



NOCA Notes

November 25, 2011

The Dominion Canadian Curling Club Championships

The Mélanie Patry rink from the Coniston CC, and the Dale Dubinsky rink from the Kakabeka Falls CC are both faring well at this event. At the end of round robin play, the Patry rink sits at 5-1 tied for second place with Manitoba, and with one game to play, the Dubinsky rink sits at 3-2. <http://www.thedominioncurls.ca/en/2011.aspx>

Award Winners

Each year the NOCA presents 3 NOCA Volunteer awards, and a Club Recognition award. The volunteer award recipients this year were Jamie McPherson (Longlac CC), Bonnie Barbisan (Fort William CC), and John Sporer (Idylwyld G&CC), and the Soo Curlers Association earned the Club Recognition award. As well, Karen Saarimaki (Geraldton CC) earned the Pat O. Reid Coach of the Year award. Congratulations to all.



Karen Saarimaki &
Jamie McPherson



Bev Junnila &
Trevor Clifford
(for Bonnie Barbisan)



Alan Arkilander &
John Sporer



Bev Junnila &
Ian Fisher
(Soo Curlers)



Darlene Leupen &
Karen Saarimaki

Club Coach Youth and Club Coach courses

The Espanola CC will host these courses on December 3-4. Registration is available on the NOCA website. Registration deadline is Sunday November 27th.

Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program

The 2011-12 Guidelines and application are now on the NOCA website. As well, a ranking system for Bantam and Junior athletes is posted. The application deadline is Thursday December 8th, 12 noon. All information is available on the Bantam, Junior, and Quest for Gold pages of the NOCA Website.

http://curlno.ca/content/Programs_and_Services/Quest_For_Gold/

Rocks and Rings Launched in Sudbury

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program launched their first event Tuesday November 22 at the MacLeod Public school. The event will launch in Thunder Bay on December 6th.

<http://rocksandrings.com/students-rock-as-capital-one-rocks-rings-arrives-2/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Club Coach Youth/Club Coach courses Espanola – Nov. 27th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- 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

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November 17, 2011

The Dominion Canadian Curling Club Championships

The Mélanie Patry rink from the Coniston CC, and the Dale Dubinsky rink from the Kakabeka Falls CC will represent Northern Ontario at the national event in Richmond BC. The event runs from November 21-26, 2011. Good luck to both teams.

<http://www.thedominioncurls.ca/en/2011.aspx>

Courtesy Freight Superspiel

Congratulations to the Colin Koivula rink from Thunder Bay who won the Men's Division in a final game against the Tyler George rink from Duluth. On the women's side, the Krista McCarville rink won over the Aileen Sormenen rink, also from Duluth.

Colin Koivula and Brad Jacobs rinks now have berths in the The Dominion Men's 2012 NOCA Provincials which were earned in the KIA Classic and Courtesy Freight Superspiels.

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Rocks and Rings Launch in Sudbury

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program will launch their first event Tuesday November 22 at the MacLeod Public school. The launch takes place between 11:00 -12:30 pm. be coming to Northern Ontario. The program will be delivered in the Thunder Bay and Sudbury areas this year, and branch out to other locations next year.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Women NOCA Provincials - November 18th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
- 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

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Junior Curler from Thessalon wins draw to the button event

Kyle Sherlock wins \$1,000 for himself, and \$10,000 for his club. More information is available on the NOCA website homepage. Congratulations Kyle!

Canadian Mixed National Championship

The Sudbury CC is hosting this national event starting Saturday November 12th. The website for the event is <http://www.sudburycurlingclub.ca>. Ticket information and FAQ's can be found at 2012nationalmixed@gmail.com

Courtesy Freight Superspiel

This superspiel is one of the seven events in the Great Lakes Curling Tour, and it takes place at the Port Arthur CC this weekend. 24 Men's teams and 8 Women's teams are entered. The top NOCA men's team will earn a berth in The Dominion NOCA Men's provincial being hosted at the Soo Curlers Association. One berth has already been earned at the KIA Classic Superspiel by the Brad Jacobs rink. <http://www.majorleaguecurling.com/?q=Stats>

Writers needed

Writers are needed for the Ontario Curling Report. Currently Tom Mustapic writes about Northwestern Ontario, but writers for Northeastern Ontario (Timmins area) and Northern Ontario (Sault-North Bay-Sudbury areas) are needed. If you are interested in letting the rest of Ontario know about what's happening in Northern Ontario, please contact Bob Weeks at bobweeks@rogers.com

Rocks and Rings needs Instructor

The Capital One Rocks and Rings program will be coming to Northern Ontario. The program will be delivered in the Thunder Bay and Sudbury areas this year, and branch out to other locations next year. An instructor has been hired for the Sudbury area, but one is still needed in the Thunder Bay area. More information and a job description is available at <http://rocksandrings.com/rocks-and-rings-hiring-instructors-across-canada/>

CCA Launches Mobile Application

The CCA launched a mobile application today for iPod, iPhone, and iPad users. The application for Blackberry and Android phones will be available later this month. More information and the link to download the application can be found at <http://www.curling.ca/2011/11/09/curling-ca-mobile-curlings-official-mobile-app-is-here/>

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Junior Regions - November 11th
- Women NOCA Provincials - November 18th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
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NOCA Notes

November 3, 2011

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 on the NOCA homepage <http://www.curlno.ca>. The guidelines will be mailed to clubs next week.

Last year three clubs in Northern Ontario received funds for capital and development projects: Cobalt Haileybury CC, Kakabeka Falls CC, and Port Arthur CC.

Junior Stars at the Grand Slam Event this weekend

Junior Curlers in from 4 clubs in Region 4 will have the chance to draw to the button in a Junior Stars contest at the GP Car & Home World Cup of Curling Slam events this Saturday. 8 young curlers have qualified to represent their club in the competition. The eight curlers from these clubs receive a spot in the semi-final on Saturday November 5th as well as event access passes and a Capital One T-shirt. The four finalists each receive a spot in the final on Saturday afternoon along with a 2-year paid membership at their respective clubs, a pair of Goldline curling shoes, a Goldline curling brush and gloves, and a Capital One Grand Slam jacket signed by the participating players of the event.

The four finalists have one chance to draw to the button and one lucky curler will walk away with a \$1000 cash prize for themselves, plus \$10,000 for their club to be used for upgrades and equipment.

Cheer on these young curlers as they draw to the button Saturday during the Quarter-final 4th end break. That game begins at 12 noon and will be televised on CBC.

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Upcoming Deadlines:

- Youth Challenge Soo Curlers – November 4th
- Youth Challenge Longlac – November 4th
- Junior Regions - November 11th
- Women NOCA Provincials -November 18th
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18th
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2nd
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