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NOCA Notes December 11, 2015

Junior Region Winners:

Congratulations to the eight Junior Men's and eight Junior Women's teams who earned their berths in the Best Western Junior Men's (Kakabeka Falls CC) and Women's Provincials (Sioux Lookout G&CC) in January. Draws and rosters for the provincials are available at [Junior Provincials](#).

Curling Week Winners:

All of the Curling Week Prizes have been awarded. Twila Smitsnuk (Atikokan CC) was the grand prize winner of an opening weekend ticket package to the Brier along with a Best Western gift card. There were 13 adults who drew to the pin so all of their names were put into a draw for the top three prizes. The names of all adult finalists (regardless of distance from the pin) were also put into a draw for two tickets anywhere Bearskin Airlines flies. The winner of that prize is Mike Brown (Deer Trail CC).

Thank you to all of the sponsors of Curling Week: Bearskin Airlines, Best Western, Goldline, Mallon's Corporate Impressions, Teams Fleury and Jacobs, and Performance Curling Wear. Thanks also to all of the clubs who participated in Curling Week 2015. [Curling Week Results](#)

Quest For Gold Deadline December 14th:

The Quest for Gold Athlete Assistance Program offers athletes the opportunity to secure funding to help with their ongoing training and development. This year there are cards available for athletes ages 21-29 and to Wheelchair athletes. The deadline for applications is Monday December 14th at noon. [Information](#)

Ontario Sport and Recreation Community Fund Grant:

The OSRCF grant is now accepting applications. Last year at least 3 NOCA clubs received funding through this grant. The City of Dryden received funding to convert the arena into curling ice on a weekly basis and to purchase rocks and equipment; Blind River CC was able to purchase composite stones, sliders, grippers, and brooms for their junior rocks program, and bring Rocks and Rings into their schools; Sioux Lookout Golf & Curling Club was able to secure funding to assist with hiring a person to promote curling and golf in and around Sioux Lookout. The deadline for applications is January 21st. Information webinars are being held across the province for potential applicants. [Information](#)

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards:

Is there a volunteer at your club who should be recognized for his/her ongoing volunteerism? Why not nominate that dedicated person for a Volunteer Service Award? The deadline for nominations is January 26th. [Information](#)

Travelers Successful for NOCA Teams:

Teams Kathie Jackson and Mike Assad were very successful on and off the ice at the Travelers Curling Club Canadian Championships. Jackson went through the round robin with a 5-1 record advancing through qualifiers and semi-finals to the bronze medal game where her team took Alberta to an extra end losing by just one point. Assad had a 4-2 record in the round robin advancing to the qualifier, just missing out on advancing to the semi-finals.

Kathie Jackson won the Sportsmanship Award for skips, and Mitch Shallow earned the same award for thirds. Team Assad was one of the four recipients of a \$1000 award for curling club improvements for their home club in Geraldton. Congratulations to both teams!

Upcoming Courses:

- Competition Coach and MED – Stratton Jan. 15-17
- Competition Coach and MED – Thunder Bay Jan. 29-31

Information and registration for all of the courses is available at <http://curlno.ca/programs>.

Upcoming Deadlines (all close at NOON on the deadline date):

- Bantam Regions : December 18th
- Men's Qualifier West: December 22nd (note date change)

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