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NOCA Notes
February 13, 2015

2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts:

The Scotties starts Saturday in Moose Jaw, SK. Tracy Horgan's rink won the Northern Ontario Scotties and is now playing in the single round robin pre-qualification event. This is the year that all provinces and territories have the opportunity to have a berth in the Canadian championship. Because this is the first time Northern Ontario has had the opportunity to have its own spot, the team must play against the Northwest Territories and Yukon to earn the 12th spot in the Scotties. Horgan is undefeated in the round robin after her second game. She will meet the winner of the Friday afternoon game (NWT vs. YT) in the pre-qualification final Saturday at 2 pm during the opening draw of the Scotties. Good luck Team Horgan.

[Event site](#) [Results](#)

2015 Travelers Men's NOCA Provincial:

Congratulations to the Brad Jacobs rink (Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden) from Soo Curlers Association. The Jacobs rink went undefeated through the provincial championship and won the final game in the 2015 Travelers Men's NOCA Provincial with a score of 9-4 over the Al Hackner rink (Fort William CC). Jacobs will now represent Northern Ontario at the Tim Hortons Brier February 28 – March 8, 2015 in Calgary.

Thanks to the Keewatin Curling Club, event Chair Hayley Smith, all of the volunteers, officials, ice team and Recreation Centre Staff for providing a great event at the Kenora Recreation Centre. Also, a huge thank you to Travelers, a great supporter of curling in Northern Ontario and across Canada.

2015 Bantam Champions Declared:

The Tim Hortons Bantam Boys and Girls Provincials were also held last weekend. At the Fort Frances CC, the Tanner Horgan rink (Idylwyld G&CC) played through the event undefeated and earned the Provincial title with a win over the hometown Chris Silver rink. At the Thessalon CC, the Kira Brunton rink (Sudbury CC) went undefeated through the round robin and won the championship game against the Hayley Horton rink (Blind River CC).

Thanks to Tim Hortons for their continued support of Bantam and Youth Curling in Northern Ontario.

Mixed Doubles Provincials:

6 teams will meet at the Port Arthur CC this weekend to compete for the opportunity to represent Northern Ontario at the CCA Mixed Doubles Curling Trials in Ottawa, March 11th – 16th.

[Results](#)

Amethyst Camp Registration Now Open:

Registration for new campers is now available. Information about the camp can be found below, and on the new Amethyst website <http://amethystcurling.com/>

[Information Brochure](#)

[Registration Form](#)

Competition Development Course:

As of December 31, 2013 Level 3 Technical no longer exists, replacing it is a new, comprehensive program called "Competition Development". The program is being administered and delivered by the Canadian Curling Association nationally and is designed to assist the coach in taking their teams to the next level of provincial, national or international play. This workshop focuses on the planning, strategy, analysis and program management needed to improve your team's performance. There is a small wheelchair curling component, so coaches working with athletes with a disability would also benefit from this program. There are two courses scheduled for March:

- French – March 19-22, Baie-d'Urfé QC. Deadline Feb. 15th
- English – March 27-30, Abbotsford BC. Deadline March 1st.

[More Information](#)

Upcoming Registration Deadlines (12:00 pm (NOON) ET):

- Idylwyld Tim Hortons Youth Challenge: Monday Feb. 16th

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