



# Written in GRANITE

November 2022

## Message from the Lease Committee

### Upcoming Events

#### Learn to Curl and under 5 years Experience Bonspiel

Sunday, December 11

\$25 per player includes two games, lunch, the scavenger hunt and prizes!

This event is almost full at 48 individuals and promises to be a blast! If you have not entered, do so before this gets "sold out" and you would then be on a wait list.

For more details, email Scott Allen at [garttrav@sympatico.ca](mailto:garttrav@sympatico.ca)

#### Winterlude

Monday, Dec. 12

A full day Bonspiel for all Women in the Daytime Leagues

Convenors: Val Rotar's Team

Sponsor: Margie Meyer

#### Christmas and Friendship

Thursday, Dec. 15

A half day Jitney (9:15) for all

Women in the Daytime Leagues

Convenors: Wendy Lauer, Jan Fell, Dianne James, Ann Silk

#### Win, lose or die!

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 11pm

Board game night hosted by

Jason Beierling

A free event, open to all members with snacks provided.

*Mark your calendar now!*

Good news at the Board meeting last Tuesday [Nov15th]. Finally, after some 3-plus years we have negotiated a lease extension to use the City of Waterloo "Rink in the Park" facility. It has been a difficult time for the Lease Committee of Chair Doug Suerich, Matt Schumacher, former club Treasurer, and long-time member Lew Ayers, but we did it. Albeit the lease is short term - 4years, the purpose was to get us over Covid and back on our feet. As you can rightly imagine Covid had a drastic effect on the club through the loss of a substantial portion of our membership and the accompanying loss in revenues. There was no way we could take on the costs associated with a long-term lease without knowing how the membership numbers would rebound. It was the only way to go. Our membership numbers are now close to the numbers pre-Covid and it is our hope we can work towards a negotiated long-term lease of 10-15 years shortly, which should bring stability and continuity to the club. Stay tuned.

As far as the current lease provides, as previously stated, the term is for 4 years, we have firmed up our parking arrangements - 4 rows of parking on the west side adjacent to the club and an additional 21 parking spaces on the east side of the club. Enforcement will be more aggressive with additional bylaw enforcement officers appointed to write tickets for vehicles not authorized to park in our spaces. Better signage is anticipated to outline our parking, which hopefully will also reduce the numbers of unauthorized vehicles using our parking. Make sure you have a permit [available at the bar] visible on your vehicle indicating you are properly parked. The issue of building maintenance for our aging building has been an ongoing concern. We believe we now have a better understanding between the Club and the City to work through these issues. It should be noted that the City has recently installed a new HVAC system at a cost of some \$350,000 and positive discussions have ensued between the parties in regards to the replacement of a new roof for the building. We thank the City for their support. Partnerships with external organizations has been on the agenda. The City would like to see a greater use of the building especially in the off-season. Things are looking much more positive for our club. Any questions - ask your Board members or the Lease Committee.

Thank you,

Lease Committee (Doug Suerich, Matt Schumacher, and Lew Ayers)

## RINK IN THE PARK

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### Tuesday Night Mixed

Is desperately seeking three female players to complete teams. If you are interested or know of anyone, please contact the club.

## Around the Club

### Daytime Men

We have struggled with a number of absences but are persevering. For the second round, we will have 12 teams on both days, and have decided to have 2 bye teams each week to cover the inevitable absences. We are looking forward to having learn-to-curl men join us.

Our Christmas Skins game + Pizza lunch will be on Tues. Dec 20 at 9:30 am.

#### Tuesday morning:

*First Place:* Somehow, Lew Ayers' team had only 1 loss. It must be because he had Brian Black, John Scott and Paul Carter with him!

*Second Place:* Ray Hanton's team had 3 losses along with 7 other teams. He had the highest first game throwoff and takes second place. With Ray were Brad Bennett, Chris Korcozynski and Greg Schott. Thursday Afternoon

#### Thursday afternoon:

*First Place:* Tom Powell had no losses! He said it was the rest of the team that set things up for him; he mostly threw guards!

With him were Gerry Steingart, Ernie Trompke and Dave Cooper.

*Second Place:* Ian Anderson's team was by themselves with 2 losses. With Ian were: John Martin, Norm Green and Terry Ridgway. Cheers,

#### Men's Daytime Convenors:

Tuesday: Dave Cain and John Scott, Thursday: Brad Tucker and Paul Carter.

### Daytime Women

#### ***Congratulations to the winners of the Tuesday Harvest Classic Event***

*Lorna Allen (Skip) Jane Sullivan (lead), Nancy Tippin (Vice), Elizabeth Finlay ( second)*

**Monday, Dec. 5** - Championship Playoffs

**Thursday, Dec. 8** - 'The Snowflake' Round Robin Event

Convenors Wanda Bauer and Brenda Kropf

Sponsors Gerry McGregor and Linda Egleston

**Monday, Dec. 12** - 'Winterlude', a full day Bonspiel for all Daytime Women

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**Monday, Jan. 9** - 'The Wendy Simpson Memorial' Event starts

Convenors: Lorna Allen, Ilsa Hoffman

Sponsor: Bill Simpson

**Tuesday, Jan. 10** - 'The Anne Patterson Memorial' Event starts: Round Robin

Convenors: Sandy Nethercott and Wendy Lauer, Sponsor: Jan Gyorffy



## Table Top Strategy Board

Need to strategize before a big game or rehash that missed takeout? The Strategy Board is in the lounge for members to use. Thanks to Rob Adams for donating the board and Tim Taylor for making the “stones”.



## Is it time to replace my broom pad?



See Page 4 for the answer.

## 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](mailto:gartrav@sympatico.ca) with your interest or any questions you may have.

## Successful Six Pack Event!

This year's theme was **superheroes** and we had some very good costumes! Overall, the day was super success! We had 8 teams, with two teams from out of town (Shelburne and Brant).



With our six-player rotating format, everyone plays each position and there were many close games. While sitting out, players enjoyed our curling bingo game. We had soup and sandwiches for lunch and a pizza dinner with all participants going home with a prize.

Special thanks to our main sponsor Waterloo Brewery. Additional thanks to Paul Ernest (Keg Draft Services) and Meredith Bee (Tupperware) for their prize donations.

Shout out to the volunteers that helped with the event: Ashley Falconer, Lianne Franklin and Meredith Bee. We look forward to hosting this event again next year.

## Our Army of Volunteers includes Tim Taylor

Tim Taylor began curling when he married into a curling family and has now been curling for 40 years. In 2021, he took over the Learn to Curl program mid-season and has put his “chronic organizer” and curling skills to good use. He had been instructing for the Manulife League (now the 5 pm Tuesday Social) for 25 years as well as a High School instruction for 10 years.

He is continually researching and improving the LTC program. The fall session accepted 40 new curlers. Tim aims for a 4 to 1 ratio of students to instructors, so a six-session LTC program involves 180 instructor commitments – Tim’s army! The end of session feedback has been very positive with many participants indicating an interest in joining the club. The last 2 years Tim has organized instructors for the Open Houses, as well as the Try Curling and Returning Curlers clinics.

Tim is also frequently at the club playing in the following leagues: Monday Open, 5 pm Tuesday Social, Wednesday Men, and Friday Mixed. He enjoys the sport and all the people he plays with.

The next LTC session starts in January. Tim is hoping to have another 40 registrants and has already begun organizing his “army”.



## Equipment Corner – Brush Heads

Don’t forget to take care of the pad of your brush head and replace it every so often. An old pad will become less effective over time, get dirty and unsightly. How often you replace it depends on a few factors: how often you curl, how much you sweep during a game, and how competitive you are.

For the typical club curler, the generally accepted rule is that you should replace your pad once per season for every time you play per week. Are you a once-a-week curler? Then you just want to get a new pad once per season. Play twice a week? Replace it mid-season... and so on. If you’re only a skip (you lazy bones), then you probably don’t need to replace it this often. The only thing your front end asks is that you have a brightly coloured pad, so they can easily see the target.

In our Pro Shop, you’ll see two types of brush head pads: ones approved by the World Curling Federation (WCF) and ones for recreational curling. If you don’t remember the controversial “Broomgate” (aka Broom-haha, aka Broomageddon) from 2015, one of the big issues was that the materials used for the pads had become too “effective” and the WCF mandated that everyone had to use the same (ugly yellow) material. If you aren’t planning to participate in an event leading to a Curling Canada championship, you don’t need to bother with the WCF heads. Treat yourself to a more effective (and more colourful) pad.