



# Written in GRANITE

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## Members! How welcome do you feel at the club?

The inclusivity committee is constantly working to make our club and our facility more welcoming for everyone. To do that, we need to know a little more about our members: Who makes up our memberships? What are your experiences and your hopes when you step through our doors?

We need each member to take about 15 minutes to complete [our survey](#) so that we can better serve the needs of our members now and in the future. We are working with researchers at the University of Waterloo to help improve the experience at clubs across the country. The anonymous data will also be shared with the research team, and they, in turn will share their findings to inform inclusivity work at our club.

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At the end of the survey, you will have an option to ask a question and leave your contact information for a response. For those interested, you will be taken to a separate survey to make sure that your earlier responses remain completely anonymous.

If you have any questions or prefer to share your experiences with one of our committee members directly, please reach out to [inclusivity@kwgranite.com](mailto:inclusivity@kwgranite.com).

*Tracy Suerich, Inclusivity Committee Chair*

## Upcoming Events

### Daytime Women

AGM Thurs, March 6, 11:45 am

April Fool's Jitney

Tuesday, April 1

Spring Social Jitney and lunch

Thursday, April 3

Closing Banquet

Wednesday, April 9

### Monkeyspiel

Saturday, April 12

## Next Newsletter:

Please send content and questions to:

[Matt Brouwer](#) or

[Katie Hitchman](#)

with subject line KWGC Newsletter

## Sam Mooibroek has some new friends!



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### So many great curlers from KWGC!

**Sam Mooibroek:** ON Men's Champion

**Oliver Campbell/Katie Ford:**  
ON Mixed Doubles Champions

**Team Tyler MacTavish:**

ON U18 Champions and  
ON U20 Champions

Good luck at the National competitions!

## KWGC Junior Curling League: A Season to Remember

The KW Granite Club's Junior Curling League is thriving like never before, with our largest program to date featuring 43 enthusiastic curlers across 11 dedicated teams. This vibrant group has been delivering exciting competition and skill development on the ice, showcasing the incredible talent and teamwork.



As of this writing, Team Isabel Rahnenfuehrer and Team Brody Souter are tied for first place in the league standings. However, it's still anyone's game, as all teams remain in contention for the coveted Junior Club Championships. Beyond league play, our curlers have been honing their abilities through skill development sessions and events such as the Icebreaker Jitney, which set the tone for a fantastic season ahead.

Our junior members have also been making waves outside the club, competing in junior bonspiels with impressive results. Highlights include two significant wins: one at the Nice N Icy Spiel in Elora on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, and another at the U21 Cash Spiel at Tam Heather on December 7<sup>th</sup>.



These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our young athletes.

Club Level RockFest skills competition was held on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. We're especially proud of our U15 members, who will be vying for a chance to represent the club at the provincial level. Their commitment and determination are truly inspiring.

Here were our Rockfest Results:

1st Place -Joshua Miller

2nd Place (tie) - Grace Hons and Sadie Moffatt

3rd Place - Cale Gallagher

The future is bright for junior curling at KW Granite Club, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the season holds. Stay tuned for more updates and join us in cheering on our incredible young curlers!

*Kurt Rahnenfuehrer, Junior Convenor*

## Little Rocks is having another great year!

A few weeks ago we had 'Bring A Friend' week, and everyone got to compete in the ICE CREAM CHALLENGE. There were smiles, cheers, and good times. I even heard a rumour that fun was had by all! Winners went home happy with their own bucket of ice cream, and memories of curling with their friends (**Parents and Grandparents** reading this: When are you bringing your kids out to Little Rocks?!?!?). Additional thanks to our volunteer coaches and helpers for 'Bring a Friend' week: Milena, Ryan, Al, Christine, Robin, and our regular coaches; Coach Kim, Coach Chris, Coach Andrew, Coach Brian, Coach Nathan, and Coach Logan.



This past week we had a special guest come to Little Rocks: Ontario Men's Champion Sam Mooibroek!. Sam brought out the trophy and captivated us with how he started in Little Rocks, and played each week having fun with his friends out on the ice. He also spoke about the need to keep having fun on the ice - as that's what keeps us coming back!. Kids (and parents!) lined up for photos with Sam and the Ontario Tankard! We had fun, and we will look forward to reviewing this image 20 years from now to not only see Sam's progression, but also those positively influenced by Sam as to what's possible in curling with fun and hard work. The kids (and coaches!) can't wait to watch and cheer on Sam on TV at the Brier!

*Will Hamilton, Little Rocks Convenor*

## Out on the Ice League

Out on the Ice is Kitchener-Waterloo's first queer curling league, founded in September 2024. Out on The Ice (get the pun?) is a social curling league, open to all skill levels. The season started with a crash course "Learn to Curl" program and now consists of weekly games following a jitney format.



We've expanded to talking with community partners, such as Spectrum, Waterloo Regions Queer not-for-profit. Spectrum facilitates several weekly queer athletic drop-in events. Featuring sports such as pickle ball, dance, yoga, volleyball and basketball. As conveners, we saw an opportunity to introduce more 2SLGBTQIA+ folks to the sport of curling by reaching out to partner with Spectrum's Athletic Program.

On January 11th 2025, Out on the Ice hosted a Learn to Curl drop-in with 32 new curlers. The day consisted of 2 hours of curling instruction provided by a combination of the league conveners, Out in the Ice community members, KW Granite Club members and Abby's father and Alex's father-in-law. We are looking forward to another partnership to close the 2024/2025 season - we are planning a bonspiel style event with the Hamilton Queer Curling League near the end of March.

*Conveners: Alex Turner & Abby Weagant*

*Event Volunteers (Out on the Ice Members): Katie Bolt, Sarah Mather, Janessa Williamson, Jason Hunt*

*KW Granite Volunteer: Mark Gillis*

## Goldline Friends & Family Bonspiel

On February 15, curlers of all ages and abilities participated in year 2 for this bonspiel. [Goldline](#) sponsored it this year – big thank you! – and thanks also to Matt and Amanda Wilkinson for helping with prize selection and delivery. Scott Allen was an invaluable assistant, and the event would not have been as successful without him.

First place went to Team Moffat – the only team with three generations of curlers participating!

There are no photos as we were too busy having fun!

*Steve and Katie Hitchman, Organizers*

## Hanging out with a curling superstar!

In January, Team Lawes practiced at the KWGC before the Grand Slam of Curling event in Guelph.



*Lucky club member Wendy Lauer  
and Kaitlyn Lawes.*

## Daytime Men

### Tuesday Morning League



The second round of Tuesday Men's curling winning team is depicted in a different fashion! Skip Neil Bailey certainly, for the most part led his team to a 100% victory of six games. Then they had a bye. The seventh game was skipped by spare Brad Fournier. Why? Because the skip skipped the day and sailed the Auckland New Zealand harbour on a 42' yacht!

Congratulations to the rest of the team, Larry Himmelman, second, Steve Hitchman, third, and Bill Day, lead.

Team Lalande, with skip Terry Lalande, Third Brad Bennett, Second Ernie Trompke and lead Robert Noecker had only one loss. Well done everyone.

*John Scott, Convenor*

### Thursday Afternoon League

Round 2 of the Thursday Men's has been spectacular this Year. We had 15 teams competing over eight games. At the end of the eight games we had 3 teams tied with 6 wins and 2 losses. The first place and Second place winners were dependent on the Throw-off scores that each team had to throw at the beginning of the Round. In First Place was David Wong's Team of Skip: David Wong, Vice: Gerry Steingart, 2nd: Marty Bell and Lead: Don Davidson with a Throw-off of 33. The Second Place Team was Ray Hanton's Team of Skip: Ray Hanton, Vice: Bob Toogood, 2nd: Ernie Trompke and Lead: Norm Kuntz with a Throw-off of 28. The Third Place Team was Neil Bailey's Team of Skip: Neil Bailey, Vice: John Martin, 2nd: Ian Ward and Lead: David Muir.

Round 3 is shaping up to be a nail biter as well this year with 14 Teams competing over 7 Games. We have been very fortunate to accommodate more Teams due to the generosity of the Ladies Morning League not requiring all their Thursday Morning Sheets. Thank you so very much Ladies.

Have a great Round 3.

*Brad Tucker and Paul Carter, Co-convenors*

## Queen of Hearts Bonspiel



This Daytime Womens event, held Feb 10, was a great success! Known as the Queen of Hearts since 2018, it has taken place in February for about 28 years (and possibly longer!). This year approximately 40 women participated with most playing two 6-end games. Team Stubgen won the event with team members Joan Stubgen, Lianne Franklin, Carolyn Zenger/Joanne Vincent and Nancy Williams. Many thanks to the convenors: Anne Silk, Carolyn Zenger and Joanne Vincent. Gratitude to Davenport Catering.

## Daytime Women's Intercity League

The Granite Intercity League has curled in Ayr, Paris, Guelph, Galt, and at Westmount. We also hosted each of these clubs at the KW Granite Club. After curling we enjoy visiting with our opposition and enjoying an array of snacks.



## Daytime Women

### Monday Afternoon



Monday Champions – Barb Tucker, Barb MacGregor, Lianne Franklin, Karen Lang, Fifth – Liz Finlay  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Carolyn Zenger, JoAnn Vincent, Marilyn Kuntz, Ilse Hoffman



Monday Consolation Winners – Tracy Snoddon, Tracey Renaud, Katie Hitchman, Kathy Braun  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Joan Stubgen, Dorothy Hirschberger, Linda Egleston, Merlin McRae

### Tuesday Afternoon – Sweeping to Victory Event



Winners – Barb Tucker, Nancy Tippin, Wendy Ridgeway, Wanda Wilson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Val Rotar, Petula Wong, Lynn Bennet

### Thursday Morning - The Snowflake Event



Winners – Joan Stubgen, Brenda Kropf, Wendy Ridgeway  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dorothy Hirschberger, Elsie Millerd, Lynn Bennet, Karen Campbell

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