

FCSSC Members Embrace Continental Cup On-Ice Experience!

Members of the Forest City Sport and Social Club (FCSSC) were “hurrying hard” this past Saturday night.

Over the weekend (January 9-12, 2020), the 2020 OK Tire & BKT Tires Continental Cup returned to the Western Fair Sports Centre in London – and FCSSC’s two Fall curling champions were invited to a coaching session on the ice, courtesy of Dan and Melissa Neeb from the London Curling Club.



The winning team from Session #1 was Allan Barnfield, Brian Guest, Jon Osier, and Rochelle ten Haaf. The Session #2 champs included Geoff Bergsma, Stephan Gubbels, Mike Kenney, Dylan Taylor, and Greg Bowden.



“Today was fantastic!” says FCSSC member, Rochelle ten Haaf. “It was a lot of fun; a pretty cool experience to play on the same ice as the pros. [A] big thank you to FCSSC for organizing that bonus for the winning teams!”

Greg Bowden, another FCSSC member, says it was an unexpected added perk and he learned a lot from the experience. “A lot about the rotation of the rock. That was a bit thing, especially on this kind of ice. We play in a few different rinks around the area and it’s very, very different on

each ice. But to play on ice like this, [there was] some good advice, as far as just giving the rock lots of rotation, and we'll carry it forward to our next round of play as well.”



The FCSSC teams took to the ice before Draw 9. ten Haaf says it was an amazing experience to throw rocks on the sheets where the Canadian icons play. “It’s a very cool experience to be able to be on the same ice as Homan and Koe. It’s pretty interesting.”

Bowden continues, “I don’t even know how to describe it! It was pretty cool. The stands – you could just sort of imagine they were full around you and we were talking about the bagpipers piping us on the ice beforehand. It was fun!”



The unique curling competition featured head-to-head draws between Team Canada and Team Europe, with Europe capturing its first-ever title defence.

(Pictures courtesy of Liz Winger.)