

The Granite Connection

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Message from the President

Welcome back everyone!

Another curling season is upon us. Once again we have a nearly full membership, with just a few spots available in our adult leagues. There is still room in our Junior (ages 13-20) and Little Rock (7-13) Sunday leagues, where kids can learn to curl for as little as \$105 all-in. Please contact Karen or check our website for details.

With the signing of our new lease, we have at least 10 years to enjoy the Rink in the Park. That gives us the opportunity to update our building. I hope you noticed the changes to the lounge, ice area and bar. We're planning more updates for Summer 2012, and could use your input. Let us know what you think of the changes so far, and what else you'd like to see done. This work was the result of hundreds of hours of work by dozens of volunteers over the summer. Please read inside for more details.

Making these changes can be hard. I would like to personally thank the Board of Directors, Jim Uhrig, and the members of the Clean-up/Capital Spending committee for all their efforts and dedication to making this club better in a fiscally responsible manner. The committee is made up of: Helene Hume (Chair), Marilyn Roberts, Wendy DeJonge, Heather Halsband and Fred Lehmann, please give them your thanks and suggestions.

Doug

Congratulations...

Congratulations to our Provincial Champion K-W Blind Curlers who received the 2011 Award of Excellence for a team from the Kitchener Sports Association. This was presented to the team of Norm Green, Tim Prohaszka, Doug Boucher, Carrie Speers, Jim Stephens, and Dan Prohaszka at the Athlete of the Year Awards Reception in May. Look for the beautiful wooden plaque which states that they have served as a role model and inspiration for team sports.

Congratulations to Molly Greenwood and her team of Brittany Quinton, Sherri Woodcock and Candice Donahue for coming in second place at the Oakville 3 day Bonspiel

Congratulations to Bev Houston and her team of Maureen Brown, Dixie Anderson and Meribeth Anderson for scoring an eight ender in a Day Ladies Jitney

Upcoming Events

Beginner Clinic

October 11, 2011

Oktoberfest Funnenspiel (Mixed)

October 22, 2011

Refresher Clinic FULL

October 25, 2011

Business Ladies Vegas Style

Bonspiel

November 5, 2011

Bantam Bonspiel

November 19 & 20, 2011

Directory Advertising

If you'd like to put an ad in our 2011/12 Membership directory please drop off a business card at the club or contact Dennis Dosman. The cost will be \$75.



CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS

Please check out our website for upcoming clinics. We are attempting to run clinics throughout the season, and hopefully we'll have something for everyone. If you have any suggestions on the type of clinic you'd like to have, please contact the office and we will attempt to find the appropriate personnel to conduct said clinic.

Did you know???

The year that Glenn Howard won the OUA Provincials with the University of Waterloo one of his teammates was our own Matt Feltis!

Club Updates

It's easy for a curling club to slowly get tired and run down, so it is important to stay on top of things and make changes to keep everything looking good.

Clean-up

On Saturday, August 20th, armed only with coffee, Tim Horton's muffins, and some work gloves, a group of 13 brave volunteers went to work to remove 8 years of accumulated clutter from the ice area and junior lounge. A partial tally: Three trips to the dump, a full dumpster, 4 couches to the curb, 3 stuffed chairs scooped by students, 4 bags of lost clothing, two televisions, plus one commercial grade meat slicer.

Updates

- Upper Lounge:
 - Removed clutter
 - New carpet and paint
 - New TV
- Bar area
 - Removed clutter
 - Refurbished the chairs: removed the old fabric, and touched up the wood
- Ice area
 - Removed clutter, and most wall mounted items
 - Mounted fixed benches along the front wall to have a consistent look
 - Added a new set of Little Rock rings to sheet 6

Thank you to our volunteers who made this all happen!

Cleanup: Bobbie Bleiler, Lindsay Collie, Laurene Dong, Kirk Greenwood, Carl Hoffman, Helene Hume, Jenn Metzloff, Martin Rombout, Kathy Ryan, Deb Salonen, Tracy Suerich, and Ray Wright.

Painters: Tracy Suerich, Deb Salonen, Kathy Ryan, Connie Slaughter, Richard Slaughter, Jim Renaud, Sherri Helmka, Helene Hume, Wendy DeJonge, and Cathy Schroeder

Bar Chairs: Marilyn Roberts, Wendy DeJonge, Heather Halsband, Bev Short, Wayne Short, Carol Nicol, Sue Kerrigan, and Jan Wilson

Lost and Found

During the cleanup, we collected four bags worth of leftover pants, jackets, shoes, etc. from the locker rooms and coat racks. If you are missing something, please speak with Karen or Jim. Any items not claimed by November 1st will be donated to charity.

41st Annual Oktoberfest Mixed Funnenspiel

The 2011 Oktoberfest Funnenspiel is right around the corner, on Saturday October 22nd. Each Funnenspiel team is made up of 6 curlers (3 women and 3 men). Each end, four curlers are on the ice, and the other two are behind the glass. Positions rotate every end, giving each curler a turn as lead, second, vice and skip, and then two ends to rest! This gives everyone plenty of time to socialize with other participants, lots of behind-the-glass second guessing, and some very biased cheering sections! Entries will be accepted until October 15th. If you have any questions email kw.oktoberfest@gmail.com.

See you on the 22nd!!!

Amanda

Around the Rink

I would like to welcome all the new members to the Granite and also it's great to see everyone back, and looking forward to a wonderful season.

I would like to thank the members that took the time to come out and help with painting the ice and also preparing the ice during the Fall Classic Bonspiel.

Here are just a couple of little notes. Something that the Ontario Curling Association has instituted for their competitions and also at our clinics this fall is when you first step on the ice, cool your slider before stepping into the hack. This can be done along the sidelines. When your slider has cooled you then can step into the hack and take a practice slide, but do **NOT** slide up the center line. Slide away from the center line. This helps to keep the slide path from breaking down especially towards the end of the game.

One other thing, I know you are anxious to get on the ice to start your game. As the ice is being prepared for the next draw, please stay off the ice surface until the numbers come off the score board or you see that the ice is being nipped. It is for your safety as well as the person that is pebbling the ice. We do not have eyes in the back of our heads to see if anyone is behind us. Quite a few years ago when I was pebbling a sheet, when I came to the hack to finish, I ran into a lady and cracked one of her ribs with my pebbling can. Luckily I didn't fall as well.

Please check and make sure the inside of your grippers are clean.

All in all I hope that you enjoy this curling season.

Yours truly

Four Foot McBroom

Men's Daytime Curling

The season started with well attended jitney's on both Tuesday and Thursday. For the first event on Tuesday there will be 11 teams, with 10 teams on Thursday.

This year the Tuesday games will start later at 9:30 am to give our ice maker time to prepare the ice. We have 7 new curlers to the club joining us this year, along with a few night time regulars.

Dave Cain



Friday Night Mixed

Welcome to our returning curlers, and a special welcome to the 31 new faces, several of whom are brand new to curling that have joined us for this season. Welcome back also to Michael Collins and Dundee Wealth Management as our event sponsor. We appreciate your support of the club and our event. We've had two fun nights to help everyone ease back into curling and to work out the teams for the season, and I am confident it is going to be another great year. Our first round robin event will run until December 2nd.

League Updates & Open Ice Times

Again we are almost full to the rafters, but we could still use a few players in our Day Time Ladies Leagues and also for our Thursday Night Business Ladies.

If you know of anyone, have them contact the office and we'll see about getting them place in the appropriate area.

If you're looking to book practice ice or to make up a game, there might be ice available, however you need to contact the office to see if and when it's available.

K-W Fall Classic

For the fourth year in a row our curling season kicked off with the KW Fall Classic cashspiel, an Ontario Curling Tour event. This year's edition had sixteen men's teams and sixteen women's teams battling for a combined purse of almost \$20,000. Beginning the evening of Thursday September 22nd and culminating with the championship finals on Sunday September 25th, the KW Granite Club hosted a jam-packed weekend of elite curling with a little bit of fun mixed in. Curlers and spectators alike enjoyed the hospitality of the club's upgraded lounge, which swelled near capacity during the Friday and Saturday evening draws.

Guelph's Rob Rumfeldt and team continued their torrid start to the season with their second consecutive OCT victory, extending their undefeated record to 13-0. Rumfeldt defeated former Laurier Varsity Skip Mike Anderson in the final by a score of 7-5. The game was close from start to finish, with an unfortunate pick on team Anderson's final stone in the 8th leaving Rumfeldt an open hit-and-stay for the win. Meanwhile in the women's final, Julie Hastings and team went to an extra end in their victory over Cathy Auld. Hastings was left with a tricky draw to the four-foot, facing three opposition counters, eking out the win by a score of 5-4 and becoming the first women's team to win the KW Fall Classic more than once. Hastings was the 2009 champion and continued her trend of last-rock heroics, after she won the 2009 final with an incredible triple takeout. Both winning teams took home \$4,000.

Paul and I would like to personally thank all the club members who came out over the course of the weekend and supported our event. I believe the KW Fall Classic is becoming a Granite Club tradition, and with continued support from you the members, it will remain a season highlight for years to come. Special thanks to our scorekeeping team of Max Schirm, Andrew Kowpak, Doug Suerich, Mary McClelland, Deb Salonen and Kathy Ryan who put in more hours than expected without complaint (giving me the chance to get to bed at a reasonable hour on Friday and Saturday!). Additional thanks to ice wizard Joe Hahn and his team of volunteers. Finally, continuing thanks to Jim Uhrig and Gerry Geurts, for their tireless attention to detail in making the KW Fall Classic a success.

The planning for 2012 will begin shortly after Christmas. Anyone interested in becoming a committee member and contributing to this great KW Granite tradition should speak to one of us over the next few months. Thanks, and enjoy the curling season!

Marc Joyce, Paul Moffatt
2011 KW Fall Classic Organizing Committee

Business Ladies

Welcome to the Thursday Night Ladies curling league!

The executive has met and has been busy planning a fun-filled season! The first major event is our Ladies Bonspiel, which is being held on Saturday November 5th. From the rumours I hear, it promises to be a very good time. While it is tempting to let all the surprises out of the bag, all I can say is it promises to be more exciting than a trip to Vegas, make sure you get your entry in early – stay tuned!

Your 2011-2012 Executive is listed below. Please feel free to approach any one of us should you have any questions or concerns.

Lisa McLean - President

Pam MacCollum - VP

Elaine Gosnell - Secretary/Treasurer

Lauri Infanti - Games Chair

Pam MacCollum - Games Co-chair

Catherine Beecham - Prizes

Sheri Helmka - Bonspiel

Cynthia Roth & Emilee Boychuk - Social



The scoring system is a little different this year, thanks to the changes received last year. We are going with a new points scheme, and will be moving teams up or down as the total points after each round indicate. This means that there will not be a guaranteed 2 up, 2 down as we used last year and each round we will use a slightly heavier weight to all points. Our committee feels this will bring a larger impact to our curling season and make every single game important, as a win could mean the difference between ending up in a C division playoff, or the bottom of A division. If you have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to ask our games chair or co-chair.

The Dominion Representative for our league will be the team who is first based on total points at the end of the last round. The team must be an eligible team based on the criteria set out by The Dominion Championships. If you want to see details – visit their website as the criteria has changed!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday's – good curling!

Tuesday Night Mixed

TNM has had a significant change from last year. 51 regular curlers out of 120 decided not to curl regularly again this year. However, the league has been fortunate to have 42 curlers join which makes us a league of 28 teams or four flights of seven teams each. Although the league is still two teams shy of its maximum having just 28 teams means there are no games this season at the 5:30 PM time slot. This 5:30 ice will now be used for beginner and refresher clinics, so be sure to sign up for these clinics if you are new to the game.

With many individual curler entries this mixed league has 8 more male curlers than female curlers. Consequently the convener has had to create four teams that are 3 men and 1 woman. These 4 'sanctioned' teams may start a game in any throwing sequence. All other teams must alternate gender in their throwing sequence.

I would like to remind the winning vices to mark the win / loss on the score sheet after your game each week. Doing this allows me to get the league standing posted promptly on the KW Granite website without having to chase down a missing game result.

Richard Slaughter, Tuesday Night Mixed Convener

Day Ladies Curling

Welcome back curlers and a special welcome to the new members that have joined for the 2011-2012 season. Let us have a great and enjoyable time this year!

The Day Ladies opened the season of curling with the Petals and Pots Jitney on Thurs. Sept. 29, 2011. This event was convened by Joan Stubgen and Marcia Condon. 30 curlers had a great jitney in the morning which was followed by a luncheon. The luncheon was attended by 47 current and former members. A general meeting followed the meal. A big thank you goes out to Garry Miller of Petal and Pots for his sponsorship. He has sponsored this event for 23 years. Congratulations Garry for your support!

The Merry Go Round Jitney was held on Tues. Oct.4, 2011. This was convened by Edie Lowe, Sandy Eliott and Ilse Hoffman. This was an enjoyable start to the season. Thanks Edie for the dip!

The Friendship Jitney took Place on Thurs. Oct. 6, 2011. Again the conveners were Edie Lowe, Sandy Eliot and Ilse Hoffman. A great time was had by all members who participated. The iced cider tea was a bonus that we enjoyed with hot and delicious cinammon buns!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ladies Championship Event will start on Mon.Oct 17, 2011 . Curling time is 1:00 p.m.

M & M Meats Event will start On Tues. Oct11, 2011. Curling time is 12:45 p.m.

Tartan Event will start on Thurs. Oct. 13, 2011. Curling time is 9:15 a.m.

An expression of sympathy goes out to Judy Stiles and her family on the loss of her husband during the summer.

PAST EVENT; The Ladies Golf Day took place on Thurs. June 9, 2011 at Puslinch Lake Golf Course. 34 Members enjoyed a 9 hole round of golf and 37 members enjoyed a lunch afterwards. Thanks to Wanda Bauer and her golf crew for organizing the event. A special thanks goes out to Donna Haycock for helping and donating counters to the goody bag!

I hope that all members, new and old, will be filled with great enthusiasm and display tremendous spirit as they begin this curling season. See you soon!

I will sign off with a humorous quip to get the season off: A young boy was beginning his year in the first grade and he was very excited. During one of the religion lessons his teacher talked about how God created all things. The little boy grew anxious at this statement and responded by blurting out "He did not, everything is made in China."

Submitted by: Wanda Bauer

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