



NEWSLETTER
FORT FRANCES CURLING CLUB
MARCH 2008

Hello again fellow curlers. I apologize for not keeping you up to date on the happenings of the curling club but I will do my best to now update you on everything.

BRIER RAFFLE, WORLDS PACKAGE

The lucky winner of the raffle we held for the finals weekend of the Brier was Dennis Busch. Congratulation Dennis - we know you will have a great time. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to support the curling club. We made approximately \$1,000.00 for the club!

Kevin Busch bought the World's package that was auctioned off at the Ice Box Days Bonspiel. His winning bid was \$601.00 - congratulations Kevin, and enjoy your trip to the World Curling Championships!

PLAYDOWNS

The following is a list of teams that represented Fort Frances Curling Club at Northwestern (Region 1) playdowns this year. Thank you to all competitors and we welcome any new competitors next year.

MEN'S: Lorne Jackson, Don DeBenedet, Todd Moxhami and Mike Kjerulf
Wayne Beacham, Anthony Smaha, Adam Bolen and Grant Swire
Brian Johnstone, Jon Thompson, Dan DeGagne, Aaron Bisson
LADIES: No rep.
SR. MEN'S: Raymond Roy, Don DeBenedet, Paul Fraser and
SR. LADIES: Judy LaBelle, Nancy Evans, Diane Bonot, and Trudy Badiuk
MIXED: No rep.
JUNIOR BOYS: Sean Murray, Isaac Keffer, Ethan Jordbro, and Ben Robinson
JUNIOR GIRLS: Tirzah Keffer, Samantha Mueller, Kathleen Murray, and Megan Murray
BANTAM BOYS: Isaac Keffer, Ethan Jordbro, Ben Robinson, and Travis Bois
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*****The Bantam girls team was the only team to advance on to the Provincial Playdowns this year!!!!***

BANTAM PROVINCIALS: This year's playdowns were held at the Fort Frances Curling Club. Tirzah Keffer's foursome (as listed above) represented our area. Their team did a great job, unfortunately falling just short. Idylwild's girl's team skipped by Kendra Lilly asked TirZah Keffer to play with them at the Ontario Winter Games as one of their players is unable to attend!
Good Luck Tirzah.

HIGHSCHOOL CURLING:

NORWASSAA Playdowns were held in Fort Frances Feb 25 and 26th with both of our local teams advancing to the NWOSSAA in Geraldton later this month. Congratulations to Tirzah's Keffer, Samantha Mueller, Kathleen Murray and Megan Murray and the boy's team of Mike Badiuk, Isaac Keffer, Ethan Jordbro and Sean Murray.

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LADIES BONSPIEL

As I was unable to attend this year's annual bonspiel, I have to report on second - hand information. A great time was had by all. "A" Event Winners were the Maureen Thomson rink including Leanne Eluik, Jackie Loerzel and Elaine Soucy over Colleen Scrimger, both of Fort Frances, "B" Event Winners were Judy Bain's rink of Kenora over Bonnie Broman of Fort Frances. The "C" Event was all Fort Frances with Flo Chartrand, Sarah Kelly, Jackie Windigo and Trish Mainville victorious over Kris Sinclair's foursome. Thank you to all participants and spectators, it was an annual hit as usual!

MEN'S BONSPIEL and OPEN MIXED BONSPIEL

Coming quickly *Men's*: March 28 - 30, *Mixed*: April 11 - 12. Get your entry in to Rick at the club!

LOGO CONTEST EXTENDED

As most of you are aware, the Fort Frances Curling Club is hosting the Northern Ontario Men's Curling Championships in February of 2009. This is the last step before the BRIER!!! We are looking for a creative person to submit the winning LOGO for the playdowns. The original contest ended March 1 and we have only received 4 entries. We would like more people to show us their inner talent and submit us their creation of a LOGO. Each entry has a fee of \$10.00 with the winning logo getting half the profit! Please submit to the bar before APRIL 1.

SMOKING REMINDER

A little reminder to all smokers to please use the ashtrays provided outside the entrance and please keep your distance from the doors - thanks very much!

JENNA ENGE - LOCAL CANADIAN COMPETITOR

Jenna Enge curled with Ashley Miharija's rink out of Thunder Bay this year and represented Ontario at the M & M Meats Canadian Junior Championships in SSM Ontario last month. Their team displayed a very impressive 8 - 4 record.

LITTLE ROCK/JUNIOR REPORT

On Sunday March 2, 2008 the Little Rock/Junior Curlers had their season wind-up. We had a family fun spiel with a total of 50 players participating. Our major sponsor for the Little Rocks/Juniors was Tim Horton's. After the curling was complete Gord McQuarrie from Tim Horton's presented all the players with a medal and water bottle. After supper prizes were given out to all of the junior curlers. We would like to thank Gillion's Insurance for donating the bonspiel prizes. Our last regular season session will be Friday March 7, 2008. We look forward to seeing our junior curlers again next season.

The Junior Curling Co-Chairs Kim Beaudry and Ron Silver would like to thank our on ice help - Philip Jones, Pete LeDrew, Charolte Bazylewski, Colleen Scrimger, Doug Cuthbertson, Megan Murray, Kevin Busch, Guy Beaudry and Craig Sanders. Without these volunteers we wouldn't be able to run a successful program.

CURLING WINDUP

This year's annual windup is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 - Mark your calendars. Once again Kathie and Kim will be organizing a penny auction for this event. If you or your team would like to donate a prize for this auction please contact:

Kathie Jackson at 274-9438

Kim Beaudry at 274-2921

Rick Grenda at 274-6667

prizes can be given to Rick at the Curling Club

Thanks again for reading: Kathie Jackson

