

The Granite Connection

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Message from the President

Our club is lucky and proud to be the official host club of the Golden Hawks Curling High Performance Center. The focus of the center is on athletes looking to compete at the highest levels, but all of our members will benefit from the HPC. Our agreement with the Center provides for revenue sharing back to the club, as well as clinics for club-level curlers, and discounted access for our members to national level coaching and training tools. I am very excited to see how our partnership with the Center will grow and expand. (<http://hawkscurlinghpc.ca>)

The first HPC clinic for club curlers was over-subscribed in just a couple of days, and was a huge success. There are a few spots left for the Saturday, Feb 11th clinic, with a discounted price of \$25 for K-W Granite members (including lunch!). This is the perfect clinic for curlers who already know how to curl, but want to get better in all aspects of the game. Contact Karen for details.

Doug

K-W Granite Custom Brooms

Have you seen President Doug Suerich's jazzy new broom? You too can purchase one - customized with your name!

Price is \$170+tax; lead time is 3-4 weeks based on an order of 10

To order send a note to Proshop@KWGranite.com with the name you want on the broom or leave a note in the Proshop.



Close up of the handle:



Upcoming Events

Bereaved Families Bonspiel (Open)

January 21, 2012

Day Ladies Bonspiel

January 23, 2012

WLU High Performance Clinic

February 11, 2012

Lea Bauman Masters Bonspiel (Men)

February 15, 2012

Heart & Stroke Bonspiel (Open)

February 17, 2012

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Lorna Allen and her team of Ilse Hoffman, Wendy Simpson and Bev Houston for advancing to the Ladies Masters Provincials. Good luck this week in Forest!

Congratulations to Lynn Kreviazuk and her team of Carly Howard, Kerilynn Mathers and Cheryl Kreviazuk for winning the TCA Junior Ladies Bonspiel. This is the second year in a row that a K-W Granite Club team has won this bonspiel!

Congratulations to Molly Greenwood and her team of Brittany Quinton, Sherri Woodcock and Candice Donahue for winning the 3rd event of the TCA Bantam Girls Bonspiel.



Laurier Food Drive



The food drive has ended and the Laurier curling program cannot thank the club and its members enough for their generous donations. All of the proceeds will be donated to the Laurier Students' Food Bank located on the main Laurier school campus.

Thanks to the donations of so many people, we are able to donate a great amount of food to the Laurier students who, through their fees, support all Laurier athletics program. Without these students we would not have the amazing curling program that we do, and all of you who donated have helped us to give back to those supporters in need.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Jim, who helped out by securing several draw prizes for those who supported the drive. These prizes included two, one-half hour sightseeing flights over Waterloo Region, a therapeutic massage from Amy Rietzel, RMT, a gift certificate to Keg Restaurants and other amazing prizes.

The two large grocery carts where the food was collected were donated by the local Valu-Mart, and both were overflowing with the food by the conclusion of the drive. Thank you to Valu-Mart for the donation of the carts. The food will be delivered to the WLU food bank and they are very grateful for our support.

The Laurier Curling program is sincerely appreciative of the support of the K-W Granite Club, thank you to all who donated and happy new year!

Men's Daytime

Tuesday AM event 1:

After a closer look at the rule book, it was determined that the team of Ray Hussey, Bruce Lowe, Herb Millard and John Ledlow was the winner with a record of 6-1. (with 1 bye)

Second place was tied between Bob MacMillan and Lew Ayers with records of 6-2. A closest to the button contest was held to break the tie. Bob had the better practice throw, but Lew was closest with the one that counted. So, Lew's team of Les Saunders, Hans Schamp and Paul Carter will take second place.

The Men's Daytime Christmas Skins game was very well attended. For the first time we had 6 full sheets! We even had to turn away a late comer. (Sorry John L)

There will be no game on Thursday afternoon February 9th as the Dominion Provincial Stick region 3 play downs will be held at our club. Come out and cheer on Bryan Hawkins, Ed Ferguson, Wayne Short and Dave Cain as they attempt to qualify for the Provincial final.

Cheers, Dave Cain

Around the Rink ...From your friendly neighborhood Ice Tech.

Welcome back to Granite for the last half of the season. I feel sorry for all those that have left for the sunny south or the ones that will be leaving shortly. Hope everyone had a great holiday season.

I want to thank Carl Hoffman for giving me a hand for redoing the ice between Christmas and New Years. Jason Campbell from the city cut the ice with the Olympia. We then burned out the stud marks from the tires, scraped, mopped and cleaned the ice, then put on 2 floods to get it back level. Hope it's better than it was before Christmas.

Couple of other things, usually new curling sweaters make great Christmas gifts but leave fluff on the ice that could cause picks. Wash them before wearing them. Also make sure the inside of your grippers are clean. Check them periodically.

See ya around the rink
Brush McBroom



Business Ladies

Happy New Year To All!

It looks like winter is finally arriving. Please remember to give yourself a few extra minutes to get to where you are going. We wish you all safe travels in this weather.

We are currently well into our second draw of the curling season. The race for top spot is getting heated! A reminder that standings are posted on the website after each game so you can see where you are in the round. Overall standings will also be posted so you can see how you are doing for the season.

To all of our competitive teams we wish you luck in all of your upcoming events. Our Bantam Team have been burning up to ice sheets as of late. They've racked up a third place finish, 3 second place finishes, and 2 first place finishes so far on their bonspiel tour. Let's send them some luck in their bid to make it through Zones in January!

If you have a team that is moving and shaking, heading to a bonspiel or working on qualifying for Zones, Regionals, Provincials or Nationals, why not make mention of it to Pam MacCollum, so you ladies can be recognized as well!

Happy Curling!
Pam MacCollum

K-W Detroit Curling Exchange

For the past 95 years without interruption, a curling exchange has occurred involving the K-W Granite Club and the Detroit Curling Club. It is an event where the importance of winning is secondary to the many friendships that have been and are being made every time the exchange is held. Detroit is coming to Kitchener-Waterloo in March 2012 to complete the second section of the 95th exchange. A sign-up sheet with further details including the actual dates will be posted in the curling lounge at the end of January. In the meantime, we would recommend viewing our website to learn more about the exchange – through the many pictures and provided information.

Website - http://kwgranite.com/KW_Detroit_Exchange

Ron Shane



Dundee Wealth Management - Friday Night Mixed League

On behalf of our sponsor, Michael Collins of Dundee Wealth Management, all the best for a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year.

We have three more weeks in our second round before re-setting for the final round robin draw that will run from January 27th through March 16th. We do still have one undefeated team with Team Hussey amassing a record of 7 wins and two ties so far. A two week playoff with all teams qualifying will run March 23rd and 30th, with a closing banquet to be held on March 30th. If for any reason you will not be able to field a team for the playoffs, please let me know.

Bruce McConnell

Day Ladies Curling

Happy New Year to everyone. Hopefully all members had a great time with their families and are raring to curl in the coming months.

CHRISTMAS and FRIENDSHIP Jitney: The event occurred on Tues. Dec. 13, 2011 at 12:45 p.m. Meribeth Anderson and her diligent elves co-ordinated and prepared the festivities. The afternoon curling and follow-up desserts were a success. A big thank you to Bette Eccles who provided the members with ornament stockings. Thank you Meribeth for all your hard work. As well thank you to our sponsor, Cameron's Flower Shop.

Senior Ladies Regionals: The regionals were held at the Granite Club from Dec. 10th to Dec. 12th, 2011. Team Allen, with Ilse Hoffman, Wendy Simpson and Bev Houston were able to win the B side. Team Richardson, with Lois Fox, Lynda McRae and Doreen Pascoe were not able to continue their success in this qualifying round.

Club Member Passing: Jean Price, a longtime member passed away on Dec. 1, 2011. We send the family of Jean our heartfelt condolences at this time of need. Her family was able to hold a get together at the Granite Club on Dec. 12th.

LOOKING AHEAD:

1. Semi-Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thurs. Jan. 12, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. Please plan to attend.
2. LADIES BONSPIEL in the Park: It is scheduled for MON. Jan. 23, 2012. Look for more details in the ladies locker-room.
3. KW and GALT Curling Exchange is set for Wed. Feb. 15, 2012 at the Galt Curling Club. It is a great way to meet fellow curlers from the area.

Funny Bone for this New Year: A teacher asked a young student named Joseph why he was late the first day back from the holiday break. He replied because of a sign down the road. She was mystified at his response and questioned him on what does a sign have to do with your being late? Joseph replied I read "School Ahead, Go Slow!" Now that we are back let's do our best to be the best that we can be!

Submitted by: Wanda Bauer

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