

## 2015 Friendship Daily Report



The Canadian ladies arrived from British Columbia for their tour of Minnesota (MN) and North Dakota (ND). This Daily Report (by Anne Vanic, Mayfield CC) summarizes the events from every day of the tour.

### November 10, 2015

Tomorrow is the day! We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our guests from BC.

### November 11, 2015: St. Paul, Minnesota, Arrival Day



The day is here!

Our 15 guests representing 5 curling clubs in BC have arrived in MN. We had a welcoming gathering at the Hilton tonight.

Several guests who arrived earlier today had an opportunity to visit quilt shops & others took the shuttle to the Mall of America.

After some rest we will head to the St Paul Curling club tomorrow morning. The 2015 Friendship Tour is underway!

Welcome BC ladies!

### November 12, 2015: St. Paul Cairn Lassies Host

It was a full, fun day. The Cairn Lassies/ St Paul Curling Club were fabulous hosts both on the ice and off. After curling and lunch, the group headed across the Mississippi to Minneapolis. We toured the Mill City museum where we learned about the rich history of flour milling and its impact on the regions growth. Dinner was at a classic St Paul neighborhood pub where many of us enjoyed their specialty the Juicy Nookie burger! The final event was meeting up with their home hosts.

Welcome to the St. Paul Curling Club.



Let the games begin.



St. Paul has 8 sheets.



Still smiling after a great game.

Mill City Museum

Taking a tour at the museum.



A group photo op in the Mill Flour Tower.



Entertaining the curlers.



First day's results.

Thursday, November 12, 2015		Score	Score	Cairn Lass
Team	Team			
Team 1	Team 2			
Team 3	Team 4			
Team 5	Team 6			
Team 7	Team 8			
Team 9	Team 10			
Team 11	Team 12			
Team 13	Team 14			
Team 15	Team 16			
Team 17	Team 18			
Team 19	Team 20			
Team 21	Team 22			
Team 23	Team 24			
Team 25	Team 26			
Team 27	Team 28			
Team 29	Team 30			
Team 31	Team 32			
Team 33	Team 34			
Team 35	Team 36			
Team 37	Team 38			
Team 39	Team 40			
Team 41	Team 42			
Team 43	Team 44			
Team 45	Team 46			
Team 47	Team 48			
Team 49	Team 50			
Team 51	Team 52			
Team 53	Team 54			
Team 55	Team 56			
Team 57	Team 58			
Team 59	Team 60			
Team 61	Team 62			
Team 63	Team 64			
Team 65	Team 66			
Team 67	Team 68			
Team 69	Team 70			
Team 71	Team 72			
Team 73	Team 74			
Team 75	Team 76			
Team 77	Team 78			
Team 79	Team 80			
Team 81	Team 82			
Team 83	Team 84			
Team 85	Team 86			
Team 87	Team 88			
Team 89	Team 90			
Team 91	Team 92			
Team 93	Team 94			
Team 95	Team 96			
Team 97	Team 98			
Team 99	Team 100			

Results - Cairn Lassies 5 Can 5, Cairn Lassies 8 Can 5, Cairn Lassies 1 Can 8, Cairn Lassies 9 Can 7. 2 games to the US.

## November 13, 2015: Blaine MN, On To ND

Today our highlight was curling at the new USA Curling National Olympic Training Center in Blaine. It is a beautiful 6 sheet facility. Our BC women competed against 2 teams from the local Four Seasons Curling club with some SPCC assistance. We were also fortunate & pleased to have 2 teams from Centerville, WI join the competition & comradery. A great time was had by all! The day will also include a bus ride to Fargo, ND with a dinner stop in Alexandria, MN.

Our dinner stop was a real treat. We arrived in time to shop a bit on Broadway including a stop at the Sugar Shack which is reputed to have the best cookies in the state. Dinner was at La Ferme a gem of a French restaurant. We applauded the chef and everyone appeared happily full as they boarded our bus for the final leg to Fargo arriving after 9 PM. We stayed across from the FM Curling Club but curling was finished for the evening.



The Centerville Ladies join the tour.



Inside the USA Curling National Training Center.



Delivering the rock.



View of the house.



Looking out onto the ice from behind the glass.



The beautiful 6 sheet facility.



More smiles after a hard fought game.



Time with our new friends.



Cheers!



Another good day of curling.

After all that exercise, you need something to eat.

And now for the post curling entertainment.



Results - FSCC 6 Can 7, FSCC 0 Can 14, USA 7 Can 7, USA 1, Can 10. 3 games to Canada.

## November 14, 2015: Fargo and Grand Forks, ND

We spent the first half of the day in the Fargo Moorhead area. Stops included the FM Visitors Center where the wood chipper from the movie Fargo is on display and available for photo ops! We made a quick stop at the iconic Fargo Theater for another photo op. Next we ventured to Moorhead and visited the Hjemkomst Center which houses a full scale replica of a Viking ship. The ship was built in the area, sailed to Norway in 1982 & is now on permanent display. An exact replica of a Norwegian Stave church is also on the grounds. A multicultural festival was occurring today also. We walked a few blocks to Usher's House for a yummy lunch in a beautiful park like setting overlooking the river. In route to Grand Forks we saw mountains of local sugar beets awaiting processing. Donna Pearson USWCA president & the Grand ForksCC ladies welcomed us warmly., competitively curled & fed us extremely well. The beer machines were a big hit! We are especially appreciative of being hosted in homes tonight.

'Fargo' woodchipper.



Fargo Photo Op.



Viking Ship.



Stave Church.



Stave Church.



Luncheon.



Team 1

Team 2

Team 3





Team 4



Results



Cultural Center.



Results - Can 6 USA 4, Can 10 USA 1, Can 8 USA 5, Can 5 USA 7.

## November 15, 2015: Grand Rapids, MN

The day started with a three hour bus ride to Grand Rapids. It was a beautiful sunny day. Sights included more mounds of sugar beets & several bald eagles. Wow- what a welcome we had at Itasca Curling Club. Glenda, the Cowardly Lion, Auntie Em, the Wizard & a munchkin all met us in costume. The great hospitality built from there. Their keen ice made for great curling too. After curling we had a private tour at the Judy Garland museum followed by wine & snacks. Home hosting commenced after the museum.

Bus to Grand Rapids.



Team 1.



Team 2.



Team 3.

Itasca CC Button Logo,

Team 4.



The tour makes the newspaper.



Outside the Judy Garland Museum.



Inside the Judy Garland Museum.



## November 16, 2015: Chisholm and Hibbing, MN

Hump day today and the only day with two games. The weather turned rainy so being inside most of the time worked out well. We were welcomed to Chisholm CC and played against teams from Chisholm, Curl Mesabi, Hibbing & members of the 2012 Friendship Tour who came for a reunion & to help provide another team. The ice was brand new & keen. Score Canada 3 USA 1. We were fed a local favorite - Porketta. The pudding shot break after 4 ends was a big hit too! The BC ladies entertained with song and the debut of their Friendship tour poem.

Back on the bus for a 6 mile drive to Hibbing. First stop was the unbelievably beautiful Hibbing High School. Built in 1920 for 3.5 million its auditorium rivals many famous playhouses. Next stop was the 102 year old, 7 sheet Hibbing Curling Club. The 2012 Friendship tour team competed against us as well as 3 Hibbing teams. Score Canada 3 & 1 tie. The club went all out and fed us a full turkey dinner. Happy early Thanksgiving to all! The day ended with being hosted in homes once again. Another super day!

Chisholm Team 1.

Shanty vs. Hamilton



Chisholm Team 2.

Rampton vs. Bone



Chisholm Team 3.

Hall vs. Haverkamp



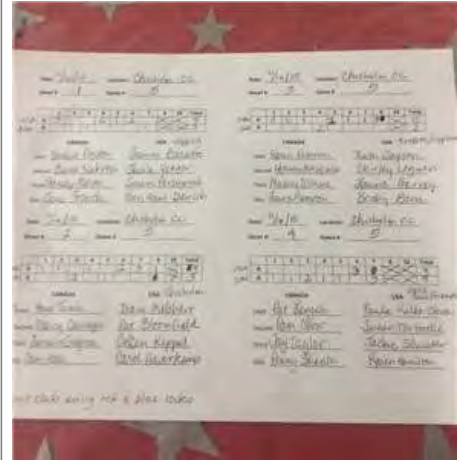
Chisholm Team 4.

Pudding Break.

Chisholm Results.



French vs. Danich



2012 Friendship Tour Reunion



Hibbing High School



Hibbing Team 1.

Hamilton vs. French



Hibbing Team 2.

Rampton vs. Martin



Hibbing Team 3.

Hall vs. Perunovich



Hibbing Team 4.

Shantz vs. Versich



Hibbing Results.

The entire gang in Hibbing.



Results, Chisholm - USA 8 Can 3, USA 3 Can 9, USA 2 Can 10, USA 3 Can 9

Results, Hibbing - USA 4 Can 9, USA 3 Can 11, USA 1 Can 9, USA 4 Can 4

## November 17, 2015: Eveleth and Duluth, MN

We had another rainy, foggy, cloudy weather day, but we persevered. It didn't stop us from a photo op at the Iron Man statue in Chisholm before we headed to Eveleth. Members from Curl Mesabi CC welcomed us for a coffee & sweets break on our way to Duluth. Curl Mesabi is a beautiful 8 sheet club and some serious shopping occurred at their pro-shop. Unfortunately the weather interfered with the great views as we arrived in Duluth but we remain hopeful tomorrow will provide another opportunity. The Duluth curling club had a warm & enthusiastic welcome for us followed by a wonderful lunch & curling. It is another spectacular 8 sheet club. The curling was competitive but friendly. While the teams curled, reporters from 3 local TV stations filmed the action and interviewed Molly & me about the tour. It was great seeing all the interest in the Friendship Tour & curling in general. The club also filmed several of the games and the action is available for viewing at [DuluthCurlingClub.org](http://DuluthCurlingClub.org). The curlers met their hosts and had time for a bit of touring before heading downtown to a private club - The Kitchi Gammi Club. The finale of the day included a wonderful meal and another opportunity for the Canadians to perform their songs & poetry. It was another super day. Thank you - everyone who helped make it possible!

Chisholm Mining Monument



Curl Mesabi Exterior



Warm Room at Curl Mesabi



Tour Group at Curl Mesabi



Rampton vs. Broman



Hall vs. McLeod



Shanty vs Lanigan

French vs. Christensen

2012 Sr. Friendship Tour Group in Duluth





Piper



## Teams Piped In



View Toward the Glass.



## French vs. Hughes



Hall vs. Docteur



## Rampton vs. Christensen



## Shantz vs. Shields



## Results



2012 Sr. Friendship Tour members with John Shuster and his boys.



Tour Couriers with Olympic Bronze Medalist  
John Schuster

Jackie Shuster and grandkids with 2 Olympic Medalists,  
her son John (2006 USA Bronze) and  
Penny Shantz (1988 Canada Gold)

Linda Christensen,  
President Duluth Curling Club





The Canadians demonstrate the use of a Buff!



Mike, the bus driver, sharing a joke.



Results - Can 1 USA 10, Can 1 USA 9, Can 8 USA 6, Can 7 USA 4

## November 19, 2015: St. Paul Bonnie Spielers Host

The tour has come full circle and our final curling was back at St Paul CC, this time with the Bonnie Spielers. We were piped on the ice and had competitive fun games, with one ending in a tie. Final results over the 9 games Canada 27 wins 5 losses & 4 ties. The win loss record is noted but the friendship, comraderie and overall fun is the most important! We had a great time broom stacking and chef Nancee & her assistants served a delicious lunch. The BC ladies entertained us one last time with song, demonstration of the many uses of a buff, and [Caroline's completed poem](#)..... It was hard to leave the curling club but it had to happen. We stopped at the 100 year old St Paul Cathedral before our stop at the MN History Center for a team photo and shopping. Dinner was "to go" from Brasa so we could eat and relax a bit at the hotel before heading to the Orpheum in downtown Minneapolis. We saw Beautiful - the Carole King Musical. The play was fantastic and enjoyed by all. We said good bye to Mike our bus driver when we returned to the hotel. Yes things are winding down but not before some merriment tonight. Tomorrow half the group will be heading home but not before some touring including the new Chaska Curling Club and a closing luncheon. Thanks to everyone who helped make the USWCA Friendship Tour 2015 a success.

Wilkes (French) vs. Gresback



Hall vs McGirl



Rampton vs. Rachu



Shantz vs. Augustin



Results

Date: 12/11/11 Location: St. Paul Curling Club		Date: 12/11/11 Location: St. Paul Curling Club	
Team 1: Wilkes (French)	Team 2: Gresback	Team 1: Hall	Team 2: McGirl
Score: 7-5	Score: 7-5	Score: 7-5	Score: 7-5
1st: Wilkes (French)	1st: Gresback	1st: Hall	1st: McGirl
2nd: Wilkes (French)	2nd: Gresback	2nd: Hall	2nd: McGirl
3rd: Wilkes (French)	3rd: Gresback	3rd: Hall	3rd: McGirl
4th: Wilkes (French)	4th: Gresback	4th: Hall	4th: McGirl
5th: Wilkes (French)	5th: Gresback	5th: Hall	5th: McGirl
6th: Wilkes (French)	6th: Gresback	6th: Hall	6th: McGirl
7th: Wilkes (French)	7th: Gresback	7th: Hall	7th: McGirl
8th: Wilkes (French)	8th: Gresback	8th: Hall	8th: McGirl
9th: Wilkes (French)	9th: Gresback	9th: Hall	9th: McGirl
10th: Wilkes (French)	10th: Gresback	10th: Hall	10th: McGirl
11th: Wilkes (French)	11th: Gresback	11th: Hall	11th: McGirl
12th: Wilkes (French)	12th: Gresback	12th: Hall	12th: McGirl
13th: Wilkes (French)	13th: Gresback	13th: Hall	13th: McGirl
14th: Wilkes (French)	14th: Gresback	14th: Hall	14th: McGirl
15th: Wilkes (French)	15th: Gresback	15th: Hall	15th: McGirl
16th: Wilkes (French)	16th: Gresback	16th: Hall	16th: McGirl
17th: Wilkes (French)	17th: Gresback	17th: Hall	17th: McGirl
18th: Wilkes (French)	18th: Gresback	18th: Hall	18th: McGirl
19th: Wilkes (French)	19th: Gresback	19th: Hall	19th: McGirl
20th: Wilkes (French)	20th: Gresback	20th: Hall	20th: McGirl

Tour Couriers with Hudson



Lunch at the St. Paul Curling Club



Lunch in the Upstairs Warm Room



Tour Group Outside the St. Paul CC



Tour Group with the Bus

Visit to the St. Paul Cathedral

Inside the St. Paul Cathedral





Shopping at the MN History Center



Shopping.



Group Photo with Couriers



Orpheum Theater



The ladies at the theater.



Results - Can 11 USA 3, Can 7 USA 4, Can 7 USA 7, Can 7 USA 4

## November 20, 2015: Minneapolis/St. Paul

Today was pick your pleasure day. Several wonderful volunteer drivers from SPCC came to the hotel and took tour members to their choice of touring opportunities. Two groups went to the new Chaska Curling club which is opening in 10 days. They needed to wear hard hats for their tour. Another car took the scenic drive past the Minneapolis city lakes on their way downtown to a shop with glass blowing. The fourth car ventured to Anoka to a quilt shop and other shopping. Several others decided to sleep in and relax at the hotel. We all met at 1 PM for our closing luncheon (we missed Caroline who had a morning flight). We had an opportunity to share one more great meal while sharing favorite memories of the tour, insights, suggestions and reflections. Half the group had flights home Friday evening while the rest had one more night at the hotel and a chance to have dinner together at the Mall of America.

Thanks again to the tour members for participating in the USWCA Sr. Friendship Tour 2015. Thank you also to the many, many volunteers who helped make it such a success. The Sr. Friendship Tour would not have been possible without all the support.

To FRIENDSHIP....

Ceramic Pitcher from the USWCA



Closing Luncheon



Farewell.

