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# Pebbles

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## Granite Club Curlers on a Roll...

Too many success stories to prioritize for the newsletter, a good problem to have!

In only a month since the last Pebbles report a number of teams and events have made us proud to be granite club curlers. Here they are in random order... Enjoy!

### Bantam Boys Success

(From left to right) Connor Lawes, Dakota Allerston, Jared Burke and Emmett Marleau successfully advanced to the NOCA Bantam Boys Provincial in Fort Frances.

The boys travelled with Coach Brian Whitehead and finished 4<sup>th</sup> place in the province!

Many thanks to all the members that supported the team with best wishes and fundraising efforts.

All of our bantam boy



curlers will additionally be travelling to Sault St. Marie February 28-29 for NOSSA championships.

Connor, Dakota and Emmett

won the NDA banner for Scollard Hall, however Jared too will be advancing as second place playing for Jeremy Bin of Widdifield.

### Jamieson & Trudel Represent at Men's Provincials

Gavan Jamieson (*left*) and Artie Trudel (*right*) have now returned from the week-long NOCA Men's Provincials.

Jamieson, who plays second for team Chandler out of Sudbury finished with a 4-7 record against the province's best rinks.

Trudel, who skips and throws vice for team Gelinas out of Mattawa finished 2-9 on the week.



Brad Jacobs was the eventual champion beating Mike Jakubo in the final



who twice previously defeated the Soo curlers. All the best to team N. Ontario!!!

**Brown Goes Undefeated Through Regions, Advances to Provincials**

Mark Brown, Mike Callahan, Jamie Graham and Brad Beaver went undefeated through their senior men's regional playdown in Sturgeon Falls to secure one of two provincial spots.

Incredible play from this team throughout the season indicates we are truly sending the best to Timmins February 23-26.



Team Rick Miller too competed at the regionals narrowly missing the second provincial spot that was eventually captured by team Robbie Gordon of Sudbury.

Other teams vying for a trip to nationals include: Ken Anderson, Ian Fisher, Al Hackner, Bob Hardy, Rick Stewart and Dave Trudeau.

The event will be updated at

[www.curlthemac.ca](http://www.curlthemac.ca) and of course at [www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com)

Congratulations and best of luck!

**Peloquin Wins Masters Bonspiel, Now 3-times Running**

Claude Peloquin, Real Gagnon, Dave Cerisano and Gene Desjardins won their third straight Masters Bonspiel January 29<sup>th</sup> defeating Danny Hughes, Doc Preweda, Wally Kearney and Don Peterson in the final.

This marks the third time a team has won the Masters Bonspiel 3 times in 33 years of the annual event operating.



The other two teams were Terry Dodds and Norm Spiess. Congratulations Team Peloquin!

In the "B" Division Dick Anderson, Brian Bilodeau, Mike Kurdell and Bob Nevill conquered Rod Maguire,

Garry Lavigne, Gerry Lautia and Joe Montreuil while the "C" Division was captured by John Toswell, Peter Croteau, Bob Tuck and Fred Bailey with a win over Moe Laporte, Ed Roche, Terry Cant and Max Valyear.

Great thanks go out to the organizing committee who ran a flawless event.



**Pickering Returns From Scotties, Horgan Wins it All**

Laura, Mackenzie, JoAnne and Allison have now returned from the Ontario Scotties that were played in Kenora.

The girls gained a great deal of experience on and off the ice in addition to having a fun time.

The ladies matches up against some of the best teams in the world and will



be gunning to get back there in 2013.

When all was said and done Team Horgan of Sudbury won their first Ontario

Provincial although they are no stranger to the scene having represented 3 times at the M&M Meat Shops Junior Nationals.

Horgan defeated Rachel Homan of Ottawa by stealing two in the last end. Homan went undefeated all week.



**Mitchell Defends Provincial Title**

Steven Mitchell joined forces with his police curling teammates of three years to defend the Northern Ontario Police Curling Championships once again.

Pat Chilton, Steven Mitchell, Anthony Chilton and Stephen Meunier won their third straight championships edging closer to record title holder, Scott Gobeil, who has won five straight provincial titles (2000-2004)

Team Meunier will advance to the national



championships at which Northern Ontario has finished first place only once in 56 years since the event

began. The 2012 nationals Will be hosted by the Quebec Police Curling Association and played at

the Town of Mount Royal Curling Club in Montreal.

12 provinces will be represented at the national championship, promising to showcase a high caliber of curling in addition to activities and social activities for the competitors and fans. Funds raised by the Canadian Police Curling Association and its provincial bodies will be donated to the Tourette Syndrome Canadian Foundation.

Congratulation and best wishes from everyone at the Granite Club!



**Wark of Thunder Bay in National Junior Final**

Wark and teammates Kristofer Leupen, Kyle Toset and Joel Adams represented Northern Ontario proudly finishing the round robin with a 9-3 record and defeating Manitoba in the semi-finals before falling to Alberta's Brendan Bottcher.

Northern Ontario has shown great strength in recent years following Dylan Johnston's final appearance three years ago, solid performances by Christian Tolusso and Cody Johnston (2010, 11), and Kendra Lilly's three year reign going 9-3, 6-6 and 6-6 at the nationals.



**Bantam Girls Take First Place in York**

Our local bantam girls team came away with first place at a 16 and under bonspiel in North York this past weekend.

Calli Barclay, Brooke Allerston, Kate Sherry and Sarah Pigeau were accompanied by their dedicated parents and assure us they had a great deal of fun throughout the event!

Congratulations on all your hard work paying off and keep up the great work.

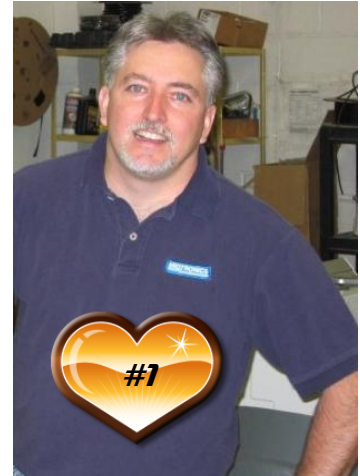
**No Waye! Pool Wins Joeys Only Mixed Title**

The Al Poole rink fought their way through to the “A” division final eventually defeating Gilbert Wayne, Jann Costante, Kaz Lutecki and Linda Lutecki for the Joey’s Only Mixed Bonspiel title.

Poole and teammates Laura Pickering, Ryan Forget and Mackenzie Daley are first time champions of this event.

Real Gagnon, JoAnne Come-Forget, Albert Come and Lee-Ann Davitsky won the “B” Division title over team Pugliese while Brad Minogue, Patti Callahan, Mike Callahan and Becky Minogue won the “C” Division defeating the Barry Shoppoff rink in the final.

In addition to fantastic curling, participants praised the food and entertainment organized by the mixed committee.



**North Bay Rockers off to Nationals in Alberta**

Our local Special Olympic curling team is travelling to St. Albert Alberta where they will represent as part of team Ontario as competitors in the curling event.

The North Bay team advanced last year ranking at the top of the field in Thunder Bay.

Congratulations to Adele, Bev, Paul, Robert and Michael and best of luck out west!

Follow the athlete online, February 28 – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at [www.specialolympicsontario.com](http://www.specialolympicsontario.com) or on Facebook.

**Esch, Brown, Cantin, Costante on the Playdown Trail**

Darla Esch, Paulette Brown, Sue Cantin and Jann Costante are anxiously awaiting the NOCA Senior Ladies Provincial to be held February 23-26 in Kapuskasing.

The winner of this event will advance to the nationals of which North Bay has represented at twice in the last 15 years; Paulette previously



being a part of the Northern Ontario representing team.

The ladies have been practicing and will certainly be one of the

favourites when seven rinks from across the north hit the ice.

Past champion Vicky Barrett will also be in attendance providing the biggest threat.

Wish the ladies luck in the time leading up to the championship, on behalf of the Granite Club – kick butt!

# PICTURES!!!



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## The WISER'S Cash League

CANADIAN Whisky CANADIEN

The Cash League is on the final stretch with "A" and "B" Divisions now made up and underway. Mark Brown, Rick Miller and Cheryl Vainio currently lead the "A" division and are closest to capturing the Wiser Cash League Champion Plaque.

Come by to see North Bay's best curlers in action every Thursday night from 7-9pm!



## Timbit Curling

Timbits Curling is featuring special Family Day activities on Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 5:15pm. Bring mom and dad, your brothers and sisters, etc. and let's curl!

## Virtual Tour

Thanks to Al and Bob Tuck we now have a virtual tour accessible from our website ([www.nbgcc.ca](http://www.nbgcc.ca))! This great tool allows our prospective members and customers to take a tour of our facility with a click of a mouse.

Check it out and tell everyone you know! Thanks again to the Tucks for their time and expertise!

## Ladies Section Notes

The second Draw has just ended and the winning teams are:

Cheryl Vainio	Kathy Venhola
Krista-Lynn Edwards	Linda Lutecki
Marilyn Barkley	Jennifer Van Altena
Karen Cobb	Donna St. Martin

The third Draw starts February 13<sup>th</sup> with 11 teams participating. Our last ladies social is the Leads social on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**February 20<sup>th</sup> is Family Day but we WILL be curling at the regular time.**

The Coldwell Banker Bonspiel is coming up on March 2-4, 2012 and we are looking for Ladies teams. Get your curling buddies together and enter a team.

Our Evening Ladies closing dinner will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012.