



Kenneth B. Thain Award for Meritorious Service

The Ottawa Valley Curling Association will develop, maintain and support the development of curlers and curling clubs within the Ottawa Valley area through programs that are dedicated to curling development and to the betterment of curling clubs.

The following shall be the Goals of the Ottawa Valley Curling Association:

1. Foster a complete understanding of issues facing Ottawa Valley curling clubs and to share innovative solutions;
2. Increase participation in the sport of curling in the member clubs, with an emphasis on youth Curling and Learn-to-Curl leagues
3. Recognise and support significant curling and volunteer achievements.
4. Develop a comprehensive plan to address stated goals and objectives.

In support of Goal 3: *Recognise and support significant curling and volunteer achievements*" and specifically Objective 2: *Promote volunteerism and recognise significant volunteer contribution through the Ken Thain Award each year*, the Kenneth B. Thain Award for Meritorious Service will be presented at the OVCA Annual General Meeting to the individuals who exemplify the spirit of the award.

The award should be given to a person or persons who contribute to curling in an organizing or administrative way, either as a member of a curling club or association operating under the jurisdiction of the Ottawa Valley Curling Association. There may be more than one recipient.

All nominations that are not accepted in the year submitted are carried forward for consideration in the following year but the club may choose to update their submission.



Timeline

- April of each year: the OVCA President will issue call letter requesting club Presidents to nominate individuals for the Kenneth B. Thain award.
- May 31st of each year: Nominations Close
- June: a committee will be convened to review the criteria and nominations. The committee selects the recipient(s). The committee will include the Past President and at least one board member. A third member may be included at the discretion of the Past President. The third member should be from outside the OVCA board of directors.
- July: the OVCA President (after being advised by the Past President) will advise the recipients' club President, in writing/by email, of the decision and request their attendance at the AGM. The decision of how to advise the recipient is at the discretion of the club President.
- August, pins and plaques are ordered by the Past President.
- September, at the AGM, the nominating club President will introduce the candidate. The Past President will present the pin and plaque.

Nomination Criteria

The award is given to a person or persons who contribute to curling in an organizing or administrative way, either as a member of a curling club or association operating under the jurisdiction of the Ottawa Valley Curling Association.

To nominate an individual for this award, club Presidents are requested to write a letter (attachment to email is acceptable) to the Secretary of the Ottawa Valley Curling Association. Please include the nomination form and a letter that covers the following information:

1. Why you are nominating this individual
2. Provide examples of the contribution the candidate has made to curling in an organizing or administrative way for the curling club or association
3. Brief biography of the candidate

Nominations must be received by May 31 of the current year.