

TEAM KITA COMPETES IN THE RICK COTTER MEMORIAL JUNIOR CLASSIC



L-R: Daelin Crickett (Lead), Tane Kita (Skip), Keiji Kita (Second), Charly Reed (Third), Jim Cotter

Team Kita, representing the Penticton and Kelowna Curling Clubs has many positives to take away from their participation in last weekend's Rick Cotter Memorial Junior Classic in Vernon: They came out with a win against a very strong Kopytko Team from Kamloops, they held their own against a number of strong teams from across the province, and they were very strong in the cumulative draw to the button total which determined who got hammer in each game and how they ranked in playoffs. Oh, and they had fun!

<http://www.worldcurl.com/events.php?task=Event&view=Main&eventid=4892>

This was a great event featuring twelve junior mens teams and eight junior womens teams. Most teams were from BC, however the eventual mens champion reigned from Edmonton and the womens champion from Springfield, Manitoba.

One of the highlights was meeting and chatting with Jim Cotter who, along with the rest of the Cotter Family, runs the Classic. The Classic is named for his father, Rick to celebrate Rick's dedication to junior curling and the sport overall.

Jim is the Fourth for Team John Morris. Team Morris will be competing in the Home Hardware Road to the Roar <http://www.curling.ca/2017roadtotheroar/> next month in Summerside, PEI. They will be vying for a spot in the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings <http://www.curling.ca/2017roaroftherings/> to determine who will be representing Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Jim also gave Team Kita some shirts and jackets that Team Morris has used in competition. Thanks Jim!

Team Kita along with Coach, Marilou Richter would like to thank the Cotter Family <https://www.facebook.com/Rick-Cotter-Memorial-Junior-Classic-1508081239519239/>, the Vernon Curling Club <https://www.facebook.com/Vernon-Curling-Athletic-Club-107825502599356/>, the officials and volunteers for running such a fantastic event!