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December 2024

Upcoming Events

Curling Ontario Skills Analysis Clinic

January 4, 2025, 1 – 4 pm

Limited to 24 participants

[Register online](#)

Mid-Winter Jitney

Tuesday, February 4

Two games and lunch

Watch for sign up in locker room

The Queen of Hearts Bonspiel

Monday, February 10

Two games and lunch

Watch for sign up in locker room

Out on the Ice – Free Curling Drop In

January 11, 2:30 – 5:00 pm

Brought to you by Out on the Ice and Spectrum. Details and registration:

outontheice@kwgranite.com

Family & Friends Bonspiel

The 2023 F&F Bonspiel was very successful. This year we need a volunteer to organize it with support.

February 15, 9:00 am – 4 pm

Contact info@kwgranite.com for more information.

Next Newsletter deadline:

February 7

Please send content and questions to:

[Matt Brouwer](#) or

[Katie Hitchman](#)

New Faces at the Club

David Ellis – Head Ice Technician

"I started curling in the little rock program at the Milton Curling Club in the fall of 1989 and haven't looked back since. I started playing competitively at a young age, the first provincial I played in was in 1994, and I've played in 8 other provincials since, winning 5 banners along the way..



I started making ice in the 2005-2006 season in Milton, and have worked for a number of clubs over the last 19 years, most notably the Leaside Curling Club in Toronto for 8 seasons before moving to Brantford for last season to handle both Brant and the Brantford Golf and Country Club. Unfortunately, the country club decided to end its curling section this season, which ultimately brought me to the KW Granite Club.

At KW the goal is to create a top quality and consistent ice surface that will allow the members to play a good competitive style of game week-to-week, as well as advise the club on how to modernize the equipment in order to help achieve that top quality playing surface. Obviously once things are fully modernized, we'll never hear any members blaming the ice when they lose ever again! 😊 (one can dream). I'm looking forward to my time here at KW, and good curling to everyone for the rest of the season!"

Aaron Noonan – Lead Ice Technician

"I moved to KW about 6 years ago with my wife Emma and our 2 cats Miles and JC. I've been involved in curling since I was 8, was a Junior curler out of the Port Carling Curling club, took part in lots of spiels and helped with the ice even then.



Curling is a very unique sport. It has the ability to bring together young and old; and not just as spectators! Very rarely is there a sport where 3 or even 4 generations can be playing at the same time, let alone on the same team! A good family sport, a good competitive sport, and a great sport to spend time with friends, family, colleagues, rivals and Champions. See you on the ice!"

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"I was born in Northern Ontario and moved to KW when I was 5 years old and have lived here ever since. While I have not curled before, I've spent years around rinks watching both my sons play hockey. One of them, a goaltender, which caused a lot of my grey hair. However, in my few weeks here, I am very intrigued watching everyone curl. It looks like such fun that I think this will become a new sport for my husband, Mike, and I. We will have to give pickleball a break and try some curling!

Please stop in the office and introduce yourself. I look forward to getting to know everyone."



Instructors Needed for Winter Learn to Curl!

Our Learn to Curl program continues to be a rocking success. The fall program sold out in a few weeks, with 44 participants and another 24 on the wait list. A huge thank you to the 19 volunteer instructors who contributed a combined 180 hours of their time and talent over the six dates. Having this many instructors means we can provide a high-quality, fun and engaging experience for the participants with a 1-4 instructor to student ratio. Our participant survey shows that the program provides the skills and confidence for new curlers to take up the game.

The winter program has also sold out, but this time we are very short of instructors, largely due to conflicts with bonspiels and travel. Please consider inspiring new curlers to take up the sport. No previous instruction experience is required! You are provided with a detailed list of the drills and activities in advance of each session, and there are other experienced instructors on the ice to help you. You will coach a small group so you can work closely with each participant. Dates: Jan 11, Feb 1, 8 & 22, and March 1 & 8 – all Saturdays 9 am to noon. You can choose to teach at any one or more dates that suit your schedule and your interest.

**New this year –
ice rentals over the holidays!
Available Dec 29, 30, and 31.**

Book an hour, bring your friends and/or family out and introduce them to the wonderful sport of curling!

\$50/hour for member(s) + non-member(s)





*Women's Intercity League lunch
KWGC hosted Guelph on Oct 23*

Christmas Friendship Jitney

Poinsettias from Warren Greenhouse, prizes from Dorothy Hinchberger, and décor by Diane James.



Daytime Men

Tuesday Men's First Round Winners



Skip Neil Bailey (rt) proudly stands with his team (lt to rt) Lead Greg Clark, 2nd Bob Smith, Vice Bob Toogood. The team enjoyed 100% wins this round. The full scoreboard would show some dramatic ends against Brian Hatton's team which included a seven ender. Team Hatton included Vice Ian Ward, and Phil Heard. The teams were tied in the seventh end at 11!!!! Terry Lalande's team placed 2nd followed by Brian Hatton's team in 3rd place.

Daytime Women



Winners of the Tuesday
"Harvest Classic Event"

Barb Tucker (skip), Brenda Kropf
(Vice), Michelle Wolfe (Lead/second)



Winners of the Thursday
"Tartan Event"

Dixie Anderson (skip), Brenda Kropf
(Vice), Anne Ward (second/Lead)

Christmas Friendship Jitney

The Womens Daytime Curling League held a holiday jitney on December 5th. Many former members joined us for lunch. Our curling friendships are everlasting! As part of this event, the Jingle Bells Jitney, and membership donations, 290 pounds of food were donated to the Waterloo Region Foodbank. This substantial amount of food provides 242 meals to help feed our hungry neighbours. A great big thank you to everyone who donated!



Curling Ontario Stick Delivery Clinic

This event was held as on November 16 with 11 participants. Thanks to Chen Hui for teaching a large group when no other instructors were available due to illness. Also due to illness, the Skills Analysis Clinic had to be cancelled and has been rescheduled for Jan. 6.



What do LTC Instructors have to say about the experience?

After playing the game for 50 years, it is so much fun seeing new people having fun on the ice learning the game that has been such a big part of my life.
Bruce

We get an email with instructions before each class. Reading these and watching the videos helps my game! It is so much fun sharing my love of the game with new curlers.
Katie

It is an absolute pleasure to watch new curlers progress, from their first shaky steps on the ice, to their first time throwing a rock all the way down the ice, making their first hit, developing the skills and confidence to play in a league, and seeing them chat and laugh in the lounge after a game.
Tim

Jingle Bells Jitney

This All Cash Prizes event was held on November 30 with 40 participants. Two skilled (or possibly lucky) people took home turkeys in the popular Turkey shoot. Volunteers Liz Klassen and Tracy Snodden were very helpful in organizing this event and their donations of spicy almond brittle (Liz), and Christmas gnome (Tracy) were much appreciated. Many participants brought items for the Foodbank, and these were added to the Daytime Women's Christmas Jitney collection. Thank you so much!



Organizers Katie and Steve Hitchman



KWGC's Learn to Curl program includes a demonstration of game play. It is so much easier to tell the teams apart in their colourful t-shirts donated by <https://food4kidswr.ca/> – Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope!