

FORT FRANCES CURLING CLUB
NEWSLETTER
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STRATHCONA CUP

My father, Rob Sinclair, is presently in Scotland curling in the Strathcona Cup. This is a 3 ½ week long bonspiel between Canada and Scotland where every 4 years Canada sends 10 teams to Scotland and 4 years later Scotland sends 10 teams here. So far Canada is ahead in points but there are still 16 more games to be played this week. He will return home this Sunday with what I am sure will be a lot of great stories to be told and memories to be held. There is a website if anyone is interested: www.strathconacup100.ca – my dad is curling in the North Tour with Bruce Beveridge.

MIKE BADIUK TO JR. NATIONALS

Mike Badiuk is curling with Dylan Johnstone out of the Fort William Curling Club in Thunder Bay and just recently won the Provincial playdowns in Elliott Lake. Mike will be representing Northern Ontario at the Junior Nationals held in Salmon Arm, BC beginning Sunday. Good luck to Mike and his team and hopefully we can watch them on TSN in the semi-finals!

At the same venue in Elliott Lake, Jenna Enge, curling with Sarah Lang out of Thunder Bay, lost in the finals of the Junior Women's Provincials – congratulations Jenna, you did well.

NOCA TEAMS ALL DECLARED

As of this past weekend, all of the teams are now declared for the upcoming Men's Northern Ontario playdowns. Unfortunately, our 2 local foursomes fell short of gaining a berth to our event. Lorne Jackson and Anthony Smaha's teams competed for one of the 3 last spots in Atikokan this past weekend and didn't curl up to par. All three teams that claimed entries are from Thunder Bay. My brother, Rob Sinclair jr. is the second on Arte Lappalainen's team and the other teams are Mike Assaad and Brian Adams jr. Tickets and window seats are available from Rick at the bar.

Remember: the event begins 2 weeks from tomorrow – Tuesday, February 10!! Go to the website and find out what's going on fortfrancescurlingclub.ca.

LADIES BONSPIEL

Don't forget that the Fort Frances Ladies Bonspiel is February 20 – 22, the theme is ***“You know you're a Redneck IF”***. Get your entry in before January 31 and you'll be eligible to win the Early Bird (your entry fee back!) Entry fee is \$180.00 which includes the banquet Saturday evening.

JUDY LABELLE – SENIOR LADIES

Judy LaBelle, Nancy Evans, Diane Bonot and Sally Stewart represented our club at the Senior Ladies Inter-Regional playdowns in Thunder Bay 2 weeks ago. They faired very well at 3-2 but fell just short of getting one of the 2 spots to advance to the Provincial playdowns. Congratulations girls – keep trying!!

KEN MCKINNON – MASTERS

Ken McKinnon, Jim Jackson, Glen Jackson and Sandy Haney represented our club at the Masters playdowns this past weekend in Sioux Lookout. I apologize but am not able to report on the standings as the website has not been updated. Congratulations guys and thanks for representing our club!

CHURCH BONSPIEL

This year's Church Bonspiel has been moved from a Tuesday to Saturday, February 28th. The entry is \$76.00 per team which included lunch, and 3 – 6 end games. See Rick for more details.

USA LADIES CLUB MAKES DONATION

The USA Ladies Curling Club has folded and surprised our club with a generous cheque for over \$700 last week. Our manager Rick reported that Linda Torseth and Shirley Burns both of the former USA Ladies curling club, surprised him with a presentation from their club to ours last week. We would like to thank them very much for this thoughtful and generous donation!!

FLEA MARKET/GARAGE SALE

Don't throw out your "OLD STUFF" as it will surely be a treasure to someone else!! The Curling Club is hosting it's annual Flea Market and Garage Sale on Saturday, May 9th. Write down the date and start collecting someone else's treasures!

As always, thanks for reading and feel free to submit any news – via the link on the website or directly to me!

Kathie Jackson