

## Wille Dodge Juveniles compete at B.C. Playdowns.

The Juvenile Zone 6 B.C. Playdowns were held Jan.3-5 at Esquimalt curling Club. GMCC iced a boys team to compete against 5 others for the right to enter the B.C. Winter Games to be held at Mission from Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Skip - James Mackey, 3rd - Ben England, 2nd - Ben Sammons, Lead - Arden Grew

The Juvenile zone 6 teams are curlers from age 11 to 16 from Vancouver Island. The competition was at a high level of curling as witnessed by the appreciative standing room only crowds. The devotion and commitment

made by most of the curlers at this young age is testament to the precise curling and maturity level on display from these young athletes.

Our GMCC juvenile team, coached by Lynn Wilson and Grant Marshall, was skipped by James Mackey, third Ben England, second Ben Sammons, and lead Arden Grew. The first game against Stoyles of Campbell River and the second against Silversides of Esquimalt left our boys on the sidelines in the 2 game knockout format. A very strong Cassidy team from Victoria was the ultimate winners with a 4-0 undefeated record.

The experience gained this year at the juvenile playdowns is such a valuable life experience for these young guys. They are already talking of next year and how they can best prepare to excel in their increasingly competitive sport. Congratulations to this young team. They were mature beyond their years and made us all so very proud.

Thanks go out to all event organizers, Curl B.C. and the Esquimalt Curling Club. Good luck to the Cassidy team at the B.C. Winter Games!!

Grant Marshall