Fort Wayne Cashspiel – 2012

Event Date: Practice: Thursday, August 16th

Pool Play: Friday and Saturday August 17 & 18

Playoffs: Sunday August 19

Cost: \$750, with 2 lunches and 2 dinners included.

Payment: Please make checks or money orders payable to: Fort Wayne Curling Club and send to:

Fort Wayne Curling Club, c/o 6622 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA 46804

Purse: \$5,000 -\$6,000 (currently) ... with potentially up to \$10,000 as more sponsors come on board

Tour quality ice: to be professionally prepared for curling by Darrin Sinclair and his ice team. They are responsible for preparing the ice for the Ontario Provincial Championships each year

Structure of the Event: 4 game guarantee – 2 games on Friday and 2 games on Saturday. There will be 4 pools of 5 teams each, with <u>2 teams qualifying for the playoffs from each group</u>. Practice ice is available a full day before the event begins. This is a great opportunity for teams to get back in the groove and work out kinks at the beginning of a new season.

This 20 team TOUR event is part of our 60 team bonspiel to be played on 3 rinks = 12 sheets of curling ice, all under one roof, in our climate-controlled facility. For teams looking to experience the feel of curling on SLAM quality ice in an arena setting, as is the case for premier tour events and Canadian provincial or national championships, this event will provide that type of opportunity.

Curling stones used in the Ontario Championships and SLAM events will be used. Hog-to-Tee draw times were 27 seconds with 4-5 feet of curl. We will be the first event on the Great Lakes and Ontario Curling Tour schedules again for 2012.

Check out the Great Lakes Curling Tour Schedule at: www.greatlakescurlingtour.com The Ontario Tour Schedule may be found at: http://ontariocurlingtour.com

Added benefits to this "premier event":

We have a nationally renowned Children's Zoo as well as "Science Central" for families that are considering a visit to our community.

Our on-site restaurant/bar, "The Thirsty Penguin", stretches the length of the facility (300 feet) and offers a full array of meal and beverage options.

Come curl and party with 250 fellow curlers from across the U.S. and southern Ontario. Check out our ice facility: www.icesports.com ... and click on "U.S. sites" --> Fort Wayne.

We are a straightforward 5 hour drive from London, Ontario. Drive west to Windsor/Detroit or Sarnia/Port Huron and follow either I-94/I-69 or I-69 alone (from Port Huron) directly to Fort Wayne.

Chicago and Detroit are each about a 3 hour drive from Fort Wayne; Indianapolis is 2 hours away. We have direct flight service from Minneapolis, Atlanta and Dallas/Fort Worth; connecting service thru Detroit, Chicago and Cincinnati. Madison, WI is little more than a 5 hour drive from Fort Wayne.

Three great bonspiel hotels:

1. <u>Holiday Inn</u>, a beautiful new hotel located across from the Coliseum, just 2-3 miles from the arena. **They are a generous sponsor of our event!** Here is the link:

http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/fort-wayne/fwayn/hoteldetail

2. <u>Marriott TownePlace Suites</u>, a brand new suites hotel is located just across the parking lot from our arena facility. Here is the link:

http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/fwats-towneplace-suites-fort-wayne-north

3. Hyatt Place: another great hotel (very curling friendly) is located about 3 miles from the arena:

http://fortwayne.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place

To access the booking codes for reduced bonspiel hotel rates at these hotels (approx. \$90-95 per night), please visit our website for details or call the hotels directly and mention our event.

Our club website is: www.fortwaynecurling.com

Please refer to the "2012 Cashspiel" tab for further information, including an entry form.

Pool Play: Teams will play 2 games on Friday and 2 games on Saturday

Playoffs: Up to 3 rounds of games (including finals) on Sunday

Please share any thoughts or suggestions that you may have for this event.

Teams that are interested in entering this TOUR event, should contact me by e-mail: gregory.eigner@gmail.com

Thanks!

Greg Eigner