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Greetings Fellow Curlers!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for the 2023-2024 curling season! While our season is just starting, lots of activity has already happened at the club, including the Trillium Camp, summer leagues, and several competitive events. This exciting schedule is continuing throughout the season.

The key focus of the board this season is on where we want to be in the future. What kind of club, atmosphere, community do we want to build in the years to come? What do we need to do now and in the next 2-3 years to get us there?

Despite the club having hired staff to handle the day-to-day, we rely on volunteers to help this place run. Without volunteers to help with the ice, LTC clinics, committees, and running events, this club would not be where it is today. Keeping that in mind, there is more that we can do but we need the volunteers to help get us there. If everyone shares the responsibilities of volunteering, we can ensure we are not spreading the volunteer pool too thin trying to accomplish our goals.

Some key committees that we will need volunteers for are: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); Lease; Strategic Planning; 100th Anniversary; and potentially others as we progress through the season and see where there are further opportunities. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please reach out to me at president@kwgranite.com.

On September 21st, the club held a DEI presentation with Dr. Heather Mair from the U of W. In front of a modest group of members, she outlined the great things happening within the curling community and some of the challenges the community still needs to proactively work on. It was very informative and Dr. Mair has graciously provided her resources from the presentation to be shared with the entire membership. Stay tuned for an email with these details.

One last thing I would like to say before ending my first Message from the President is how best to communicate with me. Everyone has valuable feedback, so you are encouraged to reach out to me at president@kwgranite.com. A boundary I have put in place is that while I am curling on Mondays and Thursdays, I am not there as the President. Unless it is urgent, please contact me by email during this time.

Ashley Falconer
2023/2024 KW Granite Club President

Upcoming Events

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KW Granite Club

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Six Pack Bonspiel

October 27 & 28th

The **KW Granite Club** is hosting the **Six-Pack Funspiel** on October 27th and 28th, 2023! Now a 2-day event!! Grab some friends, and be prepared for a fun time!

This is a bonspiel with a unique format - a **six-person team** that rotates through positions. The format is **open**, which means no gender restrictions; we just want you to have fun!

Do you have friends that curl at other clubs? Make a team with them or invite them to bring their own team. This unique format is the perfect time to **introduce your friends to the sport of curling**.

- 2 Draws (early and late)
- Check-in: Friday before the 1st game
- Guaranteed 3 six end games (1 Friday evening and 2 Saturday)
- Evening and Breakfast snacks, lunch, and dinner included in the \$330/team cost
- Prizes!

[Details and Registration on the website.](#)

Sticks and Stones Tournament

March 2, 2024

You spoke, we listened. We heard from members that mid-October is not the best timing for a tournament that combines golf and curling. We get it. We will be sure to plan earlier in the season next time so more people can join in on the fun.

For now, Sticks and Stones 2023 is cancelled, but we will be back. We're working on a new take on the tournament to get it in for spring 2024.

Sticks and Stones: Simulator Edition is coming!

Save the date: **Saturday March 2, 2024.**

We'll start the day with a mini-bonspiel at the Granite, then move on over to Golf Play in Waterloo for lunch and an indoor golf tournament.

As with the regular Sticks and Stones, winners will be awarded based on a combination of golf, curling and side-challenges that can take skill out of the equation.

Plan to join us for a fun day and dust off your clubs before the 2024 golf season even begins!

For more information or to get involved, contact Tracy Suerich at tracysuerich@gmail.com.

Team MacTavish having a great start to the season!

Team MacTavish won the U18 Phoenix Slam in Waterloo on Sept 9-10 against teams from across Ontario!



*Nathan Kim (lead), Colsen Flemington (second), Evan Madore (vice), Tyler MacTavish (skip)
Coach John Thompson*

KW Granite's U18 Team MacTavish went 6-0 to win their 2nd event of the season in Hamilton on Sept 23-24! Congratulations also to KW Granite's U18 Team Park going 2-2; Kevin Park, Logan Desormeau, Owen MacTavish and Marcus Hum.



John Thompson (coach), Evan Madore (vice), Nathan Kim (lead), Tyler MacTavish (skip), Colsen Flemington (2nd)

KWGC Pro Shop has what you need!

We have a great selection and our prices can't be beat! Purchase from the club Pro Shop and help your game and the club! Replacement grippers, or a new, light-weight, carbon fiber broom – we have it all.

Around the House – 2023 Conveners

Daytime

Men

Brad Tucker, Paul Carter, John Scott, Brian Black

Women

Monday Afternoon – Lorna Allen, Carolyn Zenger

Tuesday Afternoon and Thursday Morning – Nancy Tippin, Barb Tucker, Joan Stubgen, Wendy Lauer

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed

Marcus Baker

Evening

Monday Open

Jason Beierling, Ashley Falconer

Tuesday 5pm Social

Monica Vesely and Scotty Milne

Tuesday Mixed

Steve & Katie Hitchman

Wednesday Men

Brian Belfry

Thursday Women

Leanna Kuntz

Thursday Men

Marc Joyce

Friday Mixed

Gord Maxwell

Youth

Junior

Kurt Rahnenfuehrer

Little Rocks

Will Hamilton

Rental Leagues

Friday Social

Merlin McRae

Other

Innercity Women

Sandy Nethercott

Tri-County Masters

Ted De Young

Around the Club

KW Fall Classic 2023

Our club hosted this annual tour event from Sept. 14 to 17, with a field of 14 men and 12 women for a purse of \$12,500 for the men and \$11,800 for the women. The field included teams from Japan, Switzerland.

Men's Final

Alex Champ (Toronto) defeated Yves Stocker (Switzerland)

Women's Final

Krista McCarville (Thunder Bay) defeated Rebecca Morrison (Great Britain)

History Made at KWGC in 1948



*Ladies begin curling at the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club in November 17th, 1948.
From left to right: Mrs. C. B. Schmidt, Mrs. J. L. Gardiner, Mrs. Floyd Gabel, Mrs. Allan Shirk, Mrs. L.J. Shantz,
Mrs. Roy Malone, Mrs. Arthur Diesbourg and, delivering the rock, Mrs. C. G. Teskey*

This photo from The Record from November, 1948, hangs in our viewing lounge. Women's curling is still going strong 76 years later! Unfortunately, in 1948 the women are identified by their husbands' names. If anyone knows their first names or other information about any of these trailblazers, please contact Katie.Hitchman@kwgranite.com.

KW Detroit Exchange – Set the Date

Welcome back to curling. I hope you are enjoying the ice so far.

For over 100 years, men curlers from the Detroit Curling Club (DCC) and the KW Granite Club have been getting together for a game of sticks and stones. This November we are travelling down to Detroit to take on our friends from the Motor City. Detroit will be hosting us Friday November 10th to Sunday November 12th. The Canadians will be out to avenge our loss from last year.

Please set the date for this men-only event. Notices will be coming out soon, so keep an eye out for future notices around the club and via email. All levels of curling experience are welcome. Please come out and join the fun.

For more information on this event, please contact any one of the following:

Bob MacMillian – rmacmillan12@rogers.com

Matt Schumacher – mattshoecurling@gmail.com

Fun Facts:

- The DCC was founded in 1885, some 42 years before the KW Granite Club was formed. It is a charter member of the Ontario Curling Association (OCA).
- Winning a bronze medal in the 1963 Men's World Curling Championships, DCC beat Canada in round robin, which eventually went on to win the World Title in the playdowns.

