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Have a great summer, see you next season!

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Important Dates:

Aug. 21 Early Practice Ice Starts
Aug. 21-25, Aug. 28-May 1 Camp Carruthers
Sept. 21-24.....Mother Club Fall Classic

President's Throw by Warren Reimer

We have concluded a very successful curling season. Revenues are well ahead of last year, so that allows us to keep moving forward and making improvements to the club. We have a few projects planned for this summer to spruce the club up.

And, we will have brand new rocks for next season. The Handle Naming fundraiser went extremely well. All handles were sold out in a very short time. Thanks to all of you that did your part and purchased engraving. The new rocks can only improve our curling experience.

We had three teams that competed in National Championships. Team Englot competed at the National Scotties and came so close to winning. Team

Franklin, at the National Masters, and Gunnlaugson/Birchard, at the Mixed Doubles, had great showings. Congratulations to all of them.

We added some new leagues and curlers this past season, and the feedback has been very positive. The Sunday night Drop-in was well very well received, and will continue next year. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped out with that program. So, we hope to continue to prosper, and keep the Granite as the number one club in the Province. The ice will be in early, as we are hosting Camp Carruthers, which is a Summer Junior Curling Camp. It starts on August 21. You can find more information about the Granite and upcoming events on the Granite Facebook page, or our website. Please have a look.

Have a great summer, and see you on the ice next season!

THE GRANITE CURLING CLUB IS THE TRADITIONAL CENTRE OF
EXCELLENCE PROMOTING THE SPORT OF CURLING IN A POSI-
TIVE, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE SERVING ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.

Club Manager's Report

By Jamie Hay

The Granite ended the season with 10 straight days of bonspiels; the Youth, GWL and Rock n Roll. The Rock n Roll spiel has gained momentum in only its second year with 36 teams and a waiting list. Music and curling are a great mix.

Curling starts up again on August 21 with Reid Carruthers bringing his Curling Camp to the Granite. Ice will be available to rent from the start of the camp until the regular season starts.

There will be a Mixed Doubles bonspiel on the September long weekend being organized by Jeff Stoughton. It will have substantial prize money so some big names in the curling world are anticipated to enter.

The 2016-17 revenue numbers are well ahead of last season and I'm looking forward to seeing the accountant's financial reports. Thank you to those members who have brought family or groups from work to the club for meals and events, this added business is appreciated. It's your club, the more you use it the healthier it becomes.

Keep checking the Granite website for the latest news and like the Granite Facebook page, we are actively updating both.

The curling season always ends at just the right time with summer lake runs, BBQs, boating and golf to look forward to.

Happy golfing, Jamie

Granite Women's Curling League

By Kathleen Dawson

The 2016/2017 season was a great one for the GWCL! We increased our membership by two teams on Wednesdays and three teams on Fridays, the McKim team from Wednesday nights won the 2017 Granite Curling Club Women's Championship, and the Lazar team from Friday nights won the right to represent the Granite Curling Club at the Travelers Regional Qualifiers in November 2017.

I'd like to thank Anne Russell and Kathy Fenton for their years of service as the GWCL Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and I'm pleased to welcome Kristina Harber and Bev Henry to the Executive for the 2017/2018 season.

We are accepting new teams into the GWCL on Wednesdays (8:00 pm) and Fridays (5:45 pm) for the 2017/2018 season. Our first days of curling next season will be Friday, September 29 and Wednesday, October 4. If you are interested in signing up, or would like more information about our league, please contact me at dawson_kat@hotmail.com.

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Bison Business Girls Curling League

By Darlene Maywood

The Bison Business Girls Curling League finished their season on April 10 with our Annual General Meeting, banquet, prize/trophy presentations and registration for the next curling season. Prizes were presented to Grand Aggregate, A, B & C Group winners and runner-up.

Pictured below is the Jill Proctor team, Grand Aggregate winners for the Bison Business Girls Curling League.



Karen Fallis, Jill Proctor, Lynn Fallis-Kurz, Darlene McGibbon, Kristen Reimer, Cathy Gillespie

We currently have 2 empty spots open for the 2017/18 curling season and they have been offered to the top 2 teams on the waiting list. We are waiting to hear back.

Our league is scheduled to start back up on Monday, October 2, 2017. Until then, I hope everyone has a great summer.

Granite Men's Leagues

Congratulations to the following Men's Leagues winners!

CLUB CHAMPION Ron Gauthier Team

GRAND AGGREGATE Mark Franklin Team

GRANITE CUP Jim Shuturma Team

GRANITE CUP CONSULATION ... Ron Monson Team

TUESDAY

AGGREGATE and A GROUP Jamie Hay Team

B GROUP Ivan Sabesky Team

WEDNESDAY

AGGREGATE Mark Franklin Team

A GROUP Neil Martin Team

B GROUP Jim Shuturma Team

C GROUP Marv McDonald Team

THURSDAY

AGGREGATE and A GROUP Bill Hoffer Team

B GROUP Bruce Peloquin Team

C GROUP David Bastable Team

BUILDING SECURITY

All Members are equally responsible to maintain security of our premises at all times.

The building is alarmed and recorded by camera 24/7 but we need your assistance.

The front door is to remain closed and locked. **The code is simple and easy to use.** Post it on your cell phone if you can't remember it. Do not let strangers through without directing them to the office. Ask your league rep or the office for the front door, locker and third floor billiard room code.

Buffalo Motor Curling Club (Saturday Morning)

By John Read

The three remaining teams from the Winter Club League joined the five teams from the Buffalo Motor League to form a viable eight team league. The transition was smooth and seamless and the increased variety was enjoyable for everyone.

The Read team emerged as champions following a three week playoff round. It consists of John Read (skip), Rory MacDonald (third), Warren Pedersen (second) and Mary Read (lead).

The windup dinner was held on April 7, and a good time was had by all. Almost everyone plans to return next season.

Granite Curling Club Member Survey

By Ken Wimble

The Granite Curling Club conducted an online survey following the 2016-17 curling season to collect input from membership. The 390 responses collected will assist with planning for the 2017-18 curling season. Thank you to membership for completing the survey and providing thoughtful comments. The following section summarizes the survey results.

How would you rate your overall curling experience at the Granite Curling Club?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Very Good	46.0%
Good	48.8%
Neutral	4.7%
Poor	0.3%
Very Poor	0.3%

How would you rate the quality of the ice conditions this season?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Very Good	29.8%
Good	50.4%
Neutral	14.4%
Poor	5.2%
Very Poor	0.3%

How would you rate the level of service from the restaurant and lounge staff?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Very Good	49.6%
Good	40.2%
Neutral	8.4%
Poor	1.6%
Very Poor	0.3%

How would you rate the quality of the menu items on this season's menu?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Very Good	24.0%
Good	46.6%
Neutral	25.6%
Poor	3.0%
Very Poor	0.8%

Approximately how often do you order food before or after a game?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Every game	31.1%
Every other game	15.0%
Once a month	14.8%
Rarely	25.9%
Never	13.2%

How would you rate the fees you pay at the Granite Curling Club relative to those for other curling clubs or recreational activities?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Very Reasonable	31.8%
Somewhat Reasonable	35.4%
Neutral	25.8%
Somewhat Expensive	6.5%
Very Expensive	0.5%

Which of the following aspects of the curling club do you feel need improvement?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Registration	11.3%
Ice conditions	32.5%
Draw scheduling	7.8%
Locker rooms	31.3%
Parking Lots	21.9%
Other	34.4%

Would you support online registration? Note that an additional small fee (approximately 3 percent) may be required to replace volunteers with a third party online vendor.

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes, and I would be willing to pay the additional fee	25.5%
Yes, but not if an additional fee is required	29.7%
No	19.7%
Undecided	25.2%

Did you participate in a bonspiel during the 2016-17 season?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes, and at least one of which was at the Granite Curling Club	26.2%
Yes, but not at the Granite Curling Club	18.1%
No	55.7%

Is your team planning to return to the Granite Curling Club for the 2017-18 season?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	87.0%
No, our team will not be curling together next season	1.8%
No, our team will be curling at a different club next season	0.8%
undecided	10.4%

Granite Curling Club Advertising Rates

Ice Rink Advertising

Size	Sq. Ft.	Yearly Price	Cost per Sq. Ft.	Three Year Term	Cost per Sq. Ft.
Side wall 4 x 8	32	\$500.00	\$15.63	\$1,300.00	\$13.54
Score board 3 x 14	42	\$750.00	\$17.86	\$1,950.00	\$15.48
Back wall 6 x 12	72	\$1,300.00	\$18.06	\$3,380.00	\$15.65
Clock 2.5 x 16	40	\$800.00	\$20.00	\$2,080.00	\$17.33

Center Button Decal - does not include production costs

2 per sheet	2	\$75.00	\$37.50		\$0.00
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Back of the House in Ice Decals - does not include production costs

2' x 2'	4	\$150.00	\$37.50		\$0.00
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Looking to reach curlers with your ads?

Size Choices:

1/3 column—3.6" wide x 3.2" high = 11.52 Sq. in.
 2/3 column—3.6" wide x 6.5" high = 23.4 Sq. in.
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