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'Tis the Season for Ice Maintenance

Most curling clubs have a 7-month season. By Christmas, the KWGC has been open for almost 6 months and the ice needs mid-season maintenance.

The last game of 2022 was at 9 pm on Thursday, Dec. 22. The Olympia ice resurfer was scheduled to arrive Friday morning to reduce the ice thickness by ½". Because of the storm on Friday, things did not go smoothly. The largest impact was the inability to purchase propane due to the frozen padlocks at stores all over town. This meant that we had a very limited supply of fuel to for the tiger torch. Ice Technician, Rob Adams, uses the ice-edging machine to cut the ice depth around the edges. Rob removes the marks from the Olympia's studded tires with a tiger torch. It then takes approximately 3 days of flooding to level the ice. The ice is repeatedly pebbled and scraped to achieve the slightly raised edges on each sheet that are essential for curling.



Upcoming Events

Win, lose or die!

Board game night hosted by Jason Beierling

Friday, January 13th, 7 to 11pm

Come out for a night of games and socializing with other club members. We will have the banquet room open with lots of tables and a selection of board games. The board games will be fairly quick to play and easy to learn! Drop in and bring your curling team or some friends (\$5 for non-members) stay for a short time or as long as you like. (The bar will close and we will ask you to leave shortly after 11pm). Games, some gaming instruction, and snacks will be provided. Doors open at 7pm! Hope to see you there!

A free event, open to all members with snacks provided.

[Register here](#) or drop in.

Special Offer for KW Granite Curlers & Friends at the Drayton Festival!



Limited tickets available for "The New Canadian Curling Club" on July 22nd.

See pg 4 for details.

Getting to know our Ice Technician: Rob Adams

Rob's first experience with ice maintenance was at the age of 14, in Peterborough, under former KWGC Ice technician, Jeff Gray. As well as being a certified curling ice technician, Rob has some business education, and experience in home renovations. He worked at the Brant Curling Club, as both manager and icemaker, and at The Hamilton Victoria Curling Club before coming to the Granite Club in 2020. Everyone knows that the 2020-2021 season at the Granite club was unique.

Rob lives in Breslau with his wife, 3-year-old daughter, and dog Wasabie. Wasabie

is a German Short Haired Pointer and is very happy in his new KW home.



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Curling Chuckles

Q: Why are leads great artists?

A: Because they know how to draw.

Around the Club

Daytime Men

By the time this missive arrives at your inbox, the Holiday Season is already complete (that is assuming that the wind and snow just prior to the 25th has abated!).

It is great to report the curling activities since November have trudged on quite well. The second Round began on November 29. Once again our fantastic Piper, Peter Finlay, found a cat to strangle (sorry, I meant play the bagpipes to herald the start of the second round. Bravo Peter!

The second round came with the somewhat consistent need for spares to fill the teams. Fortunately, the scheduling was designed to result in two teams being placed on Byes each week. With the addition of the Spares List this allows teams to be fully 'manned'. Thanks to all for making this work. The January and February games are also likely to demand filling in as the 'warmer climes' beg indulgence by some.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, we lit up the score sheets with a fantastic Skins format for the combined Tuesday/Thursday groups. We had 48 members sign up, but we still needed a couple of spares on the last day. All six sheets were full and the secret aggressors arose from the ashes to strategize as to who would take the 'stealer' rock. It was all looking reasonable until serious combat occurred on Sheet 2. Graham MacDonald with teammates (Rick Arthur, Ernie Trompke, and Bob Holtham) had secured three skins, but then Ian Anderson with teammates (Gerry Steingart, Dave Zenger and Dan Ingoldsby) managed to block any further advance with FOUR carryovers to strike with the last rock in the 8th end to secure dominance and claim the biggest prize.

It was a great day of curling, starting with coffee and Timbits, and followed by a great pizza lunch courtesy of a major contribution from Jacquie Bunker of Trillium Real Estate. Thanks to Paul Carter, Brad Tucker and John Scott for organizing another successful and rewarding day.

Convenors: Brad Tucker, John Scott, Paul Carter and David Cain.





Tartan Event Winners



Sweeping to Victory Winners



Monday Championship Winners



Monday Consolation Winners

More Curling Chuckles

Q: What did one curling stone say to the other?

A: I won't take you for granite!

Daytime Women

The Thursday Tartan Event was 8 weeks long and ended Dec 1.

First Place: Lorna Allen, Ann Silk, Kathy Braun, Wanda Bauer

Second Place: Dorothy Hirschberger, Carol Nichols, Elsie Millerd, Tracey Bigger

The Tuesday Sweeping to Victory Event was 5 weeks long and ended Dec. 1

First Place: Barb Tucker, Wendy Lauer, Jan Fell, Liz Finlay

Second Place: Lorna Allen, Dianne James, Pat Fitton, Wendy Ridgway

The Monday Championship Event was 7 weeks with the playoffs on Dec. 5

First Place: Dale Sinclair, Rosemary Gowman, Donna Buchan, Jill Rowett

Second Place: Val Rotar, Connie Graham, Bonnie Ladano, Deb Calma

The Monday Consolation Event was determined at the playoff games Dec. 5

First Place: Barb Tucker, Heather Halsband, Dianne James, Petula Wong

Second Place: Jan Gyorffy, Sandy Nethercott, Wendy Lauer, Fran Hatherton

KWGC's first Novice Curler Bonspiel



It was great fun for all participants and a chance to enjoy a "bonspiel".

Congratulations (on both ends) to Team McGill for winning the "cheesy" trophy with the most points:

Murray McGill Josh Windsor Greg Schott Kate Windsor

Winners of the "Crying Towels" were Team Weber:

Christine Weber Don Weber Michael Fontaine Adriana Fontaine

Congratulations as well to Team Roth who came closest with 17 or 22 correct answers to the Great Scavenger Hunt:

Alyssa Roth Grant Mitchell Donglan Wu Bing Feng

More Curling Chuckles

Q: How popular has Olympic curling become?

A: It's sweeping the nation.

Special Offer for KW Granite Curlers & Friends

We have a limited number of group tickets for the Drayton Festival Theatre's production of "The New Canadian Curling Club" on Saturday, July 22 at 2pm (matinee performance)! Tickets are available on a first come basis at a rate of \$56.50 (\$50 + HST / Youth (under 20) tickets are at \$38.42) and can be purchased by e-mailing Scott Allen (VP Curling) at: gartrav@sympatico.ca

Both laugh-out-loud funny and quietly moving, The New Canadian Curling Club is a brand-new comedy about immigration, community, and national identity—with a heart as big as Canada itself!

More details and purchasing information are on the [website](#).

Dec. 3rd Jingle Bell Jitney

There were 48 participants in this event. While there was some profit to the club (\$200 plus bar profits), the good news is the \$160 in cash + food donations for the "12 Days of Christmas" fundraiser.

Donations of gift certificates from Jack's Family Restaurant and Bob MacMillan & the Heidelberg Inn as well as Scott Allen's donation of turkeys were much appreciated! The event was organized by Lianne Franklin with help from many volunteers.



Thank you to everyone that has provided content and ideas for this and previous Written in Granite issues! Keep it coming!

Fall 2022 Learn to Curl Graduates



You may already be seeing some of these people playing in leagues at KWGC!