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Upcoming Events

Challenge Event with Guelph CC

Saturday, March 26

Draws at 9:30 and 1:00

More details on page 4.

Spring Social and Friendship Jitney

Thursday, March 23

A celebration of 75 Years of Women curling at the KW Granite Club!

Organizers: Lorna Allen, Pam

Krokoszynski, Val Rotar,

Dianne James

Choose your own Adventure Jitney

Thursday, March 30 at 9:30 am

On the last day of regular league curling for the 22-23 season, curlers can choose the position that they wish to play.

Organizers: Barb Tucker, Petula

Wong, Fran Hatherton

Daytime Women Closing Bonspiel and Banquet

Monday, April 3

Bonspiel starts at 1:00 pm

Banquet starts at 6:00 pm

Foodbank Donations

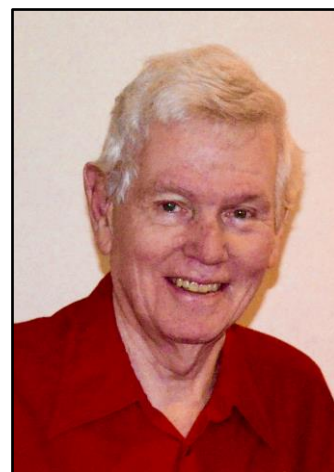
The Women's Daytime Curling League will be collecting food items for the Region of Waterloo Food Bank from March 6 - 13. This collection is open to all members of the K W Granite Club. Any support is greatly appreciated.



Daytime Men

It is believed that this Third Round of Curling demanded the most patience of all those participating whilst the Convenors slugged away to try and generate a logical, fair and satisfying schedule. It has been said that we might have been better off to have jitney days! The continued overbearance of occasional Covid infections, trips to sunny climes and the occasional cold challenged John, Brad, Paul and Brian. However, restructuring Tuesday from five sheets with somewhat full teams to 4 sheets with full teams and a bye facilitated an equitable balance. Thursday's breakdown was set for five sheets and a goodly number of spares has proved a success. The wins and losses are piling up and it should be a great finish to celebrate at the Skins Game on April 11th.

Our good friend, David Cain 'took his flight west to follow the sun'. For many years, Dave served the members well as the principal Convenor for both leagues. He taught us how to 'play our cards right' at numerous attempts to produce balanced teams that had not played together in previous rounds and days. He took the time to create a 'checklist' to construct the teams on the Curling Club Manager program. His wisdom and knowledge were always quietly and effectively provided to we fledglings. Thank you, great friend.



The Sinners red shirt of the Detroit Exchange cadre says it all. Dave knew all on both sides of the border. He was one of the principal organizers and historian, collecting photos and stories of the many years of participation. Thank you for your service.

To the Cain family, we all extend our condolences at the sudden loss.
Vita brevis – Life is so short. *Hippocrates*

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The Saturday Morning Club

This fine group of gentlemen takes nothing for Granite! Dave Cain, pictured second from right was a long-time member of this august group. Many a fine chat and possibly some disagreement was engaged but it is likely that Dave in his typical manner assuaged a discussion. Dave, thank you for your time, energy and friendship. We shall toast you when we meet again.



Waterloo Brewing Wednesday Night Men's League

This year we bounced back to pre-pandemic level of 32 teams in our Wednesday men's league, despite the fact we are missing a half dozen rinks from the previous era. For the first time it was possible to run the league with no byes with sheets available at 5, 7, and 9 draws.

It's been a highly-competitive year, especially in our top division where we have curlers who have reached national and provincial levels this season including the U18, U21, U25, Winter Games and OUA and USport championships (University).

Matt Hall, Andrew Flemming, Daryl Shane, Laurier Senior Varsity (Sam Mooibroek), Sam Steep, Paul Moffatt, Tyler MacTavish and Chris Pearcey are the eight teams competing in our men's club championship. Six of those teams have earned at least one Ontario title and three of them have won national championships. Our playoffs begin March 8 with our championship night set for April 12. The top eight teams are in a double-knockout championship while the remaining 24 teams are in a modified triple knockout bonspiel with four divisions.

Our Laurier Senior Varsity team led by S. Mooibroek won the Ontario University title and plays at USport nationals in Sudbury, March 15 to 19. Congratulations once again, gents!

Kibo Mulima, another member of Laurier SV, is currently representing Ontario in Mixed Doubles at the Canada Winter games in P.E.I. with Tori Zimmelink.

March 8 to 12, league members Wyatt Wright, Tyler MacTavish, Mitchell Einwechter and Adam Moor with coach John Thompson will compete in the U21 men's provincials in Ottawa.

The Day Women League is 75 years old this year!

To celebrate we will be holding a Spring Social & Friendship Jitney on Thurs., March 23. We are inviting all former curlers to join us in this celebration. The 6-end jitney starts with coffee at 9 am and curling at 9:30 am. The social starts around 11 am. There will snacks and a celebration cake. We will also have a draw for several items with tickets costing \$1.00 each. Proceeds will go to the Food Bank.

The club looks amazing!

The Daytime Women Decorations Coordinator never stops. Dianne James keeps our club looking wonderful in every season.



Recognize anybody at the Scotties?

Several players are previous members of the KWGC!

Laura Walker – Team Lawes

Sarah Wilkes – Team Homan

Kelly Middaugh – Team St. George

Sarah Koltan – Team Galusha

Did we miss anybody?

Daytime Women

The Wendy Simpson Memorial Event finished on February 2.



Winners this year were Val Rotar- skip, Connie Graham- vice, Bonnie Ladano- second, Deb Calma- lead.

Close runners-up at second place were Jo-Ann Vincent- skip, Carolyn Zenger- vice, Ilse Hoffman- second, Ann Silk- lead.

Thank you Bill Simpson for sponsoring this event.

Snowflake Event ran on Thursdays from Dec. 8 to Feb. 2.

Conveners: Wanda Bauer and Brenda Kropf.

Sponsors: Gerry McGregor and Linda Egleston.



Winning team: Bonnie Ladano, Pam Krokoszynski, Joyce Bell, Peggy Hallman

2nd place team: Carol Nichols, JoAnn Vincent, Ann Silk, Wendy Ridgway

Anne Patterson Memorial Event ran on Tuesdays from Jan.10 to Feb. 21.

Conveners: Sandy Nethercott and Wendy Lauer.

Sponsor: Jan Gyroffy.



Winning team: Ilsa Hoffman, Wendy Lauer, Pat Fitton, Jane Sullivan

2nd place team: Lorna Allen, Elsie Millerd, Lynn Bennett, Linda Kieswetter.

A huge thank you goes out to all conveners and sponsors!

St Patrick's Day 1931



This gem hangs outside the washrooms near the Banquet Room. They knew how to celebrate the day long before the students came to town.

Tickets

We have a limited number of group tickets for the Drayton Festival Theatre's production of "The New Canadian Curling Club" on Saturday, July 22 at 2pm (matinee performance)! Tickets are available on a first come basis.

[More details](#) on the website.

Rolling Into Town - Granite Summer Bowling League

Want to keep in touch with your curling team over the summer? Want to scout for a better player? Want to just have fun? You've just bowled your first strike!

Plans are in the works for a Granite Summer Bowling League at Victoria Bowl. Watch for details in the coming weeks to determine interest. To make it worthwhile, we would need about 40 participants.

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Detroit Exchange

The KW end of the KW Detroit Exchange will be happening this March 17, 18, and 19th. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the lounge. For this end, the cost is only \$85 and includes Friday night hospitality (food and refreshing beverages) at the Heidelberg Inn, curling, a full 3-course meal on Saturday (traditionally roast beef, ribs, pigtailed, and the fixings), and a Sunday hospitality. The cost for new curlers is only \$65. This is a terrific event that has been held for 106 years and in which many friendships have been forged. Many of your past and current members are a part of this exchange. You will not be disappointed if you sign up for this men's only event. Anyone needing additional information can contact Ian Anderson at - iananders@sympatico.ca or Matt Schumacher at 226-808-7243.

Fun Fact: The furthest anyone has travelled to participate in the Exchange that we are aware of is former Detroit curler, Alex Sanchez, coming to Kitchener in March 2020 from his relocated home state of California.



Awareness Test: Have you noticed this picture in the club recently.

Saturday March 25 Guelph Challenge

On March 25, KW Granite has challenged the Guelph Curling Club to a fun but competitive Points Bonspiel. The format will be 2 men, 2 women and 2 mixed teams from each club competing in a two-game event. The choice of teams was dictated by Guelph who have set the following format for their team selection:

- Top mixed team from Monday Night Open as of February 27th
- Top men's team from Tuesday Night men's as of February 14th
- Top women's team from Wednesday night women's as of February 22nd

If the top team does not wish to participate, we will invite the 2nd place team and so on.

Our like league conveners have been contacted and will be in touch with selected teams to be offered the chance to participate. The cost per player is \$25 and includes 2 games, lunch and prizes.

Games will start at 09:30 am and 1:30 pm respectively on the Saturday and we welcome any spectators who wish to come out and see some great top teams from both curling clubs. A few volunteers to assist would be welcome. Please contact me to volunteer or with any questions you may have.

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