

Q3 NEWSLETTER



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ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope that everyone had a very enjoyable summer and is enjoying the weather we have had into the fall. Many members attended several golf events this past summer including the Alberta Amp Open hosted by Randy Cameron in White Court. Thanks, Randy, for all your work. Our casino was held the end of Sept, and we should see the results in a few months. I want to thank all those who gave up their time and travelled to help. We gained some new members this past summer and I would like to welcome our new members to AASRA. Here's hoping our weather stays warm and the snow stays away for a few more months.

Vic

SWEEP DREAMS ARE MADE OF THIS – TRY WHEELCHAIR CURLING

Looking for something fun, social, and inclusive to do this winter? Wheelchair curling is the perfect mix of challenge, strategy, and community — no experience needed!

Why Give It a Try?

It's fun and social

Challenge yourself, meet great people, and join the group at the bar after practice!

It's inclusive

Players use both manual and power chairs, and everyone's welcome — no matter your experience level.

Play your way

Curl for fun or compete! We send teams to provincial and national championships every year, and power chair users are encouraged to join.

It's affordable

Try it for free, and if you love it, it's just \$50 for the season — equipment included.

How It Works

In wheelchair curling, players deliver rocks from a stationary position using a delivery stick — no sweeping required! The goal is to curl your rock into the rings ("the house") to score points or knock out your opponent's rocks.

We play three fun formats:

Team Curling (4 players) – the classic version, about 2 hours long.

Stick Curling (2 players) – a quicker 1-hour game where wheelchair curlers are highly competitive.

Mixed Doubles – like stick curling, with pre-set rocks and mixed-gender teams.

 Join Us in Calgary!

 Saturday, October 18, 4:30 PM

 Garrison Curling Club

We practice most Saturdays through the winter — email info@calgarywheelchaircurling.com to let us know you're coming!

If you're in Edmonton, check out the [Edmonton Rocks Wheelchair Curling Association on Facebook](#) for local info.

EDMONTON ROCKS...

EDMONTON ROCKS Wheelchair Curling Club has released dates for social curling at the Crestwood Curling Club in Edmonton.

On ice from 1-3pm with socializing afterwards.

October 18, 25

November 29

December 7, 13, 20

If you or someone you know is in a wheelchair and interested in trying curling; we can accommodate with equipment. The Edmonton club also joins the Calgary club in Lacombe for a weekend of fun friendly curling - usually twice per season, weather permitting.

Any questions or interested people please reach out via [Facebook](#).

CALGARY WHEELCHAIR RUGBY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



VOLUNTEER ROLES INCLUDE

- Assisting athletes with transferring into and out of rugby chairs
- Setting up and maintaining equipment
- Supporting practice setup, cleanup and you may even get a chance to try the sport!
- Ensuring a safe, fun, and inclusive environment

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- You'll be a part of an amazing and welcoming adaptive sport community.
- Wheelchair rugby is co-ed!

- Hands-on experience in parasport
- Earn volunteer hours (perfect for students!)
- Great fun while making a real difference

Practices are in **CALGARY (NW – PRACTICE LOCATION DETAILS PROVIDED UPON SIGN UP)**

WEEKLY PRACTICES, EVERY WEDNESDAY (6:40PM TO 9:30PM)

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? EMAIL: infernowheelchairrugby@gmail.com

UN-FORE-GETTABLE – THE 2025 AMP OPEN WAS A SUCCESS!

Written by Terry Schwetz



From July 4–6, 2025, twenty-three AASRA members and associates gathered at the Whitecourt Golf Course to celebrate the 25th annual AASRA Amp Open Golf Tournament.

Hosts Randy and Lerma Cameron did a terrific job organizing the event — from accommodations to sponsorship — ensuring a smooth and enjoyable weekend for everyone.

If there's one word to describe this year's Amp Open, it would be "friendly." The staff at Whitecourt Golf Course were welcoming and accommodating, setting the tone for three days of golf, good food, fun, and camaraderie.

The event featured an optional practice round followed by two days of competitive play, with nine players in Stroke Play, six in Stableford, and eight in the Associate division.

Whitecourt Golf Course proved to be an excellent venue — wide fairways lined with mature trees, well-placed bunkers, and beautiful views of the McLeod River, which joins the historic Athabasca nearby. Players even spotted a few deer on the course!

The weather cooperated perfectly, with warm (if occasionally overcast) conditions throughout the weekend. After Saturday's round, players enjoyed a delicious beef buffet at the clubhouse,

accompanied by complimentary beer from Sagitwah Brewing. Just as dinner ended, the skies opened and everyone got drenched trying to reach their cars — a memorable moment that only added to the fun! Sunday brought back the warmth and humidity for the final round.

Following the last round, participants gathered in the clubhouse for a burger buffet and the award presentations. Congratulations to this year's winners:



Stroke Division

Tournament Champion: Kelly Mason (2nd year running)

2nd: André Laflame

3rd: Dave Marchand

Low Net: Terry Shwetz

2nd: Andy Van Biert

3rd: Shane Westin



Stableford

1st: Jerry Bernard

2nd: Ivan Hlavenka

3rd: Cory Galloway

Associate Players

1st: Alex Cameron

2nd: Sherri Hlavenka

3rd: Dan MacKinnon



A Huge Thank You to Our Sponsors

The Amp Open wouldn't be the same without its generous sponsors. (Special thanks to Dan MacKinnon from NAPOS for joining us on the first day!) Please take a moment to thank these organizations for their support:

Hole Sponsors

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NAPOS – Lisa Peters

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👏👏 **Final Thanks**

A huge thank-you to Tournament Chair Randy Cameron, Lerma Cameron, and everyone who helped make this an absolutely fantastic event. And of course — thank you to all the players! You made the weekend a true success.

See you next year!



Interested in chairing the 2026 Amp Open? Please email AASRA President Vic McClelland at president@aasra.ab.ca

A HOLE LOTTA LOVE!!

Written by Jesse Florkowski



From July 7–9, 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to compete at the US Adaptive Open held at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland.

I qualified for the event back in May, after travelling to California where I finished as low medalist with a score of –2. That performance earned me a direct spot into last week's tournament.

This past week, I was proud to capture the title of Top Medalist in the Upper Limb Category, posting rounds of 71, 75, and 69 (–1) — winning the division by seven shots.

Overall, I finished 7th place in the full field of 96 of the world's best adaptive golfers and was also the top Canadian in the event.

With the win, I've earned an exemption into next year's US Adaptive Open as well as valuable WR4GD world ranking points.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to AASRA for the continued support over the years. My success on the course is directly tied to the incredible financial and community support I've received through AASRA — it's what allows me to chase these dreams and turn them into reality.

THANK YOU! 🙏

HOW ABOUT A SPOT OF TEE AND A CROISSANT?

My Experience on the G4D Tour – Recap from Vic McClelland



I was very fortunate to play in two G4D Tour Net events this year after starting the season ranked #2 in the World Disabled Golfers Net Rankings.

G4D Tour @ Betfred British Masters

I had the incredible opportunity to attend the 2025 Betfred British Masters, hosted by the DP World Tour and EDGA for Net players. The event was held at The Belfry Golf Resort just outside Birmingham, England — on the legendary Brabazon Course, which has hosted four Ryder Cups.

We played two days before the DP World Tour's Nick Faldo Masters. The course was set up for tour play — 6,450 meters long, with fast greens and deep rough. It was a real test! Day one was

a tough start, finishing 11 over my net, but day two went much better — 4 over — placing me 7th overall.

The resort and the Tour staff treated us exceptionally well, and for any golfer, playing a DP World Tour setup was a true bucket list experience. The final day included a special 40th Anniversary Ryder Cup match, where I got to watch Nick Faldo and Luke Donald (this year's Ryder Cup Captain) in action — an unforgettable highlight.

G4D Tour @ FedEx Open de France

My second event was held in France before the FedEx Open de France. The course was another long, challenging layout set up for the Tour. Weather conditions were tough — cool and rainy through the first round — but I was lucky to have my caddie along for support.

The event was moved from Le Golf National (under renovation) to Golf de Saint-Nom-La-Bretèche, which featured several blind tee shots and doglegs. Missing fairways came with a price, and my scoring showed it until the final nine holes of day two, where I shot three under my handicap — just a bit too late. I finished 8th overall.

Although I'm not sure I'll get the chance to play in events like this again, it was absolutely worth the travel, the long hours, and the lost sleep. Both tournaments were incredible experiences that I'll always remember.

SOMETIMES LIFE IS A WHEELCHAIR RIDE, SO MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!

One of our prosthetists asked us to send this out – their patient has a Power Wheelchair for sale. Here is a [link to the ad](#). If you are interested, please contact the seller directly via the link.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello all, I do want to apologize as the Q3 newsletter was late. It was one of those summers where it got busy in all aspects of life and I am finally able to sit down and put

this together. I hope everyone had a great summer and you are now enjoying the cooler days of fall and for those winter lovers out there – snow is coming!

LINKS YOU CAN USE

Here is a list of several organizations to help you stay engaged and informed. Many offer email subscriptions you may find helpful. Click on the logos to visit their websites and sign up if you wish!



If there are any others you want me to add in the next newsletter, please [EMAIL](#) me.