



Written in GRANITE

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Thank you!

A very big **THANK YOU** to **Randy Metzloff** for his contribution to the ice removal – not only this year but for the past 2 years.

Randy has brought in his resources of staff and equipment to complete the ice removal that had formerly been done by the City of Waterloo. This has resulted in enormous savings for the Club.

Kudos to Randy and staff. Your contribution and your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Dapper bartender, Alex, has treated the Daytime Women well all year and it is greatly appreciated.

The team players are listed in the usual order – skip, vice, second lead. The photos may show people in a different order. Also, some people were absent on photo day.

Another season has come to an end and while we had a lot of fun on the ice, here is a look at a few things happening off the ice.



Stones

Over the summer, the running bands of our stones will be reconditioned by Canada Curling Stone to extend their life by an estimated five years. We have eight sheets worth of stones (as our previous building had eight sheets). CCS will evaluate and recondition the best stones to fill our six sheets (with a couple spares) and match them the best they can. We have been looking into purchasing new stones, but the two quarries that provide the granite for all curling stones in the world (Ailsa Craig and Trefor) have seen production issues since the start of the pandemic. Thus, there is a lengthy waiting list for new stone orders. This reconditioning is expected to get us to the point where we are able to purchase new stones.

Roof

The City of Waterloo has issued a tender to replace our roof this summer/fall. The architect and engineer chosen to do the work still need to determine the extent of the work to be done (full replacement or overlay) and the exact schedule is still to be determined. This work may impact the start of our regular season by a few weeks but we are still hopeful that there will be no impact to curling. We are hoping the City can provide more certainty soon.

General Manager Search

Our Hiring Committee has posted the advertisement for the General Manager position. If you know of someone who might be interested, please forward the job ad to them. A huge **THANK YOU** to John Gabel, who stepped into the role of interim General Manager and did an outstanding job.

Annual General Meeting

Information about our AGM will be sent to them membership as the meeting date approaches. The date is not determined yet, but it is likely that it will be held in July, as we have to wait for our accountant to finish their review and we cannot have it when the Trillium Camp is on in the first half of August (since they have use of our entire building). There will be at least three open positions on the Board of Directors, so please consider if you are interested.

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion

The Board of Directors has approved creation of a DEI committee. Our President, Sean Orsborn, has been meeting with expert professionals in the field to help us develop a policy and get us started on the right foot. This will be a long term and important project for our club.

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Monkey Bonspiel

On April 15th, the Monkey Bonspiel again ended the Granite season. The event was well organized and run by Cindy Wright with lots of help from member volunteers. There was a full set of Little Rockers and an almost full slate of teams for the U18.

Little Rocks – Convenor: Will Hamilton

The Little Rocks wrap up and photos are on the last page. Not to be missed!

Little Rocks at Prov. Championship

Some KWGG Little Rocks curlers participated in the 33rd Annual Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship, held March 30 - April 1 in Wingham. Although they were eliminated in the round robin, the players had a wonderful experience.

KW Granite #2 team:
coach Deb Calma,
second Gabby Trim, lead
Philip Gu, skip Mitchell
Tillich and vice Jesse
Benham.



Junior Curling League – Convenor: Kurt Rahnenfuehrer

Another curling season has come to an end and the Junior Curling League can call it a successful one. After wrapping up our regular season and some entertaining playoff matches we got to our championship finals on April 2nd

which saw Team Desormeau (Logan Desormeau, Chase Souter, Isaac Cram, Elliott Checkley) vs Team MacTavish (Owen MacTavish, Marcus Hum, Luca MacBride Smith, Brendan Their).



It was a close back and forth game which ended up in a tie after their 6 ends were played Team MacTavish secured the victory in a tie breaking shootout with Marcus Hum's winning draw.

Thank you to all the Curlers, Parents, Volunteers and Coaches who helped make this a successful year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone next season.

Daytime Women

A "HUGE THANK YOU" to the businesses and individuals who sponsored our curling events. Your generous contributions allows us to award prizes to our event winners. THANK YOU to the event conveners for their part in organizing teams, confirming winners, corresponding with sponsors and providing treats at the end of the events.

75 Years of Daytime Women Curling!



The Spring Social and Friendship Jitney was a HUGE SUCCESS! A Gigantic thank you goes out to the Organizers - Val Rotar, Lorna Allen, Wendy Lauer, Petula Wong, Jan Fell and Dianne James. Also a round of applause for the many people that stepped up and brought delicious treats. The decorations by Dianne were spectacular! It was so great to see so many former curlers that we miss dearly but keep in touch with.

KW Blind Curlers won Gold at Provincials!

The team thanks everyone for their support and faith in the team. Skip: Norm Green, Third: James Van Gent, Second: Carrie Speers, Lead: Deanna Morgan, Coach: Jeff Ontonovich, Guides: Brian Morgan and Dave Forster. If you want to support the team, contact Norm Green at ncgreen@sympatico.ca. Tax receipts for donations are available.

Queen of Hearts Funspiel

The Women's Daytime league held a Queen of Hearts Funspiel on March 6th with a focus on FUN and Food Bank collection. Twenty-nine curlers participated in two "twisted" games, with wacky scoring rules and position rotation adding to the challenge.

1st Place: Lori Black, Pat Fitton, Barb Tucker, Ilse Hoffman and Lorna Allen

2nd Place: Eve Charest, Jeudy, Carol McKay, Deb Calma, Joan Stubgen,

Thanks to Davenport

Catering for a delicious lunch, and Diane James for the beautiful table decor.

A big thanks to all the club members who participated by donating food for our Food Bank drive. Cash + Food donations = 216 meals for those in need!

Convenors: Ann Silk, Ilse Hoffman, Carolyn Zenger, JoAnn Vincent



The Spring Event ran from Feb.13 to March 27.

Convenors: Lorna Allen, Ilse Hoffman.

1st Place: Lorna Allen, Katie Hitchman, Kathy Braun, Carol Nichols

2nd Place: Joan Stubgen, Dorothy Hirschberger, Linda Egleston, Sandy Keller



The Heritage Event ran from Feb. 28 to- March 28

Convenors: Pam Krokoszynski, Joyce Bell

1st Place: Val Rotar, Wendy Lauer, Pat Fitton, Lori Black

2nd Place: Barb Tucker, Dianne James, Lynn Bennett, Wanda Bauer



Granite Classic Event

ran from Feb. 9 to March 9, 2023

Sponsors: Donna Haycock, Maureen Brown,

Convenors: Bonnie Ladano, Val Rotar

1st Place: Carol Nichols, Pam Krokoszynski, Pat Fitton, Suzanne Langdon

2nd Place: Dorothy Hirschberger, Dianne James, Elsie Millerd, Wendy Ridgway



Daytime Men – Convenors: Brad Tucker, Brian Black, John Scott

Happy end of the curling season to everyone. We had an amazing season this year but unfortunately our illustrious leader, David Cain, pass away in the new year. He left us well prepared to carry on with our Convenor Team of John Scott, Brian Black, Paul Carter and Brad Tucker. We had Three Rounds on both Tuesday and Thursday and the competition was very intense and filled with a lot of fun and camaraderie. We also had two Skins Games to celebrate Christmas and the End of the Season. We want to Thank Jacquie Bunker for sponsoring the Christmas Skins and Graham Macdonald for sponsoring the End of the Season Skins: We would not have been able to have our Pizza Luncheon for each Skins Games without their amazing generosity. In Memory of David Cain it was decided upon by the membership that the Skins Events will be called the “David Cain Memorial Skins Event” from now on.

Tuesday Round 1



1st Place: Lew Ayers, Brian Black, John Scott, Paul Carter

Tuesday Round 2



1st Place: David Wong, John Scott, Dan Ingoldsby

Tuesday Round 3



1st Place: Terry Lalande, Norm Green, David Cooper, Don Davidson



2nd Place: Ray Hanton, Neil Bailey, Norm Green, Dan Totzke



2nd Place: Neil Bailey, Rob Kennedy, Bill Barnes, Peter Finlay



2nd: Martin Rombout, John Ledlow, Ridgeway/Trompke, Keith Kenning

Thursday Round 1



1st: Tom Powell, Gerry Steingart, Ernie Trompke, David Cooper

Thursday Round 2



1st Place: Graham Macdonald, Rick Arthur, Gerry Dolf, David Cooper

Thursday Round 3



1st Place: Terry Lalande, Carl. Keller, Marcus Baker, Phil Heard



2nd Place: Ian Anderson, John. Martin, N. Green, Terry Ridgway



2nd Place: Terry Lalande, Rob Kennedy, Marcus Baker, Greg Schott



2nd Place: Grahon Vincent, John Martin, Ian Ward, Bob Holtham

Evening Leagues Wrap Up

Monday Night Open – Convenor: Jason Beierling



A Champions: John Gabel, Ben Shane (absent), Kyle Forster, Olivia Beirnes



A Finalists: Sam Steep, Aubrey Kropf, Oliver Campbell, Owen Tester

The Monday Night Open League ran with 38 teams with 6 divisions throughout the regular season. The league finished the season with 3 weeks of playoffs. On the second week of playoffs, the league celebrated with pretzels. Every team enjoyed large soft pretzels after their game and the E division received their prizes. Playoffs were reduced to 2 draws for the final prize night. The final night was held on April 10 with many games coming down to the last shot. The players would like to thank the ice volunteers for working every week to make sure we had great ice and that games were able to start in a timely manner. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

A Champs	John Gabel	Ben Shane	Kyle Forster	Olivia Beirnes
A Finalist	Sam Steep	Aubrey Kropf	Oliver Campbell	Owen Tester
B Champs	Tyler MacTavish	Nathan Kim	Razvan Constantinescu	
B Finalist	Chris Pearcey	Brad Fournier	Howard Jones	Adam Shumacher
C Champs	Mark Fisher	Matt Feltis	Nicholas Armstrong	Barry Dunbar
C Finalist	Scott McRae	Marg Milburn	Bruce Alexander	James Henderson
D Champs	Brad Kleiboer	Finn Lidbetter	Alex Keats	Victoria Minassian
D Finalist	Marc Joyce	Max Schrim	Justin Lang	Kaz Sliwa
E Champs	Deb Salonen	Rick Arthur	Justin Pedro	James Doherty
E Finalist	Terry Parsons	Carrie Bentz	Greg Bentz	Carol Parsons

Tuesday Night Mixed – Convenors: Steve & Katie Hitchman

The league was full this season with 28 teams! TNM successfully transitioned to self-recording game results and eliminated the need to collect score sheets. We look forward to seeing many current teams and players back for the 2023/24 season! If you are considering TNM for next season, register early as new spaces may be in limited supply.



Division A Winner: Ian Wright, Carrie Wright, Jacques Houde, Emma McKenzie



Division B Winner: Evan Mott, Megan McIntosh, Connor Lund, Logan Shaw



Division C Winner: Jerry Steingart, Monica Vesely, Brad Kloiber, Claire Herron



Division D Winner: Kathryn Pringle, Marc Blatter, Shannon Pringle, Derek Kutz

Waterloo Brewing Wednesday Night Men – Convenor: Brian Belfry

Our final night was played April 12 with eight teams on the ice after the club championship was played Tuesday due to scheduling conflicts with both teams. Four of the teams in our final games were in their first year at the club. I am anticipating this league to grow even larger this fall.

Thanks to Waterloo Brewing for their generosity with our club and our league.

Thanks to Bob MacMillan for contributing gift cards for Heidelberg House to both Monday and Wednesday night leagues.



Congratulations to our Waterloo Brewing Wednesday night champions: Laurier SV led by Sam Mooibroek with Kibo Mulima, Wyatt Small, Ben Pearce.



Grand Aggregate champions and runnerup in playoffs: Matt Hall, Brent Gray, Brian Gray and Ryan Baltare.

In our consolation bonspiel:



Division A winner: Laurier JV Wyatt Wright, William Henry, Adam Moor

Runnerup: Brett Mellor, Peter Mellor, Bill Gilmore, Brian Belfry



Division B winner: Jay Cressman, Gary Barfoot, Hahn Hoe Kim, Joel Campagna

Runnerup: Steve McDonald, Brian Scott (absent), Matt Armstrong, Wayne Robert, Mark Mihailov



Division C winner: Mark Fisher, Bruce McConnell, Dave MacTavish (injured) , Matt Feltis, Dave Wong (spare)

Runnerup: David Phipps, Bill Ralph, James McDevitt, James Henderson



Division D winner: Bruce Strecheniuk, Ian Mitchell, Patrick McKeen, Greg Smith

Runnerup: Martin Rombout, David Harnockm Steve Krupicz, Grant Gingrich

A special thanks to Gary Barfoot for pulling my ticket out of the pitcher when the bottle of rye went on to the prize table. It was the first time in 13 years as a convener I had given myself one of the raffle tickets.

Matt Hall, skip of the Wednesday men's Grand Aggregate winners, won his 12th provincial title as second for Team Scott McDonald in Ontario four-person mixed April 16. It was the team's second consecutive championship and also included Lori Eddy, Laura Neil and alternate Jo-Ann Rizzo. The national mixed is scheduled for November.

Kerry Lackie going to Cdn Senior Women's Championship



Kerry plays vice on Team Froud. The provincial final saw team Froud beat team Middaugh 9-2. Kerry plays third on Team Froud. Team Froud will play in the Canadian Senior Women's Championship, December 4-10, 2023, in Vernon. **Congratulations!**

Granite Summer Bowling League ends up in the Gutter!

I was hoping to get about 40 people interested in a summer bowling league for Granite members, to be run on Tuesday nights at Victoria Bowl. Unfortunately there were only about twelve people who were able to recognize a fun opportunity when they saw one, so the league will not be happening.

Thank you to those people who showed an interest and thank you to David Phipps at Victoria Bowl who was offering us a discounted rate and some help organizing the league.

If you get bored over the summer, get out and bowl a game to see what you missed. There's never a "3 putt" and "striking out" is a good thing.

Dave Leitch

Thursday Night Women – Convenor: Leanne Kuntz

Well that's a wrap! What a great year our league had. We had 12 teams playing in our league this year with two divisions, playing 5 rounds and three weeks of play-offs! After all this, our winner in A, who will represent the Everest this year, is Lisa MacLean's team. Winner of B division was the Kerry Townson team. Congratulations to all teams on your successes for the season! I would like to thank our supporters, Tupperware by Meredith Bee (<https://my.tupperware.ca/beemeredit>), and two other supporters who wish to remain anonymous. Without you, our prize night would not be so successful! Have a great summer everyone!



Team MacLean: Lisa McLean, Kerry Lackie, Sheri Munro, Mary Ann Lis, Susie Hagel

Friday Night Mixed – Convenor: Gord Maxwell

Team McMillan finished first in the standings over the year.

The playoff winners are:

Division 1 (Gushue): Colin McMillan, Mary Ann Burke, John McDonald, Dulcie Tapp,

Division 2 (Einarsson): Monica Vesely, Tyler Somer, Evelyn Somer, Michael Song

Division: 3 (Johnny Mo): Jacques Houde, Moyra Harron, Scott Wright, Julia Burke

Division 4 (Muirhead): Ray Wright, Cindy Wright, Leon Babin, Lisa Zwicker

Division: 5 (Courtney): Greg Smith, Kathy Smith, John Voralek, Wendy Voralek

Little Rocks 'Bring a Friend' Event – Convenor: Will Hamilton

We've had an amazing year - and are always willing to try new things to grow the Little Rocks membership (you may have heard about the Bubble Making Machine Guns - they had a blast! – and something we probably won't do again in the future without a bit more planning).

