

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



December 2024

WE ACCEPT:   



The Great MCC Turkey Spiel

A festive atmosphere filled the Manotick Curling Center for our annual **Turkey Spiel**, held November 28-30. The event drew an impressive 96 participants, including 8 young curlers from our Youth Program, highlighting the multi-generational spirit of our curling community.



Congratulations to our winning teams: Team Davies, Team Sinclair, Team Fowler, and Team MacGregor, as well as all our Turkey toss winners!

The celebration reached its peak on Saturday evening with a hot turkey dinner followed by live entertainment from the Richochet Riders, who had everyone enjoying themselves well into the night.

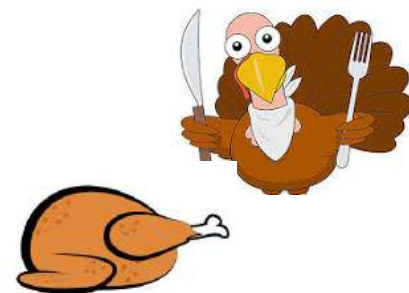
The success of this event relied on many helping hands, from our dedicated bar and kitchen staff to our skilled ice makers and the generous prize donors.

Special recognition goes to four individuals whose extraordinary efforts made this event truly memorable: Krista Kelly, whose behind-the-scenes work and home cooking added that special touch; Sarah Fletcher, who took on the monumental task of preparing 110 pounds of potatoes; Jean Stevenson who donated her major prize win, a TV, to the Boys and Girls Club, and Sharon Barnard, who not only took the time to teach Dave how to cook a turkey but also dedicated her entire Saturday helping in the kitchen.

Events like these remind us of the strong community spirit that makes our curling club so special.

Thank you and see you next time!

Dave Hannah, MCC Special Events





Thanks kitchen helpers!!



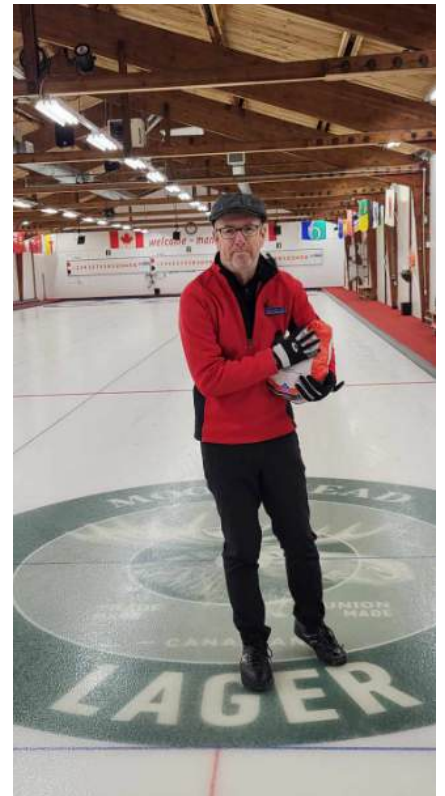
Bill LeDuc



Sharon Parker



Mike Richardson



Steve O'Halloran



Team Fowler
(great name,
gobble, gobble)



Team MacGregor



We are pleased to announce that **Team Adair**, members of MCC, went undefeated this month in the **U18 Provincial Qualifiers** in Pembroke, securing their space as 1 of 8 teams representing Ontario.

Congratulations, Team Adair!!



L to R: Coach Phil Mainville, Sarah Adair, Hannah Robert, Marin Graham, and Natalia Sharpe

Did You Know That.....

Chris Bradford's wee dog, Bijou, comes to Scotch Doubles on Friday mornings, ever watchful for falling crumbs from the weekly snack.

But Bijou has an interesting job. Does she:

1. Assist the Ottawa Police as a drug sniffer dog?
 2. Help Santa at Christmas time?
- or
3. Have a weekly guard dog shift at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre?



Find the answer on the last page of the newsletter.

Coming Events

New Year's Eve Party - Dec. 31

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 on the website

Closing Spiel - Apr. 10 to 12



The Grand Spiel

March 20 to April 10, 2024

Registration begins Jan 2, 2024

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 14 possible play days of the Grand Spiel
- Most games scheduled for weeknights - 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
- All the nitty-gritty details will be on the registration form on the club website

Tuesday/Thursday Morning League - Christmas Curling and Lunch



Some of the gang
decked out in
Christmas finery.



Sue Jackson presented Gary Hall, the league “head honcho” with a gift and thanks on behalf of the curlers.





Christmas on Scotch Doubles Day



Before tucking into an incredible Christmas breakfast, we curled. Chris Bradford set up the teams, with help from his canine companion, Bijou. Chris keeps us organized throughout the season with his skill and outrageous sense of humour.



And then we had a great breakfast.



Don't Be a 37

Scotch Doubles is becoming increasingly popular at MCC. This year, if you weren't one of the first 36 curlers to register, sorry but you didn't get in. Diane Arbuckle is a fanatic for Scotch Doubles, but she's not what you'd call computer literate. So Sonny Lapointe got after her to register and ended up registering on her behalf. Sadly, when he then tried to register for himself, he was #37, and he didn't get in! So Sonny had to content himself with being on the spares list. A lesson learned.

Dan Lanthier heard about this, and with his 3D kit and some creativity he made plaques for these two, designating one as #36 and other as #37. I wonder if calling someone a 37 will become a trend eg. "What? You missed that takeout again?! What a 37! (said with a note of disgust)."

Information from the President

MCC Curling Supplies Store Closure:

The Board has made a decision to close down the Curling Supplies Store at MCC at the end of this curling season. If you're not aware, this store was located beside the stairs going out to Sheet 3. The intent of the store was to make the purchase of curling supplies convenient for our members and provide some additional income to the club through our Goldline discount. While these were admirable goals it has become difficult to achieve given the proliferation of many curling vendors equipment and the various sizes needed to accommodate our diverse membership, all while using a small space. Our small store only carries Goldline equipment and we have no room for multiple vendors. The total money made by the club, approximately 10% on individual items, is very small given the low sales volume. In addition, a club volunteer was required to manage the inventory. The current inventory will be sold off for the remainder of the season and not restocked, so get items while you can. This decision will not impact the sales of any MCC branded hats, shirts, hoodies etc. which will still be sold through the bar.

The Sale of our Little Rocks:

Chris Innes, our Youth co-ordinator, has informed the Board that the youth no longer use the little rocks in their development leagues. This leaves us with a decision on what to do with them. The Board is considering options such as reaching out to other clubs through the Ottawa Valley Curling Association and Curling Ontario to see if they can be re-deployed elsewhere or even selling them to our members as a fundraiser for a future capital project. If you have any other innovative ideas please share them with any of the Board members.

Bar Manager:

The Board has decided to split out some of the functions of the Bar Director to a new Bar Manager position for the next curling season 2025/2026. The intent is to lighten the load of the Bar Director by creating the Bar Manager role. The Bar Manager would report to the Bar Director. The Bar Manager is not a Board Director position. The role of the Bar Manager and Bar Director are described on the following link to the MCC website: <https://manotickcurling.com/index.php/our-club/club-organization-2/board-members-roles-and-responsibilities>

The club is looking for a member volunteer to undertake the critical role of Bar Manager for the 2025/2026 curling season. If you were looking for a way to contribute to your club, this is an ideal and key position at the club. For further information you can speak with any Board member.

An 8-ENDER! Contrats!

Team Fowler scored an **8-ENDER** during the Dec 21 Saturday Night Open league!

L to R:
Glen Ashworth (spare), Nancy and Mike Fowler, Guy van Kralingen (spare)
Absent: Darcy and Roslyn Ross



Christmas fundraiser

Your very kind donations to this year's Christmas Fundraiser brought in \$450 in cash for ROSSS and a full hamper of food for the Manotick Food Bank. Thanks everyone!



Answer to Did You Know That....

Yes, Bijou works as Santa's dog helper at the Legion Christmas Breakfast every year, sitting in her own chair beside Santa.

Apparently the kids pay more attention to Bijou than they do to Santa. Well, of course. Which one is more adorable?



May 2025 be filled with happiness, good health, and great curling!