

NSSCA UPDATE
September 2023

Lots going on even before the start of the 2023-2024 curling season.

- 1) Nova Scotia teams finished first (Keith Bennett & Paul Landry) and second (Chuck Dyke and Dave MacDougall) at the National Stick Curling Championship held in Nanaimo BC.
- 2) The 55+ games are being held at the Bluenose CC on September 22-23 to start the season. Sixteen stick curling teams are competing.
- 3) The Stick Curling Men's and Women's provincial championship will be held at the Bluenose Curling Club February 16-18, 2024. There may also be games scheduled for the Thursday night or Monday morning dependent on registration numbers.
- 4) The Stick Curling Mixed Championship will be held at the Amherst Curling Club January 19-21, 2024.
- 5) The stick curling provincial championships for 2024-2025 & 2025 – 2026 will be hosted at
 - a. Mixed Bridgewater CC
 - b. Men's & Women's Lakeshore CC
- 6) Nova Scotia has been chosen to host the 2026 National Stick Curling Championship
- 7) NSSCA has received funding from Sport NS for the third and final year of our clinic program to grow stick curling in Nova Scotia. We thank both Sport NS for the funding and NSCA for their support of our funding application.
- 8) NSCA and NSSCA are currently negotiating an Associate Membership arrangement that will formalize our interactions.
- 9) NSSCA has initiated discussions with the NS Community College Non-Profit program to work collaboratively with students in their program. Last year we worked with the NSCC Visual Arts program to produce a series of stick curling related videos.
- 10) We lost our stick curling mixed championship sponsor and are in the hunt for a replacement sponsor.
- 11) The Hall of Fame application forms are going 100% electronic and the nomination deadline has been extended to December 31. We encourage you to nominate deserving stick curlers.

- 12) NSSCA is developing a marketing plan to coordinate its varied efforts.
- 13) NSSCA executive approved a Diversity policy and a Trans-gender Athlete policy at their September board meeting.
- 14) The NS Stick Curling Competitive League will have ten men's teams and eight women's teams this year and play three tournaments.
- 15) Kim Whytock has resigned from the NSSCA board. We thank Kim for his service these past few years. Kim has been replaced by Marilyn Neily from the Bridgewater CC. Marilyn brings a wealth of experience in corporate governance to our Board.