

# ***The Granite Connection***

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## **Message from the President**

**March, 2005**

As the bonspiel season is in full swing, your Board of Directors is also working through a busy time. A notice to start the nomination process for your Board of Directors for the 2005-2006 curling season is being sent to all members. Neil Miskell – VP Administration, James Bromiley, VP – Curling, Neil Bailey as Past President and yours truly as President are presently finishing the first year of a 2-year term and have agreed to stay on the Board. Deb Steel - Treasurer and Elaine Voisin – Director of House and Property are completing their terms of office, such that these two offices need to be filled. The balance of the Board is made up of three heads of the various curling sections – Men's, Mixed and Ladies/Business Ladies as well as the 3 City representatives. Presently Mike Canivet, David Bain and Sandy Nethercott fill these positions. Nominations for these positions will be requested for the forthcoming season. Please consider letting your name stand. We need the enthusiasm and fresh ideas of new board members to help move our club forward. For further information on the role of the Board give me or any other Board member a call.

We had another successful Saturday social bonspiel this past weekend. I understand we had a full house and everyone enjoyed themselves. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> such event this year. Dave Leitch has been instrumental in promoting these events and we extend our appreciation to Dave for taking on this initiative – not to mention that with a “shoestring” budget he has been able to enrich our club coffers by some \$750.00. Again thanks Dave.

Through the efforts of Neil Bailey, the Board is looking at a new initiative through additional Trillium Foundation Funding. This initiative would create the position of a Curling Development Manager (part-time) whose position would be funded through the Trillium grant. Should we be successful with our grant application the Curling Development Manager would be responsible for building curling in our community through the promotion of the sport and skills development. Our goal would be to increase our membership, particularly in our Junior and student programs and provide ongoing skills development for all curlers, especially new curlers, and promote coaching opportunities for our youth programs. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity to take our programming to an entirely new level.

Lastly our annual membership survey is being sent for your consideration. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. This is an opportunity to let the Board know how you feel about the club, areas we fall short of your expectations and how we can make our club even better. Thank you.

Till next time,.....Lew

## Around The House

Congratulations to one of our junior teams: Taylor Mellor, Lyndsey Crossley, Ashley O'Donnell and Ashley Smith who won the recent Elmira Junior 'spiel The Mellor team is coached by Gary Crossley and sponsored by Tournament Sports.

## OCA Rules; Reminders

We are nearing the end of the curling season, and with playoffs starting soon, all members should be aware of two important rules to make this game more enjoyable:

### **Position of Players.**

1. When the opposition players are in the hack, the non-delivering players should be standing outside the hogline and to the extreme sides of the sheet in a single file.
2. When you have delivered your rock, please stand at the hogline until the opposition have delivered their next rock.

### **Sweeping/Brushing.**

1. The sweeping/brushing motion shall be from side to side.
- For the enjoyment of all playing and to show respect to the opposing team, please abide by these courtesies.

Bryan Hawkins, Zone OCA Rep.

## **FEBRUARY 50/50 WINNERS**

Sharon Lidstone	\$263.75
Ron Shane	\$158.25
Tom Rajnovich	\$105.50

## Ladies Curling

**Fudges In-Club Bonspiel** : Convener – Sharon Lidstone,  
Sponsor – Fudges Ladies Wear

**Winners** – Wendy Simpson/Lorna Allen, Isabel Bruce, Pat Costigan, Lynda Dobson

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Joan Stubgen, Rita Reitzel, Dorothy Hirschberger, Joyce Bell

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Sylvia Bell, Bev Houston, Linda Pettus, Carol Schmidt

Many thanks to our sponsors **Brittles 'N More** for the delicious fudge and to **Zehrs' Markets** for their donation. Thanks Sharon, for organizing the draw and the lovely Valentine's décor.

### **Sweeping to Victory Event**

Conveners – Marcia Condon, Virginia Nalasco

**Winners** – Gert Gillies, Marcia Condon, Jean Richardson, Wendy Haywood

Runners up – Sylvia Bell, Maureen Brown, Rita Reitzel, Joyce Bell

### **Capri Hairstyles Event**

Conveners – Sandy Horton, Tami Asselstine

**Winners** – Edie Lowe, Tami Asselstine, Shirley Sheppard, Laureine Thomas

2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan Stubgen, Betty Hill, Ruth McLaren, Meribeth Anderson

### **March Events:**

Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> Pot of Gold begins

Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Event begins

Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Last Chance Event

Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> - Granite- Galt Country Exchange Bonspiel:  
Skins Format two games and lunch,  
Cost \$15.00 : Sign-up required

### **April Preview:**

**Closing Bonspiel** – April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Sign-up required 4 games and 2 lunches

**Closing Dinner & General meeting** – April 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm

Prize presentations. Sign-up sheet to be posted in mid-March  
Meribeth Anderson

### **Business Ladies:**

Results of our 2<sup>nd</sup> draw sponsored by Jill Oliver:

A Division:	1 <sup>st</sup> . Cynthia Roth	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Wendy Simpson
B Division:	1 <sup>st</sup> Deb Steel	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Sue Laurin
C Division:	1 <sup>st</sup> . Connie Morgan	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Cathie McNaught
D Division:	1 <sup>st</sup> . Gail Chopiak	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Janice Dick

## **87TH ANNUAL K-W, DETROIT CURLING EXCHANGE**

**MARCH 11, 12 & 13, 2005**

Dear fellow sinner, St. Paddy's day approaches, and it's time again for the "Great Exchange". Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to be a part of this very special Annual event of good times and friendship between the "K-W Granite Club" and the "Detroit Curling Club"

**Cost: \$65.00 includes:**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> : 8:00pm**

Hospitality Suite at the **Olde Heidelberg Hotel & Brew Pub** for food and refreshments with our Detroit guests.

**March 12<sup>th</sup> : Starts @ 10:00am**

Two games of curling, lunch and a great supper with our Detroit friends. Coffee and donuts available.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> : 9:00am**

**(small additional charge)**

The famous **Sinners Breakfast**.

This, the 87th Exchange, is one of the longest running sports exchanges in North America. Come out, enjoy the fellowship, and always remember, "**sin Yee not**", for the Deacon is ever watchful... and may your out turns never be wide.

For more information contact

Paul Sandford 743-6660 or

Paul Sellner 886-4444

### **Hospitaliano 2005**

**(Battle of the Sexes),**

Date: Saturday, April 2

4:30pm. - Registration

5:00pm. - Games begin

7:00pm. - Dinner & dancing (no DJ)

Stay tuned for more details.

### **Election for Board of Directors**

Now that we have one National champion declared we know the end of the season is near. Before we know it, some of us will be ramping up our games for the playoffs, while others can start thinking about our golf games. Along with those dreams of summer is the reality that we need to put together our team of directors for the 2005-2006 season. We will shortly be giving you the details for our next Annual General Meeting

This is where you are important to the future of the club. As you are aware the Board of Directors The Board presently consists of 12 members; 6 directors elected for two year terms, 3 section heads and three City representatives. This year 5 new Board members are required. New members bring new enthusiasm and fresh ideas. We want to make sure we keep up the great momentum developed this year, as there are still many items to address for next year's board. Nomination forms will be included in your next month end bill. Fill in your nominations, make sure your nominee is aware of your proposal, then return the form to the office.

Please give serious consideration to letting your name stand for election – we need you. Talk to any of the current Board members to get an understanding of the role of the Board and time commitment required

### **Appeal Spiel 2005: another huge success**

The Granite Club hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Appealspiel January 29, a bonspiel open to everyone in order to raise money for the Hospice of Waterloo Region. We had 16 teams, an increase from 12 last year and we hope to have at least 20 or 24 teams next year. Pencil this late January event into your curling schedule for 2006 to help out this worthwhile cause.

The total raised was an impressive **\$14,800, a 30%** increase over last year. Once again, Jane Harding raised the most pledges (\$2,260) and won VIA Rail Passes for 2 from Toronto to Quebec City. This is the third year in a row that Jane has raised the most pledges. Congratulations Jane!

Special thanks to our sponsors for the event, the Lions Club of Kitchener and Miller Thompson LLP. Also we would like to thank the Grainharvest Bread House for the donation of the breakfast and Davenport Catering for providing the lunch as well as all the prize donors, especially VIA Rail.

## **The Sunday Morning Legion Curling League at the K-W Granite**

On a bright sunny Sunday morning, at about 8:45 a.m., while the Twin Cities are still half asleep (most likely from staying up late the night before), the parking lot of the K-W Granite Curling Club receives a handful of cars driven by squinty-eyed half awake curlers. They've come to play in their league. Once inside the curling club, there is an ongoing exchange of hello's, good mornings, and waves across the lounge, to the point were it would be impossible for one to imagine which players are on which teams. However, the players themselves are all very familiar with the rest of the members of their league.

Clarence Schmidt, a long time member of the Legion League took time to review some of the history of Legion Curling at the Granite. What he found was quite interesting. There have been "Legion Curlers" (as they like to call themselves) coming to the K-W Granite for quite some time now. The league goes back to 1978 and all the games for the past 27 years have been played exclusively at the K-W Granite. In 1978, one had to be a service member of a Legion, Navy, Wing or A.N.A.F. Association to play in this league. Branch 50 of the Royal Canadian Legion (Kitchener Branch) controlled all the scores. Committees were set up through Branch 50 to cover banquets, prizes and any problems that may have arisen. In it's earlier years, the league filled all eight sheets of ice at the Granite Club, when it was on Agnes Street, with teams waiting in the wings to join. The teams were all created on their own. The League had teams of Legion Members, Service Club members, Post Office Workers, Policemen, Firemen, Rubber Workers, Lawyers and Doctors. Naturally, curlers in this league had to be "of age" (21 at that time). Branch 50 gave out pins and trophies and held banquets at the Branch, which was then on Ontario Street. As time passed, the league could no longer fill all eight sheets of ice. The membership was opened up so that curlers no longer had to be service members of a Legion or service club to play. As of today, we are back to curling on all six sheets of ice at The Granite's new "Curling Rink in the Park", albeit some teams have only three members.

Today's Sunday Morning Legion Curling League has players of all ages and walks of life. There are still a handful of Legion members, Navy Club members and Air Force Wing members in the league. Many of the league curlers have gone on to become full members of the Granite Club. Some of the Granite's own members; including a team of Junior Curlers have joined the Legion League. The league also has it's own website at [www.sundaycurling.ca](http://www.sundaycurling.ca) where members of the league can check their standings and schedule. Visiting this site also allows them and other web surfers to see what's new with the league. Another perk of the league is the closing banquet, which has become a tradition in the past few years that everyone looks forward to. This year the banquet will be held at the 404 Wing Air Force Club.

The league is alive and well in 2005, however, with a few teams having only three teammates, there is still some room in the league for a few new or seasoned curlers. There are many other Sunday Morning Legion Curling Leagues across Ontario and Canada, but none quite like ours. Looking ahead, the future of the league looks as bright as the sun, shining down on that handful of cars driven by squinty-eyed half awake curlers at 8:45 a.m. every Sunday morning.

With thanks to Clarence Schmidt for the historical data.

Mike Turos, Convener of the Sunday Morning Legion Curling League



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