

GREY GRANITE CLUB
Owen Sound, Ontario

MORNING CURLING

Morning Curling – Who We Are

This group of curlers formerly consisted of men and women who were at least 50 years of age. This year, it has been decided to allow curlers of any age to participate in Morning Curling.

To be eligible you can be a full-time Club member or a per diem (pay as you play) member.



There is always room for new members – new or experienced.

We invite you to come and join us!

Activities during the Curling Season



- * MORNING CURLING – at 9:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and at 9:00 on Thursday, each week
- * FUN DAYS – usually Friday each month, (two games)
- * WEDNESDAY BONSPIELS on the Seniors' Circuit
- * GREY - BRUCE SR. MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP in March

How We Operate

MORNING CURLING:

We have a very relaxed organization. Five sheets of ice are available most weeks on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. We play one game daily consisting of 8 ends and it usually takes about 2 hours.

Curlers arrive at the Club around 9 a.m. (8:30 on Thursdays) or later. You will have registered for that day when you move your name disk from the Inactive board to the Active table after you arrive at the Club. No spares are needed! Teams are organized thereafter and you move out to the ice promptly at 9:30 (9:00 on Thursdays only).

Naturally, we play the game to win – and we usually manage to have a lot of fun too. In fact, no records are kept and each day is a new clean slate.

FUN DAYS:

A “fun day” is really a 2-game bonspiel. We hold our Fun Days usually on the last Friday of each month. There is a small additional charge for each Fun Day. Scores are kept and prizes awarded – usually meat prizes. Everyone gets a prize.

OTHER EVENTS:

The Wednesday Seniors’ bonspiels are competitions among Curling Clubs in Grey and Bruce counties. Most of the participants are from our senior clubs. You have to be invited to join a team or else you may enter your own team. The Grey Granite Seniors usually host their Seniors’ bonspiels in December and February each year.



The Grey-Bruce Senior Men’s Curling Championship is a culmination of our year’s events. Grey Granite participating teams may need to be established by elimination games in March.

Equipment Needed

You will need a few essentials. Footwear must be clean and should be safe. Streetwear is not permitted on the ice. You may purchase special curling shoes, available in local stores, as soon as you find out how serious you are about the game. Some curlers purchase a portable “slider” which they affix to their sliding foot (shoe) before delivery of their stones.

You will need a brush (formerly a broom) for sweeping. There are several Club brushes available on loan each morning for first time curlers. Synthetic surfaces on the brush are preferred. They come in several shapes and sizes.



Using the “Stick” In recent years, curling has experienced some revolutionary methods of delivering the curling stone. One of these is the stand-up method of using a “stick” to insert on the handle of the curling stone and then pushing the stone down the ice towards its target. Men and women who have artificial knees and/or hips, or other physical problems, are finding this new “trend” to rescue their curling careers. We have several sticks for you to use. Give them a try.

Gloves are advisable for your hands. Special curling gloves may be purchased if you decide to play regularly. Clothing should provide warmth but also flexibility. A sweater or jacket will be needed to keep you warm.

Fee Structure

Note: There is no initiation fee or club debenture required for this group.

Annual fee	\$325
Half-year fee	Available
Daily fee	\$10



How to get Started

It is really quite easy to start curling with the Morning Curling group at the Grey Granite. We always welcome new curlers.

If you are experienced – and feel comfortable about joining a team in a game, refer to the “**Contact Persons**” section in this brochure, give one of them a call – and make your arrangements. We’ll see you on the ice.

If you are new to curling – you may want to “throw some rocks” and, in general, test out the game before committing yourself, time-wise and financially. If so, arrange by way of a “**Contact Person**”, or through any one of our members whom you may know, to visit our Club and get some practice time in. Several of our members will give you some instruction in stone delivery, good sweeping techniques, and other points of the game.

In any case – you may elect to drop in to the Grey Granite during one of the morning games, and watch for a while. Stay around and ask for directions in getting started.

What Curling can mean

Here are some advantages that are likely to take place when you join the Morning Curlers at the Grey Granite:



- * the exercise will sharpen you up physically and you will improve your cardiovascular
- * it gets you “out of the house” early – your spouse will welcome the break and you get to start the day right
- * you make new social contacts and new friends and there is time to chat with other seniors with other interests

- * a chance to “learn the game” – if you decide to be serious about the game, there is much to be learned – and you can become quite proficient. You will enjoy the game on television even more.
- * you may want to get involved in Club activities

Contact Persons

The following members of the Morning Curling group have agreed to assist any prospective new members. You may call on either of them to ask questions or to arrange to get started curling at the Grey Granite:

- **Paul Smith** 519 - 534 - 0316
- **Bill Gallinger** 519 - 376 - 7360

GOOD LUCK and GOOD CURLING!

