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New Newsletter Editor!

For the past two years, Matt Brouwer and I have produced the club newsletter. Very exciting news - John Scott has volunteered to be the next editor! He has been a member of the KWGC since 2018 and has been curling for 70 years. John currently plays in the Tuesday Daytime Men's League.

Contact John at john4u@icloud.com.

I hear we will be seeing more jokes next season. As this may be my last issue as editor, it is time for my first curling joke (credit: Gord Maxwell).

What did the red rock say to the yellow rock?

I'll never take you for granite.

Katie Hitchman



Jesse Benham has participated in KWGC Little Rocks for two years. On April 14, he was very excited to meet Brad Gushue after Team Gushue won the Princess Auto Grand Slam of Curling Championship!

Greetings Fellow Curlers!

We have finally come to the end of the 2023-2024 curling season! Although we had some bumps along the way, I think we can all say we had a successful year. From the hosting of the Trillium Camps in August to the Monkey Spiel in April, our season had lots of amazing events. Hopefully everyone got a chance to experience an event at the club outside of their regular league.

Last summer, our new General Manager John Thomas hit the ground running ensuring the club was operating as smooth as possible and taking every opportunity to try new things. Appreciation is extended to our Head Ice Technician Rob Adams, along with his assistants and volunteers, for navigating changing ice conditions and keeping the ice as consistent as possible.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped this season, including at events, on a committee, or preparing the ice. Our club cannot run without you. Our members and the rest of the local community that the club supports appreciate what you do.

The roof is being replaced this summer, but this does leave some uncertainty as to when we can start the next season. The expectation is that we will likely start on time, but it may get pushed to after Thanksgiving if the roof completion is delayed. The board will try to keep you as updated as we can. Please check the website whenever you want to see the latest update.



Moving into next season, as always, please reach out to me at president@kwgranite.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the AGM. Have a wonderful summer!

Ashley Falconer
2023-2024 President
KW Granite Club.

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Team Froud wins Gold!



Congratulations to Team Froud (Susan Froud, Kerry Lackie, Kristin Turcotte, Julie McMullin, Jo-Ann Rizzo, and Al Corbeil) of Ontario for their outstanding victory at the **Women's World Senior Curling Championships** in Östersund, Sweden! Kerry Lackie from KWGC adds another title to her curling accomplishments!

KWGC Teams SWEEP Monkeyspiel!

Another season of youth curling ended with the traditional Monkeyspiel. Twelve U12 and twelve U18 teams competed in this year's event. It was a fun day of good curling with clubmates, and making new friends from other clubs. The icing on the cake was Granite teams winning both U12 and U18 divisions.



U12 Champions - Nathan, Ben, Abbie and Margaret



U18 Champions - Owen, Kevin, Logan and Marcus

Six-Pack Funspiel!

Friday, Oct 25, and Sat, Oct 26, 2024 @ the K-W Granite Club. Our format is great for novice and experienced curlers alike. Find a team of 6 and have some fun!

Real Series-ous theme - TV and Movie – recast your favourite show or movie!

Team Entry Fee: \$350 / team

Includes: 3 Six End Games, Breakfast Treats, Lunch, Dinner, and Prizes!!!

Early Draw (7pm Friday, 930am and 2pm Saturday) OR Late Draw (9pm Friday, 1130am and 4pm Saturday)

For questions or early sign up - contact kwsixpack@gmail.com.

Jason



Supporting the KW Vision Impaired Curlers

This group will be going to Ottawa in March 2025 for the Provincial competition, and hopefully Nationals as well.

The Wednesday Afternoon Open League donated excess funds from their 2023-2024 Season Prize Fund to the KW Granite Visually Impaired Curling Team.

The Women's Daytime Curling League also donated to the Visually Impaired Team.

League Wrap Up

Daytime Women's Leagues

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring Fling event: Dale Sinclair, Rosemary Howman, Jill Rowett and Suzane Belanger

Congratulations to the winners of the Tuesday Heritage Event: Dixie Anderson, Petula Wong, Lynn Bennett and Carol McKay

On Thursday, March 14th we had a fantastic turn out to the Spring social event. A huge thank you to the convenors: Jan Fell, Wendy Lauer, Petula Wong and Fran Heatherston), and to Dianne James for her creative decorating. We also had a large number of former curlers join us.

The closing banquet was held April 2. Thanks to Alex for the contribution of wine for the dinner. A big thanks to the organizing committee: Val Rotar, Deb Calma, Petula Wong, Bonnie Ladano, Eve Charleston-Jewry, Dianne James, Connie Graham and Merlin McRae. Val organized a delicious roast beef dinner and the committee did a lovely job decorating. The big (and well received) surprise was the addition of chair covers. Another delightful surprise was a short visit from Lorna Allen. She is a beloved and respected curler, and we loved having her join us even though she is battling health issues. Congratulations to Petula Wong for a well deserved win of the Sandy Horton Good Sportsmanship award.

On March 27, eight women day curlers were lucky enough to be invited by Eve Charest-Jeudy to a curling clinic at the Toronto Granite club with Jennifer Jones and Brett Lang. It was such an enjoyable and informative experience. A big thank you to Eve and her husband for the opportunity. Photos from the event below.

Joan Stubgen



WDCL Sandy Horton Good Sport Award Winner, Petula Wong



Daytime Men 2023-24 Curling Review

What a great wind-up celebration for this Season's curling. Prior to launching onto the ice for the final Skin's game, Super Convenor Brad Tucker, announced the starting lineup for the David Cain Memorial competition. A moment of silence followed when members thought that Dave would just be thrilled, sitting on his bike ready to watch the day's events.

Onto to the ice went the brigade of stalwarts (maybe some) to battle for the capture of pecuniary stipends. 'We're taking last rock?' said the calculating skip as he looked amongst his team of miscreants. And then it began!! By the end of six ends some scoreboards were tied, some were indicating aggrandizement dominance. Lots of fun and so different from the routine League games (or as the broadcasters say: club curling!!).

Then it was off to the pizza lunch and prize distribution. Much credit is to be given for the outstanding work by Paul Carter. He had spent many a trip to various restaurants to have them provide the many gift cards and then arranging for the many great pizza choices for the hungry gaggle. Thank you, Paul. Whilst the food was being consumed, the \$5 per person per end were distributed determined from the results of today's play.

Then, MC Brad Tucker took the helm and presentations (monetary mind you) to the First and Second Place Rounds 1, 2 and 3 for Tuesday and Thursday teams. Please refer to the photos. A number of the team members, Martin Rombout, Peter Finlay, Graham Steel, Ian Ward, John Carr and Bruce Brubacher were not present for the Skins Game and not recorded on film.

Many thanks from the members present were received for the year's efforts to the convenors, Brian Black, Paul Carter, Brad Tucker and John Scott.

It is also very important to extend our appreciation to our very helpful General Manager John Thomas and the magic ice maker Rob. He is the best sheet disturber!! Thank you.

John Scott



Monday Night Open

Monday Night Open is a great league for any team. 39 teams were split into 6 divisions and teams were re-seeded after each round. At the end of four rounds our season champions were Team Shane. Team Mellor won the A Championship defeating team Mooibroek in very close final game that went to a draw to the button to decide the winner. The B event was won by team Wilkinson and the C event won by team McVicar. The playoffs had a top A group of 8 teams, and then a B and C group with the remaining teams. The league had a pretzel night at the start of the playoffs and finished with a prize night - where the following list of teams won prizes.

A Champions	Peter Mellor	Carrie Mellor	Bill Gilmore	Mary Holland	
A Runnerups	Sam Mooibroek	Ron Mooibroek	Wyatt Small	Brian Doucet	
A 3rd Place	Tyler MacTavish	Nathan Kim	Carson Walsh		
A 2nd Event	Ben Shane	Kyle Forster	Oliver Campbell	Olivia Beirnes	
A 3rd Event	Mark Fisher	Matt Feltis	Nicolas Armstrong	Barry Dunbar	
B Champions	Matt Wilkinson	Amanda Wilkinson	Jason Beierling	Ashley Falconer	
B Runnerups	Colin McMillan	Mary Ann Burke	Dan Olden	Tim Taylor	
B 3rd Place	Sandra Earl	Shannon Tatlock	Dana Rethoret	Sabina Simons	
B 2nd Event	Kelley Reid	Jason Campbell	Laura Lee	Michael Peters	
B 3rd Event	Marc Joyce	Max Schirm	Mark Mihailov	Kaz Sliwa	
B 4th Event	Bill Ralph	Dave Horne	Craig Leclair	Hoffman Carl	
C Champions	Shannon McVicar	Leanne Kuntz	John McVicar	Norm Kuntz	
C Runnerups	Terry Parsons	Carrie Bentz	Greg Bentz	Carol Parsons	
C 3rd Place	Al McKeag	Craig hall	Kyle hall	Zack hall	
C 2nd Event	Brad Kleiboer	Finn Lidbetter	Alex Keats	Victoria Minassian	
C 3rd Event	Scott McRae	Marg Milburn	Bruce Alexander	James Henderson	Ken Nethercott
C 4th Event	Paul Schertzberg	Gary Hauck	Jason Ball	Tom Bambury	



*A Champions: Peter Mellor,
Carrie Mellor, Bill Gilmore,
Mary Holland*



*B Champions: Matt Wilkinson, Amanda
Wilkinson, Jason Beierling,
Ashley Falconer*



*C Champions: Shannon McVicar,
Leanne Kuntz, John McVicar,
Norm Kuntz*

Thank you to all the league members! It was a fun season and I hope to see everyone again next fall!

Jason Beierling

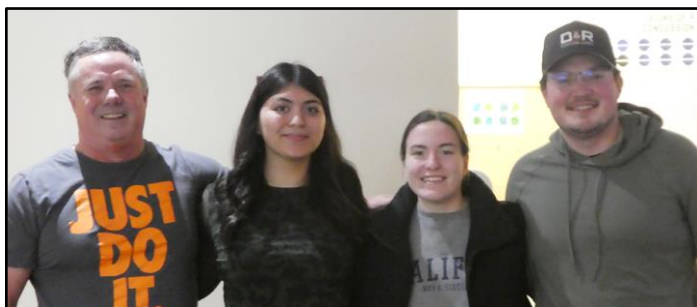
Tuesday Night Mixed

It was another great year for Tuesday Night Mixed curling. The level of play was the strongest we, as convenors, have seen in the past 9 years. The playoff round was super competitive with all divisions winners being decided on the final night of play. The top three teams in each division won cash prizes.

The TNM 2023/24 prize winners are:

A 1 st Place	Kelley Reid	Brian Belfry	Lindsey Schmalz	Michael Peters	
A 2 nd Place	Holt, David	Shannon Tatlock	Jim Vopni	Dana Rethoret	
A 3 rd Place	Ian Wright	Carrie Wright	Jacques Houde	Emma Mckenzie	
B 1 st Place	Scott McRae	Marg Milburn	Ken Nethercot	Merlin McRae	Chris Thompson
B 2 nd Place	Jay Cressman	Heather Cressman	Ian Mitchell	Janette Mitchell	
B 3 rd Place	Rene Fiolleau	Carolyn MacTavish	Ian Furst	Katelyn Fiolleau	
C 1 st Place	Hahn Hoe Kim	Julie Kim	Razvan Constantinescu	Anca Constantinescu	
C 2 nd Place	Gary Barfoot	Marcia Demelo	Joel Campagna	Tina Kovacs	
C 3 rd Place	Tracy Snoddon	Peter Taylor	Joanna Armbruster,	Armin Armbruster	
D 1 st Place	Cameron Mackay	Sandra Davidson	Paul Ciuman	Tracey Schneider	
D 2 nd Place	Kurt Rahnenfuehrer	Tonya Zborowski	Paul Braun	Michelle DeBeyer	Isabel Rahnenfuehrer
D 3 rd Place	Gerry Steingart	Liz Klassen	Wayne Kornelsen	Wendy Kornelsen	

(Names may not in the same order as people appear in photos)



A Winners: Kelley Reid(absent) Brian Belfry, Lindsey Schmalz, Michael Peters (absent)



B Winners: Scott McRae(absent), Marg Milburn, Ken Nethercot, Merlin McRae, Chris Thompson



C Winners: Hahn Hoe Kim, Julie Kim, Razvan Constantinescu, Anca Constantinescu



D Winners: Cameron Mackay, Sandra Davidson, Paul Ciuman, Tracey Schneider

Enjoy your summer... see you next season!

Steve Hitchman

Wednesday Night Men

After a 22-week regular season for 32 teams (no byes), plus six weeks of playoffs, the Waterloo Brewing Wednesday night men's league came to an end April 10 with six games on the ice followed by pizza, prizes and camaraderie. Congrats to all the winners and hope to see everyone back next year. - *Brian Belfry*

K-W Granite Men's Club Champions Team Steep



*Sam Steep, Oliver Campbell, Owen Tester,
Absent: Spencer Dunlop*

Runner-up & Grand Aggregate champions Team Moffatt



*Paul Moffatt, Ben Shane, Kyle Forster, Matt Wilkinson,
absent: John Gabel*

A consolation champions 2024 Team Connon



*Gord Connon, Mark Gillis, Leo Takahashi, Absent Rick Arthur
Runnerups: Doug Suerich, Steve Hertz, Matt Brower, Russ Arrell,
Gord Maxwell*

B consolations champions 2024 Team Wainman



*Raymond Wainman, Noah Gallant, Ben Liu, Michael Rush
Runnerups Mark Fisher, Mark Mikhailov, Matt Feltis,
Barry Dunbar*

C consolation champs Laurier Junior Varsity



*Wyatt Wright, Codie Harris, Adam Moor, Hayden Gadanski
Runnerups Ron Schirm, Ken Nethercott, Steve Krupicz,
Murray McGil*

D consolation champs Team Barfoot



*Gary Barfoot, Ian Mitchell, Hahn Hoe Kim, Armin Armbruster
Runnerups Paul Schertzberg, Neil Harte, Eric Hentschel,
Gary Brown*

Team with the biggest fan base & playoff winners of the coveted WOLO (We Only Lost Once!) category Team Dubrick!



*Brett Dubrick, Dave Wong, Brad Kleiboer, Matt Schumacher
Runnerups: Rob Adams, Bryan Woodissee, David Harnock, Stephen Harnock*

Thursday Night Women

Thursday night women had a very fun and successful year I would like to thank our sponsors for our great prize table - Joanna Armbruster, Lisa Lynch, Meredith Bee and two anonymous donors.

Team Suerich won A division and will represent the KWGC at the Everett Club Championship in October.

Leanne Kuntz

(Names may not in the same order as people appear in photos)



A Champions: Tracey Suerich, Shannon Tatlock, Heather Carr, Dana Rethoret, Celeste Westra



B Champions: Lisa Lynch, Cindy Wright, Joanna Armbruster, Melissa Hanford



C Winners: Carrie Bentz, Stephanie Bromiley, Diane Kewley, Brenda Henderson

Thursday Night Men

League Champions:

Ron Schirm, Craig Leclair, Maximilien Schirm, Robert Noecker

League Runners-Up:

Randy Metzloff, Terry Watson, Brian Walker, Dave Watson

A Consolation Winners: Mark Mihailov, Bryan Abel, Grant Mitchell, Gregory Fichter

B Winners : Robert Williams, Murray McGill, Henri Morin, Noah Mcgregor

C Winners: Nolan Finkelstein, Taylar Cameron, Andrew Franklin, Stephen Hartman

B Consolation Winners: Jamie Neeb, Brent Kapuscinski, Josh Edwards, John Mehr

C Consolation Winners: Bill Ralph, Tim Voisin, Jim Vopni, Michael Done

D Winners: Ray Wright, David Phipps, James Henderson, Bruce MacDonald

Marc Joyce



League Champions: Ron Schirm, Craig Leclair, Maximilien Schirm, Robert Noecker

Friday Night Mixed

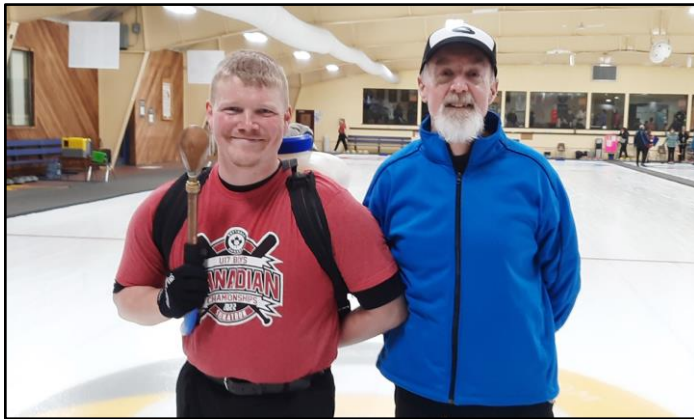
The winner of the first season was Team Holt. Second season winner was Team Rethoret, and the overall winner was Team Rethoret.

A special thanks to our regular bartender, Dan, and our dependable ice prep folk, Dave Harnock and Rob Kuenzig.

After three years of convening, Gord Maxwell is passing the torch to Michael Greenwood. Gord said, *"It was an enjoyable experience and I feel good about having got the FNM league through the dark days of covid curling. And I feel great that Michael is taking over. Michael is going to do an amazing job. Look at how well his Rocks on the Grand beginner spiel worked out!"*



Overall Winner: Brian Rethoret, Dana Rethoret, John Carr, Haether Carr
(not in order in photo)



Ice prep guys, Dave Harnock and Rob Kuenzig



Friday bartender Dan Olden

Bonus photos...



Not only did Team Rotar win some prize money, but they also claimed the award for best-dressed team at the closing banquet!



A delivery with style and a smile at the Dec. 2023 Cinco Spiel