

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 16 & 17
**Gaylea Better Butter
Bonspiel**

April 21
**Business Women's
& Ladies
Closing Banquet**

May 27
**Guelph Curling Club
Golf Tournament**

June 22
**Shareholder's
Annual General Meeting**

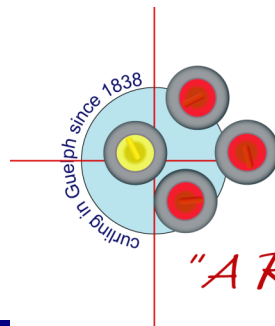
Save the Date:

**Guelph Curling Club
will feature**

**"A Night in
Old Hollywood"**

**on Saturday evening
September 24th.**

**This semi-formal
event will feature a
dinner, dance and
auction to help raise
funds for capital
improvements to
our curling
facility.
Stay tuned for de-
tails to follow over
the summer!**



Guelph Curling Club

"A Royal Experience"

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Club leagues are into their playoffs, the Gaylea Better Butter Bonspiel, our last major event of the year, has a full entry list, the World Men's Curling Championships are underway, another great curling season is coming to a close and the Board is already looking towards the 2011-2012 season.

I hope that all of you have had a great season of curling. It does not seem that long ago that Thanksgiving was fast approaching and we were looking forward to the season starting. Now here we are ready to bring this season to a close. Curling does make the winter go by quickly! We were pleased to welcome many new members this season and we look forward to seeing you back at the club next season.

The ice has been great since the season started. We have had good quality ice on which to play week after week, that takes great effort and a lot of preparation which is mostly done when members are not present. I want to thank Rick and Jennifer for their dedication to the club and to our members. The club has received compliments from the organizers of the Ontario Curling Association and Ontario University Athletics events held at the club this season for our hospitality and the quality of our ice. So if you have the opportunity please take a moment to thank Rick and Jennifer personally.

I have noted in previous newsletters it takes many people to run a club successfully; we are fortunate that we have many members who run our leagues, arrange bonspiels and other events such as OCA competitions, members who have supported Kathy Brown with the Learn To Curl sessions and members who have worked on maintenance and upgrade projects on both sides of the glass. I extend a most sincere "Thank you" to all those who commit their time, skills and expertise to benefit all our members.

You cannot help but notice our new Sony HD television in the upper lounge. This state-of-the-art TV has been donated to the club by PNR Railworks. What a great gift! We thank PNR Railworks for their support of the club and their generosity. When you see Gord Strilchuk please thank him personally. Thanks also to Gerry Sundwall and Walter Johnson who helped with the installation and to the Tuesday Night Men's league that donated the HD box.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Kathy Brown, our Club Manager, for her dedication to this club and to curling. Kathy is a keen promoter of the sport and has raised the awareness of curling in the community with her ongoing involvement. Over the past two years Kathy has conducted many Learn to Curl sessions, has had school children on the ice to experience

curling and has been a great supporter for new curlers. We have all experienced Kathy's enthusiasm for curling; whether it is in the office, in the lounge or on the ice, Kathy's passion for curling is evident.

OCA CURLING

Once again the Guelph Curling Club was well represented in competitive events run by the Ontario Curling Association: Senior Mixed Zone Winners skipped by Bruce Jeffrey, Mixed Zone Winners skipped by Adam Spencer and Andrew Fairfull, Junior Mixed Zone Winners skipped by Alex Rewegan and Michael Kean, Women's Tankard Zone Winners skipped by Tina Mazerolle and Kathy Brown, Women's Trophy Zone Winners skipped by Andra Harmark, Master Men Zone Winners skipped by Axel Larsen, Men's Tankard Zone Winners skipped by Andrew Fairfull, Scotties Tournament of Hearts Zone Winners skipped by Kathy Brown, Gore Mutual Schoolboy Zone Winners skipped by Michael Blair, Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Zone Winners skipped by Cassandra Tran and Kayla Cozzarin

We also had teams advancing to Provincials Championships: Elaine Osburn's team advanced to the Dominion Women's Club Championship, Tyler Sagan's team advanced to Gore Mutual Schoolboy Provincials, Koko Gillis' team advanced to the Colt Provincials, Carol Jackson's team advanced to the Intermediate Women Provincials and Eric Bradey's team



Some Things We Hosted 2010-2011

- *OCA Trillium Camp & High Performance Camp
- *OCA Trainer Clinics
- *Summer Major League
- *Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Filming
- *Team Howard Fantasy Camp
- *Ontario University Athletics Curling Championship
- *Guelph Women's Cashspiel
- *Curl & Grind
- *St. Patrick's Day Ladies Spiel
- *Tarlton Sleeman Men's Masters Spiel
- *Rock & Roll Spiel
- *Edubon Bonspiel
- *OAC Alumni
- *OAC Grad. Students
- *Rotary Club Spiel
- *U. of G. Engineering
- *Novice Clinic
- *Curl for Cancer Funspiel
- *Heart & Stroke Charity Bonspiel
- *Free Learn to Curls
- *Variety of Corporate Team Building Events
- *Elementary & High School Groups
- *Stick Provincial Championship
- *Gaylea Better Butter Bonspiel
- *Presidents Challenge
- *Three Willow United Church Bonspiel
- *Tri-County Men's
- *Inter-City Ladies
- *Hector Johnson Memorial
- *Gary Johnston Spiel
- *Farm Mutual Re-Insurance Spiel
- *Clergy Bonspiel
- *EarthSACC Charity Spiel
- *OCA Zones & Regions

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

advanced to the Bantam Mixed Provincials. In February the club hosted the Ontario University Athletics Provincial Finals; club volunteers were clearly enthusiastic about assisting in the event we had over 50 members who were game statisticians, ticket sellers, worked in the kitchen, cleared tables after meals, arranged social events for the curlers, set up bleacher seating in the club for spectators, assisted in ice maintenance. Volunteers worked from 7AM until late into the night to make the event a success for everyone and we had almost 300 spectators attend over the 5 days of competition. OUA representatives were very pleased with all the event activities and are looking forward to next year. A special word of thanks to Mary Pat and Ron Garton, Amanda Gebhardt for taking the lead on this event. We have an agreement with the OUA to be the host club for another two years and we are looking forward to the 2012 finals. Both teams from the University of Guelph qualified for the National Finals which were held in St John's, Newfoundland. Although the teams did not bring back the CIS Championship banners we congratulate them on reaching the national finals.

On April 3 to 6 we hosted the OCA Dominion Provincial Stick Championship Finals. This championship was won by the team skipped by Bruce Jeffrey, vice Bruce Folkard, second Craig (Sammy) Martin and lead Fred Osburn. Congratulations to Bruce and his team for going 7-0 and winning another banner for the Guelph Curling Club.

FEES, FINANCES

You will be aware from earlier newsletters that the Board continues to face the challenges of the Club's financial position. Although our year-end is April 30 based on current data the Board is forecasting an operating loss again this year, the exact amount will be known at fiscal year-end and presented in the year-end report to the Shareholders and discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders to be held June 22, 2011. At the Board meeting held on March 29, 2011 the Board approved a new fee schedule for the 2011-2012 season. Details on the revised fees are outlined in this newsletter. Fees have not changed for four years (the 2007-2008 season was the year of the last previous increase). The Board has surveyed some similar clubs (e.g. Kitchener Granite, Guelph Country, Burlington, Oakville) and our fees are among the lowest of the clubs surveyed. A fee increase is necessary as one step in dealing with our financial pressures and to maintain the quality of club that members expect.

HEADER REPLACEMENT

For the past few seasons our ice technicians have been monitoring the condition of the main headers that supply the cooling brine to the network of piping below the ice. The two headers are significantly corroded, Rick and our refrigerant maintenance contractor recommend that the headers be replaced. The Board agrees that this work should proceed immediately following the end of this season. If we do not proceed with the replacement we risk a header failure resulting in the loss of ice and curling. This is not a risk we are willing to take. The header replacement and some associated work which will include replacing the sand bed and resetting the pipes in the sand base are estimated to cost \$40,000. A benefit of resetting the pipes in the sand base is that we will require less depth of water to create the ice playing surface thus reducing our water consumption and our energy costs for chilling.

The \$40,000 cost is money we do not have on hand; as a result the Board has approved various fund raising approaches (briefly described below) which will be launched over the next few weeks. I encourage all our members to support the club and the fund raising for the header replacement. You will hear more about the following opportunities and events in the coming weeks:

Rock Handle - the opportunity to add a name to an existing rock handle for \$150 per handle.

Header Sponsorship - four levels of sponsorship from \$50 to \$1000 with name recognition in the Club on a sponsor wall.

Gala Theme Night - a semi-formal theme dinner and dance on September 24, 2011, details to follow. Please keep the date on your calendar.

The club has also applied to the Canadian Curling Association for a grant which would offset a portion of the cost of the header replacement. We are in competition for funding with clubs from across the country and the CCA will not announce project approvals until late April. However, even with a CCA grant club fund raising is necessary.

One step members can take to help the club reach better financial health is to introduce new members so that we generate more income through membership revenue. Each member can help by introducing a friend, a work colleague, your spouse or partner, to the club and to curling. For those new to curling we offer Learn to Curl clinics and there will be clinics scheduled at the start of the 2011 - 2012 season.

You can also help the Club by arranging to have work functions, private parties and other events at the club; we offer attractive hall rental rates, have caterers available to provide a range of menus. We also offer great team building opportunities for local businesses; so plan to

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2011-2012

The Board of Directors has approved the following fee schedule for the 2011- 2012 Curling season :

2011-2012

	Club Fee	HST	Capital Fund	Total
Full Adult Unlimited	\$522.12	\$67.88	\$25.00	\$615.00
Sr. Unlimited (65+)	\$473.45	\$61.55	\$25.00	\$560.00
Adult/Sr. Once/wk.	\$415.93	\$54.07	\$25.00	\$495.00
Adult/Sr. Friday Only	\$327.43	\$42.57	\$25.00	\$395.00
University (21+)	\$309.74	\$40.26	\$0.00	\$350.00
Under 21 (Adult League	\$212.39	\$27.61	\$0.00	\$240.00
High School/Junior	\$106.20	\$13.80	\$0.00	\$120.00

OCA Fee \$12/adult and \$7/junior included in club fee

Members have the option of paying by cheque or credit card.

Members who pay their fee in full before May 1, 2011 pay a discounted fee as outlined in the following table.

2011-2012 EARLY PAYMENT OPTION

	Club Fee	HST	Capital Fund	Total
Full Adult Unlimited	\$500.00	\$65.00	\$25.00	\$590.00
Sr. Unlimited (65+)	\$451.33	\$58.67	\$25.00	\$535.00
Adult/Sr. Once/wk.	\$398.23	\$51.77	\$25.00	\$475.00
Adult/Sr. Friday Only	\$309.73	\$40.27	\$25.00	\$375.00

OCA fee \$12/adult included in club fee

President's Message Cont'd

have a business meeting at the club and combine that with a meal and an afternoon of curling. Kathy will provide instruction for those new to the sport, it is a great way for a business or a business unit to get away from the office for a day or an afternoon to do some planning and have some fun. Many businesses plan "Golf Days" so why not add a "Curling Day" to your business calendar next Fall or Winter.

This is my last update before the end of the season and I want to take the opportunity to thank the Board for all their work throughout the year. The club is fortunate to have a Board of very dedicated members who meet year round and run committees that are key to club success. It has been my pleasure to work with the Board over this past year.

I look forward to seeing you at closing events and at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders which is scheduled for June 22 (details to follow). Enjoy the remainder of the season, have a great summer and before you know it September will be here, the ice will be ready and you will be gearing up for another season. This is your Club, you can help make it a great environment in which to curl and have off-ice fun.

Jim Mackenzie, President



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ROCK & ROLL BONSPIEL WRAP-UP

The Friday Night Social League hosted a Rock & Roll Open Mixed Bonspiel on March 5.

We played 2 eight end games and did a "Hot Shots" competition to complete the tournament. The highest scoring individuals received a brand new "Ford" model, as supplied by Wayne Pitman Ford.

First prize team was Rod & Marlene Stork and Doug & Lynne Williams.

The "Boomerangs" entertained. Elvis is still alive and well. We had a great time! Many thanks to all of our sponsors.

Submitted by
Sally Whittle
Organizing Committee

TARLTON-SLEEMAN BONSPIEL - 78 Years Old

In the early 1930's the Hamilton Thistle Club realized there was a need for older male Ontario curlers to have their own major bonspiel. In 1933 they initiated such a spiel and gained sponsorship from the Ontario Curling Association, who presented the OCA Seniors Trophy for the 4-day, 48-rink event. This spiel was restricted to men over 60.

In 1987 the Thistle Club closed; after one year in Orillia the bonspiel came to Guelph, aided by the hard work of John Eccles and Abe Goldberg, where it has since remained. Partnership with the OCA ceased in 1993, and shortly thereafter the sponsors became the Tarlton and Sleeman families. In 1888 George Sleeman, the great-grandfather of the recently retired CEO of Sleeman Breweries, became the first president of the new Royal City (Curling) Club, and continued for many years to be an active supporter of curling in Guelph.

Along the way the bonspiel went from 48 to 32 teams and from four to two days. In addition, two other families (Robertson and Barber) have recently presented trophies to the event. Ernie Barber and Mac Robertson were long-time supporters of the Guelph Curling Club. **Joan Barber was again on hand this year to present the Ernie Barber Memorial Trophy to a Guelph team of Grant Sinclair (skip), Hugh Spencer (vice), Rod Ackroyd (second) and Tom Beale (lead).**

A Guelph Curling Club team first won the Seniors Trophy in 1936, and the names of Club teams can be found over the years on all four trophies. This year Club teams again performed well. **The Tarlton Trophy, given to the top team in the early draw, went to the Rod Stork team with a perfect 4 and 0 record. With Rod were Don Blackburn (vice), Jim Anderson (second), and Jim Wheeler and Fred Osborn splitting the lead duties.**

This spiel continues to be one of the classiest masters events in Ontario. Thanks to great ice, super food, generous sponsors and a hard working committee, regulars from as far afield as Sarnia, Niagara Falls, Minden, Barrie and Haliburton come back year after year.

Submitted by Dave Hull

Dave Hull is also in the process of developing a "History Wall" to go along with the "Wall of Fame" in the lower level of the curling club. Dave would like to hear from anyone who has historical material pertaining to the club and/or who would like to help in developing this wall.