



Between The Sheets

*The Official Publication of the Granite Curling Club
Founded 1880*

February 2012

Celebrating our 131st Year of Curling

Free to Members

34th Annual Company Bonspiel

April 2nd - 5th, 2012

and

April 16th - 18th, 2012

Entry Fee: \$180.00 per rink

plus G.S.T. = \$189.00

**entry fee includes a
Roast Beef Dinner for 4**

**Build Employee Morale,
Inter department competition
Team building**

Anyway you slice it - it equals fun on the ice

President's Throw

by Frank Clark

- Thanks to the organizers of the Ironman for including us. I was very successful and we hope to be part of it next year, also. Many thanks to the Enns Brothers for the use of the four wheel drive.
- The Bonnie Bonnet Bonspiel was successful again this year. Surprise curlers from the entertainment world arrived in a white limo. I've been told Tina Turner looked ravishing. Many thanks to Lana and her volunteers who did a terrific job of organizing the Bonnie Bonnet Bonspiel.
- The Keystone Rainbow League had teams from out of province competing and had a big social on the Friday evening..
- Upcoming bonspiels are the Western Canadian Medical Association, the Manitoba Truckers, Great West Life and our own Company 'spiel. You still have time to enter your company in it. The Company Bonspiel has been very successful in the past and it's lots of fun.
- We're considering having a skating party in the rink after league play is finished and the ice is about to go out.
- Our new address is officially 1 Granite Way and we have received mail addressed to it.
- Our Men's Dominion representatives will be chosen from a 16 team single knockout playoff held February 25, 25, 28, and March 1st. The Ladies are having a three team playoff.
- We're looking at hosting an open bonspiel next September before the leagues get started. More

Other Important Dates:

March 9th Manitoba Telephone System Bonspiel

March 19th - 21st Granite Men's Championships
& Granite Cup Playoffs

March 22nd SMC Claims Pro Bonspiel

March 23rd Manitoba Bar Association Bonspiel

April 2 Bison Banquet

April 7th Engineers without Borders

April 9th - 13th GWL Bonspiel

April 13th - 15th MB Trucking Bonspiel

April 2nd - 5th & April 16th - 18th Company Bonspiel

April 19th Gyro Fish & Game Dinner

April 24th Past President's Dinner

April 25th Ladies' Closing banquet

April 26th Men's Closing Banquet

THE GRANITE CURLING CLUB IS THE TRADITIONAL CENTRE OF
EXCELLENCE PROMOTING THE SPORT OF CURLING IN A POSI-
TIVE, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE SERVING ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.

on that to come.

- ▶ The Granite will be hosting five Scottish curling teams sometime in January and February next year. They will be competing in Eastern, Western and Central Canada for the Strathcona Cup.
- ▶ The Club will be giving the Jill Thurston, Scott Ramsay and Jamie Hay teams who represented our Club in Provincials, \$200.
- ▶ The 2012-13 curling fees will be discussed at the March Board meeting.

Manager's Remarks

By Paul Sveinson

RUNNING A TAB?

Running a tab at the bar or in the dining room is a privilege we extend to all our members. Running a tab is not the same as having charge privileges. All members names are entered into the Pont of sale terminal as a way to track Tabs and assessments. Whether your name is on the bottom of your chit or not, every member is responsible to settle their bill every time, before leaving. Options on settling your bill are Cash, credit card, debit or charging to your prearranged Granite account. You cannot just walk out on an unpaid bill. The club's accounting system requires closing of all bills each business day. Unpaid bills become an accounting nightmare, trying to collect, and reflect cash received days or weeks after the actual sales!!

All members may set up a charge account thru the office. We require a simple form to be filled out and a credit card as security. Payment of you monthly statement must be done within 30 days by cash, cheque or credit card. If you choose we can automatically bill to your credit card for you. However. If you have not pre-set up charging privileges (with a



Granite President Frank Clark addresses the Curlers at the Opening Ceremonies for the 124th MCA Bonspiel

Board of Governors 2011-2012

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credit card as security) then you must settle you nightly bill before you leave. You can not simply Walk out without paying. If you have any questions please ask Paul the Manager!!

OUR FRONT DOOR

The inside front door to the club is to be closed almost all the time! There are many reasons for this but, the most important one is the safety and security of members and their personal belongings. It's easier to keep trouble out than have to remove it after the fact. Everyone should know the very simple door code to your private club. If not, please ask your league rep.

Those members who can not remember the 3 digit code should maybe put the code in the cell phone under the name of Granite door.

We do not ever want to find an undesirable person sleeping in the basement when staff closes at 2:00 am or all the lockers broken in to because the front door was propped open!! If you notice the front door is propped open please take the time to close the door for yours and your fellow members safety. It is better to be safe than sorry.

League News

Granite Men's Championship playoff

The format of the Club Championships will change very slightly with the addition of 2 more leagues being eligible for play. The qualifications for making the playoff are as indicated in the table below. The games will be played at the following times. March 15th. If you can not participate please let Pat Bourassa know and he will take the next eligible team from that league.

Tues A group winner
Tues B group winner
Tues A group most points other than round winner
Tues A group 2nd team with most points
Wed A group winner
Wed A group most points other than round winner
Wed A group 2nd team with most points
Wed B group winner
Thurs A group winner
Thurs A group most points other round winner
Thurs A group 2nd team with most points
Thurs B group winner
Tuesday 8:15 most points
Tuesday 8:15 second team most points
Thursday 8:15 most points
Thursday 8:15 second team most points

Granite Women's Curling League

 **Grand Aggregate Playoff** 
Friday, March 30th 7:00pm

Cheer on the Wed/Fri teams as they
playoff for Grand Aggregate

Pink in the House

Cheer on your team...Show your support...Play cards...Shop Stella & Dot...

Fun with friends, "pink" drink special, mid evening complimentary snacks, door prizes, following Grand Aggregate award presentation (must be present to win)

RSVP ... Kim (kim.bisson@gwl.ca) or Gwen (gbryson14@shaw.ca)

Granite Ladies

The Granite Ladies will have a playoff for the Cure on Friday march 30th. Please see the side frame to the left.

The Granite has Moved

After 100 years at 22 Mostyn Place the Granite Curing Club has moved from 22 Mostyn place to 1 Granite Way. You will not have a problem finding us, as we thought it would be easier to move the street and not the building.



Men's Club Championship & Granite Cup playoff					
Event	Teams	sheets	Day	Date	time
Granite cup	32 (1st 16 teams)	8	Tuesday	Mar-13	5:45
Granite cup	32 (2nd 16 teams)	8	Tuesday	Mar-13	8:15
Granite cup	16 teams	8	Wednesday	Mar-14	5:45
Club Champ	16 teams	8	Thursday	Mar-15	5:45
Granite cup	8 teams	4	Monday	Mar-19	5:45
Club Champ	8 teams	4	Monday	Mar-19	5:45
Granite cup	4 teams	2	Tuesday	Mar-20	5:45
Club Champ	4 teams	2	Tuesday	Mar-20	5:45
Granite cup	2 teams	1	Wednesday	Mar-21	5:45
Club Champ	2 teams	1	Wednesday	Mar-21	5:45

United Nations Visits the Granite

It was a quiet Saturday afternoon Feb 11th when we received the call. Caller had an accent and wanted to learn curling! That evening, our friendly staff said come on down and ask for Paul. 7:15 pm three excited gentlemen, all in their 30's + came in the front door, directly to the office and asked for Paul.

He was here of course, and after introductions, and the recruiting of assistance from Gary Gumprich who had just finished curling in his mixed league, the two Granite reps took the three "guys" out on the ice. 20 minutes later the lesson was over, but they remained on the ice for 2 hours. They were from Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Turns out they are all from the United Nations and were doing a bachelor party of sorts for Yves, on the right, beige sweater. Patrick, on the left, has been to 174 countries, and 48 states. Never been to Canada, but had seen curling in Europe. The three of them flew to Minneapolis, drove up thru Duluth, over to Winnipeg, and all enquiries directed them to curl at The Granite. They drove to Grand Forks later the same evening to try ice fishing on Sunday, then back to Minny and fly back to New York. The wedding was Feb 23, marrying a S. Korean woman, also from the UN.

Jack has had to slow his worldliness as he has a couple of young children. Patrick still intends to get to Alaska and Hawaii!! Hospitality was enjoyed by all and everybody had a great time

Men's Granite Cup playoffs

The event is open to all men's teams that do not qualify for the Championship round. Start of play will depend on the number of entries in the event. If 32 teams we will start on March 13th, if 16 teams the event will start on March.14th The complete draw will take place weekday evenings and will be posted on the web site and the by the draw board.

Dominion Championship Playoff

Due to the change in dates by Curl Manitoba, the Dominion City Regional playdowns will be held before the Granite has a chance to declare its club champions. The ladies already held a small playoff of the top teams with the Tracy Igonia from the Monday Business Girls being declared the Granite Ladies rep. For the men we are asking for teams interested in being our club representative for the Dominion City regionals to curl a single loss knockout mini-spiel.

The draws will be as follows;
 Saturday Feb. 25 at 12:00 noon
 Sunday Feb. 26 at 10:00am
 Tuesday Feb. 28 at 8:15pm - Semi finals
 Saturday March 3 at 12 noon - Final Game

In order to make this as fair as possible an email was sent out to all teams and players who provided email address to club on February 15.

The first 16 teams who contact Paul at the Granite will be entered



Patrick, Jack and Yves , 3 drop in visitors from the United Nations

The Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame 25th Induction Ceremony and Dinner

Sunday May 6, 2012

Cocktails 4:00 pm Dinner 5:00 pm

Cash Bar

Tickets \$ 65.00 per person

Lets try to fill some tables of 8 as

One of this Year's Inductees is the Granite's Own Howard "Pappy" Wood team from 1930!!



100 for a 100

In honour of our 100 years on the banks of the Assiniboine River we have booked a golf tournament.

Monday July 9th 2012

Sandy Hook Golf Course

\$100.00 per person

shotgun start at 1:00 pm

steak dinner & shared cart included

transportation to and from,

logo'd towels, some prizing (\$100 bills etc.)

special certificate of participation

Registration fee is \$100.00, all prepaid
deadline of July 6th!

Only 100 can participate, so book early



Pro-Am bonspiel

An idea has been submitted to the Granite Board of Governors about hosting a Pro-Am bonspiel with a raffle to be chosen to be placed on the Pro team. This is in the very early stages, But if you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Ray Turnbull



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Rules

1. All members of the rink must be employed by the same company, with the exception of large organizations, where all members are to be from the same department or section.
1. Each rink must be mixed. At least one person must be of the opposite sex.

Entry fee payable to Granite Curling Club - Please NO post dated cheques!



Granite Curling Club Advertising Rates

Ice Rink Advertising - includes website link

Size	sq ft	yearly price	cost per sq ft	3 year term	cost per sq ft
Side wall 4 x 8	32	\$500.00	\$15.63	\$1,300.00	\$13.54
Score board 3 x 14	42	\$1,000.00	\$23.81	\$2,600.00	\$20.63
Back wall 6 X 12	72	\$1,500.00	\$20.83	\$3,900.00	\$18.06
Clock 2.5 X 16	40	\$1,500.00	\$37.50	\$3,900.00	\$32.50

Bumper Advertising - 2 sided viewable from upstairs viewing area

4 bumpers 4" x 14'	9.333			\$500.00	\$17.86
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Center Button Decal - does not include production costs

2 per sheet	2	\$75.00	\$37.50		
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Back of the House in Ice Decals - does not include production costs

2' x 2'	4	\$150.00	\$37.50		
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Winnipeg and at the Granite. Please contact Paul in the office, where your various options can be discussed.

Where Are you Advertising?

What are you doing with your companies advertising dollars.?

How about targeting your audience to the curling world. There are plenty of ways you can advertise at the Granite and let everyone know that your company supports curling at the grass roots level. If you are interested for next year, it is time to plan now.

Thousands of cullers pass through the Granite Curling Cub each year and they could be looking at your ad today. Think about supporting Curling in

Advertise in this Newsletter

Looking to reach curlers with your Ad's

Size choices

1/3 column 3.6" wide X 3.2" high = 11.52 Sq. in.

2/3 Column 3.6" wide X 6.5" high = 23.4 Sq. in.

1/2 page vert 3.6" wide X 10" high = 36 Sq. in.

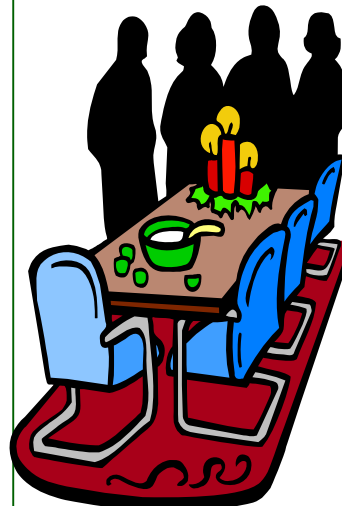
1/2 page horiz 7.5" wide X 4.8" wide = 36 Sq. in.

Full page 7.5" X 10" = 75 Sq. in.

Banner 7.5 wide X 1 high = 7.5 Sq. in.

Contact Paul in the office for rates

Having a Private Party?



Need to have a staff meeting or retirement function?

Our dining room and 3rd floor are available for rent if you require a "space", the Granite has it!

Call the office for details and to book your function. We will be happy to work out the details with you.