

CURLSASK

April 30, 2016 – CURLSASK Awards Presentations - Ramada Hotel, Regina

The CURLSASK Junior Coordinator/Instructor/Coach Award recognizes the volunteer efforts of individuals who have made notable contributions to their Club and Community through the organization, promotion and teaching of the sport of curling. This year's recipient is Monica Svendsen of the Debden Curling Club.

Monica Svendsen has tremendous community spirit and knows that it takes volunteers to make a community thrive and be successful. She has been an active member of the Debden Curling Club for a number of years serving as Board President as well as other roles on the Board. The last few years, Monica has focused her attention on coaching and encouraging young curlers to join the club and learn the game.

Monica was instrumental in starting a Junior Curler night and a Junior Curler Skills night where young curlers ages 6 – 16, have the opportunity to learn the game and develop their skills. As the numbers grew Monica brought in other instructors and coaches to help out.



Presentation made by Dennis Smith,
CURLSASK President 2015-16

Her instruction and coaching skills has not only been rewarding for Monica. The club has increased their junior curler members and the teams have enjoyed success on the ice. Monica coaches both Junior and Senior High School teams and in 2013 the Senior Debden team won silver at the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Assoc Provincial. The Senior Team also competed in 2014.

In addition to the High School teams, Monica coaches teams in the *Ramada Hotels, presented by the Optimist Clubs of Sask, U18 Provincial Competition*. In 2015 Debden's Desiree Beaulieu Team, coached by Monica, won the U18 Open Provincial Championship.

Not only is Monica a talented curling coach bringing out the best in her young teams, she is a gifted piano, organ and guitar player, has a busy family life and volunteers at various other community groups always giving generously of her time. The volunteer efforts of people like Monica will ensure that young athletes have a chance to curl, a curling club has a chance to thrive and Curling, *the Official Sport of Saskatchewan*, will continue to grow in popularity. A win, win for all concerned! Keep up the great work Monica!