario Curling Calendar! These are for sale at the bar – only \$10 each with \$5 from each calendar going towards our Junior Club. The calendar contains pictures of the Brad Jacobs team, also last season's teams that won NOCA provincial championships as well as pictures from the Amethyst curling camp.

REMINDERS

IF YOU ARE THE LAST ONE RETURNING FROM EITHER THE MEN'S or LADIES' WASHROOM PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND YOU! Those washrooms are open to the public, when the access door between the arena and curling club is open, so if the washroom doors are open, anyone can walk into the locker rooms and walk off with stuff that is left laying around, or stored in unlocked lockers.

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 are asked to please make sure your spares have paid their fees.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS OIL BASED PAINT TO BE USED IN THE BUILDING – some people have allergies to oil based products, and because of that cannot come into the building for months at a time.

THANK YOU!!



SEE YOU ON THE ICE!

CURLING EQUIPMENT

A reminder that we have a great selection of brooms, shoes, pants, grippers etc. available for sale – perhaps something for that special someone for Christmas? If you are looking for new equipment be sure to talk to Norm Kristjanson as he may be able to help you out. Check out the equipment display in the club showcase! Christmas is coming quickly.....

Curling Equipment 2013/14

| <i>Brooms & Repl. Heads</i> | PRICE | H.S.T. | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Vapor Fiberglass | \$53.10 | \$6.90 | \$60.00 |
| Vapor Fibre Lite | \$84.07 | \$10.93 | \$95.00 |
| Vector Fiberglass | \$48.67 | \$6.33 | \$55.00 |
| Replacement Pad | \$17.70 | \$2.30 | \$20.00 |
| OPTI Repl. Pad | \$24.78 | \$3.22 | \$28.00 |
| Horsehair Repl. Pad | \$26.55 | \$3.45 | \$30.00 |
| <i>Pants</i> | | | |
| Ladies/Men's Classic | \$66.37 | \$8.63 | \$75.00 |
| Zurich (M) / Geneva (L) | \$75.22 | \$9.78 | \$85.00 |
| <i>Gloves & Mitts</i> | | | |
| Ultrafit | \$24.78 | \$3.22 | \$28.00 |
| Panther/Storm/Ice | \$30.97 | \$4.03 | \$35.00 |
| Leather Mitts | \$37.17 | \$4.83 | \$42.00 |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i> | | | |
| The 'Stabilizer' | \$70.79 | \$9.21 | \$80.00 |
| The 'Shooter' Delivery Aid | \$48.67 | \$6.33 | \$55.00 |
| HEXA Gripper | \$15.93 | \$2.07 | \$18.00 |
| Stop Watch #216 | \$28.32 | \$3.68 | \$32.00 |
| Rockwatcher #216RW | \$53.10 | \$6.90 | \$60.00 |
| Broom Brush #252 | \$ 2.65 | \$.35 | \$ 3.00 |
| Pant Saver-Knee Pad | \$ 8.85 | \$1.15 | \$10.00 |

**Other equipment can be special ordered (including other pant styles, shoes, delivery aids etc.)
See Norm Kristjanson**