

# The Granite Connection

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## Message from the President

Ever get the feeling that winning games at the K-W Granite keeps getting harder to do? It's not just you. There's some strong evidence that our curlers keep getting better and better, and that the best curlers hone their skills at the K-W Granite. Just in the last month, our club was out winning zones, regions, major cash spiels, provincials and large international events! Plus almost half the teams at the Ontario Men's Championship have a strong K-W Granite connection. Simply incredible. Read inside for all the details.

The Stratford Curling club is hosting the Tankard next week: Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a great chance to see top quality curlers fighting for a chance to attend the Brier, and cheer on all our members and alumni who are participating. I encourage everyone to make the short drive to Stratford and see at least one draw. <http://www.stratfordtankard.ca/>

## K-W Detroit Curling Exchange

As mentioned in the January Connection, the KW end of this great friendship exchange will take place in March 2012. The actual dates are March 9, 10 and 11 and we would encourage new participants to become a part of this historical curling event. A sign-up sheet is now on the board in the curling lounge.

See our Website - [http://www.kwgranite.com/KW\\_Detroit\\_Exchange](http://www.kwgranite.com/KW_Detroit_Exchange)

## KW Blind Curlers

Our KW Blind Curlers would like to thank the members for their generosity and support of the Jamie Koe Brier shirt raffle. The tickets were on sale only for the month of January. We are overwhelmed with the \$473 you contributed which will go to help pay for our entry fee of \$4000 for the Nationals. The winner of the shirt is Lorne Quanz. Congratulations and thank you.

We leave for Ottawa February 5<sup>th</sup>. Wish us well!

## Men's Daytime:

There will be no Men's Thursday afternoon curling on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Dominion Stick Provincial Regional play downs are being held. Games are at 9 am and 1 pm on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cheers, Dave Cain

## Club Passings

Deepest sympathy is extended to Bob and Ardith Toogood over the recent death of Bob's mother.

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## Upcoming Events

**WLU High Performance Clinic**  
February 11, 2012

**Lea Bauman Masters Bonspiel (Men)**  
February 15, 2012

**Heart & Stroke Bonspiel (Open)**  
February 17, 2012

**Detroit Exchange (Men)**  
March 9,10,11, 2012

**Monkey Spiel (LR & Bantam)**  
March 31, 2012

## Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Laura Crocker and her WLU varsity team of Sarah Wilkes, Jen Gates, Pam Feldkamp and Cheryl Kreviazuk for winning the Karuizawa International Curling Championship in Japan!

Congratulations to Robert Wright and his team of John Gabel, Ben Shane and David Langford for winning the Provincials at the Fairfield Marriott Challenge!

Congratulations to Molly Greenwood and her team of Brittany Quinton, Candice Donahue and Sherri Woodcock for winning the A-Side at the Bantam Regionals. Good luck at Provincials February 8-11 in Galt!

## Congratulations continued..

Congratulations to John Scott and his team of Ed Ferguson, Glenn Pascoe and Les Houston for winning the zones of the Men's Grand Masters. Good luck at Provincials March 22-24!

Congratulations to Peter and Carrie Mellor for winning the Port Elgin Cash Spiel!

Congratulations to Laura Crocker for being named the Laurier Female Athlete of the week!

Congratulations to Trevor Ranton and his team of Nick Borg, Austin Blue and Jackson Cox for winning the Bantam Zones last month. They lost a very close game to just miss advancing to the Provincials. Great effort!

Congratulations to Bruce McConnell and his team of Brian Belfry, Tim Morrision and Stephen Foster for winning the Intermediate zones in November

## Did You Know???

Five of the 11 teams making it to this year's Dominion Championship have player connections to the K-W Granite Club:

Current members - Daryl Shane and Paul Moffatt

Past Members - Bruce Cox , Mark Kean, Mike Anderson, Matt Mapletoft, Glenn Howard, Brent Laing, Craig Saville

## Around The Rink

From your friendly neighbourhood Ice Tech

Hi Again. You probably have noticed that the sock has been deflating and inflating. There is a simple reason for this. We're trying to save a little money without sacrificing the quality of the ice. I know it's a bit of a shock when the sock inflates, so it won't inflate when games are in progress. I just need to programme the thermostat to shut the fan off when we don't need heat when games are not being played. It will then turn on and off when the ice isn't being used for play.

We're getting quite a few knee marks in the ice lately. If you need to leave your knee on the ice please wear a knee pad. We have them in the Pro Shop.

I would also like to say Good Luck to our members that are curling in the Ontario Men's Tankard in Stratford, the Bantam Girls Provincials in Galt and the Blind Curling Nationals in Ottawa next week.

See ya around the rink, Tankard McBroom

## Little Rock Junior Development Program

2011/12 is proving to be a breakout year for the K-W Granite Little Rock/Junior program and its' competitive teams. After many years of program and curler development work by the LRJDP committee and its' coaches, administrators and support of the parent group, we have 3 Bantam teams competing at Zones and beyond.

New to the competitive circuit are the Bantam boys' team of **Trevor Ranton, Austin Blue, Nick Borg and Jackson Cox**; who competed for the first time at Zones (January 14/15 in Arthur) and won the 'A' side. They followed up with an impressive display at Regionals the following weekend; dropping the 'A' final to the Kieran Scott team from Galt CC in an extra end and coming out on the short end in the 'B' final – a very impressive showing in their first year. This group has a bright future!

Also in their first year of competitive play is the team of **Stephanie Childs, Lindsay Geerenks, Susanna Wright and Kelly Slover**, who represented us well in their first appearance at the Bantam Girls' Zones, going to the 'B' final. Way to go ladies!

Perennial competitor (at age 15) **Molly Greenwood** and her team of **Brittany Quinton, Candice Donahue and Sherri Woodcock** are enjoying a banner season, with top three finishes in six cash events; including a first, two seconds and three thirds against competition from across Ontario. The girls have continued their winning ways with 'A' side victories at Bantam Zones (Arthur) and Regionals (Westmount). They will be at Galt CC for the Bantam Girls' Provincials February 8 – 12. **GO GRANITE!!!**

Congratulations and many thanks to coaches Jenn Metzloff, Cindy Wright and Kirk Greenwood.

## Tuesday Night Mixed

There are 4 Tuesday nights remaining in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of TNM curling. After this current round finishes our playoffs begin. The top 16 teams compete in a single-knockout playoff to determine the Trophy Champion. The remaining 14 teams compete in a similar fashion for the Cup Championship. Since Bye requests are all but impossible to grant in this playoff format and several bye requests have been made already for Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, the TNM playoffs will begin on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> and that planned 'fun night' on March 6<sup>th</sup> will be moved to Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> with playoffs resuming on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. The playoff finals and our last night of TNM curling will be Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Richard Slaughter  
Convener



## Business Ladies

The last round of the 2011/2012 season is upon us. That means The Scotties Tournament of Hearts is soon to be here!

Some things to remind everyone about:

At the end of the regular season play of Round 3 we will be choosing a representative for the Dominion club play-down. The team leading in points at the end of Round 3, if eligible, will be the team facing a representative from Monday night in a game to decide our Ladies Dominion Representative. If the overall winning team is ineligible, it will be offered to the next highest winning team that is eligible. Ladies in A Division, this opportunity is waiting for one team!

## Business Ladies continued

A few weeks ago, the club sent out a Game Play email. I think this is a good time to offer a few tips to help with the flow of the game, and to provide any team with as much opportunity to pull out a win as possible. Please note there are 2 teams that will not be involved in Playoffs on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Having the opportunity to play a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> end is important for every team as we finish out this regular season.

Tips to help the flow of the game:

- When the opposing team has released their rock, you can move yours to the hack, clean it, prepare your sliding foot and chosen broom and be standing ready to see what your skip is indicating. Sweepers are encouraged to watch your skip as well so everyone knows what shot is being called.
- When you are done throwing your rock, and the rock has reached its target at the other end of the ice, please exit the sliding area to the side of the sheet instead of back down the middle towards the hack. This allows the other team to be able to prepare their rock, see their skip and begin the throwing process. Once the rock passes you, feel free to return to the end boards and prepare your next rock, or yourself for sweeping.
- Sweepers: when you are done sweeping, please exit to the side of the sheet. This clears the vision path for the opposition and allows the game to continue moving. Standing in the house to determine if the shot thrown, prior to skip rocks, is counting, is something that slows the game down when you are not the vice-skip or skip. Standing on the side of the sheet, between hog lines, and allowing your skip to exit the scoring area to speak to you is a better choice when inquiring who is shot. Talking to each other as you slide from the scoring end to the throwing end, while sliding on opposite sides of the sheet, unconsciously means you are not sliding down the side, but more into the visual path/throwing path of the other team. Instead, quickly move down the same side of the sheet, stop, continue your conversation, and then move to the end of the sheet once the rock has passed you. It keeps the scoring area clear for the other team to make their decision and begin throwing the rock. It also means you can see what is coming and where the broom is, so you are not accidentally run-over by a sweeper on the throwing team, trying to “Hurry! Hard!” for their skip.
- Waiting for someone to become aware that they are in the house, or sliding down the sheet in such a way that it blocks the view of the throwing team, takes precious minutes your skip may need to make a decision late in the game. When clearing rocks after each end, lead throwers of the team that scored the points, should be concerned about finding Rock 1, getting into the hack and cleaning that rock as quickly as possible. Other team members can move the rocks to the side and quickly arrange them. When the lead does this it helps the skip determine who scored the points and allows the next end to start.

The minutes saved by any and all of these tips allow for the play of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> ends when the game is close and they are needed. It also allows you to get to the “Supplemental End” (the social/drinking end) more quickly if things are not going well!

In Round 3, we have several teams that are down a player due to medical issues. These players will not be returning for the remainder of this season. This is a call for all those curlers who would like to curl an extra game, who would be interested in curling back to back games for further skill development, and those bye team players that would be willing to step up to help those teams in need. The need for spares has been growing ever greater as the season progresses. When you do spare for someone, please send an email to Cynthia Roth. She’s collecting names of those that spare, so those ladies can be recognized.

Lastly, Meghan sent out an email letting everyone know how playoffs will work. Team A9 and B9 – after the reseeding at the end of Round 3, will not be involved in playoffs this year. What does this mean to you? It means that in Round 3, it’s time to bring your A game each and every night, so you are able to move your team out of these two spots.

I leave you with a feeble attempt at some seasonal Curling Humour:

Twelve foos are Red,

Four foos are Blue,

Curling is Sweep,

And so are you!

What brought on this amorous rhyme? Two parts vodka and one part lime!

Pam MacCollum



## Day Ladies Curling

Hello everyone, as you know February is heart month, please support the cause by either sponsoring a team or volunteering your time. All little acts help. Remember "Love may not make the world go round but I must admit that it makes the ride worthwhile."(Sean Connery)

**LADIES BONSPIEL IN THE PARK:** The event took place on Mon. Jan.23, 2012 at the Granite Club. There were 12 rinks involved, 9 were out of town, 3 were from KW. The winner was the MINARD Rink from Niagara Falls and second place went to the McCLEOD Rink from Elmira. Just to let you know that this Elmira Rink has been participating in the Bonspiel since it began 8 years ago. Thank you to Wendy Simpson and her committee for a successful day. As matter of note, the raffle table was huge and one to be very proud of, resulting in a record profit. WELL DONE!!!

**DAY LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT:** The event ended on Monday Jan.30,2012.

The Winners are: 1st Place: Team Allen, Lorna Allen, Glad O'Hara, Pat Gascho and Ardith Toogood.

2nd Place Team Stubgeon, Joan Stubgeon, Tami Asselstine, Dorothy Hinschberger and Joyce Bell

Consolations Winners are: 1st Place Team Lowe, Edith Lowe, Ilse Hoffman, Sandy Elliott and Sherri Helmka

2nd Place: Team Roberts, Marilyn Roberts, Deb Calma, Heather Halsband and Wendy DeJonge

Thank you to all participants and thank you to the sponsors Lynda Forbes and Tami Asselstine.

Condloscences are sent to the Toogood family on the loss of their mother earlier this month. Our prayers and kind thoughts will said for you .

### LOOKING AHEAD:

1. Zach's Bonspiel: This is to take place on Monday Feb. 6, 2012.
2. Galt/Granite Exchange: This event will take place on Wed. Feb. 15, 2012 at the Galt Club.
3. Granite Classic Event: It is to start on Feb. 9,2012 , curling starts at 9:15a.m.
4. Davenport Event: This program is to start on Feb.7, 2012 at 12:45 p.m.
5. Doubles Event: Anyone interested in playing during the month of March, please sign up!

On a Lighter note, I am signing off with the following news. Without Love days are...Sadday, Moanday, Tearday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Frightday and Shatterday, So LOVE everyday!

Submitted by: Wanda Bauer

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