



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**Come Celebrate  
the New Year  
at the  
President -  
Past President  
Challenge**

**NEW YEAR'S  
DAY**

**Starts at 1pm**

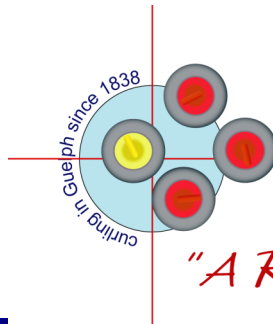
**Everyone  
Welcome!**

**No Need To Sign  
Up, Just Show Up**



**ONE MONTH BEFORE  
THEY GO FOR GOLD  
IN VANCOUVER,  
CANADA'S 2010 TEAM  
WILL BATTLE THE  
WORLD'S BEST IN  
GUELPH**

**JANUARY 6 TO 10, 2010**



# Guelph Curling Club

*"A Royal Experience"*

Issue 2

DECEMBER 2009

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are well into another very busy curling season and I hope that each of you is having a great time enjoying the fellowship of the club and success on the ice.

As the season started we introduced our new Ice Technician, Rick Hutchinson and his wife Jennifer. I hope that each of you has had a chance to meet Rick and Jennifer and to welcome them to the club. The ice has been great; Rick is becoming accustomed to the equipment here and working out issues on the ice. The various leagues are running smoothly thanks to the efforts of the league coordinators. We had over 85 people out to Learn to Curl sessions this fall (29 became new members and others signed up for the Novice Clinic). I would like to thank Kathy Brown and our volunteer instructors for their contributions to this success. In

October and November John Tarrt ran a successful Novice Clinic over a six week period with 40 participants..

The start of the season also saw the introduction of the new catering service. The caterer offers a good selection of meals and snacks for members before and after they curl. Please use the service so we make full use of our kitchen. If you have any menu suggestions please pass those on to Kathy Brown our GM.

The Board of Directors continues to examine ways to improve efficiency, increase membership and make the Club more successful. This includes contact with former club members, additional marketing efforts to promote memberships and encouraging increased participation in the Wednesday Night Business Social League.

At the Shareholders Meeting in September, I noted that we had lost the services of our Treasurer, Ryan Player. To date we have not found a member to take on this important club role. We have discussed the position with several qualified candidates but unfortunately although interested, they each had commitments that would not allow their participation. If you have accounting experience (you do not have to be a CA) and have an interest in volunteering for the club and are ready to Chair the Club's Finance & Audit Committee please call me or send me an e-mail.

**HOLIDAY  
CLOSURE**

League play  
ends on  
Wednesday,  
December 23, 2009  
(at noon)  
and  
resumes on  
Monday,  
January 4, 2010



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 2**  
**Eubon Bonspiel**

**January 11, 18 & 28**  
**FREE Learn to Curl**

**January 18/19**  
**Tarlton Sleeman**  
**Masters Bonspiel**

**January 20**  
**Farm Mutual**  
**Reinsurance Plan**  
**Bonspiel**

**January 23**  
**Niagara Parks**  
**Commission Alumni**  
**Bonspiel**  
**&**  
**OAC Alumni Bonspiel**

**January 30/31**  
**OCA Silver &**  
**Women's Tankard**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

I also regret to advise you that Rob Larmer has resigned from the Board due to his work commitments. I want to thank Rob for his enthusiastic support for the club and his work on the Board, Rob will continue to work with the Bonspiel Committee in arranging the future bonspiel events through the rest of this season. Thank you Rob.

The New Year starts off with a bang with 18 of the world's best curling teams in town for The Capital One Grand Slam of Curling—The National starting January 6, 2010 at The Sleeman Centre. Congratulations to Doug Goff and his organizing committee for a great job in getting this major event up and running. This will be a terrific tournament and we are in for some great curling, so please take some time out of your busy schedule and come to the Sleeman Centre to enjoy. Encourage your friends, neighbors and work colleagues to join us at the arena to watch the pre-Olympic matches, there are some great rivalries building up. Thanks to all the volunteers who have donated their time to make this event a success.

Later this year, April 8 to 11, the Club is host to the Ontario Curling Association Provincial Championships for the Mixed and Senior Mixed at the club. This is another high profile event for the club and it also promises to have great curling. We need volunteers to make this event a success. If you are interested in such volunteer activities as helping to plan the event, participate as a team driver, be a

club host, game timer, assist at the bar or in the lounge, ticket sales, etc. please let Kathy Brown or David Robertson know. These are key OCA competitions and we want the visiting curlers to have great memories of their time in Guelph. Work on this event will start by end of January.

The Volunteer Committee has worked very hard to find and schedule helpers to cover some office hours and bar hours. They will be working toward scheduling some building maintenance in the new year. Thank you to the volunteers that have put their name forward to help in these areas.

The Building Committee continues its discussions with various developers, other clubs and the City of Guelph. The objective is to develop and implement a plan that will secure the future of curling in Guelph for many years to come. No specific news to report as of this date but stay tuned.

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Directors of the Guelph Curling Club, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas season.

On January 1 please join Past President George McCaw and me at the President - Past President's Challenge. I took part for the first time on January 1, 2009 and had a fun afternoon. So please join us on the ice January 1, 2010 and welcome in the New Year and the second half of the curling season with a relaxing game and a few refreshments among friends.

Jim MacKenzie, President

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

### ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

#### **Pepsi Junior Women Provincials**

to be held at  
Teeswater Curling Club  
January 2 to 6, 2010

Clancy Grandy, Skip  
Jacklyn Rivington, Vice  
Sarah Wilkes, Second  
Deb Bentley, Lead

#### **The Dominion Senior Men Provincials**

to be held at  
Orillia Curling Club  
January 20 to 24, 2010

Axel Larsen, Skip  
Walter Johnson, Vice  
Gerry Sundwall, Second  
Kent Carstairs, Lead

#### **Men's Tankard—Regions**

to be held at  
Shelburne Curling Club  
January 2 & 3, 2010

Rob Rumpfheldt, Skip  
Scott Hodgson, Vice  
Jeff Robinson, Second  
Greg Robinson, Lead  
Nolan Sims, Alternate

#### **Gore Mutual Schoolboy—Regions**

to be held at  
Shelburne Curling Club  
January 30 & 31, 2010

St. James Catholic High School  
Tyler Sagan  
Carson Walsh  
Mark Raftis  
Brady Hamilton  
Jeffrey Hamilton

#### **Men's Tankard Zones**

Andrew Fairfull, Skip  
Rob Nixon, Vice  
Craig Fairfull, Second  
Rob Larmer, Lead

#### **Scotties Tournament of Hearts Zones**

Jen Spencer, Skip  
Becky Philpott, Vice  
Kerry Lackie, Second  
Laura Infanti, Lead

### **FRIDAY NIGHTERS ENJOY AN EIGHT ENDER**

During our Christmas Jitney & Turkey Roll on December 18th, a very special gift was earned by one of our teams.

**Bill Ingratta**  
**Doreen Larocque**  
**Jan Kent**

**Katrina Lindsay**

scored 8 points on the 4th end. Such excitement caused the team to lay down their brooms and come in to celebrate. The Friday Nighters congratulated them by purchasing a round of drinks!

I am sure that this will add to their Merry Christmas!

Photo will be posted on the Blue Board.

S. Whittle



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THE WEBSITE  
FOR EVERYTHING  
YOU NEED TO  
KNOW!**

**WWW.CURL.CA**

**RENAISSANCE  
CLUB BONSPIEL**

SPONSORED BY  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
CURLING

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 6**

**\$60 PER PERSON**

INCLUDES:

- CURLING
- MORNING MUFFINS
- LUNCH
- DINNER BUFFET
- RENAISSANCE THEATRE

\*\*\$45 PER PERSON FOR  
DINNER & THEATRE  
ONLY\*\*

Regular  
Friday Night Curlers  
will be discounted

See entry form at club for  
further details  
or call  
Fred Quinton/Sally Whittle  
519-763-0202  
or  
Michelle Goff  
519-821-8139

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**TELL YOUR...  
FRIENDS**

**TELL YOUR...  
FAMILY**

**TELL YOUR...  
CO-WORKERS**

**FREE  
LEARN TO CURL  
SESSIONS**

**Sponsored By  
Wellington Brewery**

Monday, January 11  
Monday, January 18  
Thursday, January 28

at 6 pm

Check Out  
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for further information

or

Call the Office to Register  
(519) 822-6171  
curling@guelphcurlingclub.com

HALF YEAR MEMBERSHIPS  
FOR  
**RETURNING MEMBERS**  
ARE AVAILABLE STARTING IN  
JANUARY

**FRIDAY NIGHT \$150\***  
**ONCE PER WEEK \$200\***  
**UNLIMITED \$250\***

\*Returning members pay a \$25  
Capital Fund Fee

HALF YEAR MEMBERSHIPS  
FOR  
**NEW MEMBERS**  
TO CURL IN  
UNLIMITED SOCIAL LEAGUES  
FOR ONLY \$150

**START CURLING NOW!**



*HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
FROM  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND STAFF OF  
THE GUELPH CURLING  
CLUB. HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.*