

# The Granite Connection

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**Message from the President:**

As we announced in March, we are very pleased to have signed a 10 year renewal for the Rink in the Park, with an option for an additional five more years. Our costs have increased, and we will need to remain prudent to stay on top of the inflationary and tax increases built into the lease, but this is an affordable deal, and continues our great partnership with the City of Waterloo.

A decade ago, the KW Granite Club was on the brink of disaster: we had a tired old building, shrinking membership, and mounting money problems. As I write this, your curling club is in great shape: we have a strong relationship with the city, a world class building, full membership, and stable financials. This incredible turnaround is a testament to the strength and dedication of our members: from those who donated money to our Hit the Button capital campaign, the volunteers who have worked tens of thousands of hours, and even your simple decision to curl at the KW Granite, when there are so many other options out there for your leisure time. You should be proud, and I sincerely thank you all.

From this position of strength, now is the time to contemplate the future of curling in the region. Our strategic planning committee will be asking for your ideas over the next year as we formulate our vision. In addition, we have a number of openings on the board of directors for the upcoming season. I encourage those of you with an interest in helping to continue our success to consider joining the board.

Thank you for another wonderful curling season. Have a great summer, and we'll see you at the AGM on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Doug

**K-W Fall Classic**

The 2011 KW Fall Classic will once again kick off the curling season on September 22 - 25, 2011. The best men's and women's teams from around the province will battle it out for over \$20,000 in cash! Mark your calendars as this is an event you won't want to miss.

The Fall Classic organizing committee is still looking for volunteers to assist in sponsorship activities that will take place over the summer.

Anyone interested is asked to e-mail Marc Joyce at [marc.joyce@gmail.com](mailto:marc.joyce@gmail.com).

## Congratulations...

Congratulations to John Scott and his team of Ed Ferguson, Glenn Pascoe and Les Houston for coming in second at the Grand Master Provincials

Congratulations to both the Competitive and Recreational K-W Blind Curling teams for coming home with gold medals at the Provincials. The Competitive team will be competing at the Nationals in Ottawa next year

### Competitive:

Norm Green, Tim Prohaszka, Carrie Speers, Doug Boucher,  
Dr. Jim Stephens

Coach - Wendy Simpson, Guide - Dan Prohaszka

### Recreational:

Len Cooper, Gary Summers, Geoff Hodgson, Theresa Peterson, Ken Peterson

Coach - Helene Hume, Guide - Donna Watkinson



Congratulations to Scott Brandon and his team of Jasmin Thurston, Jordan Moreau and Cheryl Kreviazuk for winning the B-Side at the Junior Mixed Regionals and representing us well at the Provincials.

Congratulations to Peter Mellor and his team of Carrie Mellor, Brett Mellor and Lauri Infanti for winning the B-Side at the Mixed Regionals and representing us well at the Provincials.

Congratulations to Kaitlin Stubbs and Alanna Cornish for winning the Junior Mixed Provincials curling out of Peterborough

Congratulations to our Women's OCA Tankard team for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Provincials

Team 1: Katie Pringle, Alex Hughes, Angela Cerantola, Tracy Suerich

Team 2: Kathy Ryan, Deb Salonen, Cailey McCutcheon/Jan Hamilton, Lindsay Collie

Congratulations to Jim Uhrig for receiving the Tuffy Knight award from Wilfrid Laurier University in recognition of his many years of timeless support for Golden Hawk curling.

The Tuffy Knight Award pays recognition to a person not affiliated with the university, for their untiring efforts over an extended period of time.

## Little Rock Junior Development Program



For a short time on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, it would be easy to believe that the Ford World Curling had been transported to the KW Granite Club. There were teams from Scotland, Switzerland, France, Norway (wearing their crazy curling pants), Jamaicans in dreadlocks, and Mexicans in sombreros here to participate in the Monkey Bonspiel for Little Rock and Bantam curlers. In real life, there were 24 teams that travelled from as far away as Chatham and Oakville. On the bantam side, the winning rink was a Granite team, skipped by Molly Greenwood. Everyone went home a winner, including one curler who fell in love with the skateboard he picked up from the prize table.

The Juniors finished off the season with a Skills Competition. Congratulations to the winner Ben Krupicz, and also to Kelly Slover for being the overall points winner. The Little Rocks invited their parents to curl with them, to show off their new curling skills.

Have a great summer everyone and watch for us in the City of Waterloo Leisure Guide in August, and the Minor Sports Registration at Conestoga Mall in September.

Cindy Wright, Little Rocks Convener

## Around the Rink

I guess another season is over. We shut the compressor off late Sunday afternoon and there was water on the ice Monday morning. I pulled the centers, hacks and mashed out the hack plates. I then removed the center walkway and by Tuesday noon, the city will have all the ice removed. So have a great summer and I hope to see you all back in 5 months.

Yours truly  
Harry Hack Smasher McBroom



## Tuesday Night Mixed

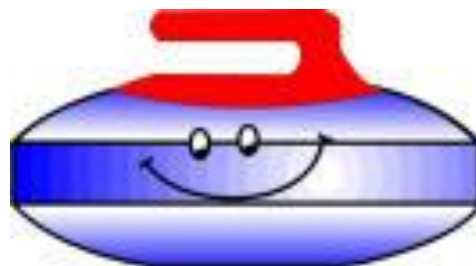
The Trophy event winner of the Tuesday Night Mixed league playoffs which concluded on March 29 was the team of John Scott, Linda Dunn, Randall Davis, and Sue McDonald with Jeff Dunn sparing for the injured John Scott, defeating the team of Scott McRae, Margie Milburn, John Saulters, and Merlin McRae. There were a few upsets in this year's playoffs which saw the top six teams all lose during the 4-week single knock-out event. Congratulations to the Scott team.

The Cup event winner of the Tuesday Night Mixed league playoffs was the team of Sandra Nethercott, Ken Nethercott, Tonya Zborowski, and Keith McKenzie, with Al and Carol Nichols sparing for Sandy and Ken, defeating the team of David Weckman, Nicole Weckman, Jason Sadler, and Beth Weckman. Congratulations to the Nethercott team.

On Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> the TNM league ended the season with a team-entry Skins Format evening.

Only 24 weeks until we start again next September.

Enjoy your summer!  
Richard Slaughter  
TNM Convener



## Summer arrived early at the Granite Club!

On Saturday April 2, 16 teams took to the ice and the adjoining golf courses in the first ever Summer Slam Mixer. In the end it was the "family foursome" of Clinton and Katie Rayfield and Dave and Kathy Young that curled for show and putted for dough to walk away with first place. Chipping in for second place was the team of Mike and Sherry Collins and Steve and Katie Hitchman with some help on the "frozen water hazard" from Jeff Dunn. Matt and Lana Obach, Jason Beireling and Ashley Falconer, the tuxedoed team of Saskatchewan Roughrider groupies drew and duffed their way to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Competition was tough, but underwater specialist, Frank "Cousteau" VanderGriendt, and the wide-eyed team of Bill and Heather Halsband and Steve and Deb Calma were deemed winners on the Summer Fashion catwalk.

A big thank you goes out Bruce McConnell and the following businesses that helped out with the prize table!

The Heidelberg Brew Pub and Motel in Heidelberg  
– owned by club member Bob MacMillan

Petals and Pots Inc. - at 65 University Ave East, Waterloo – a long time supporter of club events

Dairy Queen - at Weber and University Ave in Waterloo

Thanks also to Davenport Catering, Randall Kuhn, our DJ for the evening, and of course Jim Karen, Joe and the rest of the staff and last, but certainly not least, Linda and Jeff Dunn for helping make things go as smoothly as they did! I hope everyone had a fun day and perhaps we can turn this into an annual "closing" fun event, with even greater participation. Please email me if you have any criticisms or suggestions. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Summer Camp Counsellor – Dave Leitch:



## Men's Daytime Curling

This was another successful year for men's daytime curling. The Tuesday AM league had 10 teams for the first 2 events and 9 for the third event. The Thursday PM league had 8 teams for all 3 events. It was great to see a lot of new curlers out this year. We look forward to seeing them next year.

The skips for the winning teams this year were:

### **Tuesday AM**

<b>Event</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Winner</b>	Lew Ayers	Ed Ferguson	Randy Metzloff
<b>Runner up</b>	Roger Higgins	Dave Holt	Roy Knight

### **Thursday PM**

<b>Event</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Winner</b>	Tom Powell	Roger Higgins	Ray Hussey
<b>Runner up</b>	Len Croke	Aden Snyder	Wayne Short



The season wound up with a rich and well attended skins game on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

In the fall, the Tuesday morning league will start 15 minutes later at 9:15am. This will give the ice crew time to prepare the ice before we start.

Thursday afternoon will be at the same time: 12:30pm.

After many years as convener of Men's Daytime curling, Tom Powell has decided to step down. Many thanks Tom for all your hard work to get men's daytime to where it is to-day.

Dave Cain

## Wednesday Men's Club Championship

It was a very competitive year for the Wednesday night Wintek Engineering Men's Club Championship. We thank the players for the patience with their rookie conveners as we went through a complicated playoff while trying to accommodate our competitive squads that were competing in national and provincial competitions. All in all a successful season.

Congratulations to Bowie Abbis-Mills, Mark Kean, Peter Sinclair and Jordan Moreau for winning the club championship in an extra-end over Peter Mellor, Brett Mellor, Duncan McLean and Glenn Rotteveel. Team Abbis-Mills will represent the club in the Dominion Men's Club Champions playdowns this fall.

Our consolation champions include:

A champion Bruce McConnell, Tim Morrison, Allan Stahl, Doug Suerich (spare Ron Schirm)

A runnerup: Derek Babcock, Paul Moffatt, Colin McMillan, Peter Stewart

B champ: Roy Bromiley, Terry McCutcheon, Bryan Hawkins, Bill Ralph

B runnerup: Derek Buie, Bryan Martin, Craig Diefenbaker, Jeff Defienbaker

C champ: Ray Hussey, Andrew Kowpak, Kevin Prong, Greg Haynes

C runnerup: Scott McRae, Dave Leitch, Ken Nethercott, Carl Hoffmann

D champion: John Scott, Matthew Hogg, Steve Foster, Dennis Pink (spare Dave Kaun)

D runnerup: Bernie Reid, Glenn Pascoe, Bob Smith, Ron Oke

Have a great summer!

Brian Belfry

## **Business Ladies**

What a fantastic year for our Thursday night league. Congratulations to all of the curlers for making it a year to remember.

The AGM was well attended and Kim Mervyn did a fantastic job (as usual) with organizing the closing dinner. Kim was also the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award – well deserved!!! Thanks to the current committee for their hard work and dedication this year.

Are you interested in joining the executive for the 2011/2012 season? We will have a number of positions available – social assistant, prizes, VP - the sky is the limit!

We want to thank our prize sponsors for their generous donations – please think of them when making purchases in our community!

- Boston Pizza (Sportsworld/Gateway)
- Brick Brewery
- Charcoal Group of Restaurants
- Consilio's Fine Foods
- Cora Breakfast & Lunch (Waterloo Town Square)
- East Side Mario's (Sportsworld/Gateway)
- Golf's Steak & Seafood
- Granite Club Pro Shop
- Huether Hotel
- Janet Lynns Bistro
- Marbles Restaurant
- Dr. Jill Oliver, Chiropractor
- Solé Restaurant & Wine Bar
- Turtle Jack's Muskoka Grill (Sportsworld/Gateway)
- William's Fresh Cafe (Sportsworld/Gateway)



We'd also like to make a special thank you to Dundee Wealth Management (Mike Collins, CFP), for providing office supplies and postage.

We are also pleased to let you know that Jasmin Thurston, Kaitlin Stubbs, Pam Feldkamp and Cheryl Kreviazuk from our league will represent our club at the Dominion Championships – way to go!

Mark Your calendar now for next year's Business Ladies Bonspiel "Vegas Style", November 5, 2011

Have a wonderful summer. If you are a golfer – keep it in the short grass – see you again in the fall!

## **Friday Night Mixed**

The Dundee Wealth Friday Night Mixed League wrapped up playoffs this past weekend. Thanks to all 128 curlers (and many spares) for making this another great season and a great group to work with as your convenor.

The overall aggregate winners of round robin play this year, with an impressive record of 14 wins, 3 losses, and a tie, was:

Dave Leitch

Sandra Nethercott

Ken Nethercott

Sue Kerrigan

## **Friday Night Mixed continued**

Individual Event winners during our playoffs were:

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Event:***

Dave Leitch                  Sandra Nethercott                  Ken Nethercott                  Sue Kerrigan

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Event***

Carl Hoffman	Ilse Hoffman	Eric Farrar	Ashley Farrar
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### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Event***

Derek Babcock	Pat Babcock	Rob Campbell	Nancy Campbell
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### ***4<sup>th</sup> Event***

Al Nichols	Carol Nichols	Bill Halsband	Heather Halsband
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### ***5<sup>th</sup> Event***

David Kaun	Denise Gauthier	Luca Keffer	Andrea Nelson
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### ***6<sup>th</sup> Event***

Ted Spicer	Kerry Townson	Leon Babin	Lisa Zwicker
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### ***7<sup>th</sup> Event***

Sue McDonald	Phil Mitchell	Joan Slover	Dave Slover
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A big thanks to Mike Collins (Dundee Wealth Management) for his generous sponsorship of our league again this year. Thanks also to Boston Pizza, Ennio's Pasta House, Adri's Chocolates, The Brick Brewery, T.J. Leslie Motors, and Stuart Wilson for making contributions to the closing banquet meal and prize table.

Have a great summer - We hope to see you all again next season.  
Bruce

## **Day Ladies Curling**

The curling season is now over and I hope every member has enjoyed the events and bonspiels. I hope that your spring and summer will be relaxing.

DOUBLES EVENT: Winners were: 1st Place - Edie Lowe and Marg Fields  
2nd Place – Lorna Allen and Carrie Speers

This event was sponsored by Tim Horton's (Bridgeport Rd.) and Sobeys (Columbia St.)  
The conveners were Carrie Speers and Wanda Bauer.

GRANITE CLASSIC EVENT: This was sponsored by Bette Eccles.  
Convener was Bonnie Ladano and Co-convener was Val Rotar.

Winners were: 1st Place -Team Allen, Lorna Allen, Peggy Graham, Brenda Kropf, Joan Stewart  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Team Stubgen, Joan Stubgen, Sharon Stephens, Virginia Tkach, Martha Milne

DAY LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Conveners were Lorna Allen and Ilse Hoffman.  
Sponsors were Tami Asselstine and Lynda Forbes

### Division A

Winners: 1st Place - Lorna Allen, Glad O'Hara, Lynn Bebenek, Ardith Toogood  
2nd Place - Edie Lowe, Ilse Hoffman, Heather Halsband, Sandy Elliott

### Division B

Winners: 1st Place - Val Rotar, Lynda Forbes, Bev Short, Bonnie Ladano  
2nd Place - Joan Stubgen, Tami Asselstine, Dorothy Hirschberger, Joyce Bell

## Day Ladies Continued

Congratulations to all participants and huge compliments to the winners!

**CLOSING BONSPIEL:** Convener was Lynda Forbes, Co-conveners were Joan Stewart and Wanda Bauer. The sponsor for the event was Bon Choix Catering.

Winners were: 1st Place – Lorna Allen, Linda Egleston, Carol Pollard, Sue Hallman, Anne Patterson  
2nd Place – Bev Houston, Lynn Bebenek, Ruth McLaren, Joan Stewart

**CLOSING DINNER SUMMARY:** The event was a special tribute to a member who has made many contributions to the day ladies curling affairs. Bob and Sandy Horton were the special guests along with other sponsors. After the dinner, Sandy with the help of her husband Bob conveyed a special thanks to all members and made an announcement to all that a particular award would be made in the coming years in honor of Sandy. A Sportmanship Plaque was unveiled and it was noted and fitting that the award would be presented to future members who best accomplished the skill of fair-mindedness and good attitude towards the opponent. Thank-you Sandy and Bob and enjoy you future challenges.  
Special thanks to Randy Kuhn for providing the dinner entertainment

**DAVENPORT CATERING EVENT:** Conveners were Pam Krokoszynski and Joyce Bell. The Sponsor Harald Braun of Davenport Catering.

Winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Edie Lowe, Sue Hallman, Marg Fields, Jan Wilson  
2nd Place - Bonnie Ladano, Sherry Collins, Marcia Condon, Jan Fell

**LADIES INTER-CITY CURLING LEAGUE:** Again some of the day ladies curling members enjoyed another successful season. Along with Ayr C.C., Guelph Country Club, K-W Granite, Paris C.C., Westmount Golf and Country Club and Galt C.C. all ladies continued to have fun, success and a drive to show good curling manners. On March 23, 2011 the Ayr ladies hosted a closing jitney and luncheon. Despite the poor weather it was a great day of fellowship and camaraderie. Thank-you to all participants and hopefully new members will join this league in the coming year.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Day Ladies Golf Day and Luncheon has been scheduled. It will be held on Thursday June 9, 2011 at Puslinch Lake Golf Course. Golf and Lunch costs \$40, Golf Only is \$26, Lunch Only is \$15. If you haven't yet signed up you can still do so by calling Wanda Bauer at 519-886-8425. Come out and have fun, it will be great to see you there.

It has been a busy season and I hope all the members have enjoyed themselves. We hope to see you back in the fall and let's hope to see new faces, too. Best wishes to Carrie Speers and her new executive as they make positive efforts to move this league forward and implement good events for all. I know that Carrie can count on your support.

**Closing Humour:** How do Easter Bunnies stay healthy? They eggercise. What kind of jewellery does the Easter Rabbit wear? Only 14 carrot gold.

Have a relaxing time this spring and summer and see you soon. W. Bauer

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