



NOCA Notes

December 21, 2011

Ontario Scotties

The Ontario Scotties will be held at the Kenora CC January 23-29, 2012. 10 of the best women's teams in Ontario (4 from Northern Ontario) will compete for the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer.

Read more: <http://curlno.ca/content/Competitions/Women/>

8-Ender

Congratulations to the Rejeanne MacLeod rink from Soo Curlers who secured an 8-ender with a 3 person team! The team will receive NOCA 8-Ender club vests to wear proudly.



Rejeanne MacLeod
Sylvia Beange
Margo Kells

Thursday Ladies League, Soo Curlers Association

Christmas Hours

The NOCA office will be closed December 22 – 27 inclusive. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

C.A.P. Funding now available

Clubs are reminded that the deadline for the Curling Assistance Program applications is January 13, 2012. Funding is available in two categories: Bricks and Mortar, and Business Development. The guidelines and application are available at

<http://www.curling.ca/programs-and-services/curling-assistance-program/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Bantam Regions - December 23rd
- CCA Awards nominations – December 31st
- Senior Regions – January 6th
- Wheelchair Provincials – January 6th
- Men Qualifiers - January 11th
- CAP Funding applications – January 13th

Happy Holidays

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Off to the Ontario Scotties

Last weekend the Copper Cliff CC hosted a great NOCA Women's provincial. 7 teams provided exciting competition, with the Krista McCarville rink earning the title of Northern Ontario 2012 Women's Champion. Four teams from Northern Ontario advance to the Ontario Scotties in Kenora January 23-29th. The other three teams who will represent the NOCA are Tracy Horgan (Idylwyld G&CC), Marlo Dahl (PACC), and Laura Pickering (North Bay Granite CC).

The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp

This year the camp will run July 1st – 6th, 2012 in Sudbury. General information is available on the website. Registration packages will be mailed to all campers from last year as well as those who were on the waiting list by January 5th. Open registration will be on the website mid-January.

Thanks to a partnership with PBL Insurance, a bus will be available to transport campers to and from the camp. The bus will run from Thunder Bay to Nipigon, across Highway 11, through Timmins, and down to Sudbury. The cost is minimal and the campers who used this travel option last year had a great time. Information about the bus will be on the website soon.

Prize Package Winner

Congratulations to John Andruski from the Kakabeka Falls CC. John is first winner of one of the three prize packages provided by Asham to people who register on the NOCA membership database. Two more prizes will be awarded in the new year. To enter your name, go to <http://curlnoc.ca/register/>

Port Arthur CC Sticks & Stones program featured

The Canadian Curling Association posts weekly articles on various topics and the Sticks and Stones program was featured in the latest Pebbles to Boulders blog.

<http://www.curling.ca/2011/12/09/pebbles-to-boulders-under-a-watchful-eye/>

Read more articles from the CCA

<http://www.curling.ca/category/newsandarticles/cca-articles/>

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NOCA Notes December 8, 2011

Junior Regional Champions

The Junior Regional playdowns were held last weekend with the events declaring 8 Junior Men's teams and 8 Junior Women's teams regional winners. The Junior Men's teams will advance to the NOCA Junior Provincials January 5-8, 2012 in Atikokan, while the Junior Women will compete on the same weekend in Sioux Lookout.

Junior Men rinks:

Austin Smith – Keewatin CC
Brennan Wark – Port Arthur CC
Jordan Potter – Port Arthur CC
Austin Trottier – Geraldton CC
Nick Dawson – Soo Curlers Association
Chris Glibota – Soo Curlers Association
Dustin Montpellier – Sudbury CC
Kevin Gravel – Smooth Rock Falls CC

Junior Women rinks:

Kaitlyn Poirier – Sioux Lookout G&CC
Jessica Haw – Stratton CC
Tirzah Keffer – Port Arthur CC
Karlee Jones – Port Arthur CC
Danielle Ouellet – Longlac CC
Kendra Lilly – Idylwyld G&CC
Robin Beaudry – Idylwyld G&CC
Chloe Gordon – Copper Cliff CC

Rocks and Rings is Launched in Thunder Bay

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program was launched at the Vance Chapman Public School in Thunder Bay, Tuesday December 6th.

The program is now available to schools in the Thunder Bay and Sudbury areas. For more information about having this program delivered at your school, go to <http://rocksandrings.com/contact/> and select either Thunder Bay or Sudbury to contact the Program Coordinator in that area.

C.A.P. Funding now available

The Canadian Curling Association is once again offering financial assistance to clubs through the Curling Assistance Program. This program targets programs designed to grow the sport at the community level, or assist with capital projects. Funding is available in two categories: Bricks and Mortar, and Business Development. The guidelines and application are available at <http://www.curling.ca/programs-and-services/curling-assistance-program/>
The application deadline is January 11, 2012.

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- Men Regions - December 16th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd
- CCA Awards nominations – December 31st
- Senior Regions – January 6th
- Wheelchair Provincials – January 6th
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NOCA Notes December 1, 2011

Junior Regional Playdowns

The Junior Regional playdowns take place this weekend. 32 teams have entered this level of competition with the goal of obtaining one of the 8 seats (of each gender) at the provincial events. The regional playdowns are being held at the Keewatin CC, Port Arthur and Fort William CCs, Longlac CC, Soo Curlers Association, and Idylwyld G&CC. Teams, draws, and results are available on the NOCA website.

<http://curlnoc.ca/content/Competitions/Juniors/> or <http://www.playdowns.com/noca/>

Good luck to all of the teams.

Competitor Guides

All Competitor Guides have been revised and re-posted on the website. Please ensure your team and coach have downloaded and read the version dated November 30, 2011.

Awards

The Canadian Curling Association is now accepting nominations for the several awards or recognitions: Volunteer of the Year, Ray Kingsmith Award, Award of Achievement, and the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame. Deadline for all nominations is December 31, 2011. Recognition Certificates are also available – no deadline.

<http://www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/>

The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration is no accepting nominations for the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2012.

http://curlnoc.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Awards/

Rocks and Rings is being Launched in Thunder Bay

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program will be launched at the Vance Chapman Public School in Thunder Bay, Tuesday December 6th. The event will take place from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Quest for Gold applications due – December 8th, 12 noon
- Men Regions - December 16th, Qualifiers January 11th
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16th
- Bantam Regions - December 23rd
- CCA Awards nominations – December 31st
- Senior Regions – January 6th
- Wheelchair Provincials – January 6th

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