

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



November 2024

WE ACCEPT:   



Hog Lion says "Hi"



At the Manotick Curling Club

REGISTRATION OPENS NOV 30:

<https://manotickcurling.com/index.php/club-events/event-registrations/weekend-social-bonspiels/new-year-s-party-2025>

Lace up your curling shoes, grab your broom, and join us for a New Year's celebration filled with thrilling matches, great company, and the chance to win fantastic prizes. Your journey on the ice isn't just about the games; it's about creating lasting memories and winning in more ways than one!

Priority for club members. Registration open to external clubs Dec. 10th.

DATE: December 31st 6:30pm to 1:00 am

Fee: Curlers \$40 Non curlers \$25

HIGHLIGHTS:

- *6 ended curling game!
- *Points spiel with teams created by organizers!
- *Party games & Music! Includes snacks, and prizes!
- *Collect ballots throughout the evening for even more chances at Prizes!

Colts League!

The Colts League is looking for new members in the new year. The Colts League is open to curlers with 5 or less years of experience.

New people or teams can register effective immediately for a cost of \$100. Payments can be made to payments2.mcc@gmail.com. Just indicate you are registering for Colts.

After registering, please send an email to: membership2.mcc@gmail.com indicating your team (if you have one) or what position they would prefer.

There will be ten games spread out Saturdays between January 4 and April 5, with draw times of 10 am, 12 pm and 2 pm. The bar will be open after the games.

Pace of Play Month

Thanks to everyone for making Pace of Play month a resounding success. There was lots of discussion and noticeably faster play. Faster play results in more enjoyable games so kudos to everyone who moved fast. By the end of November I'm confident we'll have given away 30 or more bags of chips for those teams who completed games with 15 minute ends (it CAN be done!)

Going forward let's keep it up and remember **THE BIG THREE**:

1. **FAST SKIP DECISIONS** The further skips think ahead for strategy, the quicker decisions can be made. This is the single largest time eater on the ice. Skips should move quickly on the easier decisions so they can take a little more time over the difficult ones. Start thinking about your next shot while the previous shot is in movement, and once ready, get your broom in place quickly.
2. **READY IN THE HACK** As soon as your opponent has released their rock, get down and set up your shot. Clean your rock and get your pre-shot routine done while your opposition's rock glides to a halt. Be ready!
3. **FIRST SHOT FAST** Lead players do not clear the stones from the previous end. They should get their stone, go to the hack, and do their pre-shot routine while others are clearing the stones from the previous end.

Did You Know That....

Chris Innes, the coordinator of the Little Rocks and Bantam programs, had one of the following experiences in his past:

1. As a teenager, he and a buddy got hold of some cigarettes, and inadvertently set the barn on fire.
2. Chris very much wanted to join the RCMP and participate in the musical rides, but was told he had to lose 50 lbs.
3. At the age of 18, Chris swam across the Ottawa River, and back again.



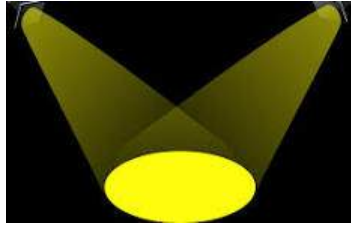
Which of these situations is the true one? Find out on the last page of the newsletter.

An Update on Little Rocks and Bantams From Chris

We have 83 youth registered and 21 coaches who help run four sessions each Sunday. **I am looking for another coach** to help teach strategy to the skips with the older youth (age 12 to 18) from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm and, occasionally, from 2:20 pm to 3:50 pm. (Contact Chris Innes if interested)



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Spotlight

Fellow Curlers,

I have been a member of the Manotick Curling Centre for 5 years. I curl Wednesday and Saturday nights. If you are looking to finance your home, let me help you!

Finding the right mortgage isn't as simple as it once was. I will work with you personally to offer you valuable insight throughout the process, save you time and find the mortgage that best suits your situation.

With over twenty years of industry experience, I can offer you innovative and unbiased advice. I'll shop the market for you, finding you the best products and competitive rates. I negotiate with lenders (even your own bank) so you can benefit from their rate specials and time-sensitive offers.

Whether you're new to home ownership, renewing or refinancing, give me a call to discuss your mortgage options.

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The Grand Spiel

March 26 to April 9, 2025

Registration begins Jan 2, 2025



Early registration highly recommended if you want to play in late March / early April

- Go to the Events tab on the website on Jan 2, to ensure you get in (only 128 spots)
- Teams picked by Skip's draft – a great way to meet new people and learn new skills
- You will play between 4 and 7 games over the 13 possible play days of the Grand Spiel
- Games may be scheduled weeknights or weekends – spare list will be available
- No games played Good Friday or Easter Sunday
- Indicate your preferred position (Skips already selected) – we will try to accommodate
- This is a major Club Award for “Club Curlers” - this is not the Brier or the Scotties!
- Bracket style playdown - games will be against teams with similar win/loss records
- Extravaganza Night party on Finals night (Wed April 9)
- All the nitty-gritty details will be on the registration form on the club website

The new 2025 Curling Calendars are now available
in the bar for \$25.



The Back Line

To see the Curling Ontario's latest news, click on the link for the November Newsletter:
<https://mailchi.mp/curlingontario/back-line-news-nov2024?e=b499d97e0c>

MCC Stick Clinic

A Stick Curling Clinic was held on Friday, November 22 at MCC. There were a dozen MCC member participants with varying levels of experience using the stick. The clinic covered all aspects of using the stick including delivery and how to generate various weights. A big thank you to Trevor Harris for running the clinic and to Sonny Lapointe for his assistance. We hope to run another clinic in the new year, hopefully on a weekend to allow those not available during the week to attend.



MCC Building Planning Committee

The MCC Board is looking for interested MCC members to be part of an MCC Building Committee. The MCC curling facility has reached a critical mass of members where we need to decide a number of things including:

- * whether to grow the number of sheets either by expansion or building a new facility or keep the status quo.
- * if we decide for the status quo (3 sheets forever) then the building will need to be renovated/expanded including possibly the lounge, entrance, washrooms, kitchen

The board needs MCC member participation to decide the way forward for our club. If you would like to participate in deciding the future of your club please send an email to Don Coulterman at president1.mcc@gmail.com.

Coming Events

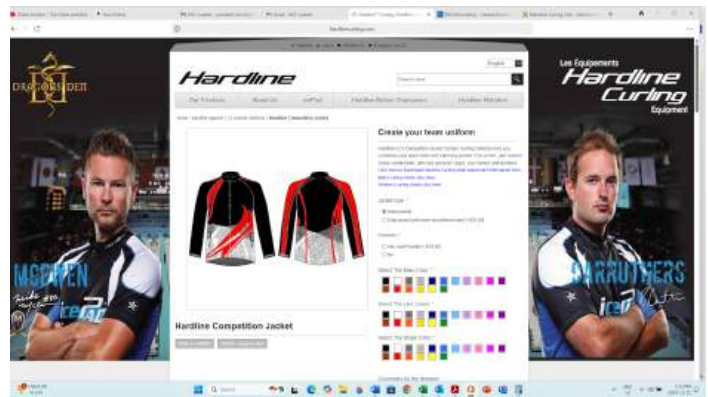
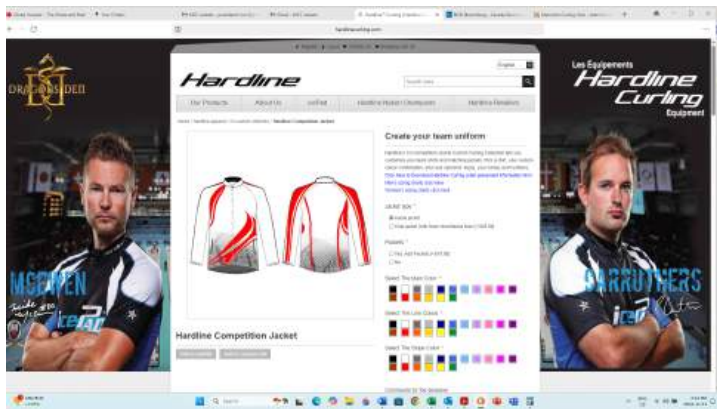
New Year's Eve Party - Dec. 31 - Registration Nov. 30

Karol Bilyj Memorial Senior Bonspiel - Mar. 10 to 14.
Register - <https://sites.google.com/view/kbmsb/home>

Grand Spiel - Mar. 26 to Apr. 9. Registration Jan. 2

Closing Spiel - Apr. 10 to 12

MCC Club Jackets for Sale Online



MCC has traditionally offered club jackets for sale with our brand colours of red, black and white. These jackets were solely purchased from Goldline, who carried them in different sizes at their local Ottawa store. To these jackets members could add a large MCC crest for the jacket back and a smaller crest for the front. These crests are still available for sale from the MCC's store (purchases can be made from the bar, bartenders have the keys to access stock). Sadly, Goldline no longer carries the jackets with our club's colours.

A recent search discovered that Hardline online store carries a jacket in our colours and can be purchased online for approximately \$125. These are custom jackets so they can be outfitted in many colours. However, the club has selected the 'Competition' style jacket with two variants as appropriate for use by MCC members. These variants are:

1. Main colour white, line colour black, stripe colour red (1st photo)
2. Main colour black, line colour white, stripe colour red (2nd photo)

The jackets have additionally priced options for a liner and pockets.

Members can order the jackets directly from Hardline and then purchase the MCC crests which they can add themselves. The only drawback is that there is a minimum quantity of 4 jackets per order. So while this works well for a team of 4 it does not for individuals. I would be happy to take the names of individuals interested in purchasing a jacket and then I'll send out an email copying all those interested so they can organize amongst themselves a joint order. Unfortunately I won't be doing the order myself as I already have an older MCC jacket.

<https://hardlinecurling.com/en/hardline-competition-jacket>



WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR
CURLING SKILLS?

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MONDAY SEPT 30TH 8AM**
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and Grand Slam of Curling
Champion
Jamie Sinclair

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\$200 FULL TEAM / 50MIN

**Lesson Options
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Release, Weight
Control, Sweeping,
Team Systems, and
Strategy.

Technologies Used:

Laser Line, Video
Analysis and Speed
Traps.

Answer to Did You Know That....

If you guessed that Chris set his family's barn on fire, you were correct. Hard to believe, isn't it! But this is what Chris says about that incident:

I lit the barn on fire as a youth. Yes, smoking. I was standing outside the barn with my partner in crime, and since we both smoked, we had a lighter.



There was a piece of straw sticking through a hole in the barn wall. We lit the piece of straw on fire, and it disappeared into the barn. The next thing we realized, smoke was drifting out the barn door. On the opposite side of the wall to where we were standing, was the rabbit pen, which was now on fire. We were able to put out the fire and rescue the animals quickly, but not before getting caught by my mother and sister.

You'll have to ask Chris yourself what the repercussions were of this little adventure. Chris didn't tell me.

