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Upcoming Events

AGM

To be determined – likely early July

Six-Pack Funspiel

Friday, Oct 24 (evening)

Saturday, Oct 25, 2025

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Founders Bonspiel

Wednesday, Feb 11

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Team Mooibroek wins again!

Skip Sam Mooibroek, Emma Artichuk, Wyatt Small, Jamie Smith and alternate Kibo Mulima brought KW Granite Club another provincial title this season with an extra end win over Corey Heggstad on April 6 in the 2025 Ontario Mixed championship. This event was hosted by the Midland Curling Club.

The Greetings Fellow Curlers!

We have made it to the end of the 2024-2025 season and it has been an interesting one! From starting the season at Albert McCormick Community Centre while the roof was being replaced to our evolving ice management strategy, this year has not been perfect but it has still been a successful season.

The club has continued to host many amazing events. Hopefully everyone had a chance to experience an event at the club outside of their regular league. We are always looking for new ways to engage with the members and community so if you have ideas for new events (curling or non-curling), please reach out to John or someone on the board.

Now for a few acknowledgments.

Our **General Manager John Thomas** has now been with us for two seasons and continues to ensure the club is operating as smooth as possible and taking every opportunity to try new things. To help with office work, we hired a part-time **Bookkeeper Tanya Theroux**, who has been proven to be an excellent addition to the club. Also, thank you to our bartending staff for the great service they provided during the season.

Appreciation is extended to our **Head Ice Technician Dave Ellis** for stepping into the role mid-season, along with a special thank you to our ice assistants for navigating changing ice conditions and keeping the ice as consistent as possible. We look forward to seeing even more progress next season with the resurfacing of the rock's striking bands and the installation of a gently used reverse osmosis system.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped this season, including at events, on a committee, or preparing the ice, when needed. Our club cannot run without you. Our members and the rest of the local community the club supports appreciate what you do.

Moving into next season, I will be stepping down as President. Until that time, I can be reached at president@kwgranite.com if you have any questions or concerns. Once the new President is selected, they will take over this email account to allow for continuity between presidents.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the AGM. Have a wonderful summer!

Ashley Falconer
2023-2025 Club President

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Thinking of running for the board of the KWGC? Nominations will open soon. For more information, contact Brad Lushman at Brad.Lushman@kwgranite.com.

Sam Mooibroek's Success Recognized



Brian Belfry, Sam Mooibroek, Katie Hitchman

Club member Sam Mooibroek had a very successful year, winning the Tankard and just missing the playoffs at the Brier. Sam represented the Whitby Curling Club in competitions, but as a long-time KWGC member, his achievements deserve club recognition. A plaque was presented to Sam by Katie Hitchman, VP Curling, and Brian Belfry, Wednesday Mens convenor, at the final night of Wednesday Mens curling (April 9). We wish Sam continued success in the upcoming season!

Six-Pack Funspiel!

Fri, Oct 24, and Sat, Oct 25, 2025 @ the KWGC. Our format is great for novice and experienced curlers alike. Find a team of 6 and have some fun!

Join us for a weekend of sweeping suspicion and slippery secrets at **Heist at the Bonspiel Ball - A Theatrical Curling Mystery Experience**. This is a curling bonspiel like no other! When the championship trophy mysteriously vanishes during the grand gala, every team becomes a suspect. As you battle it out on the ice, you'll gather clues, unravel alibis, and try to solve the crime before the final rock is thrown.

Bring your best costumes, your boldest characters, and your sharpest detective instincts—because at this bonspiel, it's not just about making the house... it's about cracking the case.

- 🎭 Themed Teams
- 👤 Dress to Impress
- 🔍 Live Mystery & Clues
- 🏒 Curling, Games, Prizes & Drama

Team Entry of \$350/team includes 3 Six End games, Breakfast treats, Lunch, Dinner, and Prizes!!! Early Draw (7pm Fri, 930am and 2pm Sat) OR Late Draw (9pm Fri, 1130am and 4pm Sat)

*draw times subject to change. For questions or early sign up - contact kwsixpack@gmail.com.

Daytime Men



*Tuesday Morning Round Three:
First Place: - Skip Terry Lalande, Vice Carl Keller,
Second Steve Krupitz, Lead Mike Ledlow*



*Tuesday Morning Round Three:
Second Place Skip Tim Voisin, Vice -Brian Black,
Second Larry Himmelman, Lead-Robert Noecker*



*Thurs Afternoon Round Three:
First Place: Skip Graham Macdonald, Vice Rob Kennedy,
Second Wayne Kornelsen (absent), Lead Paul Carter*



*Thurs Afternoon Round Three:
Second Place: Skip Ian Anderson, Vice Graham Vincent,
Second Dave Cooper, Lead Cam Jackson*

Final Event Skins Game

Forty eight keen curlers met together in the viewing area to await the final sheet preparation by Sam. Paul Carter used his skills as the consummate organizer to have the coffee, tea and requisite Timbits ready for the arrival of the competitors. The challenge today for Lead Convenor John Scott was to review the seemingly constant changing of teams. Regrettably, in the last week, six cancellations occurred due to various levels of illness from Covid-19 and other miscellaneous incumbrances. Fortunately, last minute replacements were found to fill the empty slots. Brad Tucker, briefed the throng on the complexities of the rules of Skins play. (Several groans were heard from the assemblage). As an aside, we extend great appreciation to John Carr who went beyond the call to participate, fighting through the physical encumbrance. We are sure that Neil Bailey's team did not take unfair advantage (taking 7 of 8 skins!!)

On completion of the six eight-end games, the players made their way to the lounge to await the arrival of the 18 fantastic pizzas, again organized by Paul. As the food and beverage was consumed, John Scott took to the mic (and remarkably made NO puns) to begin the distribution of the financial awards.

Distribution of the Skins monies followed and rather than identify all the winners let it be said it was a great competition. Several announcements followed. The crowd gave a resounding appreciation for the continuous assistance provided by General Manager John Thomas and all the staff. Thank You. The Convenors, Brad Tucker, Paul Carter, Brian Black and John Scott who have given their best to provide fair and balanced teams for each round and the continual adjustments necessitated by the simple fact of League needs. Lastly, we wish you the best of the summer and advise you to look for the opening of Registration near the beginning of August. There will be a number of changes to the structure and operation of the Leagues forthcoming from which all will benefit. It has been an enjoyable three years as a Convenor and I now pass the torch (broom??) to Brian Black and his team.

John Scott, Convenor

Tri-County Masters

Senior men curlers who participate in Tri-County Masters inter club social curling have the opportunity to host curling and lunch at the Granite Cub a number of times during the curling season. Proceeds from hosting this season allow us to make a donation to our curling club on behalf of daytime men curlers. This year we are pleased to donate \$1,000 to help purchase a power assisted door opener which will allow independent access to the banquet hall for anyone unable to use the stairway access.

Daytime Women

The Womens" Daytime Curling League wound up their Tuesday afternoon league on April 1 with the **April Fool's Jitney**. Participants showed their Canadian Spirit by wearing Red and White. Games were played with "wacky rules" and everyone enjoyed this send off from a great season of curling and camaraderie. Elbows Up! We Are Canadian!



Sandy Horton Good Sport Award Winner: Nancy Tippin



Our club always looks amazing thanks to the imagination and dedication of Diane James. Thanks for all you do!

The **Closing Banquet** was held April 9. The efforts of the organizing committee were appreciated by all attendees. It was a huge success - from being greeted with complimentary glasses of wine, to the delicious ham dinner, distribution of award \$\$, to the lucky door prize winners.

The raffle at the banquet raised \$375.00 towards the total WDCL Total commitment of \$1500.00 towards the accessible door to the Banquet room.

The WDCL Committee for next season includes: Kathy Braun, Eve Charest Jeudy, Fran Hatherton, Suzanne Langdon, Wanda Wilson, Petula Wong, Carolyn Zenger.

Thanks to Elsie Millerd and Nancy Tippen for their many years of service to the Daytime Women Curling Leagues.

Monday Afternoon – Wendy Simpson Event (Sponsored by Bill Simpson)



*Division A Winners:
Leanne Kuntz (Sk), Janette Mitchell (V),
Heather Cressman (S), Mary Ann Lis (L)*



*Division B Winners:
Val Rotar (Sk), Connie Graham (V),
Bonnie Ladano (S), Deb Calma (L - absent)*

Tuesday Afternoon – Anne Patterson Event



*Winners:
Wanda Wilson (L), Wendy Ridgway (S),
Petula Wong(V) and Dianne James(Sk)*

Thursday Morning – Granite Classic Event



*Winners:
Dianne James (Sk), Lianne Franklin (Vice),
Sandy Keller (S) - 3 person team*

Monday Open

Monday Night Open is a great league for any team. This past season we had 38 teams and we split into 6 divisions. Teams were reseeded at the end of each round and moved up or down divisions throughout the year. At the end of four rounds, our season champions were Team Mooibroek.

Team Mooibroek continued their winning ways in the playoffs, defeating Team Shane in the A Championship. The B event final saw Team Wilkinson defeat Team Suerich with both skips having spares for the final night. The C event final came down to the final end with many onlookers, where team Earl defeated team Campbell.

The league had a pre-holiday fun skins and mixed doubles night and a special St. Patrick's evening complete with golden butter tarts and Irish themed word puzzles. The league ended with a final prize night, where the following list of teams won prizes:

Convenor Jason Beierling, with assistance from Ashley Falconer

A Champions	Sam Mooibroek	Ron Mooibroek	Wyatt Small	Jamie Smith
A Runner Up	Ben Shane	John Gabel	Oliver Campbell	Kyle Forster
A 3rd Place	Kathleen Ford	Dylan Niepage	Spencer Dunlop	Emily Middaugh
A 2nd Event	Paul Moffatt	Lindsay Moffatt	Logan Desormeau	Cooper Stone
B Champions	Matt Wilkinson	Amanda Wilkinson	Jason Beierling	Ashley Falconer
B Runner Up	Doug Suerich	Tracy Suerich	Brian Rowe	Tina Rowe
B 3rd Place	Kelley Reid	Jason Campbell	Lindsey Schmalz	Laura Lee
B 2nd Event	Dan Currie	Jed Currie	Daryl McGoldrick	Bill MacGregor

A Champion – Team Mooibroek



Sam Mooibroek (S), Jamie Smith(L), Wyatt Small (S), Ron Mooibroek (V)

A Runner Up – Team Shane



Kyle Forster (L), Oliver Campbell (S), Ben Shane (S), Owen Tester (Spare)

B Champion – Team Wilkinson



Ashley Falconer (L), Jason Beierling (S), Spencer Dunlop (Spare), Amanda Wilkinson (V)

B Runner Up – Team Suerich



Heather Carr (Spare), Tracy Suerich (V), Tina Rowe (L), Brian Rowe (S)

C Champion – Team Earl



Sandra Earl (S), Sabina Simons (L), Shannon Kapuscinski (S), Brent Kapuscinski (Spare)

C Runner Up – Team Campbell



Eric Hentschel (S), Scott Morlock (V), Travis Czebe (Spare), Gary Brown (L)

B 3rd Event	Gordon Connon	Kevin Park	James Henderson	James Doherty
B 4th Event	Scott McRae	Marg Milburn	Ken Nethercott	Chris Thompson
C Champions	Sandra Earl	Sabina Simons	Sarah Mooney	Brent Kapuscinski
C Runner Up	John Campbell	Scott Morlock	Eric Hentschel	Gary Brown
C 3rd Place	Mark Fisher	Al Munroe	Matt Feltis	Barry Dunbar
C 2nd Event	Brett Dubrick	Bill Ralph	Averie Reinhardt	Rob Dubrick
C 3rd Event	Monica Vesely	Justin Pedro	Bob Costen	Brad Freund
C 4th Event	David Wong	David Harnock	Steve Harnock	Michael Rush

Tuesday Night Mixed

Tuesday Night Mixed is a competitive, fun league with a flexible mixed gender format. The 24/25 season was full, with 28 teams divided into four divisions of 7 teams. Three rounds were played with teams reseeded after each round. A full round robin playoff finished up the season. Cash prizes were awarded for the top three teams in each division on the last night of the season. Division A had Team Henry and Team Reid tied for 1st overall with the TNM Championship going to Team Henry with their head-to-head win over Team Reid. Division B was won by Team McRea, C Division was won by Team Walker, and going undefeated in the D Division playoffs was Team VanderGriendt.

Prize night featured convenor-supplied snacks and door prizes for a few lucky curlers! Thanks to Al McNeil for the donation of Jiffy Lube gift certificates and Meredith Bee for the Tupperware prizes.

Congratulation to the Winners of the final Playoff Round!

Division A

William Henry, Logan Shaw, Adam Moor,
Rebecca Rankin

Division B

Scott McRae, Marg Milburn, Andy Flanagan,
Merlin McRae, Chris Thompson

Division C

Brian Walker, Shannon Kapuscinski, Brent Kapuscinski,
Debbie Walker

Division D

Frank VanderGriendt, Charlene VanderGriendt,
Grant Whichelo, Maria Greco

Convenor Steve Hitchman, with assistance from Katie Hitchman

Wednesday Night Men

Wednesday night men wrapped up with a great night of celebration, camaraderie and cash for the winners.

Following the games and before prizes, there was a special presentation made to **Sam Mooibroek** in recognition of his great season which included winning the Ontario Tankard, qualifying for the 2025 Brier. Mooibroek also capped off his competitive year winning the Ontario mixed fours.

Grand Aggregate winners and K-W Men's Club Champions 2025

Sam Steep, Ben Shane, Oliver Campbell, Paul Moffatt

Runnerup: Laurier: Kibo Mulima, Wyatt Small, Nathan Kim, Wyatt Wright

A consolation winners

Andrew Flemming (absent), Sam Mooibroek, Will Hamilton, Taylor Weber

Runnerup: Jay Cressman, Al McKeag, Bruce Strecheniuk, Breyer Bomberg

B consolation winners

Brian Scott, James Bromiley, Mark Naylor (absent) Steve McDonald (spare), Jason McDonald

Runnerup: Aidan Bowers, Mark Funkenhauser, Felipe Holz, George Feddema

C consolation winners

Brett Dubrick, Dave Wong, Brad Kleiboer, Matt Schumacher

Runnerup: Chris Pearcey, Bruce McConnell, Brad Fournier (absent), Brian Belfry (spare), Terry Lalande

D consolation winners

Barry Foster, Brian Kendrick, Andrew Quigley, David MacTavish

Runnerup: Chris Yong-Set, Todd Kemp, Robert Robinson, Derek Biggar

WOLO (We Only Lost Once) winners

Gord Connon, Mark Gillis, Colin McMillan (spare), Steve Krupicz (absent), Bob Williams

Runnerup: Rene Fiolleau, Gary Barfoot, Patrick McKeen, Armin Armbruster

It was record participation for the number of teams since at least the year 2000 with 35 this year. Please remember to register early to hold your spot if you are hoping to come back in the fall. We certainly hope that is your plan!

I would love to make it to the perfect number of 36 (full draws at 5, 7 and 9 p.m.) competing in what has to be one of the most competitive men's leagues in the province. But, I am leaning toward capping entry at the number so don't put it off.

Have a great summer!

I can still be reached at my usual email with feedback, suggestions about this league and the club in general.

Convenor Brian Belfry

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Life is simple. Eat. Sleep. Curl.

Thursday Night Women

The Thursday night women's group had a great year! Twenty teams started the year in October. There were lots of laughs and fun times with social parties at Christmas and the year end. With this is my last year as convenor, I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the support over the last 8 years. We have a great team taking over the games committee for next year! Look forward to seeing everyone on the ice in the fall.

Congratulations to our A winners - Katie Ford's team. They will represent us in the Club Championship OCA event in October. Good luck girls!

Convenor Leanne Kuntz

A Division – Katie Ford



B Division – Team Carrie Bentz



C Division – Team Jelissa Riel



Waterloo Curling Club Sunday League

We are the University of Waterloo Curling Club, a student led club on campus that provides the UW Community a chance to curl in a fun, social, and affordable setting. We curl out of the KW Granite Club on Sundays at 6pm and are open to anyone with an affiliation to the University of Waterloo, including students, staff, faculty, and alumni. Our season is based on the school semesters; each Fall and Winter semester we run a free Learn to Curl Try It session to give anyone who is interested a crash course in curling. We follow this with a 6-week social league. We make new teams each week and have everyone from beginners to experts join us. Our goal is to give everyone in the UW community the chance to enjoy our wonderful sport. Our Winter 2025 session came to an end on March 16th, and we will be back for the Fall 2025 semester in early October!

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Founders Bonspiel

KWGC will be hosting a new daytime bonspiel next season!

This will be an open, recreational event, conveniently located at our club.

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Includes lunch and snacks, with prizes for all.

Two draws: one 6-end and one 8-end game.

\$240 per team with registration, HST included.

Registration will begin in August. Updates will be posted on the KWGC website.

Be part of a new tradition at the KW Founders Spiel. It's never too early to put your team together!

Winter Learn to Curl Participants had nice things to say!

- Individual coaching feedback on what you were doing incorrectly was super helpful. That alone is what helped me correct several things to have better results!
- Flexibility and individual attention to where each of us needed support.
- you could not have had a better environment to learn. the volunteers were all amazing
- Ratio of instructors to students meant we had lots of time to practise and good differentiation of instruction within each skill being taught.
- Quantity and quality of material covered
- The mix of teaching, practice and game playing
- We loved the entire program and thought everything was really well organized.
- A very well thought out program run by a dedicated and enthusiastic group of teachers.
- Thanks so much for offering this. It was the perfect taste to confirm I could really get in to the sport.
- This is a well organized program with great volunteers. I would recommend to anyone looking to start their curling journey to start with this program

Our popular LTC program will **only** be offered in the fall next season. Anyone interested should register early. Registration opens in August and will be announced on the website Homepage.