

► 2008 – 2009 BONSPIEL  
CALENDAR INFORMATION  
IS NEEDED. PLEASE  
INCLUDE JUNIOR EVENTS.

○ September | ○ 2008

► BEMIDJI CURLING CLUB  
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# Minnesota Curling Association News

## Meet your MCA Board of Directors and Curling Coordinators

As the 2008-2009 season begins you probably should get to know your MCA Board of Directors. Your representative Directors on the USCA Board are Kent Beadle – St. Paul, Tim Solie - Mapleton, and Cyndee Johnson – Duluth. Cyndee replaced Bob Fenson as his term expired. Thank you to Bob for his years of service. Kent, Tim, and Cyndee are all long time curlers and outstanding members of the MCA who will represent our best interests at the USCA level.

Your MCA Executives are Jay Osbakken – Two Harbors – Treasurer, Head Official; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (VP Club Development) - Mike Floerschinger – St. Paul / Cambridge, assisted by Nancy Haggemiller – Alexandria;

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (VP Championships) – Matt Rudig – Duluth; and myself, Norma O'Leary – Two Harbors / Duluth – President. Cathy Erickson – Two Harbors – will serve as our Secretary.

Mike Floerschinger, also handles the MCA calendar so please submit all bonspiel dates to Mike at [mfloerch@yahoo.com](mailto:mfloerch@yahoo.com) A.S.A.P. to assist him getting the Calendar ready for print as rapidly as possible.

Darcy Ellarby – Burnsville has accepted the new position of Regional Training and Instruction Coordinator. Her purpose is to serve as a liaison between the USCA and local clubs within the MCA concerning training and instruction. Darcy has developed a 7 week

Instructional League curriculum that has proven successful at developing and retaining new curlers at the Dakota Curling Club, and would be happy to share the curriculum with others. Any MCA clubs interested may contact Darcy at [darcy@dalotacurlingclub.org](mailto:darcy@dalotacurlingclub.org) or 612.695.5999.

Troy Gorans – Willmar – has accepted the new MCA position of Junior Chair. Troy has many ambitious ideas on how to develop and promote Junior Curling in Minnesota.

As your new President I am looking forward to the next two years. I hope to see you all at the MCA meetings.

Sincerely,  
Norma O'Leary  
MCA President



## Junior Curling Grant Opportunities!

The Twin Cities Curling Association (TCCA) is sponsoring two programs designed to help junior curlers in Minnesota and nationwide. Both programs will help offset the costs associated with curling, making the sport even more accessible to young athletes who are new to the sport as well as existing competitive junior teams. For more information, and to download applications, go to [www.twincitiescurling.org](http://www.twincitiescurling.org). The application deadline is September 30, 2008, so please get this information to your Junior Curlers, coaches, and Junior Curling Coordinators A.S.A.P.

## Congratulations to the following USCA Award Recipients:



### 2008 USA Curling Team of the Year –

Chris Plys, Aanders Brorson, Matt Perushek,  
Matt Hamilton, Dan Plys, Phill Drobnick –  
Duluth Curling Club



### 2008 US Coach of the Year – Phill Drobnick

Coached World Junior Champion team Plys

### 2008 USA Developmental Coach of the Year – Mike Solem

Coached Miranda Solem Rink – Itasca Curling Club, Grand Rapids

#### **Championships Calendar**

##### **2008 - 09 U.S. Mixed Double Championships**

December 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Two Harbors Curling Club, Two Harbors, MN

##### **2008 - 09 Junior Men's and Junior Women's State Championships**

December 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Bemidji Curling Club, Bemidji, MN

##### **2009 Men's and Women's State Championships**

January 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – St. Paul Curling Club, St. Paul, MN

##### **2009 Mixed State Championship**

Second or Third Weekend in February (Beginning Thursday)

Site yet to be Determined.

#### **MCA Board Meeting Calendar**

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - Cassidy's Restaurant, Hinckley, MN

November 1st, 2008 - Cassidy's Restaurant, Hinckley, MN

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – St. Paul Curling Club, St. Paul, MN

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 - Cassidy's Restaurant, Hinckley, MN

#### **Please Note:**

- Each Club is entitled to two representatives with voting privileges.
- Representatives are required to attend four MCA meetings per year.

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