



Dundas Granite Curling Club

Message from the Chair



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome all returning members back for another year of curling at the Dundas Granite Curling Club.

The Board was very pleased by the attendance at the Annual General Meeting on June 21. There were 47 members plus 13 by proxy received. Congratulations to Ken Mattis! Ken won \$100 off his membership fees for the coming season by attending the AGM in June. We would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting.

I am pleased to tell you that our Club Manager, Freda Braker, will be welcoming everyone back this fall.

We have hired Anthony Kuznik, as our new ice technician for the 2017-2018 season. Anthony is very familiar with the club. He worked part time for us last year.

During the 2016/17 curling season it was determined that the bar area had to be refurbished as the existing cabinets had exceeded their life cycle and had some health and safety concerns. We scoped the bar requirements, went to tender and awarded a contract to a local contractor for the necessary changes. The work started in May and looks great so far. This will be completed for the new season. Thank you to Frank Lacey and Freda for getting this completed.

The Dundas Granite is pleased to introduce the Adult Learn to Curl program into the club this season. Glenn Herrell will be the section head. Glenn has a group, Lorraine Davison, Cathy Dufresne, Nancy Herrell, Mark Jolink, and Chris Macolmson to assist with the instruction. The program will be a Half Year program, running approximately 10 weeks from Friday October 20th to Friday December 22nd. The intent would then be to feed the "graduates" into the Friday night Mixed Recreational or other leagues after the Christmas break.

I'd like to express my thanks to the three exiting Board members that have given much to the club: Laurie Gunderman, Frank Lacey, and Andy Price. Special thanks to Laurie who after spending two years as secretary, then continued for another two years as chair. Thank you for all your hard work Laurie. If you see these members, please thank them for their dedicated service. Filling the vacated positions on the Board this season are Barry Conron, Nancy Herrell and Sean Kiely. We have seven directors returning.

Your Board of Directors for the 2017 – 2018 season:

Chair	Kevin Mitchell
Finance Director (Treasurer)	Barry Roberts
Secretary	Malcolm Collins
Marketing Director	Jo Ivey
Recruitment and Retention	Colleen van Berkel
Ice Director	Les Jarrett
Internal Communications Director	Kelly Biagi
Property Director	Sean Kiely
Membership Support Director	Nancy Herrell
Membership Development and Public Relations	Barry Conron

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Thank you to all the section heads for their work to keep the leagues running. Tom Jamieson is stepping down from the Friday Mixed League. Thank you to Tom and Sharon for their great work with the league for many years. Mike Hiltz is stepping down from Monday Men's. Thank you for your great work Mike.

Every year the Board acknowledges our volunteers by recognizing those members that give much of their time to help make the Granite a better place. Congratulations to Liz Bee as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2016 – 17. Liz's contributions to the Club have been enormous and they include: Actively sat on the Board of Directors for some years, was OCA rep, ran the Business Ladies Bonspiel for several years, was on the games committee for Tuesday Ladies, was part of the 50th anniversary committee for the club, helped in our bid to change our corporate structure, helped out in the kitchen for many different events including Last Chance, and for next season Liz is going to be the convener of the Friday Night Mixed League. Thank-you Liz!

Finally, a reminder that membership fees are due by September 30th. Members for most sections will receive an early incentive for payment of fees by this date (this rebate applies to fees paid in full by September 30th). This year, the Member Social Night will be on September 28th, 6:00-9:00 pm. The ice will not be available but you are welcome to come to the club to get caught up with your friends at the Granite and drop off your membership renewals if you have not mailed/dropped off the forms previous to that day. The afternoon and evening Open House dates of October 10, 11, & 12 will have practice ice available. We will once again have the addition of a Public Open House on Saturday, October 14. This date will be for potential new members only so bring your non-curling friends out to get on the ice and throwing some rocks! Pre-registration is recommended for this Public Open House.

Hope to see you all at the Granite.

Cheers and Good Curling!

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