



## 2010-11 Board of Directors

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Evening Men	Ken Cooke
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Open Fixed	Paul Wolfe
Bantam/Junior	Trevor Baillie
Little Rocks	Paul Weedmark

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is August and we are getting ready to start another curling season. I would like to begin by saying thanks to those of you who served on last years Board and to welcome the new people on the Board.

Over the summer months we have made progress on updating the west lounge area and painted the floor in the men's locker room. Thanks to Dave Hunter and Mark Peebles for organizing this work. Their crew of Denis Martel, Brian Carr and Peter Rider for their work in the locker room and Tom Moore, Roger Tetreault and Art Olson for their work on the west lounge for the many hours it took to get the place looking great. Thanks.

When you arrive at the north entrance (Scott Street) of the club, you will be greeted by a building long mural painted by local artists. The mural was facilitated, in part, by the City of Ottawa under the Paint It Up program. This program was designed to give local youths a chance to legitimately participate in mural painting and to have pride and satisfaction in their work. Thanks to Mari Wellman for her assistance and to Pat Scrim, Carol Anderson, Monique DesRosiers, David Keay and Donna Tallon. At the same time we had the front entrance painted.

On a positive note, the Granite Curling Club is getting a DEFIBRILLATOR.

Sudden cardiac arrest is unpredictable and can strike anyone, anywhere, anytime, but the most likely age is about 65. Rapid defibrillation is the only effective treatment for this.

We will be receiving an AED, or automated external defibrillator from the City of Ottawa Paramedic Public Access Defibrillator Program, on September 8, and yes, that is Registration Night. We hope you will all be there for a short reception at 5:00 p.m, during which Councilor, Christine Leadman and the Paramedics will present the defibrillator to the Granite Curling Club.

With a few hours of training anyone can use the AEDs successfully. We hope to schedule daytime and an evening training workshops the week of September 13th. at the Club, otherwise if you want training you will have to go to the Paramedics HQ out by St. Laurent. The cost for the training will be \$20. Sign-up sheets will be available at Registration Night. It would be great if we could have a broad representation from all the leagues at the training sessions.

Curling clubs function well when they have a robust membership willing to participate in Club activities and to pitch in when need be. Thanks to the many who volunteer their time and money to make the Granite one of the best clubs in the Ottawa area.

I look forward to seeing you at the Reception on September 8<sup>th</sup> and to another great season of curling at the Granite.

The Semi-Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

*Lyle Tallon – President*

### Registration - September 8<sup>th</sup> (5:00 to 9:00)

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**MANAGER**

Greetings Everyone! I hope you have had a good summer!

It's time to start thinking about the curling season ahead. Registration night is September 8<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 9pm. As you see, we're trying something different this year with inclusion of a Member Information Summary in with your news letter and registration form. The Summary shows the details that I have in the data base regarding each member. If there are changes to be made, please let me know on the registration form. With the number of members that I have to process, please understand that I may miss some details. Also on the registration form, you will notice that there is a question regarding the printing of your email address in the directory. It has been requested that we include email addresses in the directory, but I won't put them in unless I have permission to do so. We hope to get to a point where each member will be able to update their own information through the web site. But until then, we'll do it the old fashioned way.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

*Denise Hoekstra* – Manager

**TREASURER**

I hope everyone is enjoying the fine weather we have had this summer. The auditors from Deloitte have met with myself, the club manager, the President the Vice-President and Jim Fleming as part of the process to produce the 2009-2010 audited financial statement for the Club. We are currently reviewing the draft of the statement and the final audited statement will be submitted to the membership during the semi-annual general membership meeting this fall.

The financial health of the Club continues to be sound. As for discretionary expenses in the current fiscal year, the Board will be meeting in August and a number of proposals will be discussed. I will ensure that any proposal going forward will be done within the financial capacity of the Club.

I look forward seeing you all in September for the new curling season.

*Denis Martel* - Treasurer

**ICE AND ICE ALLOCATION**

We hope to have the ice ready for the last weekend of September.

Ice requirements are much the same as last year - the extensive list of special events has been incorporated in the Club's Ice and Rental Calendar and is summarized below.

Juniors

OVCA Junior Superspiel – (starts November 5, 2010)

Ladies

LCA – Centennial - Mary McGuire (starts November 2, 2010)

Hope Bedoe – (starts Nov 15 2010)

LCA Challenge – (December 4 – 5 2010)

Senior Ladies Invitational – (January 12, 2011)

Crystal Heart – (starts February 3, 2011)

Ladies City of Ottawa – (starts March 7, 2011)

MacDonald Patterson Roy – starts March 22, 2011)

Day Men

Senior Men's Invitational - November 24, 2010)

Murphy Mixed – (starts November 25, 2010)

OCA Masters – (starts January 17, 2011)

OVCA Mixed City of Ottawa (starts January 21, 2011)

OVCA Men's City of Ottawa – (starts March 16, 2011)

Remember to do your part in keeping the ice surface clean. Replace worn grippers and use the boot bushes and sticky mats as you enter the ice shed.

See you all soon.

*Phil Zerr* - Director, Ice and Ice Allocation



## HOUSE AND PROPERTY

As you return to the club this fall, you will see that updating the west lounge has been completed. Thanks to Dave Hunter, Tom Moore, Roger Tetreault, and Art Olson for their painting in the west lounge area. Thanks to Dave Hunter for installing the trim boards along the ice shed windows. Also, the floor in the Men's locker has been painted. Thanks to Denis Martel, Brian Carr and Peter Rider for their work in the locker room.

Thanks for everyone's support

*Mark Peebles* - Director, House and Property

## MEMBERSHIP

The start of the curling season is nearly upon us! The Granite Curling Club will be welcoming new and existing members on Wednesday September 8th between 5 & 9 pm for fall registration. Representatives from each league will be on hand to answer your questions and make sure you are registering for the proper league. As well, our favourite curling supply and beer vendors will be available to get you properly prepared for the start of the season! Payment tables will be set up to pay the balance of your fees. Once again, payment is accepted in cash, cheque, credit and debit.

Don't forget to sign up for the opening clinics (September 28th & 29th) as well as the Bill & Jane Keay Opening Bonspiel (September 30th to October 2nd) and BBQ. It's a week's worth of fun the kick off the season and acquaint with old friends! We will host an Open House on Monday September 27th to encourage new people interested in joining the club. Spread the word. Posters will be available for members to distribute.

The Monday morning Rookies Rock program will be offered again this year to as well as the Sunday evening Rookies Rock program.

See you all soon!

*Holly Hutton* - Director, Membership

## ROOKIES ROCK

I'm looking forward to introducing a new enthusiastic group to the world of curling. The 2010-11 Rookies Rock program will be running again this year on Sunday evening from October to April. Rookies Rock is a "league" for adults (16 years and older) with little, or no, curling experience. The goal is to teach the game to newcomers and have some fun. Each week there will be some instruction followed by a short game. The game time gets longer and instruction time shorter as we progress through the season. This is a great way to learn the game! New "Rookies" are accepted individually or with friends. It is not necessary to have an entire team already formed to join this group.

The Rookies program is run entirely by volunteers from the club. Anyone willing to assist in coaching one or two nights for the season, particularly in the first few months, will be enthusiastically welcomed. We typically run four full sheets of curlers each week. The more we can spread out our experienced volunteers across the sheets the better we can run the program.

If you are interested in more information about Rookies Rock, or if you are interested in helping out with the coaching please send an email to [EveningRookies@ottawagranite.com](mailto:EveningRookies@ottawagranite.com). There is also a daytime Rookies program. For more information about that program please contact the club manager at [Manager@OttawaGranite.com](mailto:Manager@OttawaGranite.com)

See you soon!

*Brent Landry* - Rookies Rock Coordinator

## LITTLE ROCKS

What other child activity costs less than \$100 for the whole season, is scheduled every week at a reasonable time and is lots of fun for your children? Curling of course with the the Granite Little Rocks program!

We offer a program for children aged 7 to 12 every Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30 am. The program starts in the fall with instruction in everything from the basics of the sport to more advanced training as they acquire skills. Towards the end of the year we move into more game playing time and they have the opportunity to participate in bonspiels against other clubs, including our own Granite Little Rock Spiel. We follow the OCA Little Rock Skills Challenge program where every child can test their skills at different levels and earn a badge. We hold a few fun special events throughout the year such as a Hot Shot competitions where every child can test their skills at different levels and earn a badge.

The emphasis is on having fun while learning to curl and making new friends. Come out and check us out!

*Paul Weedmark* - Director, Little Rocks



## **BANTAM/JUNIORS**

Bantam/Juniors will start October 16, 2010.

I hope all our curlers are having a good summer and I look forward to seeing you at fall registration September 8, 5pm – 9pm.

*Trevor Baillie* - Director, Bantam/Juniors

## **DAY LADIES**

It is already August and time to switch gears from summer activities and begin to focus on the new curling season. Registration night is September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm.

Joyce Carkner and her rink committee have been busy over the summer working on curling schedules and ice times. Sign up sheets for fixed and draw curling events will be posted in the Ladies Locker Room in September. The Day Ladies Opening Fun Spiel, Luncheon and Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to sign up for all curling events that you would like to participate in when you register to curl.

Congratulations to Helen Brown who became an Honorary Member of the Granite.

The Day Ladies Closing Banquet was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> with 74 people in attendance. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the banquet.

The joint executive meeting was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to last year's executive and to everyone who worked on committees throughout the summer. Thanks also to the Day Ladies involved with the mural project. The transformation of the north wall at Scott Street is quite remarkable.

Jan Inniss organized yet another successful Day Ladies Golf and Dinner at the Canadian Golf and Country Club on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Jan for a great day of golf, prizes and a fabulous dinner.

Over the summer two members of the Day Ladies passed away; Carol Davidson and Lois Cockburn. Our condolences to all members who lost loved ones and family members.

Thanks to all the volunteers involved in renovating the Granite. We really like the new look of the club and appreciate the work required to achieve it.

*Donna Tallon* - Day Ladies President

## **DAY MEN**

I hope that everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer, but like the Staples commercial says: It's that time of year again – yes it's time to start thinking about the upcoming curling season. Soon we will be back in the hack.

First of all, on behalf of the Day Men's membership, I would like to thank last year's president Tim Weir and his executive for organizing and running all the curling and social events that we all enjoyed so much last season. I would also like to welcome Bob Drew as vice president to the executive board.

The 2010-2011 Day Men's Executive

President Frank Benoit

Vice President Bob Drew

Past President Tim Weir

Treasurer Jim Fleming

Draw Conveners Bill Osterman, Dave Hunter and Bob McAskin

The fall session for the Day Men's will begin after Thanksgiving. The first draw will be Tuesday, October 12 followed by the Opening Luncheon on Friday, October 15 at 12 noon. The luncheon provides a good opportunity to find out what everyone was up to last summer. Keep an eye out for the sign up lists that will be posted on the bulletin board prior to the event. Keep in mind that Bob Drew will need some volunteers to help deliver the luncheon.

The Day Men's weekly curling schedule will remain the same as last year – Rotarians on Monday, draws on Tuesday and Thursday and fixed leagues on Wednesday and Friday. I am looking forward to another exciting season, especially the competition for the championship between the Wednesday and Friday fixed leagues. Please consult the calendar of events in this news letter for the dates of the events for the upcoming season

*Frank Benoit* - Day Men President

## **DAYTIME MIXED**

We're looking forward to another successful year for the daytime mixed leagues and plan to continue the social time after each game with one team responsible for providing a snack and the bar being open.

Phil Zerr is the convener of the Tuesday afternoon fixed mixed. In order to encourage more teams to enter the fixed mixed is going to try what they call the "token mixed". Teams must have 1 player of the opposite sex, meaning teams with 3 women or 3 men can enter. If you would like to be on a team indicate so on the sign up sheet.

**Semi-Annual General Meeting, October 17 (2:00pm)**



Fran Olson is the convener of the Thursday afternoon drawn mixed . This past year, both the fall and the spring draws had 6 teams....and both draws ended up with a dinner. Spares are very welcome!.

Both the Tuesday fixed and the Thursday drawn leagues can accommodate 9 or 10 teams with byes. Daytime players often welcome a bye that fits in with their travel plans and players that are on a bye are often asked to spare.

Sign-up sheets will be at Fall registration and then posted on the bulletin board by the piano. Spares are needed for both leagues, especially after Christmas as there seems to be an exodus to Florida..depending on how warm Florida will be this coming year.

*Fran Olson* – on behalf of the Daytime Mixed

## **OPEN FIXED**

The 2009- 10 season concluded on March 29<sup>th</sup> this spring with a closing banquet attended by 70 and catered by Frank's Catering after finals won by the following teams:

A. Division: Frank Kinahan, Beth Zadorozny, Oleg Zadorozny, Edith Harvey

B. Division: Sue Schmidt, Jennifer Langley, Denise Hoekstra, Debbie Wall

C. Division: Rob Dobson, Phil Marcella, Greg Mathieu, Dave Dobson

The Open Fixed league is a ladder, three division, competitive league open to teams of any composition playing Monday nights at 5, 7 & 9 pm. The league is fully subscribed and wait listed for the coming year, though there may be 1 or 2 places for individual curlers. Interested individuals should contact the league representative through the Granite website.

Molten rock Mondays,  
Snake pit, redwoods and greyhounds,  
Still Frank stands tallest

*Paul Wolfe* – Open Fixed

## **EVENING LADIES**

If you are reading this Newsletter then you know that its almost time to locate your curling clothes, clean your broom and polish your curling shoes. It won't be long before the leaves change colour and we are once again curling. It will be nice to see you all again and I hope that you have all enjoyed the long hot summer.

This years Executive is as follows:

President: Barbara Thompson Walker [smokey\\_kelly@hotmail.com](mailto:smokey_kelly@hotmail.com)

Past President: Heather McBrien [heathermcbrien@gmail.com](mailto:heathermcbrien@gmail.com)

Secretary: Andrea Kelso [askelso@yahoo.com](mailto:askelso@yahoo.com)

Treasurer: Betty Yakimenko [gbyakimenko@rogers.com](mailto:gbyakimenko@rogers.com)

Fixed Draw Chair: Patricia Cote [patriciacote@foofoundry.com](mailto:patriciacote@foofoundry.com)

Wednesday Draw co-chair: Joanne Gervais [dean.gervais@sympatico.ca](mailto:dean.gervais@sympatico.ca)

Wednesday Draw co-chair: Tobi Hunt-McCoy [tobihunt@gmail.com](mailto:tobihunt@gmail.com)

Please feel free to contact any of the above to answer your questions or solve a problem. Bev Poore has recently resigned as Vice President due to move to Iroquois this summer. We wish her well in her new home and will miss her. This leaves a vacancy for Vice President as well as the vacancy for Assistant Draw for Tuesday/Thursday fixed. Anyone willing to volunteer their time and energy to a fun filled executive would be greatly appreciated by myself and Patricia Cote. Please contact me if you would be interested.

Patricia Cote is still looking for someone willing to assist her with the Fixed Draw. Anyone willing to volunteer would be much appreciated.

Hopefully we will have some new members joining our leagues this year and I trust you will all make them feel welcome.

We will once again be curling Draw on Wednesday nights at 5pm and Fixed on Tuesday and Thursday at 5pm. Please join the club members for any of the opening curling clinics or activities.

*Barbara Thompson-Walker* - Evening Ladies President

**EVENING MEN**

Hope everyone has had a great summer. While it is not over yet, curling will soon be upon us.

Based on the pre-registration, the Evening Men's Tuesday/Thursday Fixed league will be full, but there are teams looking for players. The Evening Men's Wednesday night Draw league has a few spots available. Please contact me at [eveningmen@ottawagranite.com](mailto:eveningmen@ottawagranite.com) if you are looking for a fixed team, or Eugene Thibault at (613) 685-9328 if you are interested in the Men's Draw.

*Ken Coake* – Evening Men

**SATURDAY OPEN DRAW**

The Open Draw league (Saturday evening, 8:00 to 10:00) is open to any combination of adult curlers of any age, gender and skill level. We are looking for a wide range of players, from beginners to experienced, with the emphasis on having a fun, social league.

The draw runs 6 to 8 teams drawn from 24 to 32 individuals. Teams will be re-made 2-3 times a year assuring you will get to play with many different people.

A meeting after fall registration, but before the beginning of the season may be held to discuss league "extras".

We really hope to see you there!

*Sumi Aota* – Saturday Open Draw

**WEEKEND MIXED**

Welcome to our returning and new members!

The 2009-2010 Weekend Mixed playoffs were held on April 16-17 and concluded with our year-end dinner which included the presentation of prizes. The dinner was well attended with over 70 people taking part. Thanks go out to all volunteers who helped make the evening a success.

Congratulations go out to the winning teams:

Section A

Paul Wolfe, Jolynn Sommervill, Brent Landry, Kathy McEachern

Section B

Helen Brown, Ted Weagle, David Code, Brenda Chapman, Joyce Code

Section C

Rob Dobson, Christine Dobson, Ray Skrebutenas, Maureen Murphy, Dave Dobson, Kathy Dobson

We are looking for a couple more teams for the 2010-2011 season of the Weekend Mixed. You can register as a team, a triple, a couple or a single. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Weekend Mixed, please contact us at [WeekendMixed@OttawaGranite.com](mailto:WeekendMixed@OttawaGranite.com) or come see us on registration night in September.

*Leon Jang* – Weekend Mixed

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****September 2010**

September 08	Registration (5:00 to 9:00)
September 13	Defibrillator training
September 27	Open House 2pm-5:30pm, 7pm- 9pm
September 28 & 29	Opening Clinics 7pm-9pm
September 30 (starts on)	Bill and Jane Keay Opening Bonspiel and BBQ

**October 2010**

October 1 to 2	Bill and Jane Keay Opening Bonspiel and BBQ
October 4	Curling starts Daytime Rookies, Open fixed
October 6	Day Ladies Opening Funspiel, Lunch, Annual meeting
October 11	Club closed – Thanksgiving
October 13	Day Ladies Bridge starts
October 15	Day Men's Opening Lunch
October 16	Bantam/Juniors start
October 17	Semi-Annual General Meeting (2:00)

**November 2010**

November 2 & 3	LCA Centennial (Mary McQuire)
November 5 to 7	JSI OVCA Junior Superspiel
November 15 to 17	Day Ladies – Interclub – Hope Beddoe
November 24	Day Men's Invitational
November 25 to 27	Murphy Mixed

**December 2010**

December 4 & 5	LCA District 2 Challenge
December 12	Presidents Wine & Cheese 2pm – 4pm
December 19	Turkey Spiel
December 20 – 31	Club closed – Christmas and ice maintenance.

**January 2011**

January 1	Club closed – New Year's Day
January 2	Club Closed
January 12	Day Ladies Invitational/Pat Riddell Memorial
January 17 (starts on)	OCA Masters
January 21 (starts on)	OVCA Mixed City of Ottawa

**February 2011**

February 3 (starts on)	Crystal Heart
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**March 2011**

March 16 to 20	OVCA Ottawa Men's Bonspiel
March 7 (starts on)	Ladies City of Ottawa
March 22 (starts on)	MacDonald Patterson Roy

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