

Granite Gripper

The Chatham Granite Club

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Dates to Remember

February 27
March 12

Brunches

February 14

Message From the President

Happy 2016 and Thank You

Your board would like to thank everyone for their time, effort and donations in support of your club these past few months. There have been many people who have given of their time to make sure that the ice was maintained during the hectic month of December.

Volunteers are the back bone of this club and the reason for it's success. They are the ones working behind the scenes- baking, cooking, cleaning, running bonspiels, organizing leagues, making calls, attending meetings, decorating, driving to Toronto, repairing furniture, coaching and on..... Please take a moment to consider what you may be able to offer to your club.... Any help is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

The past year was a very busy one for your club

As you all know we had a few expenses, some planned others that were not. The board made decisions to replace the roof and HVAC system, to avoid a potential disaster with water leaking. We are happy to say that the roof has held up quite well and the temperature fluctuation seems to be corrected. Handy Brothers have been back in and rotated the vents in the ceiling so there is no air blowing directly on the members and new baffles have been put into the system to direct more heat to the lower level.

Our new compressor is running smoothly and not working nearly as hard. The new separator is holding up fine and the extra shut off valve should help with future repairs.

The new HVAC and compressor repairs have shown significant savings in our energy bills already.

The new condenser that was installed a few years ago was so efficient that we needed to have a new water softener, to reduce scale build up in the compressor.

The electrical panel has been brought up to code as per our fire inspection.

A couple of water leaks in the bathroom have been fixed.

I am sure that I have missed something in the above list.....

As for our financial position, we do have a cash flow issue at the moment. Your Board is working on grant applications, insurance submission and other fund-raising options to get us back on track. We have just received an insurance cheque to cover the costs for the compressor replacement. We do have 2 grants submitted which we are expecting a positive outcome from and working on more. Donations are up substantially and we are hopeful that by year end we will have good news. We wish there was something more that we could advise of but we will have to wait a few more months.

Our learn to curl program has started and we are looking at a new one to start the year for all new curlers to our club. Your Board will be very busy in the off season continuing to work on ways to keep us growing.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of all the events and leagues in our club. If you have any suggestions please pass them along to any board member.

Thank you and see you on the ice!

Rand MacIntosh

Getting Involved

There are still lots of opportunities to contribute to another successful season at the Granite Club. Ask one of your board members how you can help.

- Become a member of the board
- Volunteer on a committee
- Help out at bonspiels, fund raising events and brunches.
- Support fund raising events



We are looking for a few members to join the board. We are especially interested in expanding the voice of our members. We welcome **new curlers** and **curlers representing each of our leagues** to come out and help the Granite Club.

- **Not sure how you could help?** Curious what's involved with becoming a board member? Contact the club or speak to one of your current board members they would be glad to spend some time with you.
- **Not sure you have the time to commit to being a board member?** How about volunteering to be on one of our committees this year? This is a great way to lend your support and expertise to a board member and your club. Commitments can range from just a few brainstorming sessions to as much time as you can offer each of our board members. Look for a board member at the Open House to learn more or drop your President an email (that's what he's for).

Valentine's Day Brunch

ALL YOU CAN EAT !!

Sunday Brunch

10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

February 14, 2016



**Pancakes, bacon and eggs, sausages, muffins,
ome fries, coffee cake, fruit, juice, coffee and tea**

Adults \$10.00

Children \$5.00 – 4 - 12 years

(under 4 years. FREE)

Fund-Raising

Wine and Dine

3 course meal with wine pairings

Saturday, March 5th, 2016

Dinner at 5:30 pm, Bar open at 5 pm

Chatham Granite Club

\$50

Tickets available from Board Members

or by calling 519-352-4324

The Raise the Roof Campaign is on-going, and will continue to run until all rocks are sold out!

Thank you to everyone that supported the club thus far!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at the club!

Order forms are available at the office.



***Raise the Roof
Campaign
2015***

**Ladies, and Gentlemen,
The Chatham Granite Club is pleased to offer an opportunity to
support the Club, and leave a lasting Legacy.**

**This is your opportunity to have a message engraved on the handle
of a curling stone.**

**Honour Curling Traditions, Celebrate Milestones, Commemorate
Achievements, Immortalize a team,
Provide Encouraging words to all curlers.
The only limitation is creativity.**

**Each Stone can be engraved with two messages, one message
on each side of the handle. Message length is up to three lines
of text, 18 characters per line.**

Please note that this includes spaces and punctuation.

**Each side of the handle is available separately, or
an entire handle can be purchased.**

One side is \$150 if sold separately; both sides are available for \$250.

Bonspiels



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Chatham Granite Club, 41 William Street North, Chatham

- \$55 per Person or \$220 per Team • Open to All Ages
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GRANITE GRIPPER FUNSPIEL



SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2016

Chatham Granite Club

\$120 per team

Registration Limited to the first 20 teams, Sign up as a team or individual

Open to participants of ALL ages.

First Draw 9:00 am Second Draw 10:30 am

Remember to dress up in your Irish apparel to celebrate St Patrick!

Scoring is designed to level the playing field

Every participant is guaranteed Two Six End Games, Dinner, and a Prize

For more information contact Rand or The Chatham Granite Club at

519-352-4324 or granite@ciaccess.com

Leagues

Monday Night Mixed

This season a successful combination of team format and club format mixed curling has been implemented on Mondays. In the team format, there are eight teams competing in a round robin. In the club format, there are six teams competing in a round robin over a five week period at which time the teams are reshuffled for another five week draw.

After the January 18 game, in the team format, Rob McKay is in first place with 28 points, Bob O'Neill in second with 26 points and Dave Chinnick in third place with 25 points.

In the club format, the winner of the first five week draw was the Rand MacIntosh team including Ken Campbell, Les Badder and Dennis Hoskins. The second five week draw finished with the Wayne Sass rink including Judy Hobbs, Jim Howe and Sophie Jefferson in top spot. The third draw starts on January 25.

Just before the Christmas break, the players from both formats combined for a jitney. It was a fun night with 45 curlers, pot luck appetizers and door prizes. There are plans for another mixed jitney at season's end.

Thanks to Allan Klinck for keeping track of the weekly scores.

Judy Hobbs and Ron Robertson

Tuesday Afternoon Men

The Tuesday Men's Day League has about 40 members this year. We provide a non-competitive jitney style curling which everyone enjoys. We record button shots during the games and draw two from that list for a \$5 prize.

The league ran a very successful Tier 55 Bonspiel Nov 4 under the leadership of Paul Johnston. All sheets were filled for both draws. Ron Robertson from our league won the first draw and Brian Fry from Windsor won the second draw. Our sponsor was Hugh's Carpet and Cleaning

On November 24, Ron Robertson conducted a skills contest before our regular games. Prizes were given for Hit and Roll, Draw through the Port, and Tap up. We try to coincide this event with the Ladies Pot luck meals.

On December 22 we ran a Turkey Shoot (a weighted box with a flag) before our regular game. Nine prizes were awarded for closest to the box. A turkey donated by Lenovers was the top prize and was won by Randy Hooker. A pizza lunch followed the games.

A skins game is scheduled for January 26 again following the Ladies pot luck meal.

For any male curler with a free Tuesday afternoon, please join us for the fun of curling. Jim Steel

Wednesday Night Ladies Curling

The Wednesday Evening Women's League started the season with a very successful Fashion Show under the leadership of Charlotte Sparks and committee, with fashions by Nina Marie.

The first draw before Christmas had 6 teams. Congratulations to the winning team, Kim Chinnick, Kyla Hayward, Bonnie VanBavel and Joan Whitson. Well played!

New teams were formed for the second draw which continues until February 3rd. A special prize night is planned for that date. New teams will again be drawn with Draw 3 beginning Feb. 10th.

Thursday Night Club and Flight Curling

Thursday Nights adopted a new format this season offering the choice of Club Curling with teams that change every five weeks, and traditional Flight curling. This season is a rebuilding year. The new offering has been well received, and Flight is as competitive as it has always been! There have been three successful Member/Team organized meal nights. Thank you to everyone that has worked this season to make Thursday Night Curling a success!!!

Thank you so much to our returning sponsors O'Neill Insurance, and DPM Insurance. Welcome to our new sponsor Gillander's Heating Ltd.

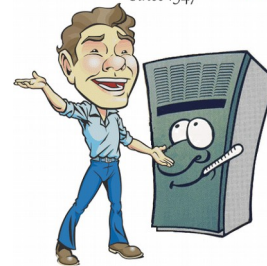


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Ontario Curling Association

Our club is entertaining two more OCA events this season. The first is the Tim Horton's Colts (men) and Trophy (women) from February 12 to 14. The other is Women's Tankard (women) and Dominion Regalia Silver Tankard (men) from March 26 to 27. These are both Zone 16 events.

Reporting on Chatham teams in competition:

- 1) From October 30 to November 1 at Kitchener Curling Club, our team of Mark Patterson, Ed DeSchutter, Ryan Laidlaw and Ben Curtis in the Travellers Curling Club Championship was knocked out in the semi-finals.
- 2) In the Fairfield Marriott Challenge, the team of Greg Payne, Steve Van Heste, DJ Skipper and Louis Jeromel advanced from the Zone 16 playdowns in Chatham directly to Provincials at the Brighton and Trenton clubs January 15 to 17 and were eliminated.
- 3) At St. Thomas January 16 to 17, in the Senior Men's Regional playdowns, the rink of Phil Daniel, Kevin Daniel, Ross Adamson and Peter DeKoning was knocked out, having advanced from Zone 16 playdowns in Leamington.
- 4) As well, the Chatham team of John Young, Dale Kelly, Ben Curtis and Jacques Van Bilsen advanced from the Zone 16 playdown in Blenheim January 8 to 10 and from the Regional playdown at Maitland Curling Club January 23 to 24 to the Provincials at Acton March 2 to 5 in the Best Western Intermediate Men's.

Of note is a Glencoe rink, of which Jim Brackett is a member, that advanced from both the Zone 16 at Leamington and Regionals at St. Thomas to the Provincial championship to be held in Woodstock February 17 to 21.

Ron Robertson
OCA rep

Holly & Mistletoe

On Monday, December 7/15 the ladies division hosted the Holly & Mistletoe Bonspiel. Twenty teams from Chatham, Sarnia, Ingersoll, Ilderton, Kingsville, Blenheim, London and Windsor enjoyed a fun-filled day. Winner of the first draw was Nora Snelgrove, Chatham; 2nd draw was Dawn Butler, Ilderton, overall winner was the Butler team. Cheryl provided a delicious ham dinner and the ladies participated in a fabulous raffle and penny sale; thanks to the ladies for their donations. Also thanks to the ladies who baked for the morning coffee. Our guests commented on our club decorations; and how good the Granite Club ice is - thanks to D.J.

Charlotte Sparks, Convenor