

# NOCA Notes

October 21, 2011

## NOCA is now on Facebook and Twitter

The NOCA now has a Facebook page. This page has information posted about the NOCA and other interesting curling stories. As well, results from playdowns.com will automatically be sent to the Facebook page. Anyone with a Facebook account can post information about their club or curling in their area to the wall. We also have a Twitter account that people can follow to receive any links that are posted to the Facebook page. Check us out at:

<http://www.facebook.com/curlnoca>

<http://twitter.com/curlnoca>

## 8-ENDER Awards

Each year the NOCA provides NOCA 8-ENDER Club fleece vests to teams who score an 8-ender. Teams must complete a form available on the website on the Awards page and forward it with a picture to the NOCA office.

### 2010-11 8-Enders:



Sheri Blake rink  
Kenora CC



Jack McFayden rink  
Fort Frances CC



Mike Jakubo rink  
Copper Cliff CC



McCarville rink  
Bonspiel



Reg Gardiner rink  
Thessalon CC

## Upcoming Deadlines:

- Youth Challenge Soo Curlers – November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Challenge Longlac – November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Regions - November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Women NOCA Provincials -November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Challenge Espanola – November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Cup Copper Cliff – December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Men Regions - December 16<sup>th</sup>, Qualifiers January 11<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Challenge Thunder Bay – December 16<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Regions - December 23<sup>rd</sup>

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## **CCA offers assistance with Waiver form and Assumption of Risk form for clubs**

In response to requests from curling facilities for waiver forms, the CCA has consulted with **Steven Indig** from [Sport Law and Strategy Group](#) and has developed a few tips and options for clubs, as well as new updated templates for clubs to use to create their own custom version. Click here for the article on the CCA website, and to access the forms.

<http://www.curling.ca/2011/10/13/waiver-of-claims-assumption-of-risk/>

## **The Dominion Curling Club Championships**

This event is designed to give club curlers the opportunity to advance to a provincial and national championship. It is in its third year of existence and has grown in popularity each year. The national championship for 2011 is scheduled for November 21 – 26 at the Richmond CC in BC. The teams representing the NOCA are the Dale Dubinsky rink from the Kakabeka Falls CC, and the Mélanie Patry rink from the Coniston CC.

The deadline for clubs to enter a team in their regional competition is February 17, 2012. Registration is available on the NOCA website. Regional playdowns to declare a men's and women's team from each region **MUST be completed** by March 11<sup>th</sup>. The NOCA provincial playdown will be held at the Horne Granite CC in New Liskeard, March 29 – April 1, 2012.

In order to be eligible for this event, teams must meet The Dominion's Eligibility requirements which can be read here: <http://www.thedominioncurls.ca/en/Eligibility.aspx>

Clubs will receive posters and copies of the eligibility requirements in early November.

## **Post your bonspiel on the NOCA website**

All affiliated member facilities of the NOCA can post their bonspiels on the NOCA website. Bonspiels can be viewed and sorted by region, type of event, and date. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your club's bonspiels. Go to the NOCA website and select the Club Bonspiel link on the left, then follow the link to enter your information. Here is the link:

<http://www.curlnoc.ca/bonspiel.php>

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## NOCA Notes

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### Oops:

In the last edition of NOCA Notes, there was an error. Bill Groom, from the Sudbury CC received an honorary life membership. My apologies Bill, and congratulations.

### New Membership Registration method:

The NOCA is required to provide information to government agencies about the number and gender of our members. This is being done through the creation of a membership database. Members are encouraged to enter their information on the database and be entered into a contest for 3 Asham prize packages. Personal information is not distributed to any source and is used strictly for data purposes and to create a distribution list for communications like NOCA Notes. The NOCA's privacy policy can be viewed in the Resource Manual available on this page: [http://www.curlnoc.ca/content/About\\_NOCA/](http://www.curlnoc.ca/content/About_NOCA/)

In order to accumulate as much information as possible to satisfy the government agencies, member data can now be entered by league convenors, membership chairs, etc. All that is required is that members give their permission for this information to be entered. Register here: <http://www.curlnoc.ca/register/>

### Business of Curling Seminar a Positive Experience

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 people attended a Business of Curling Seminar in Sudbury. The day was packed with informative presentations and information sharing. Participants learned about using Social Media to enhance their club's visibility and communications, Membership Recruitment, Bonspiel solutions/ideas, and an overview of the Adult Learn to Curl program. As well, each participant was given a cd full of useful tools to help their clubs and membership. Contact the NOCA office if you would like information on any of these topics.

### Great Lakes Curling Tour

A new tour with 7 events has been created. Both of the Superspiels are included in the tour. Spots are still available in the Courtesy Freight and Kia Classic Superspiels. More information about the tour and events is available by clicking the right side link on <http://www.curlnoc.ca/content/Competitions/Men/>

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