



The Official Newsletter of the Grand National Curling Club **GNCC Curling News**



The L.A. Kings hockey team used Potomac Curling Club as venue for a great team-building exercise in October. Pictured (above, counter-clockwise from left) Ethan Moreau, Davis Drewskie, Simon Gagne and Dustin Penner work a stone into the house. (Top right) NHL superstar Anze Kopitar prepares for delivery. (Bottom right) The Kings signed some team gear for future auctions to benefit the curling club.

Potomac CC hosts NHL's Kings

When a West coast NHL team looked at its schedule and saw games in Europe followed by two games on the East coast, they decided to settle into Annapolis, Md., for a few days instead of going home. They also realized that such an extended road trip could use some lighter moments to let the players have some fun.

The L.A. Kings made plans to practice at the Gardens Ice House in Laurel, Md., and realized [Potomac Curling Club](#) was right next door. So, on Oct. 11, after a few hours on the hockey ice and some pasta for lunch, the full team, coaching staff and trainers all took to the curling ice.

Even the L.A. Kings' color commentator, Jim Fox, was out there in his blazer.

At first glance it may have been like any other rental - signing waivers, confirming that ice is slippery, and giving an overview of the history and etiquette of the game but then as half the bench is from Canada, they either knew the basics already or figured it was in their bones. The other half of the bench was a quick study and the games started almost instantly.

After two hours of creative deliveries, eager sweeping, great debates of what would have happened had a rock not been kicked and plenty of

fist pumps, everyone was shaking hands and even broomstacking with some Dr. Pepper.

A collection of Potomac shirts and hats as well as two Kings shirts were autographed by the team and key players. These items will be up for auction through the season to raise money for the Potomac Curling Club concrete floor project.

It was a great afternoon with a unified, down-to-earth team of very appreciative young men. They are welcome at Potomac Curling any time in the future.

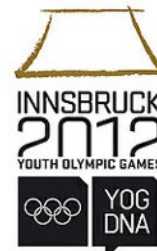
Submitted by Ann Drummie, Potomac (Md.) Curling Club

GNCC Jrs. headed to YOG playdowns

From Nov. 18- 21, 11 GNCC Junior Curlers participating on four teams will be heading to the Youth Olympic Games Playdowns being held in Grafton, N.D.

The winner of these playdowns will represent the U.S. at the Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, in January.

This is a Mixed Junior curling playdown with the following requirements for eligibility: U.S. citizen ages 16-18 (born between Jan. 1, 1994 and Dec. 31, 1995) and they must be a member of the USCA.



GNCC Players and Coaches (and club) represented include:

Team Dropkin: Corey Dropkin ([Broomstones](#)), Sarah Anderson ([Philadelphia](#)),

Thomas Howell ([Plainfield](#)), Taylor Anderson (Philadelphia). Coached by Keith Dropkin (Broomstones) and Wayne Anderson (Philadelphia).

Team Burchesky: Sean Burchesky (Broomstones), Libby Brundage (Nutmeg), Miles Hogarth ([Nutmeg](#)), Emily Winter (Nutmeg). Coached by Derek Surka (Nutmeg) and Charrissa Lin (Nutmeg)

Team Dudd: Daniel Dudd (Philadelphia), Cameron Vike (Philadelphia), Coached by Brian Dudd (Philadelphia)

Team Lank: Mackenzie Lank ([Rochester](#)).

Submitted by Mark Mooney, Plainfield (N.J.) Curling Club

GNCC President's Letter

Proposed USCA by-law changes require your input, anticipation builds for new curling season

It is 2011 and curling is thriving in the GNCC region. I have the distinct pleasure of serving as President of this 4,000 member, 50 club strong region for the next two years.

I hope to work with a very strong board of directors and committee volunteer groups to continue the grand traditions, keen competition and sincere cooperation from all clubs in the Grand National.

As we start the new curling season we have two new clubs to welcome: [Mount Washington Valley Curling Club](#), of Conway, N. H., and [Curling Club of Virginia](#) in Richmond, Va. As has been the recent trend, both of these clubs will be using arena ice, making a total of 20 clubs in the Grand National designated as Arena curling clubs.

Since our last newsletter, the 2nd GNCC Arena Club Championship was held at Triangle CC in June and several arena clubs have been curling over the summer. I have personal knowledge of one of these, Coastal Carolina Curling Club of Wilmington, N.C. Coastal Carolina has been curling since early August because of the GNCC Rock Lease Program.

The Rock Lease Program, a key development tool for new clubs, now has 20 sets of GNCC stones leased to clubs and the committee continues

working to serve the needs of clubs wanting to add more rocks. It is critical to the success of the GNCC for new clubs to get off to a strong start, and with the Grassroots Curling Committee there is help, support and assistance available for the new arena clubs.

The older clubs with dedicated ice are the strength of the Grand National. With a full schedule of national playdowns and GNCC championships, it takes the efforts and cooperation of all clubs to accommodate the need for these competitions, and you will see a nice schedule for all events this year and beyond.

Besides just running our region, the GNCC is now involved with deciding how the United States Curling Association should be governed. This summer, a special governance task force proposed a major change for the by-laws for the USCA as the national governing body. These changes were endorsed by the present USCA board of directors by a slim margin. Two of the three members elected by GNCC membership voted in favor of the changes. However, to change the by-laws it takes a two-thirds' majority of the membership. Presently, the membership is the Regional and State curling associations, but the proposed change would make individual clubs the members. It is likely

that I, as President of the GNCC, will be called on to vote the GNCC's position on the by-law change at the Spring USCA meeting in April. So, for the next several months I would ask that you look at the proposed by-law changes (available at the GNCC Web site) and read the discussion in the Curling News and give input to myself and to other GNCC Officers and Directors so it can be channeled to the USCA governance task force. Since the issue is important and we want to represent the views of our membership we are considering moving the date of the GNCC annual meeting so our regional vote will represent the "will" of the GNCC membership.

However, as the cooler Autumn temperatures arrive, the desire to get on the ice and curl is our strongest feeling and I urge all of us to really get involved with our local leagues and clubs to really create great opportunities to enjoy the game and to teach its GRAND TRADITIONS to all of our new members. Think back to your first joys of curling, and make sure you pass on that feeling to those you meet on the ice.

Good Curling,

**Dick Macartney, President
Grand National Curling Club**

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Electronic accounting has arrived

Electronic Accounting for the GNCC is here! A major upgrade to the GNCC accounting practices has been underway for a couple years, and with the help of Bunkie Harmon, Gwen Krailo, Ted Pitt, Carl Thomas, Dick Macartney, Sally MacKenzie, Chris Banino and a few professional accountants, the Peachtree Accounting system is up and running.

The accounting has been revised to keep much better track of where funds come from and where they're spent. In addition, running all deposits and checks through the electronic accounting make audits easier and cheaper than using manual books. This is all required to assure the GNCC is run in accordance with 501(c)3 laws and we maintain transparency to GNCC members.

For all invoices and payment requests, send the documentation to:

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This will make crediting your account easy and accurate.

Instructor clinic scheduled for Dec. 3 at Chesapeake

Grand National Curling Club is offering the following instructor clinic this upcoming season. There is just one more session scheduled for this year:

Dec. 3 – Level I Chesapeake

Instructor clinics may be scheduled for any time throughout the season at the request of a curling club. Arrangements can be made through GNCC's Coordinator of Instruction and Coaching, Sandra McMakin, via email at s.mcmakin@comcast.net.

Officiating courses offered in November

We currently have two officiating courses scheduled for early this season and we are in the process of setting up a third session. There is one confirmed upcoming session:

Nov. 13 at Potomac Curling Club: Laurel, Md. This is a Level I and Level II course. For more information on this officiating course, please contact Melissa Fox via email at melissa.k.fox@gmail.com.

GNCC is also in the process of setting up a course in the Philadelphia area to be held before the end of 2011.

Keep checking the GNCC and USCA Web sites for information on the exact dates for this course. If other GNCC clubs wish to have an officiating course in their area, please contact Ken McPartlin at his email, kmcpa6828@aol.com.

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The winning rink at the Arena Championships: Alex Visnich, Beth Lehman, Nick Visnich, Brian Stuart, of Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh takes top honors at GNCC Arena Championships

In June, [Triangle Curling Club](#) hosted the 2nd GNCC Arena Club Championship.

A total of 13 clubs were represented up and down the East, from Vermont to Florida.

Participants traveled from [Anthracite Curling](#) (Pa.), [Atlanta Curling](#) (Ga.), [Bucks County](#) (Pa.), [Charlotte](#) (N.C.), [Coastal Carolina](#) (N.C.), [Long Island](#) (N.Y.), [Ocean State Curling](#) (R.I.), [Palmetto](#) (S.C.), [Panthers](#) (Fla.), [Pittsburgh](#) (Pa.), [Triangle](#) (N.C.), [Virginia](#), and [Woodstock](#) (Vt.). A total of 22 teams participated, a substantial increase from the 14 teams competing in last year's GNCC Arena Club Championships in Woodstock, Vt.

This championship bonspiel allowed arena curlers to compete against their peers who are keen on curling but face the challenges of zamboni

lines, uneven ice and limited availability.

GNCC brought world class ice makers down to prepare the ice. The crew of Jim Gleason, Jim Ridenour, Jim Nordstog, Jason Gleason, Joey Erjavic, and Rich Ashford arrived a few days before the event with an electric Ice King scraper, a nipper and other equipment unavailable to the typical arena club. Utilizing a combined 100 years of ice-making experience – including their work at various Men's, Women's and Senior World Curling Championships, Canada's Brier competitions and the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics – the Ice Guys created an extraordinary transformation of the Polar Ice House at the Factory's arena into a surface truly worthy of championship curling. We were incredibly honored

and grateful to have them with us this weekend.

For the second year in a row, the winner of the Arena Championship First Event was a team from Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh-2, led by Skip Brian Stuart, won four games and the Championship trophy by defeating Charlotte-3, Skipped by Jeremy Hozjan in the final.

The winners of the other three events were: Triangle-3, led by Howie Zwiefel (Second); Rich Collins' Triangle-2 (Third) and defending champion Ashford's Pittsburgh-1 (Fourth).

Thanks to all of the many participants and volunteers for making this year's edition of GNCC Arena Championships a fun and successful event.

Submitted by Nick Witcraft and Rich Collins, Triangle (N.C.) Curling Club

Fundraising helps N.Y. Club make improvements

Thanks to an effective recent fundraising effort, in addition to the club's membership growth over the past few seasons, the [Schenectady Curling Club](#) has been given an opportunity to make some new investments toward building improvements that we expect will ultimately result in an improved playing experience for all curlers.

Earlier in 2011, SCC was presented with a draft energy efficiency feasibility that was coordinated through the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA). This program permitted the club to undergo a professional survey of its existing heating, ventilation, ice making and building envelope systems at a very attractive cost.

As a result of the report, the Board of Managers began the first phase of a multi-year investment program in our building. Starting in mid-August 2011, the club had applied high-efficiency insulation to the exterior of our building envelope, to reduce the infiltration of exterior air, which oftentimes has undesirable temperature and humidity levels. The club had also instituted a replacement of our ice shed's exterior doors, which will also contribute to a tightening of the building envelope.

The club's membership is excited making these investments in our facility, which will ultimately result in an improved ice surface. So please consider visiting Schenectady during the 2011-12 season, and see what we have done, and what we have in store for the future.

Submitted by Charlene Fitzgerald, Schenectady (N.Y.) Curling Club

For results on all GNCC bonspiels, visit the Web page ...

www.gncc.org

International Wheelchair 'spiel a great success for Cape Cod

Our 2nd Annual International Wheelchair bonspiel was truly amazing. Russia was against British Columbia in the Finals and it was a pretty close game throughout but, in the end, Russia prevailed and won the First Event with an undefeated record for the entire 'spiel.

Quebec won handily over Scotland for the Second Event – which was rather surprising since Scotland did much better in the round robin before this game.

USA defeated a USA/Canada team by a wide margin and that game was conceded early for the Third Event. The toast given by Tony Colacchio on the ice, following the piper and the Wheelchair Athletes' procession, an emotional one and the feeling was overwhelming for everyone.

The awards were equally as moving. Nancy Jones, who donated the First Event winner trophy along with her late husband, Mac, presented the hardware to Russia. She spoke about Mac, who just passed away this year in February. It was a tribute to them both for what they have done to benefit this event.

The Russian team made their introductions and expressions of gratitude through their administrator and interpreter, Alexandra Ryzhkova. They asked if all of the Russians on their team could come up together to say any further words and take pictures of all of them – as they came with additional able-bodied travelers and a couple of spares to play for the team in rotation. There were 11 of them in all. One of them, a young man, Oleg Makarov, played on our Cape Cod team for the entire tournament and he did not go up with his comrades until after the awards were given out and speeches were made.

Then he joined his Russian associates to address the audience with his country men and women behind him and asked to speak. He did as Sasha [Alexandra Ryzhkova] translated for him. He told his story of being very skeptical about curling with a "strange" team, being so apprehensive because he wouldn't know them and he wouldn't be able to speak with them. Instead, it turned out to be such a wonderful experience for him, he said.

He continued to say all the people here and on his team were wonderful, and everything was so good. He finished with the words, in English, "Cape Cod, I love you," gesturing with his hand to his heart, his eyes welling as he was overcome with his own expression of deep emotion.

This was a great tribute to Oleg's American Skip, Meghan Lino, and his teammates, David Sawyer and Michael Cameron, who all found a way to break through the language barrier and play some wonderful games together as a unit.

This, alone, speaks in a way that can not be measured by those shown in the tournament statistics. It was all very worthwhile and every team said they'll be back again. We know they will and we'll have more teams because the word is spreading fast about the Cape Cod International Wheelchair Summerspiel being the best of all.

Submitted by Mary Colacchio,
[Cape Cod Curling Club](#)

Consider placing Gordon Medal Championship on your bonspiel calendar

Just four years after the Civil War and five years before the first running of the Kentucky Derby, United States curlers were competing for the coveted championship Gordon Medal, donated by Scotsman Robert Gordon.

The Gordon Grand National Championship is one of the oldest sporting events in North America, surpassed only by the America's Cup yacht races (1851) and the Bell Quoit Silver Medal (1867), an iceless summer bonspiel where quoits – the forerunners to horseshoes – are thrown.

The Gordon medal was first put in play in 1869, and has been held annually ever since, with the exception of five years because of world wars and thaws (curling rinks were outdoors in the early years).

The GNCC, at the time, was the national governing body of the sport; it now encompasses the eastern states from Florida to Maine. The Gordon Medal competition serves as the organization's annual Men's championship, and Schenectady has been its primary home since 1917.

The Gordon medal itself is a large, intricate silver medallion donated by Gordon, a New York City businessman. The names of the winning rinks were inscribed on the back of the medal for the first 13 years, then nameplates for the winning rinks were linked onto the medal each year after that. Well over a century later, the chain stretches some six feet.

The Second Event is the Richard Stockton Emmett Medal, another prize with a lengthy chain of linked templates, which has been in play since 1932. The 64-year-old Mohawk medal is awarded in the Third Event, and the Gordon semi-final matches play for the Rally Reid Medal in the Fourth Event.

Please consider putting this prestigious and historic bonspiel on your list of events to attend this curling season and check out all the improvements Schenectady Curling Club has made to its ice shed.

Submitted by Charlene Fitzgerald,
Schenectady (N.Y.) Curling Club

Upgrades made, impending on GNCC Web site, newsletter

We've been working very hard to upgrade all our communications methods to the latest technologies. Please bear with us as we are still a work in progress. Below are highlights of changes made over the summer after the ice melted.

Newsletter

This fall is the beginning of what is hopefully a multi-year term by the new newsletter editor, [Joshua Sophy](#), of Anthracite Curling (Pa.). Do not hesitate to send him articles and/or ideas. You can contact him through the Newsletter Editor link on the Web site's Contacts page.

This will be the first time the newsletter is sent out via email to all those people who supplied their clubs with email addresses. Not only will this allow you to receive your newsletter two weeks ahead of the postal delivery but it will save GNCC thousands of dollars each year! Currently, we have valid email addresses for approximately one-half of the membership who is supposed to receive the newsletter. Please supply your club with your latest email address and choose "electronic" as your preferred method of communication delivery. NOTE: The newsletter is emailed in PDF format, easily printed on 8½ x 11 paper.

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If you've been to the Web site over the past year you've seen a lot of changes. Again, understand that it's still a work in progress.

We're in the process of improving the front page in an effort to provide more timely and relevant information. At some point soon, the newsletter editor will start posting current stories.

The calendar has been updated to display all known GNCC events, including training. USCA and GNCC events are highlighted in red and blue and if you click on their respective links

at the top you will see extensive related information.

The Contacts page has been updated and is tied to the membership data so it will always be as up-to-date as the information GNCC is given. One note: for all membership/dues questions please use the "Membership (Dues)" contact and not the Treasurer.

We now have a Member Area. If you provided your club, who in turn provided GNCC, with a valid email address, you should have an ID and password to access the site.

A username is generated for you (in most cases it's the first letter of your first name and your complete last name). The password is also a randomly generated collection of characters that are encrypted in our member database so even the Webmaster can't tell you what it is. To retrieve your username or password, you can use the "Forgot your..." links on the login page. If you receive a message indicating the e-mail address could not be found, please send an email to the Webmaster. It is imperative your club always have your most recent information because that's how GNCC gets its data.

Current Features

- **Membership Statistics** - Check out the membership data, separated out by club, gender, state, etc. It's fun data and also proof we finally have all the membership data online!

- **Past Presidents List** - This was more a proof of concept thing, and don't you just love the image?

- **Member Search** - Use this to find a member within GNCC. Currently the data is restricted to only name, city/state and the ability to send the person an email (for members with an email address). Only a handful of administrators have access to the complete membership contact data.

- **Member Profile** - Use this area to update your personal data. You will also find your Member ID, a 5-digit, permanent number you can proudly

carry with you. It's important to note that you should always make sure your club has the most recent data as well. The process is that each fall we send your club a spreadsheet of the current data. The clubs then update the spreadsheet, return it to us and we import it back into the database. So if your club has outdated information for you it may overwrite any changes you made in your profile.

When possible, please choose "Email" as your mail choice as it will a) allow you to receive the newsletter and information emails from GNCC, b) it will save GNCC thousands of dollars in printing and postal expenses and c) get the newsletter to you as soon as it's complete. One final note on this is only one member can use any given email address as their contact email. So if you have two people who generally share the same email address we suggest you get a second email address ... they're free.

Future Features

- **Member Forums** - This is essentially an electronic bulletin board for members. It will be an area where people can ask questions about things like skills or strategy or rules and get answers from other curlers. It will also be a place for people to buy/sell/trade curling equipment or memorabilia. We want to make sure a critical mass of people is aware of the Web site before we turn on this feature.

There were several good ideas received from the Web site survey last season, so don't get frustrated if you haven't seen your idea implemented yet. We still plan to have an area dedicated to Arena curling and we're looking into doing some curler bios/profiles, time permitting.

If you have any other suggestions or issues (bugs), don't hesitate to send an email to the Webmaster. Do note that polite emails tend to get answered more rapidly.

Submitted by Rob LeVine,
GNCC Communications Director



Twenty-six Junior Curlers converged upon Bucks County Curling in Pa., for a camp in August.

26 Juniors attend Pennsylvania camp

On Aug. 11, 26 campers arrived for the 14th Annual Junior Curling Camp held at the [Bucks County Curling Club](#) in Warminster, Pa.

The campers represented 12 clubs from GNCC, GLCA, and from Ontario, Canada.

Campers learned delivery mechanics, sweeping technique, strategy, decision-making and team and communications systems. As the camp progressed, each skill was reinforced with coached game play.

At the end of the camp, three campers were selected for the Katie Beck Memorial Award in memory of the late Katie Beck, 2002 Junior Women's World Champion. This award was setup with the following criteria: coachability, sportsmanship, positive attitude, committed to junior curling, and eligibility for playdowns in the current season.

One camper was awarded a \$100 gift certificate, and two others were awarded \$75 gift certificates from [BroomsUp Curling Supplies](#). After receiving input from the instruction staff, the \$100 gift certificate winner was Daniel Dudt from the Philadelphia Curling Club and the \$75 gift certificate winners were Sarah Ogawa from

Philadelphia and William Pryor from Ardsley.

Mark Mooney, the GNCC Junior Coordinator, and Sandra McMakin, USCA Coaching and Curling Instruction Coordinator, coordinated the camp again this year. Sandra did a great job assembling a team of instructors from the region.

Sandra brought in Cindy Bishop, the curling professional and manager at the Weston Golf & Country Club and lead instructor at Trillium Junior Curling Camp in Canada. Cindy brought her 14 years of national and international coaching experience to the camp. In Canada, she has served as the Provincial High Performance Coach in Ontario and New Brunswick. On the international ice she has been the national coach for both Team Austria and Team Netherlands Women's rinks.

The camp was able to arrange to have Matt Perushek, the Second on the 2008 Junior World Championship Chris Plys team, and Laura Hallisey, the Lead for the 2010 National Championship Women's team, meet with the Juniors. They brought a lot of their experiences and words of wisdom, which all the campers enjoyed hearing.

Rounding out the instructors for the camp were Mike Graves (Midland, MI),

Wayne Anderson, Monica Walker, Jillian Walker, Nikki Rosetti, Brandon Corbett and Lenny Gaines. Derek Corbett also assisted as a junior instructor.

Mark asked Rich Ashford from Pittsburgh to run the ice committee. Rich assembled a committee consisting of Corbett, Aaron Dubberley, Anderson and Joe Philips.

Rich also arranged for several pieces of equipment to be borrowed from the Philadelphia Curling Club. After a challenging first night, the ice for the remainder of the camp was in great condition.

For volunteers, several parents stepped forward and helped with whatever was asked. One instrumental volunteer was Sheila Mullaney from Broomstones Curling Club. Whenever something needed to be done, Sheila was there to help. Her help made the camp run smoothly.

Special thanks must be given to Kevin Stayer and the entire staff at Bucks County Curling Club and Bucks County Ice Sports Center.

Overall, everyone had a great time, with several campers already putting it on their curling calendars for next year.

Submitted by Mark Mooney, Plainfield (N.J.) Curling Club

Potomac's McMakin earns Coach of the Year honor

Sandra McMakin (Potomac, Md.) has been named 2011 USA Curling Developmental Coach of the Year.

McMakin was nominated for her work with the Stephen Dropkin junior team, which finished second at the 2011 USA Curling Junior National Championships, as well as Brandon Corbett's men's team, which competed in the men's national qualifier. The award also honors McMakin's ongoing dedication to coaching and training curlers.

"It's been a wonderful experience and a privilege to work as a member of the coaching support for both Team Dropkin and Team Corbett," said McMakin, who curled for 25 years in Alberta, Canada, before moving from Calgary to Pittsburgh in 2000. She has been actively involved with USA Curling in many capacities since that time including coaching, arena curling, training, instruction, and youth curling.

A member of the Potomac Curling Club in Washington, D.C., McMakin has been involved in numerous camps and clinics across the United States. She is a USA Curling Level III instructor, Level III coach and Level I official. She has served as program director of the East Region Junior Camp since 2008; coordinator of GNCC Instruction and Coaching Committee since 2007; and is currently USA Curling's chairwoman of the Instruction and Training Committee. She previously chaired the association's Arena Curling Committee and also served as a curling instructor in Canada.

"I love the depth of the sport of curling, and I'm constantly learning with every event I attend, whether as a player, coach, course conductor or other type of event volunteer," McMakin said.

A Developmental Coach of the Year nominee is coach of a youth club, high school or junior-level coach, or a coach

directly responsible for coaching athletes to the junior and/or elite level. The Development Coach of the Year award is determined by the USA Curling Coaching Committee. Winners of these awards are nominated for the United States Olympic Committee annual coaching awards as well.

"Curling is the ultimate team sport with all four players involved in every shot. When curling teams work hard and play the game with trust and respect, magic happens on the ice - and it's a great feeling to be a part of that," McMakin said. "I had so much fun this past season with all the curlers, coaches and instructors I worked with and I'm honored to be recognized for that by the USCA."

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