

NOCA Notes

January 15, 2010

2010 Dominion Amethyst Camp and Bursaries:

Applications for The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp will be available online Monday January 18th.

As a joint partnership with Nexcap Finance Corporation and the NOCA, three bursaries for The Dominion Amethyst Curling Camp will be awarded. The application form will also be available online.

NOCA Champions to date this season:

Congratulations to the Kendra Lilly rink of the Idylwyld G&CC and the Christian Toluoso rink of the Port Arthur CC who are representing the NOCA at the M&M Meat Shops Junior Canadian Championships.

Congratulations to the Krista McCarville rink from the Fort William CC who won the Ontario Scotties and will represent Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Sault Ste. Marie.

Good luck to all of these teams.

The Dominion Curling Club Championships:

Regional playdowns to determine the Men's and Women's champion teams must be completed by March 31, 2010. The provincial will be held in Thunder Bay April 8-11, 2010.

Clubs must enter and pay for their teams online (see instructions on www.curlno.ca) by February 12, 2010. Entry fee is \$200.00. Clubs must enter a men's and/or women's team by club name only and then fill in the names once their club champion is declared.

From Last Season - Bantam Boys take Silver at 2009 OFSAA Championship:

The Geraldton Composite High School Boys curling team of Kristofer Leupen, Jay Turner, Brady Trottier, Josh Wenzoski and Coach Karen Saarimaki won the NWOSSAA (Northwestern Ontario School) Curling Championship for the first time in their history and as a result advanced to the OFSAA (All Ontario Highschool) Boys curling championship in St. Catharines in March. This competition involved twenty teams from across Ontario. The team won 3 games and lost 1 in pool play which advanced them to the quarterfinals. There the boys defeated a team from Sault Ste. Marie to advance to the semifinals where they revenged their earlier defeat in pool play to Haliburton Highlands, stealing a point in the last end for the win. This set up a tightly contested final against Kitchener-Waterloo, with Kitchener stealing a point in the last end to win 4-2. Winning the silver medal at OFSAA was the end of a dream couple of seasons for the team. Kristofer, Jay and Josh were NOCA Bantam Champions in 2008, with Jay, Josh, and Brady winning the NOCA Bantam Championship in 2009.



In Memoriam:

A section on the NOCA website message board has been created to post notifications of anyone in the Northern Ontario Curling world who has passed away. Information can be entered directly on the message board, or can be sent to the office to be posted.



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January 22, 2010

AWARDS and BURSARIES

Amethyst Bursaries:

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NOCA Volunteer and Club Recognition Awards:

Each year three Volunteer Awards and a Club Recognition award are awarded by NOCA. The deadline for nominations is April 9, 2010. The nomination form is available online under Programs and Services/Awards section.

Pat O. Reid Coaching Awards:

The Ontario Curling Council will award two coaching awards annually, one from Northern Ontario and one from Southern Ontario. All Bantam and Junior teams received the information at their playdowns, but no nominations have been received yet. Please see attached. The deadline is April 15, 2010. The nomination form is available online under Programs and Services/Awards section.

NOCA Honorary Life Memberships:

We are seeking nominations for our Honorary Life Membership Awards. See attached form. The deadline is April 30, 2010. The nomination form is available online under Programs and Services/Awards section.

The Dominion Curling Club Championships

Don't forget to sign your club up for this great event. Testimonials from the teams who represented Northern Ontario at The Dominion Curling Club National Championships are available on our website.

The deadline to register and pay for your teams is Friday February 12, 2010. Go to the NOCA website and click on competition registrations and then go to The Dominion, whichever region you are in. Simply sign up a "Men's" team and a "Women's" team and then add the names once your club has declared their champion.

Testimonials from the 2009 NOCA Men's and Women's The Dominion teams can be found on the NOCA website.



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January 29, 2010

Scotties Tournament of Hearts

The Krista McCarville rink (Tara George, Ashley Miharija, Kari MacLean, Coach Rick Lang) are representing Ontario at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts January 30 – February 7, 2010. TSN will broadcast all draws.

Janice Toderash was the winner of the Trip for Two to the Scotties as part of Curling Week in Northern Ontario, presented by Bearskin Airlines. The package included tickets to the opening weekend, return flights on Bearskin Airlines, and three nights' accommodation at the Great Northern Hotel and Conference Centre. Toderash is accompanied by a friend, Susan Danielewski.

Last Chance for Men

This weekend presents the last opportunity for NOCA Men's teams to secure a berth in The Dominion Men's NOCA Provincials to be held at the Sudbury Curling Club February 8 – 14, 2010.

9 Men's teams are competing at the Challenge Round East in Haileybury, and 5 teams are entered in the Challenge Round West in Marathon. 2 teams from each event will claim the last 4 spots in the provincials. Online scoring is available at www.playdowns.com.

Masters Provincial:

6 Men's teams and 2 Women's teams compete this weekend in the NOCA Masters Provincial in Englehart. The winning teams will advance to the Canadian Masters in St. John NB, March 28 – April 4, 2010. Online scoring is available at www.playdowns.com.

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