

**DECEMBER 2011**



**FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE STAFF OF THE**

# **THISTLE CURLING CLUB**

Hello Everyone,

The Thistle staff and board of directors wants to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2012.

We also want to let you know about upcoming events at our club. We hope you will find time to come in to watch some of the competitive curling, or in the case of the bonspiels, enter a team and enjoy participating. The Champagne Spiel runs December 26, 27 and 28. If you have not entered consider coming down to watch and enjoy a Christmas beverage with friends.

The Northern Alberta Ladies playdowns will be hosted at the Thistle on January 6, 7 and 8. There will be three draws a day (Friday,

Saturday and Sunday) at 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM, and 7:00 PM. This competition will consist of 18 teams competing for three berths in the Provincial Championship. We hope as many of you as possible will come out to watch what promises to be excellent curling. (There is no door charge for this event.)

We will be hosting the 2012 Optimist Juvenile Provincial Championship from March 2 to 4, 2012. There are two draws a day (1:00 and 6:00 PM) Friday and Saturday, with the last round robin draw at 9:00 AM Sunday, March 4. This event consists of six girls teams and six boys teams competing to become Alberta Champions.

There are no playoffs in this event except in the event a tie for first place at the end of the round robin. If you have not yet had the pleasure of watching the young folks in this age group compete you will be impressed with the skill level and the dedication they bring to the game. The Thistle is very pleased to be hosting the event and we hope many of our members are able to come out to support these young athletes.

The next Thistle bonspiel on our calendar is the Monty Spiel booked for February 10 to 12. This is an open spiel which means you may enter with any combination of men and/or women and is always a fun event.

Call Marv at the club to enter.



Club Pins: We would also like to draw your attention to the alternate club pin design that is now available. We encourage you to check this out on our web page or on display in Marv's office. This is in addition to our traditional pin and both are available for sale.



Merry Christmas to all,  
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