

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



January 2025

WE ACCEPT:   



New Years Eve at MCC a Success

Nicole and Karine, organizers of the New Years Eve event, thank everyone for coming and making it a successful evening.



A special thanks is extended to:

- Mike & Nancy Fowler for donating 2 prizes (big rig beer & mugs)
- Sonny & Lori Lapointe for tending bar and also donating 2 bottles of wine
- All those who helped restore the Club to its original look
- Krista Kelly for pre-party setup
- Theresa Horne for doing the laundry !!

- To those who unfortunately were not able to make it, you were missed. 😞

The good news is you still get a prize. Nicole has a \$10 gift card for you next time you cross paths; the same goes for those who had to leave the party before the prizing took place.

Thanks for coming out and Happy New Year!

Nicole Bordeleau and Karine Batchelor



L to R:

Margaret Gale-Rowe, Jack Briglio, Giulia Briglio, Carrie Stewart

Sue, Is That a Flying Donut?

It looks like Sue Jackson is performing a magic trick with a flying donut. But in actuality, that is not a donut but rather a 3D printed trophy donut, created and presented by Dan Lanthier in recognition of Sue's speech at the Scotch Doubles Christmas party. Dan has become very adept at 3D printing. If he never makes it as a professional curler, there may be an alternate career just waiting for him.



MCC hosted the Ottawa Valley Women's League on Wednesday, January 8.

Skip Ann Mayfield, Vice-skip Jeannette Byvelds, Second Sue Jackson and Lead Joanne Charlebois (who spared for Nancy Fletcher) hosted seven teams.

Curlers were welcomed on their arrival to our club with lots of goodies and a warm cup of coffee as it was very nippy that day.

Skip Ann led Team Mayfield to a win over North Grenville. 👍 Perhaps home-ice advantage helped, but the team was proud to do so on familiar ice. Ottawa Valley Ladies had a great time.

Next game will be hosted in Carp by the Huntley team.



Did You Know That....

Merv McBride, coordinator of the Wednesday Night Open League, and the man behind the Grand Spiel, had an interesting past. Which of these statements is true?

1. Merv was acquainted with an infamous serial killer.
2. Merv almost came to blows in 2019 with Mayor Jim Watson.
3. Russ Howard bought Merv a beer.



Check the last page of the newsletter to see if you guessed correctly.



Coming Events

Bantam Bonspiel – Sun. Feb. 2

Shiverfest - Feb. 8 (*a chance for non curlers to give it a try with MCC instructors*)

Little Rocks Bonspiel – Sun. Feb. 9

LCA event – Mar. 8-9 (Sat, Sun)

Karol Bilyj Spiel – Mar. 10-14 (Daytime)

Grand Spiel – Mar. 26 to Apr. 9 (*registration is full*)

Closing Spiel – Apr. 10 – 12 (*informal stand up dinner - “Derringers” band*)



Harry Potter and Gang Take to the Ice

Chris Innis took a team of youth curlers to the **Cataraqui Golf & Country Club's Hogwarts Spiel** on Saturday, January 11. It must have been a magical day. The team's costumes leave us spellbound!



Lucas Deslauriers, Michelle Renton, Lochlan Braid, Presleigh Bouris



Bar Manager Position Available

The Board is still looking to fill the volunteer position of Bar Manager for next season. This position will report to the Bar Director who is on the MCC Board. The Bar Manager responsibilities can be split among a number of volunteers but need to be coordinated by a single Bar Manager. The Bar Manager responsibilities can be found on the MCC web site at the following link.

<https://manotickcurling.com/index.php/our-club/club-organization-2/board-members-roles-and-responsibilities>.

The Bar Manager will take over the following responsibilities from the Bar Director:

- Manage the Bar Inventory and select the Bar offerings
- Hire Bartenders as needed
- Manage Bartender scheduling
- Manage Bartender biweekly payroll using Payworks
- Interface with beer and wine representatives
- Be responsible for keg & beer returns to the Beer Store
- Maintain the sales SQUARE terminal as needed with product offerings and pricing

The Bar function is a critical part of the MCC club. Any member(s) who can help out will be providing a significant service to the club. If interested please contact: barinventory.mcc@gmail.com and president1.mcc@gmail.com



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MCC at Shiverfest

Saturday February 8, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Every year MCC opens its doors to the Manotick community to come out and try curling as part of Manotick's Shiverfest. Shiverfest is a weekend of events held in different Manotick venues. We've been successful in gaining new members using this event and we are going to be doing it again this year.

As usual we need MCC members to volunteer for on-ice coaching of new curlers wishing to give curling a try. We are also needing volunteers for off-ice preparation to sign people in, fit them with grippers and head equipment, prepare snacks and hot chocolate for visitors and set up kids' activities. This is a good opportunity to invite family and friends who would like to try curling. Parents, please bring helmets for youth and clean indoor running shoes.

If you can help out in any of these ways, please send emails to both:

Don Coulterman : president1.mcc@gmail.com

and Dave Hannah: specialevents.mcc@gmail.com

Sale On All Remaining Goldline Gear



The club is selling all items in the display cabinet, located in the lounge next to the stairs. Effective immediately, all gear is 20% off the marked price. This is a great opportunity to stock up on items that need replacing (e.g. pads and grippers) or try something new (e.g. a helmet or stick curling device). How about a gift for your favourite curler?

Once these items are gone they will not be replaced. The club will no longer be selling curling gear.

Curling Day in Canada
“The BIG Shootout”
Saturday, February 22, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Once again Curling Canada is sponsoring their “BIG Shootout” as part of Curling Day in Canada celebrations. For those who participated last year at MCC it was a lot of fun. It involves MCC members trying to cover the pin with draw weight as many times as they can in a 30 minute window. Last year I believe we did it 8 times which fell short of St. John’s C.C. that did it 12 times(?). The 30 minute window needs to be video recorded and submitted to Curling Canada by day’s end. The more members participating the more chances we have to cover the button in 30 minutes.

In order to participate this year, **the club needs volunteers**, including a LEAD volunteer to organize other volunteers and participating members. The more volunteers, the more sheets we can use and the more 30 minute windows we can create. The rules for the event can be found in the link below. If you can LEAD or volunteer, let Don Coulterman know at: President1.mcc@gmail.com

<https://www.curlingdayincanada.ca/contest-rules-regulations-canadas-big-shootout/>

Scenes from the February 2024 Shootout



The No-Tick Rule



Just a reminder that MCC has adopted the no-tick rule for all of our four person leagues. To help determine whether a stone is actually on the centre line, we also purchased two yellow carpenter squares that are hanging on the walls at each end of the ice (see photo). The no-tick rule, similar to the Five Rock Rule, applies for the first five rocks thrown in an end. Any rock that is in the free guard zone and sits over the centre line cannot be moved off that centre line. If a guard sitting on the centre line is ticked or hit off the centre line, then, at the discretion of the non-offending team, the thrown rock is removed from play and the guard replaced to its original position, or the rocks can be left as they are.

For more detailed information, go to <https://www.curling.ca/files/2024/10/No-Tick-Rule-Poster-2024.pdf>

Answer to “Did You Know That...”

Did you guess #1 as the correct answer? If you did, what do you know about Merv’s choice of friends that the rest of us don’t??

Here is what Merv told me:

I was acquainted with one of Canada's most infamous serial killers while we were both in high school. We often played billiards together at a local pool hall.

Thankfully, I lost contact with David Alexander Snow until I read about his crimes twenty years later.

“Google” him for all the creepy details if you want...not a bad pool player though.



Yikes. Who’d a thought!?