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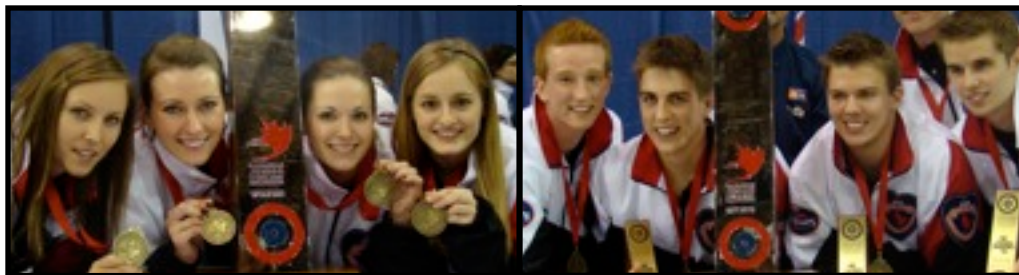
The OCA is pleased to bring you its Electronic Newsletter, offering brief accounts of the latest news, information, and programs available to clubs, curlers and fans

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WORLD JUNIORS

Congratulations to our Junior Women and Junior Men who are representing Ontario and all of Canada in Flims, Switzerland from March 6-14. The last time both Junior teams represented one province was in 2003, when Saskatchewan teams Laycock and Miller both won gold. We hope that's a good omen for our teams! Both were also at the Olympics for inspiration due to



winning the TCA bonspiel. Now, they're in Switzerland. Teams Canada: representing the Ottawa Curling Club is Rachel Homan (skip), Emma Miskew, Laura Crocker and Lynn Kreviazuk; and

representing the Westmount Golf & Country Club is Jake Walker (skip), Craig VanYmeren, Geoff Chambers & Matthew Mapletoft. Way to represent Ontario and Canada!!!!

CANADIAN SENIORS SET FOR OTTAWA IN MARCH

The Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club will be hosting the Canadian Seniors March 19-28. The OCA will be represented by our own Director of Women's Competitions, Dale

Curtis from the Brampton Curling Club; and Gareth Parry from the Brant Curling Club. Event passes are \$50. For more information about this event, you can visit www.ottawahuntclub.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Intermediate men & women in Fergus from March 10-13
 - Colts and Trophy in Kingsville from March 17-20
 - Bantam and Junior Mixed in Ilderton March 31 - April 3
 - Womens and Silver Tankard at Annandale April 4
 - Mixed and Senior Mixed in Guelph from April 7-11
- Click www.ontcurl.com regularly to find more updates & information.

Get help for your club with our off-ice business team

Meeting the challenge of survival in today's marketplace is a constant concern for every Curling Club. Clubs continue to experience a variety of problems adapting to a constantly changing business environment. The OCA Off-Ice Business Team can assist those clubs to meet the challenges. The Team can help identify helpful management tools and the steps required to adopt those tools as a means of providing their customers with improved products and services.

The OCA Business Team of highly qualified Business Managers / Executives is available to OCA member clubs at no charge*. The Team can assist with any club business issues that Clubs may experience. Help for Club

Managers and Boards is only a phone call away and if a personal visit is needed, that too can be arranged.

Aspects that may benefit from the OCA Business Team include:

- Bookkeeping & Accounting
- Human Resources
- Food & Beverage Controls
- Planning Capital Purchases
- Controlling Expenses
- Marketing & Promotion
- Revenue Generation
- Member Recruitment

Contact the OCA office to learn more and allow us to specifically identify an individual to discuss details with you confidentially.

* The Team member may negotiate a fee if extra work beyond the scope of the Business Team is requested.

Carolyn Moutenay

OCA Achievement Award Winner

Almonte's Carolyn Moutenay has been running the bantam program for years. She's a great volunteer, and always giving her all. The night I drove to Almonte to present her with the OCA Achievement Award, I could have picked her out without any assistance, she was running around making sure everyone was fed, the dishes were cleaned up and dessert was served. She has been making sure that the bantams in Almonte have the instruction and opportunities they need to learn and love the sport of curling. That includes the regular coaching and instruction, but goes beyond to transportation and other support. Meeting such an enthusiastic and friendly person was a privilege. Carolyn is another of the great people I have met through curling that have made me love the sport. She does so much for Almonte. Her award was very well deserved. Congratulations Carolyn. And thank you for all the wonderful work you do for curling!



Keep in touch! Editor Tim Gall and I would love to hear from you. Send us your story ideas & comments to pomalis@magma.ca. Join our facebook group. Tell your friends to sign up for our newsletter at www.ontcurl.com.

Good Curling!

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