

Working Together to Support Each Other

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Where I'm from
When I came to Thunder Bay
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Curling in Thunder Bay

Curling Capital of Canada



Champions



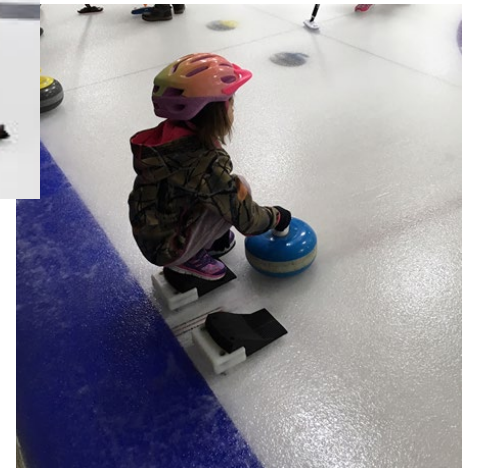
wheelchair curling



Stick curling



Little Rocks



Fort William Curling Club

- 129 years old
- Started off curling outside
- 8 sheets of ice
- Elevator
- World champions
- LU Curling Night
- Adult learn to curl
- Best Chinese food in Thunder Bay



Some events at Club

- 1996 Scott Tournament of Hearts
- Northern Ontario Mens Playdowns
- Provincial and National Wheelchair Curling
- Bearskin Hope Classic
- Ontario Native Mixed
- Dead Set on Life



Trends

- 4 Curling Clubs in the Thunder Bay area
- 1 closed
- Curling memberships decline
- Proposed Thunder Bay Event Centre
- Curling memberships continue to decline
- Curling clubs across Canada closing
- Big city's across Canada hosting major events

Someone had an ideal!!

Was approached by Pintys

The 3 Curling Clubs brainstormed

Worked out a deal



GRAND SLAM OF CURLING

- Pinty's chose the Tournament Centre
- Tickets sold out in days
- Over 300 volunteers
- Economic boost to city

- Huge Success

The poster features three curlers standing against a sunset background. On the left is a man in a purple and yellow jersey, in the center is a man in a white and blue jersey with 'NORTHERN CREDIT UNION' and 'PINTY'S' logos, and on the right is a woman in a black and white jersey with 'PINTY'S' and 'FRONTERA' logos. The background is a warm orange and yellow gradient.

GRAND SLAM OF CURLING
TOUR CHALLENGE
EST. 2013

PINTY'S
GRAND SLAM OF CURLING

2018 NOV 6-11 THE TOUR CHALLENGE IS COMING
TO THUNDER BAY

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The club is attached to the Gardens