



# On the Button

NEWS FROM THE GOLDEN EARS WINTER CLUB

January 2010

## Get in the Olympic Spirit

The City of Surrey, an official partner with the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, will play host to the biggest games-time celebration south of the Fraser. The Surrey 2010 Celebration Site is a 13 day FREE winter festival featuring live entertainment, live Games broadcasts, arts performances and on site activities.

The Surrey 2010 Celebration Site is situated at Holland Park, on the SW corner of Old Yale Road and King George. It will offer the opportunity to share the Olympic spirit with the community while watch-

ing live Games coverage on four massive video screens. The screens will be located throughout the site, including indoors under a 30,000 square foot mega tent. Visitors will also enjoy an array of international food vendors and global entertainment that will celebrate Surrey's cultural diversity.

The Celebration Site will also host world renowned talent on two stages including Sam Roberts, 54-40, Randy Bachman, Tokyo Police Club, Winter-Sleep, Hot Hot Heat, Serena Ryder, Jully Black, KS Makhan, Dan Mangan,

Doc Walker, Irish Descendants, Alex Cuba, Jim Byrnes & the Sojourners, Hey Rosetta, Five Alarm Funk, and Delhi 2 Dublin.

The Cloverdale Curling Club will be hosting the Curling Ambassador Program onsite and is looking for curling enthusiasts of all levels to come out and share their love of curling with the community. If you would like to volunteer as an Ambassador, please contact Danielle Callens at the Cloverdale Curling Club by email [dcallens@shaw.ca](mailto:dcallens@shaw.ca)

## All Members Invited to Board Meeting



Members are invited to attend and open meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, February 8th at 7 p.m. In the Extra End lounge.

Come and get an update on the status of the club. Bring your suggestions and questions. We hope to see many of you there.

### Upcoming Events

Jan 8 - 10 Coastal Senior Men's Playdowns leading to 4 qualifiers from Region 11 to the Senior Men's Provincials in Nanaimo

Jan 16 - Knights of Columbus Bonspiel

Jan 17 - Region 11 meeting

Jan 30- Feb 1 - Legion Bonspiel

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### The 12th Annual Mainland Club Challenge Will be Hosted at the Richmond Curling Centre



**Mark your calendar!  
Richmond hosts club challenge  
April 16 to 18**

Mark your calendar – the Challenge will be held on **April 16 to 18, 2010.**

Here's how the Club Challenge will work: Teams will be randomly drawn into round robin boxes of four or five teams, depending on the number of entries, with one team qualifying out of each box for each of the men's and women's championship rounds. A banquet for the players will be held Friday at 6 pm.

The Champions will receive embroidered jackets and their names on the Mainland Club Challenge championship plaques which will be put on display at their home club for the year. Silver

and bronze medalists and the fourth place qualifier will receive plaques. In addition, the top three teams will each have their entry fee paid in the 2010 Pacific International Cup which will be hosted at the Richmond Curling Club from April 21 to 25, 2010. The top BC finishing teams in the PIC will be advancing to The Dominion Curling Club Championship (Canada) to be held in Prince Edward Island in November 2010.

If your team is interested in representing the GEWC, please sign up at the office. If necessary, we will hold a playdown to see which teams will represent the club.

More information can be found at:  
[www.bcclubchallenge.ca](http://www.bcclubchallenge.ca)



### Upcoming Open House and Strategy Sessions



GEWC is participating in a CurlBC/CCA sponsors 'Community Open House' day on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> and will be hosting strategy workshops on the same day.

Both intermediate and novice strategy workshops will be held on and off the ice on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help plan these events. Please sign up for the

strategy sessions at the office. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lynn at: [manager@gewc.ca](mailto:manager@gewc.ca).

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## Advertiser Profile: Coronation Insurance

The GEWC is grateful for the ongoing support of all our sponsors including: Al Owen - AOK Tree Services; Ray Werger - Royal Lepage BC Real Estate Sales; Bill Fowle - Fowle Foto Enterprizes; Al Hogarth - Coldwell Banker Tri-Tel Realty; Craig Longmuir - Fraser River Pile and Dredge. Beginning with this issue, *On the Button* will feature one advertiser each issue. Read on to learn more about Grant and Diane Dezura and Coronation Insurance.

Q. Tell us about your business.

A. Coronation Insurance offers a complete line of insurance products and services including auto, home, business/commercial, marine & RV, etc. Our staff is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable in the business. We work hard to ensure our clients have the right insurance coverage without paying more than necessary. We also offer no charge delivery of ICBC Autoplan to your door...at home, at work or even to your league night at the club.

Q. What sets your business apart from your competitors?

A. We know what level of service we appreciate and we try to provide that to each of our clients, both old and new.

Q. How many employees do you have?

A. Ten

Q. What made you decide to advertise with the GEWC?

A. The Dezura family have been long-time members and supporters of the Golden Ears Winter Club. Our two children (Ashley Ann -4 and Wally-2) will be the third generation to curl at GEWC. We believe in supporting the people and businesses in our communities. Why not give the business to people you know?

Q. What's your interest in curling?

A. Diane's parents encouraged her to curl when she was very young. Although she is now retired from competitive curling, Diane feels very fortunate to have represented Canada twice. She was Lead on the Kelley Law team which won the 2000 World Women's Curling Championship in Glasgow, Scotland, and the bronze medal in Salt Lake City at the 2002 Olympic Games.

Grant Dezura, is a three-time provincial champion and father-in-law, Ed Dezura, is a Canadian Senior Champion as well.

Q. Do you have anything you'd like to say to the members of the GEWC?

A. Come on out and participate in your club's activities. Besides your regular league game(s) each week, keep an eye out for one of our upcoming new events and join in the fun. Better yet, introduce a friend, co-worker or neighbour to curling and the Golden Ears Winter Club. We have a fantastic facility, great ice (the best-thank you Don Huber) and lots of enthusiastic members. The continued success of our club depends on each of us.

The start of the Olympics is only days away! Curling is the only Olympic winter sport that is relatively easy for anyone to try. Just dress warmly and all equipment can be supplied. Young or old. Able-bodied or not. Beginners, novice and more advanced players all have a place to play here. The Golden Ears Winter Club welcomes everyone. No one sits on the bench in our game!



Coronation Insurance can be reached via its website: [www.coronationinsurance.com](http://www.coronationinsurance.com)

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### Congratulations to Team Martens

Team Martens (Adam Martens, Skip, Matt Mercer, Third, Mitchell Currie, Second and Todd Kupser, Lead) went undefeated (4 games) and won their Junior Division and \$160 cash prize. Great shot making by all with Adam calling great games. The team's double take outs and critical draws impressed many of those watching. The first game was 9-3 and the championship game 11-3 and although not indicated by the scores both were tight at times.



**Team  
Martens  
takes top  
prize!**

### Club Announcements

1. The Parks and Leisure Winter Arts and Recreation Guide is out. Golden Ears Winter Club programs are listed on pages 27 and 28. Drop in recreational curling is starting in January - come and play on a 'drop-in' basis for \$12.00 a game.
2. Wheelchair curling is also starting up again. We have 6-8 interested people and would welcome any stick curlers who just want to get some more practice in - Sundays 1:30 - 3:30.
3. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Mary Kay fundraiser in December. Over \$450 was raised for the club. If you have any fundraising ideas, please let us know.

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## School Visits Planned for January

Twenty-two school visits are scheduled for the month of January so the kids can try an Olympic and Paralympic sport before the big event! Thanks in advance to all our dedicated GEWC coaches who will be working hard this January: Dutchy Kliesterlee, Peter England, Ed Collinson, Bob Axford, Bob MacKay, Bill Gardiner, and Doug Patterson. Not only do these folks help with Juniors (along with coaches Rima Rea and Carol Norris), but also with the school visits.

Schools include: Harry Hooge Elementary, Yennadon Elementary, Maple Ridge Elementary, Edith McDermitt Elementary, Golden Ears Elementary, Walton Secondary, Alexander Robinson Elementary, and the Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living (adults and students with disabilities). The wonderful work our coaches did with the Westview Secondary special needs students has enhanced GEWC's reputation for inclusion...excellent work!



## Volunteers Needed for Coastal Senior Men's Playdowns



Volunteers are need for the Bar and Concession during the Coastal Senior Men's Playdowns Friday January 8 to Sunday January 10. Please sign up on the board located in the lower lobby. It's Contact Jack Stadel if you are interested in volunteering for ice maintenance during the championship. Thanks in advance for all your help.

Twenty (20) teams are entered representing the following clubs:

Richmond  
Cloverdale  
Victoria  
Chilliwack  
Campbell River  
Nanaimo  
Royal City  
Langley  
North Shore  
And from Golden Ears Winter Club Garth Moore, Fred Fox, Murray Day, and Don Wakefield. Good Luck and Good Curling to the Moore Team!

Have some free time?

Volunteer at the Golden Ears Winter Club

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### Make Your Mark on the Club

Here are two opportunities to make your mark on the GEWC.

Are you interested in a brainstorming session to decide what is needed in the upper and lower lounge environments -- including location of trophy cases, bare walls, curling memorabilia, notice boards, etc. A brainstorming group would help put together a vision and a plan to improve the off-ice environment of the curling club. This is an ad hoc group meeting solely for the purpose of getting ideas together; not for implementing ideas necessarily unless you express that particular interest. Sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

The online membership satisfaction survey is now available.

The survey can be completed by any member of the GEWC. You can find it on our website [www.gewc.ca](http://www.gewc.ca). Please take a few minutes to complete the survey -- it's short, it's sweet, and it gives you lots of opportunity to make comments. Find it here <http://gewc.ca/club-info-2/members-info/>

**Make Your  
Mark —  
Volunteer!**



### Welcome January Rental Groups to the GEWC

Weight Watchers  
Dr Marco Terwiel Birthday  
and Retirement Party  
Bettesworth Family Curling  
and Social Party  
EPR Certified General Ac-  
countants Curling and So-  
cial Party  
ICBC Curling Social and

Party  
District of Maple Ridge  
Recreation Division Meet-  
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District of Maple Ridge  
Curling and Social Party  
1st Pitt Meadows Boy  
Scouts Curling Event

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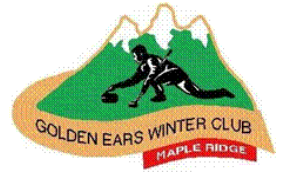
## Celebrating the Holidays

The GEWC Wednesday Ladies League Gives Back. Instead of doing a gift exchange at their Christmas party, the ladies donated Christmas gifts, gift cards, clothing, toiletries and money to the Iron Horse Youth Safe house that is located in Maple Ridge. Together the group raised almost \$400 and donated lots of gifts to this great cause.

Iron Horse Youth Safe House is a safe, comfortable and inviting place in our own community for youth in crisis to live temporarily while implementing solutions to their difficult circumstances. During their stay youth develop their own action plan in conjunction with youth workers who in turn connect them to services currently available in this community.



Janet Vanier and June Weistra from the Thursday night mixed league celebrate the holiday season. The league sponsored two Garibaldi students so they could also enjoy Christmas.



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Get to Know Tim McCulloch (photo)

1. What day(s) do you curl? Tuesday night men's and Fridays with my wife.

2. How long have you been curling? This is my seventh year.

3. What do you like most about the sport? It helps me escape the hustle and bustle of the work life and I get to have a beer on a work night.

4. What is your second favorite sport to watch or play (we're assuming curling is your favorite!). Curling and Canucks

5. Where do you work and what do you do there? Patterson Dental and I am a technician.

6. Will you be attending the Olympics? If so, what events are you going to? Way too expensive, but I'm considering going to see some curling.

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Tim and Brenda McCulloch