



# The Granite Quarry

December 2025

## Curlers in the House!

Can you believe that it is December already! The first portion of our season has slid by. Welcome to another edition of the Granite Quarry. A lot has happened already this season, so let's do a quick recap for everyone.

### New Staff

Brian Dean has taken over as head ice tech, and has thoroughly impressed us with his skills, technique and dedication to the job. The ice is faster and more reliable than ever. Brian has assembled an amazing team of assistant ice techs to help maintain such stellar ice for us all year!

Rick Fulmer and Joe Ruptash took over as managers this summer and have been diligently working to keep our rink up and running. From bookkeeping and invoices to general cleaning duties and liaising with all the leagues, both gentlemen have put their full energy into this job and it really shows.

### Happy Ice Tech, Happy Curlers

Speaking of ice, this great ice is a team effort. Please remember to either clean your shoes or remove them before stepping foot in the lobby. This includes family and friends coming to watch the games. Even the smallest bit of dirt can cause your rocks to wreck and it's a nightmare for our ice crew.



The cleaner we can keep the lobby, and the less dirt we can track onto the ice, the better for everyone.

Curlers, please ensure your grippers and shoes are in good condition, and cleaned regularly.

Thank You

**Win your fees back** congrats to Lee Jubinville (Men's league) for early registration.

### Pride Ice Breaker Bonspiel

From Nov 6-9<sup>th</sup>, the Granite hosted this incredible bonspiel. Teams from across the country participated, with the Granite's own The Brush Sisters (Team Theaker) taking the win!

### What's Cooking?

Victor is back behind the counter, running Super Amigos for another season. The menu has been refreshed slightly from last year, with a variety of tasty meals and dishes on offer to our curlers. Stop by, say hi, and order some tacos!



## Get to Know Us!

Our mission is to provide a safe, affordable, sustainable and inclusive curling facility that offers social, recreational and leisure enjoyment for all Edmontonians.

### Board of Directors:

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### Connect With Us!

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<https://granitecurlingclub.com/>

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## Important Dates

- Christmas Break: December 24 – January 1. *The office will be closed. Curling resumes with the Friday Mixed League Jan 2, 2026 at 7pm.*
- January 24, 2026: Curling with Pride Fun Spiel
- Jan 29-Feb1 2026: Curling Alberta Masters Championship Qualifiers
- February 1-6, 2026: Blind Curling National Playoffs
- February 14-15, 2026: Intercity Chinese Bonspiel

## New Years Eve Funspiel – Dec 31

Celebrate the end of 2025 at the Granite! This special Funspiel features two 3-end games, snacks and drinks from the bar, and a great atmosphere with family and friends. Check-in opens at 6 pm Dec 31.

Cost is \$50 per participant or \$20 for non-curlers. Space is limited, so head to the website to register today!



## Chase the Ace

This weekly raffle is off to a great start, with money collected going towards important upgrades and repairs around the club. Tickets are \$5 and available from the lounge. Every Friday night we

draw for a winner, with tickets only valid for that week's draw. More details are on the website. Will you find that elusive Ace of Spades and win the jackpot?

## Looking Ahead

In February 2026 we will have the privilege of hosting the Blind Curling National Playoffs. This is the first time that a western province has ever hosted this incredible event! More details will be released closer to the date, but we will be looking for volunteers for this event, as well as spectators to cheer on the competitors.

## Managers Report

Welcome to the 2025-26 season of curling. We would like to welcome back and thank all the returning staff as well as volunteers Dave N. & Rick A. & many board members for helping get the doors open this season. A big shout out to the ice crew for working through an unexpected startup delay. Thanks to all the curlers who were understanding with the delay and are now enjoying a great ice surface. Thanks to **Versa Frame** (Lee J.) for material & labor to reface the outside wall just south of the main entrance. We hope you have noticed some of the changes that have taken place to improve the look and feel of the club as we continue to look for ways to maintain our aging building. Your support of the lounge, pro-shop, concession and the fundraising efforts (NEW Chase the Ace) help fund ongoing improvements.

We are always looking for advertisers and sponsors to support the club.

Please support our sponsors who advertise on-ice and throughout the club.

Feel free to stop by the office to share ideas. Have a fun & safe season.

## Historian's Corner: Dec. 7, 1950

*"Milestone Reached as Eaton's Sponsors Province-Wide Playoffs for Women.*

*Alberta femmes are now invading the ultimate competitive spheres of curling, with a large assist to the sports-conscious T. Eaton Co. For the first time, the women will play for an all-provincial title, operated along the lines of the men's British Consols"*

An incredible story from the Edmonton Journal, it boasts of the soon to be provincial ladies curling championships. At this time, the T. Eaton Co. already sponsored the Ladies Provincial event in Saskatchewan and was persuaded to sponsor a similar event in Alberta. The first provincial game was played in 1951, with Granite teams winning three times (1952, 1956 and 1971).

This sponsorship soon morphed into the Western Canadian Women's Championships, a forerunner to today's Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

*Khalehla Litschel*