



# Written in GRANITE

January 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Winterlude Bonspiel

#### Daytime Women

Monday, Jan. 8

Two games, \$5 entry fee and \$20 lunch

### Queen of Hearts Bonspiel

#### Daytime Women

Monday, Feb 12

Two games and lunch

## Learn to Curl Instructors

We are still looking for an instructor on Jan 27, Feb 3 and Feb 10. For more information on the LTC program, see page 2.

## Looking for Volunteers!

Many hands make light work. If you want to be more involved in the KWGC, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the office.

When the Club shut down for the holiday break, our Ice Elves were hard at work.

Every year at this time, we bring in the Olympia Ice Resurfacer (I made the mistake of calling it a Zamboni and was corrected) and scrape off the top 1.5 – 2 centimetres of ice to remove the embedded debris and

manage the ice thickness going forward. Rob and his crew of volunteers, along with the Olympia driver worked diligently to provide our user groups with the best possible ice conditions.

Once the surface is scraped down, the ice over the decals (rings, signage, hog lines) is melted, using a propane torch (as in the pic) to erase any marks left from the scrape. Once this is completed, our regular scraper is used to clear off the surface and remove any remaining debris – up to 20 passes over the

entire ice surface. This is followed by a flood to level the surface and then more scraping, pebble and nip to ready the ice for the resumption of play.

As an added bonus, the decals will appear much brighter – makes for happy sponsors.

Heads up folks!! The running surfaces of the rocks was sanded prior to January 2.

*Martin Rombout*



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## 50 new members joined the club from Learn to Curl!



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Our Learn to Curl program continues to be a huge success. The fall session was full with 45 participants and had a 20-person wait list. The winter session sold out in less than a week! Most of the registrants signed up based on recommendations from family and friends.

In an online survey, the participants in the fall session absolutely loved the program! These are just a few of their comments about what they liked best:

- *The instructions and detailed program. The goal was to feel confident on all aspects of curling and I am really proud with my progression and it's all attributed to this program. You guys are amazing. Thank you so much I really enjoyed every aspect to learn to curl*
- *The encouragement to join the curling community. Meeting other people. What I really liked best about the program was how much I looked forward to attending each week*
- *The instructors!! They were so helpful and friendly and encouraging. I truly appreciate them sharing their time and knowledge. They also made it less intimidating to want to join a league because they were so friendly.*
- *The program left me wanting more and taught me what I needed to know to join a league.*

80% of the participants said they want to join a league. And they did – we have added almost 50 new members since October from the Learn to Curl program.

All of this is to the credit of the 16 instructors who together volunteered over 200 hours of their time and talent to teach at each session. We thank them for their gift of time and talent.

How can you help? We're looking one more instructor for the January 27, February 3, 10, and 24 sessions, all on Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. No previous coaching experience is required, just a willingness to work with new curlers. We provide a lesson plan with instructions for the drills and activities in advance of each session.

LTC Organizer  
Tim Taylor



*Snacks at the Christmas Friendship Jitney*



*Christmas Friendship Jitney decorations*



*Treats at the Intercity Women's League*

## Daytime Women

The day women's curling leagues have completed the first events of the year.

**Monday Club Championship** event was won by the team of Dale Sinclair, Rosemary Gowman, Suzanne Belanger and Jill Rowlett with the team of Val Rotar ,Connie Graham, Bonnie Ladano and Deb Calma a close second.

Consolation Champion winner was the team of JoAnn Vincent, Carolyn Zenger, Ilsa Hoffman & Ann Silk. Second place was Lorna Allen, Katie Hitchman, Kathy Braun & Carol Nichols.

**Tuesday Harvest Classic** was won by Barb McGregor, Liz Finlay, Lynn Bennett & Sueson McKeen.

**Thursday Tartan** event was won by the team of Joan Stubgen, Pat Fitton, Wendy Ridgeway and many spares.

At the **Christmas Friendship Jitney**, we collected 57 lbs. of food, which equals 45 meals for the Food Bank! We greatly appreciate your contributions!



*Barb Tucker, Barb MacGregor, Jan Gyroffy, Sandy Nethercott*

On Wednesdays, the women's intercity league plays at different clubs in the area. Galt, Paris, Ayr, Guelph, Westmount and KW Granite make up the league. KW Granite hosted the Paris Curling Club on November 29 and Galt on December 6. Check out the photos from November 29 to see how well we treat our guests!

New bookshelves have been installed and the book and puzzle sale will continue. All sales are donated to the visually impaired curlers. If you have books and/or puzzles to donate, please bring them in anytime.

*Joan Stubgon*



*Women's Intercity dining and decor*



*The Grinch shows up at the Women's Intercity event*

## Cinco Spiel



The newly named, Cinco Spiel, the second annual KWGC bonspiel for novice curlers took place on Dec 9. Many of the participants were recent Learn to Curl graduates experiencing their first bonspiel. League games are great, but the bonspiel experience is so much more – curling, and meeting new people, food, laughter, and PRIZES! Thank you to Al McNeil of Jiffy Lube and Jiffy Suds, and the KWGC for the donations of gift certificates.

Events need volunteers to succeed. Thank you to Michael Greenwood, Alex Turner, Tracy Snoddon and Steve Hitchman for helping out!

*Organizer,  
Katie Hitchman*



*Fall 2023 LTC group getting instructions*

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

