



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 18. There were 31 members plus 6 by proxy received. Congratulations to Gerry Hagen! Gerry 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. As usual Freda has some more ideas about how to spruce up the club and in particular the upstairs lounge. Also Anthony Kuznik, our ice technician, will be back for the 2018-2019 season. Last season was Anthony's first season with the Granite and he is looking forward to utilizing his experience from his first year at our club, along with his prior experience, to provide our club with great ice for this season.

This was our first year for the new Adult Learn to Curl (ALtC) program. This was a great success and is a great way to attract, and retain curlers for the future. Thank you to Glenn Herrell and his team for a successful first year, we look forward to many more. The program will be offered again this season and continues to be a half Year program, running approximately 10 weeks from Friday October 19th to Friday December 21st. Once again the intent would then be to feed the "graduates" into the Friday night Mixed Recreational or other leagues after the Christmas break.

I would like to express my thanks to Jo Ivey (Marketing) and Malcolm Collins (Secretary), the two exiting Board members, for your recent service on the Board. We really appreciate their time, dedication and hard work for the last 3 years. Jo has done an outstanding job with our marketing plan and we are in a strong position moving forward. Malcolm has done a great job as secretary, meticulously managing the documentation as required and consistently being well prepared for our meetings. Filling the vacated positions on the Board this season are Pat Venus and Lorraine Davison. We have eight directors returning.

Your Board of Directors for the 2018 – 2019 season:

Chair
Finance Director (Treasurer)
Secretary
Marketing Director
Recruitment and Retention
Ice Director
Internal Communications Director
Property Director
Membership Support Director
Membership Development and Public Relations

Kevin Mitchell
Barry Roberts
Pat Venus
Barrie Conron
Colleen Van Berkel
Les Jarrett
Kelly Biagi
Sean Kiely
Nancy Herrell
Lorraine Davison

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Thank you to all the section heads for their work to keep the leagues running and to all the other people who volunteer their time at the club. 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 Barry Roberts as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2017 – 18. Barry's contributions to the Club have been enormous and they include:

Currently finishing his second term on the Board as Treasurer and planning to do another 3-year term; Volunteering in the Masters section; sitting on the Hamilton District Committee for many years; and filling in as OCA rep as well. Barry stepped up, took his Level One Ice Tech and helps Anthony whenever he can. He also took his Smart Serve so he could help at the bar when needed. He has filled in for the Manager at the Club when she has had to be away.

Thank-you Barry!

This year, the Member Social Night will be on **September 27th, 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 9, 10, & 11** will have practice ice available. We will once again have the addition of a Public Open House on **Saturday, October 13th**. This date will be for potential new members only so bring your non-curling friends out to get on the ice and throw some rocks! Pre-registration is recommended for this Public Open House.

Finally, a reminder that membership fees are due by September 30th. As an incentive for the members of most sections to pay their fees by this date they will receive a rebate if their fees are received by the club by the due date.

Hope to see you all at the Granite.

Cheers and Good Curling!

Kevin Mitchell
Chairperson