

**OVCA Youth Symposium**  
**Sunday, September 19, 2010**  
**Navan Curling Club**

It was a beautiful summer-like day; the Terry Fox Run and Canada Army Run were taking place; the Shorty Jenkins Classic finals were on in Brockville. However, 22 people came out for the Youth Symposium, representing 10 Curling Clubs in the OVCA. A list of attendees is below. There are 120 names on our database, so the turnout was a bit disappointing.

Tom Sinclair welcomed everyone, and thanked Navan Curling Club for hosting, and Bob and Lynda Rodney for preparing lunch. Everyone introduced themselves.

Doug Kreviazuk talked about the 17<sup>th</sup> annual **Junior Superspiel**, and how important it has been in giving teams in the OVCA the opportunity to play against the best Junior teams in Canada and around the world. This year the reigning men's world champion from Switzerland and the runner up from Scotland will both be here. The **Qualifier** is taking place October 15-17 in Almonte and there are 10 men's and 11 women's teams signed up. Three women's teams and three men's team will win an entry into the Superspiel. Doug is looking for one more women's team so that one team does not have to be dropped. Contact is David Brown ([David.Brown@lac-bac.gc.ca](mailto:David.Brown@lac-bac.gc.ca)). The **Pro Am** is at 3:45 pm on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Navy, and Bantam coordinators and coaches are asked to send four names to Marian Dupont ([marian.dupont@bell.net](mailto:marian.dupont@bell.net)). A total of 16 bantams will play a 4-end game against the "pros", have a photo op, and enjoy pizza and a beverage with the team.

**Calendar of Events:** Tom went through the extensive calendar of OCA competitions as well some of the bonspiels and other events. Some OCA Zone 2 youth events are still looking for sites. Dates are to be confirmed at the Fall Zone meetings. Zone 2 has already been held. Zone 1 is Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at Glengarry Curling Club in Maxville and Zone 3 is Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> at Arnprior. Zone 1 Juniors conflicts with the OJCT event in Huntley. Linda Laverie will explore the possibility of moving it to the same weekend as Zones 2 and 3.

**LCA Junior and Bantam Girls:** takes place on Sunday December 12 at the RA. Entry forms are up on the OVCA website. This year the event will include teams from Quebec, and there will be no championship game. (last year it was cancelled due to lack of entries in Quebec).

**Orphan Clinic:** For curlers looking for a team or teams looking for a curler. The event takes place on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> at Carleton Heights Curling Club, 9 am to noon. Contact Don Richardson ([manager-carletonheightscc@bellnet.ca](mailto:manager-carletonheightscc@bellnet.ca))

**Rules:** This year the women's team members must be members of the same curling club. Also the Bantam and Junior Mixed zone playdowns will again only guarantee one entry to Regionals depending on the numbers of entries in all the zones.

**Little Rock Championship:** RCMP is responsible to find a host for Zone 1; Manotick for Zone 2 and Richmond for Zone 3. Perth is responsible for finding a host for the Little Rock Championship. After some discussion about the format of the zone playdowns, it was decided that there should be no more than 3 games – could be pools, double knockout, or 2 draws, depending on what works best for the number of teams and size of the club. Two teams will be accepted into the zone playdown from each club, unless there is room for more. Entry fees will go to the organizer of the zone playdown.

**Bantam Team Clinic:** will be held in the Spring if enough teams are interested. It is geared for 13-16 year olds, though younger players may be accepted if their coach feels they are mature enough to manage the day. Contact Liz Armstrong ([liz.armstrong@primus.ca](mailto:liz.armstrong@primus.ca)) if your team is interested. Coaches may also attend as an observer coach.

**Coaching requirements:** after lunch Liz went through the coaching requirement for this season, but especially for next season as there are big changes taking place. Bantam and Junior Mixed will remain the same, only a chaperone is required (with a police check). Junior and Bantam coaches will have to be certified competition coaches. Included in this is the requirement to have a [2-hour evaluation session](#) one-on-one with an evaluator, and complete the on-line [Making Ethical Decisions \(MED\) evaluation](#). The only Competition Coach session near our area is in Trenton October 23-24. Liz is taking names of people interested in taking the course this year and will try to set one up in our area if enough show interest. All of the information about coaching requirements are on the OCA website (<http://www.ontcurl.com>). If you are unsure of your current status, or what your requirements are, contact Tom Ward ( [tom@ontcurl.com](mailto:tom@ontcurl.com)) Coaches must re-certify (could be every 3 to 5 years), and a police check is good for 3 years.

**Video equipment:** is available through Tom. It includes the computer, camera, software etc. And Tom will also soon have a speed trap available for loan. One set of the video equipment is being used by Martin Cavanaugh in Western Quebec/Hawkesbury/Vankleek Hill this season.

**Intermediate (Lite) Rocks:** Tom is arranging to sell the two sets of Intermediate rocks currently owned by the OVCA. Therefore they will no longer be available to lend out. However, grants are still available for purchasing a new set of Lite Rocks. Applications must be received before January 15. The application form is on the OVCA website (<http://www.ovca.com/youth/resources.htm>)

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.

See list of attendees on next page

Phil Bellissimo	Carleton Heights	Coach
Allen Hopley	Metcalfe	Junior Coordinator
Michael Coldwell	Manotick	Bantam Coach
Cynthia Millan	Navan	Little Rock Coordinator
Bruce Gannon	Navy	Coach
Maureen Parry	Navy	Junior Coordinator
Penny MacDonald	North Grenville	Little Rock Coordinator
Linda Laverie	OCA	Junior Zone Rep
Liz Armstrong	OVCA	Development Director
Marian Dupont	OVCA	President
Tom Sinclair	OVCA	Youth Director
Doug Kreviazuk	OVCA	Junior Superspiel Chairman
Sandy Booth	RCMP	Little Rock/Junior Coordinator
Dean Ruth	RCMP	Bantam Coach
Jeff Anderson	Richmond	Little Rocks Coach
Emilia Michaud	Richmond	Bantam Coordinator
Bert Michaud	Richmond	Little Rock Coach
Larry Ryan	Richmond	Little Rock Coordinator
Doug Sears	Richmond	Coach
Keith Tanner	Richmond	Bantams
Rick Collins	Rideau	Junior/Little Rock Coordinator
John Cull	Russell	Youth Coordinator
Ryan Mallory	Winchester	Assistant Bantam Coordinator