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April 2026

New rocks have arrived!

On June 24, 2025, the board voted to purchase new rocks from Kays Scotland and they arrived at the club on April 6. This is a major milestone for our club! These new rocks will elevate the quality of play, improve consistency, and enhance the curling experience for every member and guest at our club.

To help ensure sustainability of the capital fund after this major investment, we're launching a fundraising campaign through National Sport Trust Fund - Ontario. This platform makes it easy to contribute and will provide official tax receipts for all donations. The project is currently open until November 30, 2026. With 96 new stones arriving, this is one of the most significant upgrades our club has made in years. We're now inviting you all to join us in leaving your legacy on this improvement.

As a special opportunity, the first 96 donations of \$500 or more will be recognized with a personalized engraving on a rock handle. Whether it's your name, your team, a family tribute, or something meaningful to you, this is a unique way to leave a lasting mark on the club.

I look forward to sharing the ice with you all next season with our new rocks!

Donation Link: <https://www.ontariosportnetwork.ca/nstf-projects/378-kw-granite-club>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DONATION:

- Organization Name: KW Granite Club
- Details regarding Handle bonus:
 - Please send proof of donation receipt and engraving information to matt.wilkinson@kwgranite.com
 - Matt will confirm receipt of email to confirm your handle
 - An update will be provided to the club on April 15th regarding the number of handles still available
 - Updates will also be provided as we approach the full assignment of 96 stones
- **PLEASE NOTE: Donations must be received and sent by April 30th in order to ensure rock engraving for the 2026/2027 curling season.**

Regards,
Matt Wilkinson, President

Upcoming Events

Monkey Spiel

Saturday, April 11
Little Rocks
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
U18
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

AGM

Mid July
Date to be determined

2026-2027 Season

League play starts the week of
September 28, 2026.



96 new rocks are at the club!

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Interested in being on the **KWGC Board of Directors?**

Looking for more information about being on the Board?

Brad Lushman (current VP Admin) is the chair of the Nominations Committee and can answer any questions or provide more information.

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Daytime Men – Tuesday Morning

Round Two of Men's Daytime Tuesday Morning League completed play on February 10. We had fourteen teams competing in an eight game round robin format and first place was awarded to team Bailey.



Lead - Ernie Trompke, Second - David Cooper, Third - Howard Jones, and Skip - Neil Bailey.

Team Voisin finished second. Tim Voisin was skip, Al Nichols played vice, Gerry Dolff was second, and Robert Noecker took the lead position.

Round Three of the Men's Daytime Tuesday Morning League has come to an end. With just one loss, the winning team is **Team Wong**.



Lead - Terry Ridgway, Second - Dave Muir, Third - Craig Hall, and Skip - Dave Wong.



2nd Place Team Lalande: Skip - Terry Lalande, Third - Ted De Young, Lead - Dan Higginson, and Second - Liam Seelisch.

We finish our season with a skins game on April 7.

Convenors Brian Black and Dave Muir

Daytime Women – Monday Afternoon

Our Monday afternoon league continued with the format of a Fall event and a Winter event.

10 teams competed in the fall Championship Event and 9 teams in the winter Wendy Simpson Memorial Event. We enjoyed some close games, great shot making, and fellowship after each game. We hope to continue with a good complement of teams registering for the 2026 2027 Anniversary Season!

Founders Bonspiel

Eighteen teams competed in this mid-week event, including several from out of town. Thank you to the committee members – Carolyn Zenger (committee chair), Ted de Young, Sandy Keller, Dave Zenger, Brad Tucker, John Thomas, and Katie Hitchman. The committee was easy to identify in their event hoodies! This successful event will run again next year on Feb 24; mark your calendar!



Baby-change station

Next season one of our gender-neutral washrooms will be upgraded with a baby-change station donated by Graham Steel. Thank you, Graham!

Wednesday Night Men

It was an exciting finish to the Wednesday regular season with **Laurier Senior Varsity** team led by **Kibo Mulima** ending the year on a three-game win streak and taking the **2026 Grand Aggregate** title by a mere 2.5 points over **Ben Shane's** foursome. The top eight teams out of Wednesday's 32-team league qualify for the club championship playoffs. It is a seeded eight-team double knockout playoff. The top teams included the afore-mentioned **Laurier** and **Shane** rinks plus **Jake Walker**, **Peter Mellor**, **Ron Mooibroek**, **Andrew Flemming**, **Sam Steep** and **Brian Belfry** (yeah, yeah, no jokes about one of these things doesn't belong!)

A new playoff format was used this year with the remaining 24 teams split into three eight-team brackets. (A, B, C) playing down to a winner and consolation winner in each bracket.

On April 1, four teams were tasked with playing a double-header (back-to-back games)! This happens annually in the club championships. Everyone survived.

After starting with all 32 teams playing over the first two weeks, teams began being eliminated leaving us with 12 teams on one draw for our final night. At 7 p.m. April 8, **Laurier Senior Varsity** and **Ben Shane** will battle for the club championship, as the top two seeds made the final game.

A bracket **Dubrick v Voisin**; B bracket **Bowers v Cannon**; C bracket **Yong-Set v Patchwork Kidz**; A consolation **Wooddisse v Phipps**; B Consolation **Nethercott v Hall**.

In C consolation, team **David Windley** finished the year a winner last week.

After climbing to 35 teams in the 2024-25 season before dropping back down to 32 this year, I have high hopes to grow again for 2026-27 and fill the league with 36 teams. Spread the word about the new rocks! Have a great summer!

Convenor Brian Belfry

Championship Event:

Winners: Tracy Snoddon, Tracey Renaud, Kathy Braun, Katie Hitchman,
2nd Place: Heather Cressman, Susan Kerrigan, Carol McKay, Petula Wong

Consolation Winner: Barb Tucker, Barbara MacGregor, Eve Charest-Jeudy, Anne Ward

2nd Place: Carolyn Zenger, JoAnn Vincent, Marilyn Kuntz, Ann Silk

Wendy Simpson Memorial Event: with our grateful appreciation to Bill Simpson as sponsor!



Winners: Wendy Lauer, Linda Kieswetter, Lynn Bennett, Wendy Ridgway, Fran Hatherton

2nd Place: Tracy Snoddon, Tracey Renaud, Kathy Braun, Katie Hitchman

I certainly hope that everyone enjoys the summer off and comes back with continued enthusiasm in the fall. See you then!

Convenor Carolyn Zenger

Family, Friends & Sweethearts Bonspiel

This annual bonspiel was expanded to two draws this year and had 18 teams register - including several from out of town. Thank you to the organizing committee of Katie Hitchman, Heather Stretcheniuk, Tracy Snodden and Carolyn Frid. The photo frame contributed by Heather made for some memorable souvenirs of the day.



Tri-County Masters

This league, convened by Ted De Young, is donating approximately \$500 to the club. There are many projects on our to-do list, and these funds are greatly appreciated! Thank-you, Tri-County Masters!

UW League



The University of Waterloo Curling Club Sunday night league had our last session Sunday March 22nd. It was a great season as we had 6 full sheets most weeks in both the Fall and Winter terms. There were lots of close games this season and many fun times shared between friends! Thank you to all our organizers, especially the volunteer Learn to Curl Instructors! See you next season!

Ontario U20 Championships

From February 25 – March 1, KWGC hosted the Ontario U20 championship. It was exciting to watch these young curlers compete and we expect to see many of them playing in the future.

Men:

1st Place: Team MacDougall from the Fergus Curling Club

2nd Place: Team MacTavish from the KWGC

Both teams represented Ontario as On1 and On2. Team MacDougall won the 2026 U20 National competition from March 28 – April 4 in Sudbury.

Women:

1st Place: Team Vivier from the RCMP Curling Club. Skip Dominique Vivier plays on the Laurier Varsity team.

2nd Place: Team Wilson from the Rideau Curling Club

Thank you to the organizing committee - Matt and Amanda Wilkinson (co-chairs), Martin Rombout, Scott Allen, Samantha Vero, Sean Orsborn, Matt Brouwer, and Katie Hitchman. Thanks also to Piper Peter Finlay!

