



The Granite Quarry

Summer Updates 2026

Greetings Curlers!

While we usually leave the newsletter for our cooler months, it has been a busy Spring at the Granite and we want to update you on the changes so far and prepare you for the coming curling season.

Staff Changes

Co-Manager Rick Fulmer has decided that, after many years on the Board of Directors and also occasionally as the General Manager / Co-General Manager, it is time to retire! The Board of Directors offers our heartfelt thanks for all the years of service and leadership he has provided to the Granite. We look forward to curling against you and picking your brain whenever we catch you up in the Lounge!

Murray Lee, avid coach, curler, and Granite Board Member, has graciously accepted an offer to join Joe Ruptash as Co-General Manager of the Club effective July 1st. As a result of this new job, Murray has stepped down from the Board of Directors. The Board is enthusiastic about the great energy and ideas that Murray is bringing to the role. Make sure to offer your congratulations if you see him in the proshop or catch him practising his bar-tending upstairs in the Lounge.

Fee Updates and Registration

With the closing of the Avonair Curling Club in 2024, the Ottewell Curling Club in 2026, and the discontinuation of Curling at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club, the Granite's Board recognizes that the Club must operate in a sustainable manner and plan effectively for long term capital costs and maintenance.

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors has authorized the 2026-2027 Curling Fees. While we have worked hard to control costs and ensure members receive good value, some leagues may see larger changes than in previous years.

To help members avoid these increases, The Granite is offering an Early Bird rate to returning curlers. You can still get last year's rates if you Register AND Pay by July 31st. The 2026-27 Rates will apply to new members and also to returning curlers who pay on or after August 1st. Take advantage of this offer to secure your spot for next season! Remember, this offer only applies to those that Register AND Pay before July 31st. For information on team fees and how to register or pay, please contact the managers by email granitec@telusplanet.net or by phone (780) 439-0695.

New Teams (Hi Ottewell Curlers)

In case you didn't know, the Ottewell Curling Club recently closed its doors. While we are saddened at the loss of yet another curling institution in Edmonton, the Granite has opened its doors to provide a new home for the Ottewell curlers. The addition of the Ottewell curlers means that some of our leagues might fill up incredibly quickly, including Thursday Men's and Friday Mixed. We recommend registering your team quickly to keep your spot on your preferred league(s). Please give all the new curlers a warm Granite welcome when the season begins in the fall.

Call for New Board and Committee Members

Do you want to have a say in how the Granite is run, and what decisions are made? Are you good at finances, marketing or merchandise? Do you love to see things get done on a Committee? We would love to have your input!

The Board of Directors is currently recruiting for several positions on the Board starting in August. Anyone who is a member at the Granite can apply to join the Board. The Board meets monthly, and provides support, guidance, direction and oversight to our managers and staff. No prior board experience is needed, just a can-do attitude and desire to see this club become the best curling club in Edmonton!

If joining the Board isn't for you right now, there's still great opportunities to support the club by volunteering on Committees or at Events that are hosted during the year. Committees meet as needed, and action decisions made by the Board in areas such as marketing, fundraising, social media, event planning, rules and much more. We encourage all interested curlers to consider joining a committee.

Social Media Person

Our previous social media person has chosen to step away to focus on their education, and we are looking for a new person to lead this initiative. This role will primarily involve updating our Facebook page and other platforms, and posting events for the club and its associated leagues. Other duties may be assigned as well. It is a volunteer position that would run for the entire curling season. If you or a group of your friends would like to help us out, please contact the office. We would love to hear from you!

Pickleball

It's quite the racket! Pickleball is in full swing here at the Granite. Running until the end of July, this is a great way to stay active and meet new friends. For more information check the website or email Colin at colinhumeniuk@shaw.ca.

There is one more pickleball tournament happening this Summer at the Granite! Reach out today to learn about how you can sign up for this fun, friendly, and possibly somewhat competitive event on July 18th!

Fringe With Us

We are a host location for the Fringe Festival, August 13-23! Details on the performances will be released in mid-July, so check the Fringe website for details and tickets. We are so grateful to be apart of the Fringe community, and support arts.

We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing you on the ice this fall!



Granite Then (pre-1990s)



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