



The new exterior entrance is part of the renovation program carried on at the Granite Curling Club during the last couple of years.

Celia Macdonald Will Cut Ribbon At Official Opening

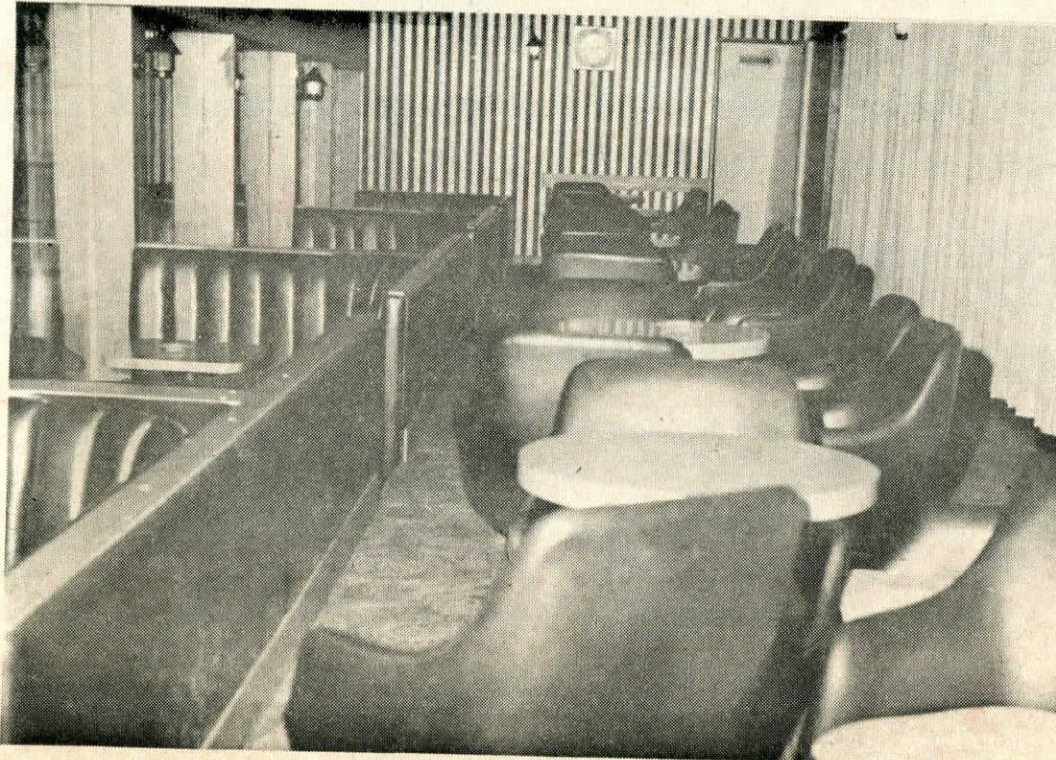
The club will hold an official opening of their extensive renovations program at the Granite Curling Club on Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Among the many participants at the event will be Celia Macdonald who will cut the ribbon.

She has curled for over 30 years at both the Granite Club and at the club located by the subway and is probably the most experienced curler in the city.

Mayor Jim Maher of North Battleford and Mayor George Leibel of Battleford will also

be in attendance as will Senator Herb Sparrow, Norval Horner the MP for the Battlefords-Kindersley constituency and Eiling Kramer, provincial Highways Minister and MLA for the Battlefords riding. There will also be several other local dignitaries in attendance.



The cocktail lounge which opened in September of 1972 is a luxurious place for curlers to

relax and have a drink while having an excellent view of the curling action on the ice.

Local Curlers

Clarence Reid, a 52-year-old native of North Battleford is the President of the Granite Curling Club this year.

Mr. Reid who was born in the city and has lived here all his life succeeds George Woodward.

He has been a car salesman in the city for 15 years with Manning Mercury.

Mr. Reid was vice-president of the club last year.

He has been on the board of directors of the curling club for eight years. He has also served as chairman of the club's annual Men's Bonspiel on three different occasions.

He was president of the K-40 club for two years. He has also served on the board of the Wildlife Federation for the past three years.

The other members of the executive are vice-president Bruce Wilson, secretary Les Cameron and treasurer Percy Zulynik.

The first executive of the Granite Club was made up of president Harold Jackson, vice-president Mark Winder, treasurer Joe Ulmer and secretary Jack Greenwood.



Granite Club Has Interesting History

The North Battleford Granite Curling Club has certainly come a long way since the original club was established. It was a two sheet rink located where the Public School Board office now is located at 1301 - 104th Street. It was a simple rink building of polls and straw.

The second rink was located near the subway across from the

Bowlarena. It had five sheets of ice.

Construction on the present structure started in 1954. The first curling in the new build-

ing actually started in January of 1955. At that time curlers were using natural ice rather than the artificial ice which was installed in 1956.