

# GRANITE GRIPPER



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## **Message From The President**

Another curling season is under way and another year will soon pass us by. We have had a beautiful November but the best is yet to come. The club has had the heater installed and will be up and running for your comfort during the coldest portion of the season once the fans are installed. This will surely make curling more comfortable and improve ice conditions.

Our parking lot has been enlarged and improved with added gravel at the back end, graded and additional new lighting, making it brighter and safer for all members. The Board would like to thank the volunteers who were able to make the necessary improvements for our safety.

Congratulations to the Stafford team consisting of Bob Stafford, Ben Curtis, Mark Patterson and Ed DeSchutter for winning the all Ontario in the Dominion Cup and going on to the finals and winning the first Canadian Dominion Club Curling Championship. "Way to go guys."

The Open house was a complete success thanks to the hard work of the volunteers responsible for promoting and organizing the event. We hope that all members are able to support the club in the up coming events such as our Sunday brunches and bonspiels.

We also would like to thank our sponsors and advertisers and ask that our members consider supporting these generous individuals should the opportunity arise.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**John Fantin**

**Congratulations to the Stafford Team - Canadian Dominion Club Curling Champions**

### **Important Club Reminders**

- **December 15 – Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday Ladies League**
- **December 16 – Christmas Pizza Party – Daytime Senior Mixed League**
- **December 18 – Potluck Christmas Party – Friday Night League**
- **January 9-10 – Two Day Mixed Bonspiel**
- **January 16 – DeKoning Senior Mixed Bonspiel**

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**The Granite Club will be closed for the holidays on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Curling will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Have a prosperous New Year!**

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## **LEAGUES**

### **Monday Night Mixed League**

The first round is now complete with the Wayne Sass team winning "A" flight, Reg Johnson winning "B" flight and Rand MacIntosh winning "C" flight. The committee decided that teams would only move up or down a maximum of 1 flight per round. We are happy to announce an 18<sup>th</sup> team had joined the league skipped by Steven Brown. We will now have 6 teams per flight with no bye's.

Please try to enter a team in the club's 2 day mixed bonspiel on January 9-10 or in the DeKoning Senior mixed on January 16, 2010.

Good luck to all in the next round....

Wayne Sass & Reg Johnson

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### **Tuesday Morning Ladies**

We have had a very successful first draw this curling season with 11 teams competing and having fun each Tuesday morning. Draw 2 will start on January 5<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks. If you are interested in curling in the new year, please contact me.

The catered Christmas Luncheon will be held December 15<sup>th</sup>. Prizes for the first draw will be given out at this time. Please contact Carolyn Waddick for more information. Thank you to Theresa Dorion, Mary Anne Espie, Sandy Rizzetto, and Maureen Coleman for decorating the Club for Christmas. It looks beautiful.

Our potluck luncheon on November 17 was very successful. With the money from these luncheons the Day Ladies have purchased the Canadian flag and a kettle for the club.

Mary Thompson

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### **Tuesday Afternoon Men**

The Tuesday Senior men's group have a new chairperson, Paul Johnston with Jim Steele as co-chair. A big thanks to John Dumoulin for chairing this group for the last 2 years. With the addition of 6 new curlers we now have 5 sheets every Tuesday but there is still room for more. If you know of any seniors interested in curling please have them come out and give it a try.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, we ran a tier-60 bonspiel with 4 ices on each draw. Thanks to Mike Hastings and his helpers for a very successful event.

Reg Johnson

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## Daytime Senior Mixed Curling

Welcome to Betsy Buchanan, Henriette Prevett and Bill Findlay who have joined the Thursday group! All curlers are welcome! We have had five ices for the last three weeks. Be at the club by 12:45 p.m. Put your name in the container for the position you like to play. It is jitney format every week. Plan on staying after for a snack and social time. We have wine prizes for button shots. December 17th will be our Christmas Pizza party. We will resume curling January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Brenda Hoyles & Bob Telfer

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## Men's Flight Curling

The first draw is complete and congratulations to the following winners ...

Flight A	Flight B	Flight C	Flight D
1 <sup>st</sup> Bob Stafford	1 <sup>st</sup> Greg Payne	1 <sup>st</sup> Dan O'Neill	1 <sup>st</sup> John Sullivan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bob O'Neill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rick Roelandt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ron Robertson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paul Johnston
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ryan Laidlaw	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reg Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aaron Clogg	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bill Whittington

Best of luck to everyone in the second draw!

Bob O'Neill

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## Friday Night Curling

Attendance for the Friday night curling has been great. Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> is the Friday night potluck Christmas Party after 6 ends of play (Sign-up is recommended). This league is guaranteed to be fun for all and a great place for people to try out the sport. The fee for non members is \$10.00 and snacks are provided for \$2.00.

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## JUNIOR CURLING PROGRAM

Junior curling program is available Sunday afternoons. For more information contact the Granite Club.

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## BONSPIELS

On November 4, Mike Hastings organized a successful Senior Men's Tier 60 bonspiel with 16 teams attending. Thanks is extended to Mike and his committee for their hard work. By the time you read this, the Women's Holly & Mistletoe bonspiel for December 7 will be upon us. There are two full draws and the chairperson is Elaine Blain.

We are looking forward to two bonspiels in early January, the two-day mixed on January 9 and 10 organized by Mary and Ron Robertson and their committee together with the senior mixed Dekoning Memorial on January 16 chaired by Reg Johnson. Members should do what they can to support these two bonspiels whether by entering or helping out or both.



Further into the new year, there will be a Senior Men's Tier 55 bonspiel on March 12 to be organized by Ron Robertson and also the Elementary School bonspiel in March with John Dumoulin at the helm. Also keep your eyes and ears open for a possible one-day men's bonspiel which may be in the works.

Ron Robertson

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## **COACHING CLINICS**

The Chatham Granite received a 2-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2008 to increase the exposure of curling to Grade 7 and 8 students within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and to increase the number of certified coaches/instructors. If anyone is interested in taking their "Club Coach Youth", "Club Coach (formerly Level 1) Certification" or "Competition – Introduction (formerly Level 2) Certification", we have money to pay for these courses plus some traveling expenses.

For more information, contact Reg Johnson 519-354-1603 or John Young Jr. 519-352-4324 or go to the OCA website at [www.ontcurl.com](http://www.ontcurl.com). for dates of upcoming clinics.

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## **FUNDRAISING**

On Sunday November 29, we held our first brunch of the year and again it was very well attended and we made approximately \$600. Thanks to Bob Allen and his hard working crew for a job well done. Next brunch will be Sunday February 14, 2010.

We have started our toonie draw each week and we pull numbers until we have a winner. The draw is made at approximately 9 pm on Thursday nights. The toonie jar and list of names are kept at the bar so please support this fundraiser. If you want to make sure you are entered in all draws, you can still leave a cheque with John Young to cover all the draws until the end of the year.

On Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>, a fund raiser and "GOOD LUCK" party was held for Bob Stafford and his team of Ben Curtis, Mark Patterson and Ed DeSchutter. They were on their way to represent Ontario at the first annual Dominion Cup at St. George's Golf and Curling Club in Etobicoke on November 24-29. And guess what, it worked, as we now have our first ever "CANADIAN CHAMPIONS" from the Chatham Granite Club as they won the title on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> defeating British Columbia 7-4 in an extra end. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Reg Johnson and Craig Weldon

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## **HOUSE AND PROPERTY REPORT**

You will have noticed a few new additions to the club over the last month or so. Additional lighting has been added to the parking lot to improve safety. A new furnace has also been added to the playing area at the far end of the ice which will improve player comfort and ice consistency. Fans will be added to circulate the warm air produced by the furnace in time.

