

The Granite Connection

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Message from the President:

Planning the Future

As many of you know, we are actively negotiating with the city to renew our lease for the Rink in the Park. I'm happy to report that the process is going well, and I expect to be able to share the terms of the deal with you in the next Connection.

Over the past 10 years, we've transformed from a club with a tired old building, looming financial problems and a shrinking membership into a thriving community with a great building and a full membership. With a new lease on the horizon, now is the time to plan the next 10 years so we can keep the momentum going. As such, we are asking for volunteers for three new committees:

Strategic Planning Committee: (Club President + 4 others)

Mandate: To formulate a vision for what the KW Granite Club should look like in 10-15 years. Should we grow? Does that mean one big building, or two medium sized ones? Do we want to own our own building again? How will any growth be financed? What will our community look like in 10 years? The goal is to present a strategic plan to the membership for ratification at the 2012 AGM.

Summer 2011 Capital Spending/Club Upgrades: (3-5 members)

Mandate: What improvements should be made to the building in the next year? After 8 years at the Rink in the Park, it is time to freshen the place up. The board of directors has set aside some funds for club improvement, but we have avoided making any investments until after we have renewed our lease. We're looking for people who have the vision and flair to make this a beautiful place to curl and socialize. We're also looking for ways to increase room rentals as an additional source of revenue. The goal is to make some significant cosmetic and structural upgrades to the club before the start of the 2011/12 curling season.

Governance Changes: (Club President + 2 others)

Mandate: To bring the club bylaws in line with the new lease, and changes in our operational and legal environments. The goal is to have an updated set of bylaws ready for the 2011 AGM.

We are looking for volunteers! This is a great chance to really make some significant changes to our club. If you are interested in helping out, either as a committee member, or indirectly by submitting your ideas to the committee, please contact Karen, or I.

Doug (doug.suerich@gmail.com)

Club Passings

Deepest sympathy is extended to Gary and Ken McLaren over the death of their mother

Deepest sympathy is extended to Carl and Ilse Hoffman over the death of Carl's mother

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Laura Crocker and her WLU Women's team of Sarah Wilkes, Jen Gates, Pam Felkamp, Cheryl Kreviazuk and Olivia Biernes for winning the gold medal at the Ontario University Championships

Congratulations to Matt Mapletoft and his WLU team of Scott McGregor, Shane Konings, Dave Kaun, Ian Romansky and Joel Waters for taking the silver medal at the OUA Championships

Good luck to both teams (and coaches Gary Crossley & Maurice Wilson) at the Nationals in Newfoundland March 9th to 13th!

Congratulations to Peter Mellor and his rink of Rob Saunders, Duncan McLean and Bill Gilmore for winning the A-side of the Intermediate Men's Regionals. Good luck at Provincials March 9th to 12th!

Upcoming Events

Stars R Us with Randy Kuhn

March 4, 2011

Hospitaliano/Battle of the Sexes (Mixed)

March 12, 2011

Summer Slam Mixer (Mixed)

April 2, 2011

Monkey Bonspiel (Little Rock & Bantam)

April 9, 2011

HOSPITALIANO/Battle of the Sexes

Saturday, March 12, 2011

Battle of the Sexes 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Registration 4:30PM – 5:00PM with curling 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Hospitaliano 7:00 onward!

*Come out and curl,
Come out and dine,
Come out and have some fun.*

For more information contact:

Jane or Mike 578-6896

Curling, Prizes and Dinner \$30.00 per person.

Dinner only \$20.00 Limit of 48 curlers.

We must order the proper number of dinners by Wednesday, March 9 so please don't change your plans after that date. The caterer needs the lead time and will charge us for unused meals. You will have to pick up the tab for the dinner.

There may be some modifications to the normal rules of curling.



Summer Slam Mixer – Sat. April 2nd – “The Après Brier”

For \$40.00 (about the cost of 2 Brier draws) you get some lunch, a dinner, a dance, a chance to win prizes and “with a little imagination” you get to throw actual curling rocks the same way Kevin Martin or Glenn Howard do. There’s just one catch – **We need one full draw (48 curlers) entered by Thursday March 10.** The maximum is 2 full draws (96 curlers) by Tuesday March 29.

Details and entry forms are on the Granite website and in the curling lounge. Enter as a team, a threesome, a pair or an independent. **“Fun loving”** members, guests, juniors and league players are welcome. Please deposit **legible** entry forms in the box in the curling lounge.

Get off your butt and get your name in by March 10 and your entry could be free!

Health Warning: If you don’t have fun at the Summer Slam Mixer, you should ask your doctor for some anti-depressant medication!

Control Freak: Dave Leitch - 519-729-7263 – Email: skipsdontsweep@hotmail.com

Practice Ice Available

With playoffs coming up we’ve decided to set aside some ice time for individuals or teams to come out and practice:

Saturday March 5th & 19th – 9am-noon

Saturday March 26th – 9am-2pm

Reservations are necessary



Friday Night Mixed

Believe it or not, this week marks the half way point of our last round of the Dundee Wealth Management Friday Night Mixed League. Team Leitch is in the lead, so maybe this is the year they shake their record of finishing second the last 3 years in a row?

Jeff Dunn has joined as a spare for the balance of the season. If you’re looking for somebody think of him.

Our playoffs will run on Friday April 8th with finals and a jitney the evening Saturday April 9th. All teams make the playoffs, so if for some reason you can not participate, please let me know. Also, if you have any suggestions for our closing night (we’ve had pizza the last few years), or would like to contribute something to our closing night prize table, please let me know.

Bruce McConnell

Wednesday Men’s Club Championships

This year has seen the level of competition on Wednesday night take another leap forward. Youth has played a role with rinks led by Matt Mapletoft and Bowie Abbis- Mills ending up as the top two teams in the field. Rounding out our men’s championship flight of eight teams are the teams of Brent Gray, Peter Mellor, Daryl Shane, Mark Fisher, Derek Martin and Bert Snow. Good luck to them all. The remaining 20 teams go into a consolation round bonspiel that will keep many of us playing until late March and early April. It may be playoffs but remember it’s supposed to be fun too! Keep smiling.

Brian Belfry

Around the Rink

Boy! Did, February go by quick. It seems that I just finished the February article for the Connection the other day. Time goes by quick when you're busy, and February is our busiest month.

The last couple of years, I flooded the ice in February so that it would be great for all the playoffs. The ice didn't start to change while scraping until the beginning of this week and I think the extreme changes in the weather had a lot to do with it. So I thought I would let everyone know that I will be flooding sheets 1, 2, and 3 this Friday morning (Mar. 4) and 4,5, and 6 next Wednesday morning (Mar 9). Don't worry; it won't interrupt any scheduled games played on those days.

Good Luck in the playoffs
Rocky McBroom



Business Ladies

On February 10th the Business Ladies held a Hearts & Ribbons night in support of breast cancer. A big thank you to everyone who wore pink, red and/or a bra outside their clothing! A special shout out to our Toonies for Ta-Ta's Team, Amy Reitzel, RMT and Ashley Martin of Mary Kay - they provided massages and makeovers for the evening. Together we raised \$254.00 for the Canadian Cancer Society! What an amazing group of women we have at our Club!

Save The Date: Championship Night and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Thursday, April 7th.

If you have not done so already, please consider nominating a fellow member for the Business Ladies Sportsmanship Memorial Award. Please see Kim Mervyn for a ballot.

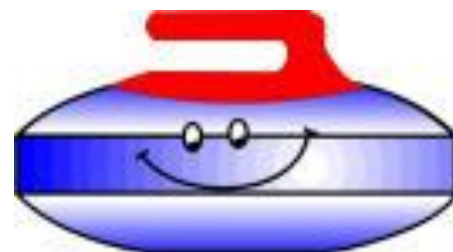
Are you interested in joining the executive for the 2011/2012 season? We will have a number of positions available - social, games, prizes, VP - the sky is the limit!

WANTED: A FEW GOOD WOMEN

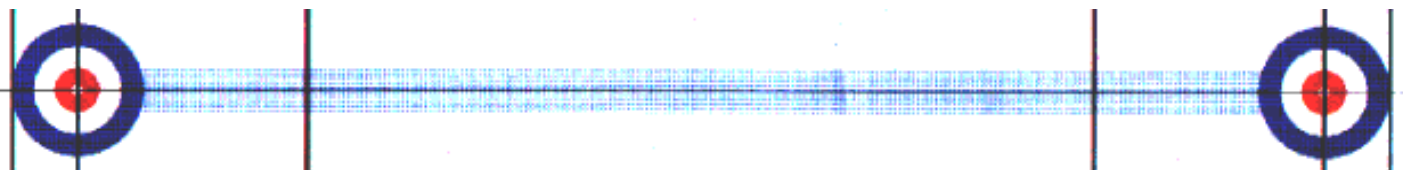
POSITION: BUSINESS LADIES BONSPIEL COMMITTEE

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Above average intellectual prowess
- Loves a good time
- Loves to shop
- Strong organizational skills
- Loves meeting new people
- Food guru
- Strong willingness to accept heaps of accolades



If this sounds like you please contact any member of the Business Ladies Executive.
Compensation is "liquid" and negotiable.



Day Ladies Curling:

March has come and it blew in like a lamb. Hopefully with the celebrations of St. Patrick's Day, all the ladies will find their pot of gold.

SNOWFLAKE EVENT: This event was convened by Dorothy Hinchberger and co-convened by Linda Egleston

The event started on Dec. 16, 2010 and ended on Feb.10, 2011. The event is sponsored by Myrna Saunders. All Teams displayed good curling, good sportmanship and good fellowship. The winners were:

1st Place: Team Lowe - Edie Lowe, Judith Stiles Brenda Kropf, Wanda Bauer

2nd Place: Team O`Hara - Glad O`Hara, Enid Mills, Virginia Tkach, Lorraine Gleiser

Congratulations to all members!

ZACH`S BONSPIEL: This event was co-ordinated by Sue Hallman, Virginia Tkach and many great seraphs. The day was filled with laughter, friendship and fantastic curling. The winners were:

1st Place: Team Simpson - Wendy Simpson, Helen Hume, Dixie Anderson, Sue Hallman

2nd Place: Team Nalasco - Virginia Nalasco, Bev Short, Virginia Tkach, Jan Fell

A big thank you goes to Zack`s , Jim Uhrig and the many angels who convened and helped to make the day a success!

GRANITE and GALT EXCHANGE: The exchange took place on Feb.14, 2011. Jean Richardson convened the event. It was superbly co-ordinated and the friendship made were much valued.

Congratulations: Huge congratulations goes out to Wendy Simpson and her team for achieving great success at the Provincial Master`s Competition in Gravenhurst during the week of Feb. 15th. The team finished in a three way tie for third. Way to go!

ONGOING EVENTS: Davenport Event - Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m.

Granite Classic - Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.

Tri-City Curling - On Wednesdays, at the various cities

Upcoming Events: Doubles Event - To start on March 7, 2011

As you may be aware, March is a busy month. Not only do the ladies have curling events, but there are several General Meetings that will take place. The first is scheduled for Thurs. March 3rd at 11:30 a.m. and the second one is set Thurs. March 31st at 11:30 a.m. Also, Nominations for the upcoming executive is underway. Please feel free to approach members and ask for their commitment to the day ladies curling. Nominations deadline is March 17th, 2011.

Closing Remarks: McNally was taking his first plane ride and it was over the Rocky Mountains. The stewardess handed him a piece of chewing gum. It`s to keep your ears from popping at high altitudes,`` she explains. When the plane landed, McNally rushed up to the stewardess, `Miss,`` he said, I`m meeting me wife right away. How do I get the gum out of my ears`



Did You Know?

Rules of Curling for General Play From the CCA's Official Rule Book for 2010 – 2012

Rule 9. Touched Moving Stones

- (1) A stone in motion shall not be touched by any player, equipment or personal belongings of the team to which it belongs.
- (2) Between the tee line at the delivering end and the hog line at the playing end:
 - (a) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched by the team to which it belongs or by its equipment the touched stone is removed from play immediately by that team.
 - (b) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched by the opposition or by their equipment or is affected by an external force:
 - (i) If the stone was the delivered stone, it is re-delivered.
 - (ii) If the stone was not the delivered stone, it is placed where the team to which it belongs reasonably considers it would have come to rest had it not been touched.
- (3) Inside the hog line at the playing end:
 - (a) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by the team to which it belongs, or by its equipment, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the non-offending team has the option to remove the touched stone and replace all stones that were displaced after the infraction to their original positions; or leave all stones where they came to rest; or place all stones where it reasonably considers the stones would have come to rest had the moving stone not been touched.
 - (b) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by the opposition or by their equipment, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the non-offending team places the stones where it reasonably considers the stones would have come to rest had the moving stone not been touched.
 - (c) If a moving stone is touched, or caused to be touched, by an external force, all stones are allowed to come to rest and then placed where they would have come to rest if the incident had not occurred. If the teams cannot agree, the stone is redelivered after all displaced stones have been replaced to their original positions.

Note: the only difference between the rules for General Play and Officiated Play is on part (c) above “If agreement on the original positions cannot be reached, the end is replayed.”

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