



Written in GRANITE

October 2022

Message from the Board

We are very happy to report that our membership as of October 14 stands at 576 members. We're also very pleased to see a full slate in the Learn to Curl program Saturday morning with a wait list. Congratulations to Tim Taylor and his excellent group of volunteer instructors.

Everest Club Champion

I have sent e-mails to the convenors involved and to the Board for feedback on the selection of the Everest Club Champion for the coming year. At the present time, the feedback I have received from the women's leagues is that they are okay with the Club Champion coming from the Thursday Evening League and that the men's Champion from the Wednesday Night League. As you may be aware, the rules have slightly changed in that the club can submit two representatives – one as "Club Champion" and one into the challenge round. While the suggestion from CurlOn is to have these be the first and second places teams, that is not carved in stone and the clubs can elect how these are selected based on the event limitations for entry. As I have not seen any objection from the Board or the convenors to the Club Champion coming from the evening leagues the Club Champions will come from the two evening leagues. As a Board we can discuss a second team to enter into the challenge round and provide further feedback at a later date. The rules and requirements for the selection of the Club Champion have been provided to all the convenors and members of the Board.

Regards,

Scott Allen, VP Curling 2021 – 2023

Around the House

Thursday Night Women

I would like to extend a very big welcome to all the women who joined our Thursday night curling league. We have 12 teams competing this year. We have 2 divisions playing 5 complete rounds with 3 weeks of play-offs. The winner will be entered into the Everest Women's Club Representative. We are already finishing up the first round October 27th and will be shuffling teams appropriately. We are short 2 players, so if you are interested in joining a team please reach out to me. If you don't want to commit to a team, but would like to play a few games we can always use spares. My contact info is Leanne Kuntz thursdaybusinessladies@gmail.com.

Did you know?

Suggestion Box



There is a suggestion box in the bar lounge for any ideas for improvements. Make a suggestion – responses guaranteed!

Ayr U18 Cashspiel

Won by Team MacTavish

representing the KWGC!

Tyler MacTavish (Skip)

Carson Kay

Nathan Kim

Gabe DeCastris

Coach John Thompson

The perfect way for Tyler to celebrate his 15th Birthday!



RINK IN THE PARK

99 Seagram Drive
Waterloo, Ontario N2L-3B6

Phone: (519) 742-4281
www.kwgranite.com
info@kwgranite.com

Staff

Manager: Herbert Mitterboeck
Ice & Facilities Manager: Rob Adams
Part-time Ice Technician: Al McKeag

Board of Directors

Executive:

President: Sean Orsborn
VP Admin: Brad Lushman
VP Curling: Scott Allen
Secretary: Matt Brouwer
Treasurer: Matt Wilkinson

Committee Chair:

House and Property: Stephen Harnock

Directors at Large:

Marcus Baker
Mary Ann Burke
Katie Hitchman
David MacTavish
Dan Polischuk
Lindsey Schmalz

No response to Spare Requests?

Have you asked someone to spare and not gotten a response? It could be in their junk folder. Emails from the CCM members will be from KW Granite Curling Club. Be sure to add this sender to your Safe senders list.

Daytime Women

Fall Start-up:

To begin the curling season, the women had a skills review and practice, as well as three Jitneys; 'Merry-Go-Round', 'Friendship', and 'Welcome Back'. Thank you to the Convenors, Lorna Allen, JoAnn Vincent, Barb Tucker, Carol Nichols, Dixie Anderson, The Executive, Dorothy Hirschberger, and Elsie Millerd, for preparing teams, welcoming us and providing special treats.



A huge thank you to Dianne James for the spectacular seasonal decorations on the tables at the entrance, in the lounge and the banquet hall. It adds a special sparkle to the atmosphere! She is creative and has a talent of making decorations out of anything!

Guess what the centre piece bases are made from??? Old ashtrays that the club was no longer using! Can't wait to see the winter/Christmas decorations!

Looking at Doubles?

We are considering running a few doubles events which would be on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 or 1:30 – 3:00 and are looking to see what interest there is in this.

The dates available in the fall session would be:

November 26 December 3 December 17

The dates we are looking at in the winter session would be:

January 14 February 4 March 4

The format would be open with both a competitive and a social part. This would be 6 days of play and the final format would still need to be determined but likely a round robin. This would depend on the number of interested teams.

Please consider if you may be interested either as a team of two or individual and e-mail Scott Allen at gartrav@sympatico.ca with your interest or any questions you may have.

Learn to Curl has our biggest class ever!

The fall Learn to Curl program has begun, and with our largest class ever – 39 participants, plus another 19 on the wait list. There is definitely a lot of interest in our sport. The Learn to Curl program is a series of six three-hour sessions on Saturday mornings in October, November, and December where the participants learn all the fundamentals of the game. It is specifically designed for people who have never curled before.

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation benefits KW

Sheri Douglas, a curler at the Elmira Curling Club, and a nurse at Grand River Hospital, brought to our attention that the Grand River Hospital recently received a generous donation from the Sandra Schmirler Foundation to support care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Read about the great work of the Sandra Schmirler Foundation and how our community has benefitted.

<https://grhf.ca/blogs/grand-ideas/a-chance-to-be-champions>

In the most recent session, the instructors demonstrated the flow of the game and the importance of being ready to throw to keep the game moving. There was also a discussion of etiquette. Of course, we also explained the 2nd most important rule of curling: winners buy the first round. In case you asked, the most important rule of curling is safety.

The feedback we received about the program has been very positive. After the first session, one participant emailed the convener to say “our group truly enjoyed our first session this morning. Lots of learning and lots of fun! We appreciated all the time to help us from organizers and coaches!”.

The program could not be a success without our volunteer instructors. We have 10 instructors for every session, which means the participants are in groups of 4 with their instructor, so they get lots of practice time and attention. A total of 17 individual volunteers have filled all 60 instructor spots for the 6 sessions. The participants say they like working with different coaches because each one brings their own perspective on the game and provides unique tips and advice.

We’re already starting to plan for the winter session of Learn to Curl which starts on January 7. If you’re interested in teaching and inspiring new curlers on one of the sessions or several sessions, please contact the convener Tim Taylor at taylor@golden.net.

Getting to Know: Sean Orsborn, Pres.

In just his first year on the Board of Directors, Sean Orsborn was nominated to serve as President of the KW Granite Club by the other members of the board, and we wanted to get to know the man who has taken on this vital role for our club. Sean has been a member of the KW Granite Club since 2006, and curls in the Thursday Night Men’s League and Friday Night Mixed League. He enjoys the opportunity to meet new people, get exercise, and the joy of competing.

Outside of curling, Sean has also been a long-time youth sports volunteer with a decade of experience coaching hockey and soccer and serving as house league hockey convener for seven seasons.

Sean has recently begun a new position with All Treat Farms where he works as National Sales Manager

Sean is married to fellow KW Granite Club member, Terry, and they recently were able to celebrate a pandemic-delayed 25th anniversary trip to Greece. Sean has two children, Lauren and Liam. Lauren has graduated from Trent University and Liam is attending the University of Guelph.

As President, Sean looks forward to help steer the club through the recovery process from the pandemic.

If you see him around the club, join us in thanking him for volunteering his time to take on the President’s responsibilities.



Sean Orsborn, President

The Men's Daytime Curling League

On Oct. 4th, the first of three rounds began for the 53 men who had signed up to engage in the glorious sport of launching granite to achieve unknown quantities of points on the ice surface. What better way to begin the games on Oct. 4th than have Piper Peter Finlay herald the start of the day leading the teams onto the ice? The skirl of pipes will now have to be a tradition, well perhaps not, however it was appreciated by all. Thank you Peter.

This year, the both Tuesday and Thursday groups mustered thirteen teams to fill up a full six sheets with one team 'enjoying' a BYE during the eight weeks of competition. Unfortunately, some teams have been impacted by some players contracting the devil COVID as well as some others with physical impairments and a minimal number of spares has resulted in some forfeited games. Prognosticators from the Public Health have indicated that we may be in for a tough season. To help alleviate the shortage of players, any curler with a BYE has been asked to show up at the rink to help fill in any gaps.

There is lots of good competition this year and the competition at the top is tight. We progress into the December period and the enjoyable Skins Game on 20 December which has been supported by Jacquie Bunker, a Realtor from TrilliumWest. Thank you Jacquie. A big thank you as well to Herbert Mitterboeck and Rob Adams for their excellent support and great ice.

Co-Convenors John Scott and David Cain, Brad Tucker, Paul Carter.

KW Detroit Exchange

For over 100 years, men curlers from the Detroit Curling Club (DCC) and the KW Granite Club have been getting together for a game of sticks and stones. Every year we travel down to the Detroit area while the Granite club hosts our Detroit friends in March. This year, the Detroit end will take place November 11, 12, and 13th. Both weekends include hospitality on Friday evening, two games of curling, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and on Sunday, there is a breakfast at a small fee at the host club.

The cost for this series is very reasonable:

Detroit weekend only: \$70.00

KW weekend only: \$85.00

Both weekends for only \$120.00

All levels of curling experience are welcome. Please come out and join the fun.

For more information on this event, please contact any one of the following:

Bob MacMillian – rmacmillan12@rogers.com

Dave Cain – dcain1661@rogers.com

Matt Schumacher – mattshoecurling@gmail.com

Fun Facts:

- The DCC was founded in 1885, some 42 years before the KW Granite Club was formed. It is a charter member of the Ontario Curling Association (OCA).
- Winning a bronze medal in the 1963 Men's World Curling Championships, DCC beat Canada in round robin, which eventually went on to win the World Title in the playdowns.

