



Written in GRANITE

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Message From the President

Welcome to the 2026–2027 curling season as we begin the 100th year of curling. We can all be proud that the Granite Club continues to play a visible and important role both in the sport of curling and in our community.

We have a committed and talented GM in John Thomas. As a cornerstone of our club, John truly cares about the club, with a goal of ensuring a positive experience for every member and guest. He finds us great bartenders and is grateful for members' responses when he asks for help.

Our Head Ice Technician, James Taylor, is fitting in well with our operation and brings a high level of professionalism to his responsibilities. He is dedicated to providing great ice as he learns about our building and compressor system.

My thanks go out to our returning Directors, who bring continuity to our governance team. We welcome our new Directors Ron Mooibroek, Patrick McKean, Lucas Dunlop, and Sandi Bromberg. They are already involved with club leadership, and the Board welcomes their expertise.

The response to registration has been strong, with several leagues filling quickly. I hope we continue to bring in new members to fill all our daytime and evening programs.

The VP Curling sets the schedule for 18 leagues and builds our team of conveners. Thanks to Katie Hitchman, Matt Wilkinson, and others for delivering the schedule and a full team of conveners in time for registration.

Conveners are the foundation of our programs. They dedicate many hours all year long, especially in September, to organize and schedule teams, jitneys, byes, spares, skins, scoring, and prizes. Thank your convener for doing a tough and tricky job really, really well.

The consistent quality of our programs, volunteers, and leadership helps provide the positive image that makes people want to be members of the KW Granite Club, where they can make lifelong friendships and enjoy this great sport!

Dave Zenger
President



Upcoming Events

100th Anniversary Event

January 30, 2027

Save the date!

See **page 4** for more information
Bonspiel registration coming soon.

Daytime Women Events

Seasonal Jitney & Social – Nov 24

Friends and Family Curl – Dec 21

Winterlude Bonspiel – Jan 25

WDCL AGM – Mar 25

April Fools Jitney – Apr 1

Banquet and Awards Night - Apr 14

Founders Bonspiel

Wed, Feb 24. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

See [website](#) for details and registration

Anything you want to share?

Please contact [Matt Brouwer](#) or [Katie Hitchman](#) if you have content or ideas for the Written in Granite newsletter.

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Meet Our Ice Contractor – James Taylor

Hi everyone!

Over the last couple of months I've enjoyed getting to meet everyone and creating quality ice for you all. This will be my 8th season making curling ice and can say that this club has been very welcoming, which is appreciated! I look forward to the remainder of the season and already feel it'll be a great one! Thanks again.

- James Taylor



Support Our New Curling Rocks

Tax Receipts Available for Donations of \$20+

We are all enjoying the experience of playing with our new curling rocks! The generous fundraising support from our members last year is greatly appreciated. We are continuing the fundraiser this fall to help cover the remaining costs of the rocks. **Donations of \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.** This is an important benefit, so please note that donations must be made through the **National Sport Trust Fund – Ontario** using the link below:

[Donate through the National Sport Trust Fund – Ontario](#)

The deadline to donate and receive a tax receipt is November 30, 2026.

Engrave a Curling Handle Opportunity

Want to make a more significant donation?? We have 40 curling handles still available for engravings!! With a donation of **\$500 or more** have a lasting memory on a curling handle. The handle can be engraved with your requested wording, such as:

- Your family name.
- In memory of a loved one.
- A group or team name.
- Another meaningful inscription (Totally Usable Guard is awesome!).

If you are interested in handle engraving, please make your donation through the link above and send proof of donation receipt and engraving information to matt.wilkinson@kwgranite.com.

EVERY contribution helps us complete the purchase of our new rocks and supports the future of curling at the KW Granite Club. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

KW Granite Club Fundraising Committee

Open House August 15

What a way to kick off our 100th anniversary! The Open House was a fantastic celebration of everything that makes our club special: good food, great games and an even better community! Guests and members enjoyed jitney games, heated cornhole competitions, opportunities to test our new rocks, laugh and spend time together. None of it would have been possible without our wonderful volunteers, who brought their time, energy and enthusiasm to the day and helped create the welcoming space that makes KW Granite feel like home. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make the Open House such a success!

- Alex Turner-Bolt



*Bruce McConnell working on
the west door*

Fall Learn to Curl sells out again! And we need your help.

Our fall Learn to Curl program continues to be popular. Within a week of registration opening, all 40 spots were sold out with a wait list of over 20. The program could not be successful without the help of our volunteers who give the gift of their time and talent. They collectively contribute 180 volunteer hours to teach new curlers for 6 Saturday mornings in the fall. With 10 instructors teaching each class and a 1-4 instructor to student ratio, we deliver a high-quality program with plenty of ice time and individual instruction.

How can you help? We're looking just one more instructor for the **Saturday November 7 and Saturday November 14** classes, from 9 am to noon. No previous coaching experience or qualification is required, just a willingness to work with new curlers and a passion for the game. We provide a lesson plan with instructions for the drills and activities in advance of each session, plus the full support of experienced instructors on the ice.

If you're interested, please contact Tim Taylor – taylors@golden.net. Not sure if this is right for you? Contact Tim to join us at one of classes to see what it is like.

- Tim Taylor

Volunteers make our club better!

Our exterior doors are rusty no more thanks to volunteers Bruch McConnell, Scott Allen and Andrew Scott! The Tri-County Men's group donated \$1000 to finance the painting of our four exterior doors.

Carl Kellar re-configured the public address system for the curling lounge after having to disconnect everything for the new carpets.

Martin Rombout helps with many things around the club house including hanging/re-arranging pictures, re-designating the scoreboards, hanging the new TV screen at the bar. His next project is changing worn out and dirty brush heads on club brooms.

Tracy Suerich and Aaron Noonan moved the championship banners from the viewing lounge and hung them in the ice shed.

Several times this season our GM, John Thomas, has recruited members to guard our parking spaces from intruders. Thanks to all those that volunteered so the members and guests could park!

Melanie Leganchuk has volunteered as our resident tech expert for more than five years. She's improved the club's wifi, modernized our office computers, and obtained significant discounts as a not-for-profit organization for MS365.

Thanks to all the people that have been so generous with their time, talents and energy!

So far this season at KWGC

- KW Icebreaker Bonspiel
- Open House, Aug 15 (pg 3)
- Hogged Rock KW Fall Classic (pg 4)
- Intermediate Skills Clinic – run by Sam Mooibroek on Sept 26
- Women Daytime Skills Clinic – run by Megan Smith on Oct 13



Open House – Brian Belfry and Katie Bolt try out our new rocks



Women Daytime Skills Clinic with Megan Smith

100th Centennial Celebration

To commemorate this milestone, we currently have a centennial logo, a craft beer from Block 3, and the Founders Bonspiel on Feb 24. Soon, and in plenty of time for Christmas, we will have specialized merchandise and a lapel pin. There will be more than one opportunity to celebrate, but the big party is on **January 30, 2017**.

So, mark your calendar, and tell anyone you know who was a previous Granite member to hightail it to the Granite Club for coffee and snacks in the morning, lunch, games of skill, games of no skill, children's activities, music, trivia, scavenger hunt, prizes, **lots of surprises**, memorabilia, Granite history, local dignitaries, and maybe some surprise guests!

And, of course, there will be curling!! Dave Leitch is organizing a **Rocks of Ages Bonspiel** for members that you won't want to miss. Dig out that tie-dye shirt, those leggings, that wide paisley tie and compete for the best retro outfit.

More details will be released as they come "down the pipe". If you have Granite photos, a corn broom, a rink rat, a hand knitted curling sweater, a tam, a kilt, an old bar statement or anything else of historical Granite significance, please let us know. Prize donations are welcome. Please contact Dave Leitch - 519-729-7263 or skipsdontsweep@hotmail.com.

Saturday January 30 - Be there or be square!

Hogged Rock KW Fall Classic

This year the club welcomed 20 men's and 20 women's teams, including teams from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Switzerland, Italy and Philippines. Teams Xenia Schwaller and Kim Schwaller were able to complete the Swiss sweep of this year's event.

Thank you to all those that volunteered and members that came out to enjoy the event!
- Matt Wilkinson



Team Xenia Schwaller, Switzerland



Team Kim Schwaller, Switzerland