



BETWEEN THE SHEETS

September 2023 Newsletter

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Manager's Report

The Granite is gearing up for the start of the curling season. The installation of the ice is well underway. Regular league play starts on Sunday, October 1. There is free practice ice for Granite members from 2-4 pm on Saturday, September 30. Please share the ice with other members if there is a large turnout. The bar will be open.

This year's Mother Club Fall Classic bonspiel September 14-17 has a bunch of international teams entered, teams from BC and SK and of course local talent. The Bob Picken Masters bonspiel with a berth running September 26-29 is now at the Granite having moved from the now defunct Thistle Curling Club. The Senior Men's spiel with a berth takes place October 19-22.

You'll see a newly renovated 3rd floor with the original hardwood from 1912 brought back to its original lustre.

We are looking for some help with 3 things:

One 6X12 snooker table was sold and the other was disassembled in hopes of using its remarkable wood to build a bar on the 3rd floor. We need a finishing carpenter to build it.

A quantity of special curling pins were donated to the club that deserve to be put into some kind of display.

A handful of those beautiful curling trophies need a good polishing.

Please contact the office if you are able to help with any of the above.

The Granite kitchen opens in October for lunch on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Happy Curling, Jamie Hay

Curling I/O

The Granite is moving to online registration using curling i/o. Everyone must register for curling individually online through curling i/o. <https://clubs.curling.io/en/clubs/467-granite-curling-club>

Click "Registration" to get you to the leagues. Add your league(s) to your cart. If you don't already have a profile in Curling I/O you'll need to set one up.

The 5th, 6th, etc. person needs to check the "5th player" check box in curling i/o.

Once registered, you MUST click 'submit' at the end of registration for it to be completed. To pay, please send an e-transfer to the Granite email address or mail a cheque to the club, payable to the Granite Curling Club: 1 Granite Way, Winnipeg, R3C0Y9. Payment can also be made at the Granite office using visa, mastercard or a debit card.



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Manitoba Open - Looking for Suggestions

CurlMB has formed a committee of curlers, CurlMB board members/staff and club representatives to brainstorm changes to the Manitoba Open bonspiel. This bonspiel is still the largest bonspiel in the world but the number of participants has been trending downward for the last few decades. The committee will make recommendations for improvements. They have asked clubs to canvass their membership for ideas. If any Granite members has any suggestions of how the big spiel can be improved please send them by mid-September via email to the Granite: curl@granitecurlingclub.ca They will then be forwarded to the committee.

Fundraising

The Grey Cup Raffle tickets are an important fund raiser for the Granite. The proceeds are used to fund ongoing improvements to the club, in addition to subsidizing the Learn to Curl and student curling programs. All members are asked to help by buying and selling tickets. They will be available as soon as the season starts.

Granite Playoffs - Seagram's Whisky Curling Club Men's Winnipeg Regionals

The Granite is having a playoff to get 2 teams to represent the club at the Seagram's Whisky Men's Regionals. Eligible teams must have 4 male members curling together in any league at the Granite (make-up teams are not permitted). If you are interested please enter the playoff in curling i/o: <https://granite-winnipeg.curling.io/en/competitions>

Entry deadline TBA.

Granite Women's Curling League Update

The Granite Women's Curling League, Wednesday and Friday evenings, has room for new teams this season. If you know someone or a team who might be interested in joining our league please ask them to email - gwcl@granitecurlingclub.ca " or call 204-880-8441.

Guards Curling League

Sunday morning at the Granite also sees the Guards Curling League take the ice. League sees teams made up of families, friends, and strangers that become friends and feel like family. Open to all ages and curling abilities. Text Ingrid at 204-981-9165 if interested in registering a full team, half team or joining as an individual.

Drop In Learn to Curl

The Saturday Drop-In Learn to Curl program at the Granite is looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping out please contact Linda Brown at lpstoesz@shaw.ca or 204-880-8441. The Drop-In Learn to Curl runs on Saturdays Noon - 2:00 p.m. - please check the Granite Calendar for dates that this program is being offered. Come out and share your love of the game and help grow the sport!

Recycle your gently used gripper! The Drop-In Learn to Curl program is looking for some gripper donations. If you are changing your gripper this season, please consider donating your old one. If you have a slip-on slider that you no longer use, please consider donating that as well. Donations can be left on the desk outside the Granite office. You will find a box there marked "Slider and Gripper Donations". Thanks!

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Keystone Rainbow Curling League

The Keystone Rainbow Curling league is a mixed league with both recreational and competitive play. It is Manitoba's LGBT2SQ+ curling league, and we are always looking for new members.

Ice Curling Rings

The Keystone Rainbow Curling League is excited for folks to see our league's new curling rings in the ice at the Granite Curling Club. The league and the Granite Curling Club work towards providing a supportive place for LGBT2SQ+ folks to curl.

Having these rings in the ice with help promote our league, help to promote our league's events,

encourage LGBT2SQ+ participation in sport, and help create a safe place at the Granite Curling Club.



Bonspiel Save the Date

The Keystone Rainbow Curling League has started planning for their annual Bison Cup Bonspiel. This will take place February 15-18, 2024.

This is a LGBT2SQ+ fun bonspiel in which we promote an environment where members of our community and their allies flourish intellectually, socially, and emotionally.



Learn to Curl Events

The Keystone Rainbow Curling League is happy about the upcoming 'Learn to Curl' events at the Granite Curling Club.

KRCL volunteers are excited to assist at the Granite Curling Club's FREE 'Learn to Curl' on September 23, 2023.

The Keystone Rainbow Curling League is hosting it's own FREE Learn to Curl; event for LGBT2SQ+ individuals on Sunday September 24th at 11am.

Keystone Rainbow Curling League – Patio Party

The Keystone Rainbow Curling League had a Patio Party registration event at Little Brown Jug on August 31, 2023. This was a great opportunity for folks to be social, see curling friends, and to get folks registered for the upcoming season.

More information about the Keystone Rainbow Curling League can be found online: www.keystonecurling.com. Check the league's social media on Instagram @keystonecurling and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/eystonerainbow. Email keystonecurling@outlook.com with any questions.

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- Practice ice for rent: September 11-30
- Mother Club Fall Classic Bonspiel September 14-17
- First Drop-in Learn to Curl: September 23 at noon
- Bob Picken Masters Bonspiel with berth September 26-29 (daytime games)
 - Club Opening BBQ: September 28 at 5 pm
 - Annual General Meeting: September 28 at 7 pm
 - Free practice ice for members September 30 from 2-4 pm
- Leagues start up Sunday, October 1 (some leagues start later)

Coming Soon

Live Streaming of curling games on sheets 4, 5 and 6!

Stay tuned for more information!

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