

Don Bartlett Curling Classic Adds Ladies' Division & Increases Prize Pool

The Town of Gander and the Gander Curling Club are pleased to announce that they have added an eight team Ladies' Division to this year's curling classic. The prize pot for the Don Bartlett will be raised to \$76,000 making it one of the largest prize pots in the sport. The Ladies' and Mens' Divisions will start on October 13th and both events will run concurrently and finish on October 16th.

Deputy Mayor Zane Tucker said "we are delighted with the support of the sponsors and agencies to allow us to continue to build this first-class event". "We are hoping to attract some high caliber ladies' teams to this division", stated Rod Feltham, Chair of the Gander Curling Club.

The ladies will be competing for \$12,000 of new money. The men's division is competing for \$64,000 with the winner taking home a tidy sum of \$20,000. The roster for the 24 team mens' division is almost finalized. The caliber of teams is excellent with teams from Scotland, United States and Canada making this truly an international event.

The Don Bartlett Curling Classic is a World Curling Tour sanctioned event and is an excellent opportunity for curlers to get some extra competition prior to the Olympic Qualifying event in Halifax in December.

The Committee is working hard to improve attendance at this great sporting event. Tickets are available through the Gander Community Centre by calling 651-5927. For further information, contact Derm Flynn at 709-651-5929.