



**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

**Blue Jean
Gala
Sat. May 2
DJ Brad Howell
7:30 pm
\$25 in advance
\$30 at door
(tickets available
through the office)**

**Slash & Hack
Golf Tournament
Thurs. May 28
Noon
(details on page 2)**

**Sticks and Stones
Summer Spiel
August 7, 8 & 9
(details on page 3)**

**GCC TO HOST
CAPITAL ONE
GRAND SLAM
THE NATIONAL
JAN. 6-10, 2010**

**PLEASE CLEAN
OUT LOCKER BY
MAY 22nd.
Anything left in
locker will be put
in Lost & Found
until June 1st**

**OFFICE IS ON
SUMMER HOURS
CALL AHEAD**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another successful curling season has drawn to a close. The Board of Directors was very happy with the level of participation and the results of the membership survey. The results provide information to contribute to decision making and give a benchmark against which we can measure our progress. The main results are summarized below:

Survey Question	Average Rating (1 is lowest, 5 is highest)
Membership Fees	3.2
Ice Quality	4.2
Bar Service	3.7
Kitchen Service	2.4
Food Quality	2.7
Overall Facilities	3.2
Hospitality	3.7
Board Communications	3.4
Bonspiels	3.5
Overall Rating	3.5

There was also a tremendous response to the request for volunteers. A total of 84 percent of respondents indicated that they would be prepared to contribute on a voluntary basis at the Club. The Board will be developing a plan to translate this incredible response into a plan of action for next season.

As we have already announced, the fees for next year will be frozen. If you pay in April, you will qualify for a draw for \$100 vouchers to use in the Club.

In our continued efforts to increase membership, the Board has decided to offer a 25 percent discount for new members for the 2009-10 curling season. New members are defined as those that have not curled at the Club for the last two seasons. In addition, we have eliminated the option of curling five times for free. For the 2009-10 season, non members will pay \$15 to spare and one night members will pay \$5 to spare.

Over the past year we have introduced the sport to over 330 potential new curlers through our regular *Learn to Curl* program. As well, about 250 other adults received curling instruction through organization and company rentals and another 250 school children went through *Learn to Curl* sessions at the Club. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made these *Learn to Curls* a successful. We will continue with these efforts starting in September, but marketing the Club is a year round effort. Over the summer please tell your friends, family, co-workers, baseball team and other potential curlers about the Club, including the new member rates. (cont'd page 4)

- ...Appearances at the Provincials...**
Sr. Men—Frank Gowan, Dean Patzer, Rob Moore, Richard Johnstone
Gore Mutual School Boy—Tyler Sagan, Carson Walsh, Nick and Mark Raftis
Master Men—Alex Larsen, Walter Johnson, Gerry Sundwall, Kent Carstairs
Sr. Mixed—Bruce McRae, Laura Davis-Cook, Paul Knight, Lynda McRae
“The Stick” - Bruce Folkard, Bruce Jeffrey, Ken Jessop, Boyd Bell
Grand Masters—Bruce McRae, Roy McMillan, Grant Sinclair, Wally Piech
- ...And the Provincial Winners are...**
Trophy—Carol Jackson, Laura Davis-Cook, Karyn Issler, Becky Philpott
Intermediate Women—Carol Jackson, Laura Davis-Cook, Karyn Issler, Nancy Woods

COMING EVENTS

The Curling Club is hosting the Slash and Hack Golf Tournament on Thursday May 28 at Guelph Lakes Golf Course. The objective of the golf day is a fun, social club event that will make some money for our curling club. Golf will be a scramble format beginning with a shot-gun start at 12:00. A BBQ lunch is planned prior to golf. Festivities include dinner and prizes at the Curling Club. The golf tournament is open to all club members plus all friends and members of other clubs, so invite your friends and enter early. Let's fill the golf course with a full compliment of golfers. Entry is \$100 per person. Dinner tickets will be available for non-golfers.

The committee requests help from all club members with the prize and lottery table. Our

objective is to have a huge prize table. To help meet this objective, all members are requested to consider donating a prize. If you buy, borrow, beg, steal or make an item for the prize table, it will be greatly appreciated. Your donation will contribute to the success of the golf tournament. Please inform Kathy at the office if you plan a donation so we have an idea of expectations.

At present there are still openings for participants. Please enter ASAP to assist the committee finalize plans for the event. Entries and prize donations may be made at the Curling Club office.

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SLASH AND HACK **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Guelph Lakes Golf Course
Thursday, May 28, 2009

\$100.00 per person

18 Holes of Golf, Shot Gun Start at Noon
Lunch and Carts Included
Scramble Format
Dinner and Festivities at Guelph Curling Club

OPEN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS, FRIENDS, GUESTS, & MEMBERS OF
NEIGHBOURING CURLING CLUBS

Entries accepted at Guelph Curling Club
email: curling@guelphcurlingclub.com
Cheques due by May 10, 2009

Contact Walter Johnson for more information whjohnso@uoguelph.ca

COMING EVENTS



Come join the fun at our



STICKS AND STONES SUMMER SPIEL!!!

August 7, 8 & 9th, 2009

Cost: \$520.00 per team

Open Format



3 - Six End Games

Golf (9 or 18) at Ariss Valley

Dinner & Dance with a Live Band

Sunday Brunch



	Draw #1	Draw #2
Friday	7:15 Curl	9:00 Curl
Saturday	9:00 Curl, 18 Hole of Golf at 1:30, Dinner 7:30	10:45 Curl, Lunch, 9 Holes of Golf at 3:00, Dinner 7:30
Sunday	10:45 Curl, Brunch	9:00 Curl, Brunch



To book a room at the Delta Guelph and receive the GCC group rate, book through the web site below!

<http://www.deltaguelph.com/glstast>



In order to reserve your spot, please send in your \$100.00 deposit to the Club asap. Full payment required by July 10. Please note: deposit is non-refundable after July 10th

To enter, please contact the Guelph Curling Club

Phone: 519-822-6171

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Canada's Best Curlers to Battle in Guelph ...

CLUB LOTTERY

FIRST PRIZE 2 FREE FLIGHTS

ANYWHERE IN CANADA

DONATED BY
FREDERICK TRAVEL

WINNER:
Karolina Rachtan

SECOND PRIZE

ONE ADULT MEMBERSHIP
AT THE GUELPH
CURLING CLUB
FOR 2009/2010 SEASON

DONATED BY A MEMBER

WINNER:
Bruce Jeffrey

THIRD PRIZE BALANCE PLUS CARBON

FIBRE BRUSH
SIGNED BY TEAM GLENN
HOWARD AND
JENNIFER JONES

DONATED BY PRO SHOP

WINNER:
Dana Jamieson

FOURTH PRIZE \$50 BOSTON PIZZA GIFT CERTIFICATE

DONATED BY
BOSTON PIZZA

WINNER:
Brian Brown

**Thank you for
purchasing a ticket.**

You helped raise

\$2,995

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The Board has also made some decisions about changes impacting the kitchen and food in the Club. With a view to improving service, food quality and the Club's bottom line, we looked into the option of contracting with a catering company for our food services. After considerable research, discussion and review we concluded that we would enter into negotiations with several local catering companies. At the end of the process, we settled on Oryan Catering to provide services at events and to members on week nights starting in May 2009. This company comes with a very strong reputation and excellent references regarding service and food quality. To ensure that this arrangement is a success, please come to the Club hungry next year and try out the new food provider.

Please read the exciting news in this newsletter about the Guelph Curling Club hosting Capital One Grand Slam—The National. The newly crowned Canadian Men's Olympic Team will be showcased along with other international Olympic Teams. This event will provide the Club with an opportunity to raise the profile of curling and the Club that could pay dividends over time. Over 100 volunteers have signed up for this event. Stay tuned for further announcements on ticket packages.

I would like to thank all of the shareholders and members that stepped forward to support the Club through the purchase of promissory notes. In total we have raised \$94,000, which exceeds the target of \$75,000 that we set. This will help with our cash flow and keep our banking costs down.

There are a couple of fund raising events in the month of May that we would love to see members at. On May 2nd, the Club is hosting a dance called the "Blue Jean Gala". Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. On May 28th, the Slash and Hack Golf Tournament will begin at noon at Guelph Lakes. The \$100 price for the day includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart and dinner and festivities back at the Club.

Finally, please mark your calendar for the Annual General Meeting coming up on June 24th. This year, through a number of terms coming up and people moving away, we will be looking for seven new Board members. I have found it to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Please consider putting your name forward. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors, please contact Kathy at the Club office.

George McCaw, President

...at The National

GUELPH, ONT., April 16, 2009 – The Capital One Grand Slam of Curling announced today that the Sleeman Centre in Guelph, Ont. will host The National, the second leg of the men's 2009-10 Capital One Grand Slam of Curling series, from January 6-10, 2010.

The National is an international 18-team tournament which will feature many of Canada's top teams including World Champions Kevin Martin (Edmonton, Alta.), Glenn Howard (Coldwater, Ont.), Randy Ferbey (Edmonton, Alta.), Wayne Middaugh (Midland, Ont.), Jeff Stoughton (Winnipeg, Man.), Kerry Burtnyk (Winnipeg, Man.), as well as Olympic gold medalist Brad Gushue (St. John's, Nfld.).

"We're thrilled to award Guelph and the Sleeman Centre the hosting rights to The National," said Wendy Kane, Executive Director of the Capital One Grand Slam of Curling. "Featuring an elite international field, The National will be one of the final opportunities for some of the world's Olympic qualifiers to go head to head prior to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver."

Advanced ticket packages for The National will be available through local curling clubs in the Guelph region this spring. Tickets to the event will go on sale to the general public on November 15, 2009.

The 2009-10 edition of The National will mark the first time the city of Guelph has played host to a Capital One Grand Slam of Curling event.

"This is easily the biggest curling event the City of Guelph has ever had the privilege of hosting," said George McCaw, President of the Guelph Curling Club. "With 18 of the world's best teams playing in our own backyard, this will be a must attend event for our city's large and passionate curling fan base."

An elite, annual Canadian curling series, the Capital One Grand Slam of Curling features six premier men's and women's events that include this nation's deepest and strongest curling fields.

The top 18 ranked Canadian and international teams on the Capital One Order of Merit rankings as of November 23, 2009 will automatically qualify to compete at The National.

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