



June 27, 2011 - 2012 Tankard Coming to Assiniboia after 25 Year Hiatus

It's official. The Assiniboia Curling Club will host the 2012 Sask Tel Provincial Tankard. The club last hosted the Tankard 25 years ago and couldn't be happier about welcoming this premiere provincial curling event back to their community.

The event is set to kick-off on the week of February 1 – 5, 2012. Club president, Brent Blackwell says that 2012 is a meaningful year for the Tankard to come to town because it also marks the year of Assiniboia's centennial celebration. "Local curling fans will be in celebration mode and ready to enjoy some head-to-head action between the top men's curling teams in the province," says Blackwell.

To commemorate the occasion the host committee has chosen the theme, *100 Years, a 1000 Cheers* which portrays the spirit and excitement that the community feels about its history including a 100 year love of curling. Rob Greensides, chair of the host committee, says the committee is already planning for the event which will see the best curlers from around the province combine strength, strategy, stamina and skill for a chance to represent Saskatchewan in the Tim Horton's Brier in Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan Curling Association (SCA) executive director, Amber Holland shares the sentiments of the curling club. "I'm so pleased and excited that the Tankard is returning to Assiniboia after 25 years," says Holland. She adds that the SCA will be on hand and are looking forward to supporting the local club and the host committee as they take on the Tankard in 2012.

The host committee is welcoming volunteers and anyone wishing to participate can contact Laura Gasper at (306)642-4591. Tickets will be on sale in the fall of 2011.

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