



Canadian Stick Curling Association

News & Notes #1

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Sherril Minns Elected CSCA Chair

CSCA's Executive Committee has elected Sherril Minns (NB) to lead them as the 2023-24 Chair of the Canadian Stick Curling Association. Sherril has served as the Rules & Events Director for the past two seasons.

Resby Coutts (MB) will take over as Rules & Events Director. Newly elected Jean Lamere (PQ) is now Executive Committee Secretary. Britta Spiring (MB) and Bruce Densmore (NS) will continue as Vice-Chair/Treasurer and Education/Promotion Director respectively.

2024 & 2025 Championship Sites

2024: Toronto's Leaside Curling Club will host the 2024 CSCA Championship event, featuring an Open and a Women's Division. The event will take place April 19-22, 2024 (practice on April 18). The event details and entry information will be published in the fall.

2025: At the Nanaimo Championships last April, Grande Prairie, AB was announced as "the likely host for 2025". The CSCA Executive Committee has finalized that site location. The date is yet to be finalized but will be in the first half of the month of April.

Manitoba Stick Curling Tour

Plans have been announced for a Manitoba Stick Curling Tour to operate in 2023-24 season. Operating at arm's length from the MSCA, the Tour's primary function will be to support clubs and their bonspiels by encouraging curlers to participate in one or two more bonspiels.

Initially ten bonspiels have been identified – others will be added. Tour organizers will be maintaining a team ranking based on their results achieved in the identified events. The top-ranked Open & top-ranked Women's teams will earn entries into the February provincial stick championships.

Nova Scotia Update

The chair of the NS Stick Curling Association (NSSCA) made a presentation on stick curling in NS at the June 10, 2023 NSCA AGM. The presentation included a short history of the NSSCA, a discussion of current activities and a discussion of future projects. Joint initiatives highlighted as completed in the past year were the curling club accessibility study done with NSCA & Parasport NS and a video project with the NS Community College.

(June 30, 2023): This is a first attempt by the Canadian Stick Curling Association to develop a national newsletter – an attempt to provide current information as well as a direct connection to invite input from the curlers in 2-person stick curling leagues across the country. Contact & subscription information can be found in the box at the bottom. We'll try to keep it simple – the news in the column at the left and the notes here on the right!

RULES COMMITTEE: The mandate of the Rules Committee is to ensure the rules of play evolve to fit the needs of our sport. The standard rules may be adapted to fit specific situations across the country but generally the same rules are in play in all provinces. Suggestions to improve the current rules are invited. Contact the committee directly at cdnstickr.e@gmail.com.

EVENTS COMMITTEE: The mandate of the Events Committee is to provide the operating guidelines for the Championships event. It is also to recommend change as deemed necessary for the continued growth of our sport. For the next two years, the championship event will feature an Open and a Women's Championship. Discussion began at the AGM in Nanaimo in regard to evolution and growth toward a different format and a more competitive focus for the championships. The intent will be to try to make recommendations of change (or not) so clubs bidding to host in 2026 will know the format for that year.

THANK YOU TO RANDY OLSON: At the conclusion of the AGM in Nanaimo, Randy Olson advised that he would be stepping down as a Director & Chair of the CSCA. Randy provided positive and imaginative leadership during his two year term as Chair in the formalization of the bylaws, structures and procedures of our organization. THANKS!! To Randy – best wishes for the future.

WELL DONE NANAIMO: The Nanaimo Curling Club host committee did a great job with the 2023 championships – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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