



March/April 2010

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GCC's Newsletter – Fact, Rumours and Innuendo

Congratulations to our Junior Girls!!

For the second year in a row, our junior girls' team of Avery Thomas, Jordan Brandwood, Mackenzie Thomas and Jamie Greenlees are the OCA Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Champions. After hard-won victories at both zone and regional playdowns, the Thomas rink competed at the Provincial Championships held at the St. Thomas Curling Club in February. For those of you that have admired the banner hanging in our front entranceway, you will be pleased to know that a second provincial championship banner will be added to the collection!

The same team represented Grimsby Secondary School at the OFSAA Curling Championships in March and won the Gold Medal game – Congratulations, girls, you make us proud!!

Club Challenge

Wednesday April 7 at 7:00PM the Club Championship Finals will take place, with 8 teams competing for the title in each of 4 different flights. The "A" Flight championship will see Pat Ferris' team take on Andrew Scott's rink for the GCC Club trophy and bragging rights for the next 12 months. The "B" Championship will have Lynda Riddell's team versus the Brian Cox rink. The "C" Flight winner will be either Gil Desjarlais or Chris Nawrocki, and the "D" Flight contest will be between Sandi Smith's team and Glenis Snoei's rink.

The trophy presentations will immediately follow the games. Thanks to all the curlers for an fun season, and special thanks to the sponsors of the league - Durward Jones Barkwell & Co. LLP, Indexable Cutting Tools, Harmony House Jewellers and Garden City Display Fireworks.

Mixed Curling

The second draw of mixed social curling, sponsored by Beverly Tire, was wrapped up February 18, with the winners being Lisa Vuk, Steve Cochrane, Jim Smith and Jennifer Davies.

Congratulations!! The top 8 teams of the draw took home some great prizes.

The third draw, which began February 26, will be wrapping up with playoffs on Friday, April 10th.

The Mixed Grand Finale is scheduled for April 16th (evening) and 17th (daytime curling, evening dinner & dance). You can sign up for the curling plus the dinner and dance on Saturday night for a mere \$50. Those interested in only curling can play for \$25, and those wanting to come for the dinner and dance can do so for \$25. The sign-up sheet is posted in the main lounge, so get your name down for the last fun of the curling season! All members are eligible to participate, so be sure to sign up soon!!

Tuesday Night Women's League

Don't miss out on the Ladies closing banquet scheduled for April 20th – the theme is "Olympic Gold", so come dressed in your best red and white or gold for the occasion. All female members of the club are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$25, see Rachel Jeraj or Laurie Robert for details.

Don't Forget!

- GCC Golf Tournament – is to be held on Saturday, June 19 at Rockway Glen – sign up your foursome as soon as possible – check the poster for details.



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Sponsors' Reception

On Wednesday March 31, the Board hosted a thank you reception in the lounge for the many club sponsors, which gave those sponsors who are not members a chance to visit the club and take in some of the club championship play-off games. We had a total of 14 sponsors attend the evening. A very special thank you goes to Judy Polstra and her team of volunteers who manned the kitchen and put out a lovely spread of food for the sponsors to enjoy.

Save the HST!!

On July 1, 2010, the HST will become payable on your curling club membership fee. That means that on next year's membership fees instead of paying 5% GST, you will pay 13% HST. On a full adult membership, that is an increase of \$39.60 in taxes. New government rules will allow you to avoid paying HST on your membership fees for 2010-2011 if you pay your fees in full prior to May 1, 2010.

For members wishing to take advantage of this option, the Board has approved payment for next year at the current membership fee rates plus GST. Forms are available at the club, or see club manager Ken Elsie for further details.

Remember, payment in full must be made prior to May 1, 2010!!

Volunteers Needed

As always, our club runs on the goodwill and labour of our volunteers, and your help is needed. Currently, several members of your Board of Directors will be completing their 3-year terms, and new volunteers are need for next year. If you would like to put your name forward for a position, please let either a current Board member or manager Ken Elsie know of your interest.

The Board would also like to take this time to give a special thank you to Sue Walker, who has continued to attend Board meetings to act as secretary past her term completion.

Also, the club is in need of volunteers for odd maintenance jobs over the summer. Please check the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet for summer maintenance jobs.

What are you doing this summer?

Try lawn bowling – it's like curling, but warm and sunny. The Bowls "curl" and closest to the Jack (Button) wins. At the Grimsby Lawn Bowling Club you can play 12 times a week for \$75 (new members \$65). Open Houses 2-4pm on May 15, 16, 22, 23 behind the Senior Centre or for more details contact Gillian Wood at 905-309-7798 or email at gillian.wood@sympatico.ca. The Beamsville Lawn Bowling Club offers games Tuesday and Friday nights from 7-9:00 PM with a first year members fee of \$65. for more informations call Liz Spoja at 905-045-3483.

If golf is your game, Twenty Valley Golf and Country Club is offering a 25% discount on "Silver" memberships until April 16, 2010, if you have not been a member for at least 3 years, with no initiation fee. If you become a member, you children under age 16 can play for free! Contact Eileen Macintosh at 905-562-5641, or e-mail at 20valley@hughes.net.

Don't Forget!

- GCC Annual General Meeting has been set for Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 at the club – Mark it on your calendar, all members are eligible to attend!