

The Granite Connection

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Message from the President:

Welcome back everyone! As has been our tradition for a few years now, we've already had a flurry of curling before most clubs have even started to make ice. Actually, even putting in our ice came with international attention! (Find out why from Pebbler McBroom)

The 3rd annual KW Fall Classic was a big success, and is growing to be an important event with national consequences. Did you know that the results of our cash spiel helped to decide who qualified for the next Grand Slam? Three teams entered our event with a chance to qualify. Team Middaugh lost the final in an extra end, but collected enough points for their 2nd place finish to make it to the Grey Power Championship in Windsor. On the women's side, our conveners came up with an innovative new schedule that is being copied for other events on the Ontario Curling Tour (A clever combination of a round robin, page playoffs, and single knockout). Congratulations to both our champions: Team Balsdon and Team Brown. Big thanks to Marc Joyce, Andrew Kowpak and Nick Lawler for all their hard work.

Once again, our evening leagues are 100% filled, and our daytime and weekend leagues are quite busy as well. Even the half-dozen curling clinics we've run have been over capacity! As I've said before, this is a serious problem, but it's a great problem for a curling club to have.

The parking lot next to the building is something that we share with a number of different users. The city is making a few rule changes, so please be sure to read inside for details, and watch for the new signs.

Have a great season everyone.

Doug

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Neil Bailey for winning the prestigious OCA Achievement Award. Neil received the award based on more than a decade of hard work for our club and our sport, in particular his efforts leading the team that successfully managed our transition to the Rink in the Park.

Well done Neil! We are all very grateful.

Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest Funnenspiel

October 22 & 23, 2010

Refresher Clinic

October 30, 2010

Business Ladies Bonspiel

November 6, 2010

Refresher Clinic

November 9, 2010

Bar Notes

Our staff working at the bar are no different than other bartenders (probably better). Please consider a gratuity like you do outside the club. There is a line on the chits for this.

Thanking you in advance,
Jim Uhrig,
Manager

REFRESHER CLINICS!

Saturday October 30th

9-11 am

Maximum 24 curlers

Tuesday November 9th

5:15-6:45 pm

Maximum 10 curlers

**PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE TO REGISTER**



Friday Night Mixed

Welcome to another season of Friday Night Mixed sponsored by Michael Collins of Dundee Wealth. Our two get acquainted mixer nights are complete and the regular season starts this Friday. We are looking forward to enjoying another season of good curling and good fun. If you have any suggestions/ideas for making our event better, let me know. We'll have some prizes for best Halloween costume for Friday October 29th.

Bruce

Around the Rink

It's great to be back and to see everyone back for what I hope will be a great season. Welcome to the new members and to past members that have returned.

We were the host for a Level 1 Ice Making school while we were installing the Ice. There were 21 new Ice makers from across the province, along with 3 people from Utica, New York and one person from Columbus, Ohio. Everyone from the school along with the instructors, were really impressed with the wonderful facility that we have.

I would like to thank Norm Green, Bill and John Anderson, Scott Allen, Mike Turos and Bryan Wilson from the Midland Curling Club, for helping paint the ice white and painting the circles, during the school. I would also like to thank Amanda Zufich for helping put the lines in the ice.

We had a great start for the new season with the cash spiel. It went off without a hitch. It was kinda scary for me how the Ice will be for the spiel. I wish we could have had a week of regular curling. Just about everyone was pleased with the ice. Hopefully I can keep in that shape all season for all of you.

I would also like to thank Jim Renaud for pebbling the ice on Tuesday nights for the last few years. Thanks Jim. Jim has retired as your Tues night pebbler and Matt Mapletoft is going to be taking his place. If you don't know Matt, he was on the Jake Walker team from Westmount that won the Canadian Junior Men's championship last year and will be skipping the Laurier Men's team this season. So if you see him with a backpack and he's by himself, don't be shy and give him a hand with sweeping and nipping the ice.

Catch ya next Month

Your friendly neighborhood Ice Maker
Flooder McBroom

Junior/Little Rock Program

The 2010-11 Junior/Little Rock program kicks off on Sunday, October 17, 2010. We look forward to another great year with new Bantam/Junior convenor Jenn Metzloff at the helm and Cindy Wright returning as convenor of the Little Rock program.

The focus of both sides this year will be to strengthen the Skills Ontario initiative started a few years ago and to promote the competitive side of the program; while still maintaining the basic instruction for our novice and intermediate levels.

On the competitive side, we have ice time available for our young curlers on Mondays and Wednesdays after school (3PM to 4:45PM). These sessions are geared to the bantam age group who are looking to sharpen their skills with extra ice time. Coaching resources will be available for these sessions.

Out of club bonspiels will be promoted to the utmost and participation encouraged in these and in the Wellington County "league" which runs one Saturday per month.

In addition to these promotions, we will also be sending two teams (1 boys' and 1 girls') to the International Children's Winter Games in Kelowna, British Columbia from January 26 to 31, 2011. The curlers will be accompanied by 4 speed skaters and 3 figure skaters, along with their coaches and the Head of Delegation. It looks to be an outstanding year for the K-W Granite Club and the Junior/Little Rock program



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Ladies Curling:

Welcome to all new and returning day lady curlers. Our season began with the **Petal N Pots Jitney** on Sept. 30, 2010. This event was convened by Lorna Allen and Joan Stubgen and it was a great success. The Jitney was followed by a luncheon. As in the past the Jitney was well represented, 36 new and returning members. The luncheon was well attended too, 49 members (past and present) filled the hall. A big thank you to Petal N Pots for donating the mum planters.

Again a big thank you to Edie Lowe and Heather Halsband for convening the Merry Go Round Jitney on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010 and the Friendship Jitney on Oct.7/10.

Ongoing:

Club Championship: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. Begins Oct.8/10

M&M Meats Events: Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. Begins Oct12/10

Tartan Event: Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. Begins Oct. 14/10

Ladies Inter-City: Begins Nov.3/10

Coming Events:

Fallfest Bonspiel: Monday Nov.8/10

Snowflake Event: Thursday Dec. 2/10

Christmas & Friendship Jitney: Tuesday Dec.14/10

Reminders:

1. If you are having difficulties with any of the events, feel free to ask any of the executive members how they can help.
 2. Always check the bulletin boards in the change room for sign ups and upcoming events.
 3. Please be in consideration of others and refrain from using fragrances, there are ladies with allergies.
- As you can see from the list above we have exciting events and many spiels planned for everyone. Come out, have fun and C-C-U-U-R-R-L-L.

Submitted by: Wanda Bauer

Tuesday Night Mixed

The Tuesday Night Mixed League is full this year with 120 curlers on 30 teams. A big welcome goes to the 39 curlers who have joined this league for the first time.

Our 1st draw is underway and our second draw will start on November 16th. Please note that we will have regular curling on November 23rd during the Home Hardware Bonspiel. If you plan to curl in this bonspiel, please request your bye now for November 23rd –first come, first served. If byes are already taken, I will try and pair teams requesting this bye so that the game can be played at another time before the end of the draw. Richard Slaughter, Convener TNM

Special Olympics

This year Special Olympics will be hosting the Regional event at our Club on Dec 4th. We are looking for volunteers for the morning. We will need 8 volunteers to help with seeding the athletes in proper divisions. The volunteers do not have to be familiar with Special Olympics but do have to be familiar with curling rules. We are also looking for sponsors to help with the cost of the event. In these tough economic times Special Olympics has received fewer donations than in the past therefore, we are looking for help with the cost of the event. In return for sponsorship we will post the names of sponsors around the club and send a list of the sponsors home with the athletes who participate in the event asking them to support your business.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation please contact me at lisaray@rogers.com

Lisa Lynch
Special Olympics Curling Head Coach

Parking Changes

The city is making some changes to the parking lot beside the club. This will mostly affect our daytime curlers, and draws starting at 5pm.

- Rows 1 & 2 are for our exclusive use. Park there any time
- Rows 3 & 4 are for the general public, which includes us. Park there any time
- Rows 5 to 10 will be permit parking only from 8am to 5pm on weekdays. If you park there during the day, you risk getting a ticket.
- We also have approximately 20 spots for our exclusive use on the far side of the building. Park there any time

We understand that this may be confusing and inconvenient. Please pass along any concerns to Karen or Jim, and we can bring them up with the city.



LADIES!

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF SHOPPING

Thursday, October 28th

6:00-10:00 PM

KW Granite Club in the Banquet Hall



Shop for your family, friends or even yourself! One night only – don't miss out!

Participating Vendors:

BritKin Designs Benjamin Tree Farm überboblz Tupperware Epicure Pampered Chef
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