

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



February, 2025

WE ACCEPT:   

February



MCC at the Governor General's Winter Celebration

The Governor General's Winter Celebration is held on the grounds of Rideau Hall, which are opened for one afternoon to the public. Embassies from around the world are invited to put on demonstrations of winter events from their countries.

The Manotick Little Rock program has been running the curling demonstration at the Governor General's Winter Celebration since 2014. This year the celebration was held on Saturday, February 1.





Next to the skating rink is a pavilion and in the pavilion is a permanent display, created around 8 years ago. Highlighted on one of the panels is one of our former Little Rockers, **Alexander**, who is now in his final year of University in Irvine, California.

Did You Know That...

Our good buddy **Art Ficko** wants you to know a little secret about him. But you have to guess which one of the following statements Art actually told me:

1. That he bought \$1700 worth of mountain climbing equipment, then never used it?
2. That he is the club's most boring member?
3. That he took a standup comedy workshop when he was 28 years old.



Which of these statements did Art really make? Find the answer on the last page of the newsletter. Type to enter text

Coming Events – Check the Website

LCA event: Mar 8-9 (Sat, Sun)

Karol Bilyj: Mar 10-14 (Daytime)

Grand Spiel: Mar 26 – Apr 9

Closing Spiel: Apr 10 – 12 Online Registration – Mar. 1st 8:00am



**Good luck to MCC this
Saturday in Canada's
Big Shoot Out!**

Youth Spiels

On February 2nd, we hosted our Bantam spiel, and on February 9th, we hosted our Little Rock spiel. We had 96 youth from a total of 6 clubs involved, including MCC. We raised a combined \$4,077.69, which will all go toward the youth program.

It was truly a team effort that came together nicely to help the kids.

Chris Innes

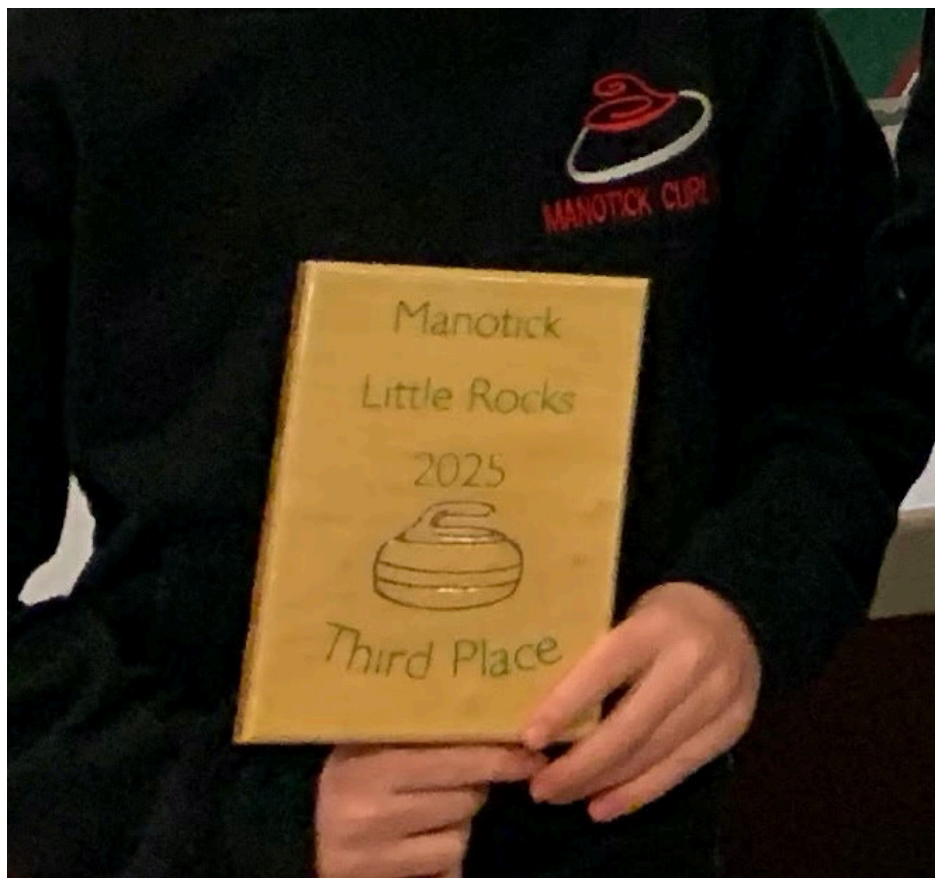
Coordinator of Little Rock and Bantam programs



Team Kaye: Ethan Cooney, Alfred Grimes, Alton Kaye and Michael Cowan



Team Lavergne was in third place, left to right: Landon Folk, Haisley Lavergne, Lucas Delauriers and Malcolm Quail. Chris Innes, in behind, custom-made all the awards in his woodworking shop. Good job!



Make sure to watch **Team Quebec**
at this year's **Scotties**,
with a couple of notable Ottawans
Feb. 14-23



Laurie St. Georges
- Skip

Jamie Sinclair
- Vice-Skip

Emily Riley
- Second

Lisa Weagle
- Lead

Manotick Shiver Fest

The logo for 'Manotick Shiver Fest' is set against a light blue, watercolor-style background. The word 'Manotick' is in a simple, black, sans-serif font. 'Shiver Fest' is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. To the right of the text is a stylized illustration of a penguin, and the entire scene is decorated with various snowflake icons.

Six coaches helped with sliders, helmets and even shoes, so that everyone who wanted to give curling a try, had a chance. Many thanks to the coaches and to Dave Hannah for the organizing.

There Really is Curling Karma

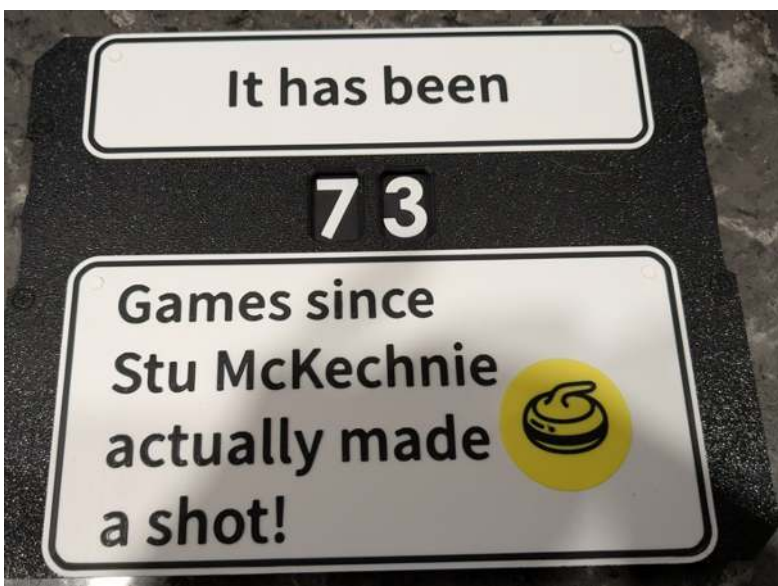
Written by: Dan Lanthier

I am happy to say that I am an active participant in the MCC weekday morning curling leagues. The Tuesday and Thursday morning drop-in leagues provide a fun relaxed atmosphere to participate and enjoy a game of curling with players of all skill levels and experience. Friday Scotch Doubles is a fast and fun variation of the game that is played in about an hour. There are two players per team throwing 3 rocks each with no sweeping between the hog lines. I have found it great for developing your game, be it draws, taps or take outs, as you can't rely on teammates sweeping to make the shop.

Now on to the setup for where my fate with karma comes in. Our group of daytime curlers like to have fun before, during and after our games. Myself and a few others have been known to pull off a few pranks, joke around a bit and tease a few deserving curlers. Two of the more deserving targets are Diane Arbuckle and Stewart McKechnie. Those of us who know Diane are quick to realize that she is a very kind and considerate person. When we do tease her, she is quick to ask why we do not see the halo over her head and her angel wings. My response is we do see her devil horns due to her competitive nature on the ice. So, when it was time to update the medallions on the attendance board I printed the 3D one pictured to the right.



Now on to Stewart. He tends to have a complete playlist of commentary of how good his shots are and how lucky yours are. To be fair, he has made some great shots, just not the ones asked for by whomever is holding the broom at the far end. Stu's best shot is the first of the game when he loses the toss. He is in the hack delivering the rock before his skip has even started walking to the other end. At this point you will hear him say "Perfect shot; right on the broom". He is a legend in his own mind. With this in mind I knew I had to come up with something extra special for him.



What I came up with and printed on a Thursday night was a 3D printed sign with a working counter (picture to the left). My intention was to bring the sign out after a game and click the counter up by one and razz Stewart a bit. Friday morning, I brought these items with me for scotch doubles with the intent of hiding them in my locker until the following week. Well as luck would have it, Mona Chandler and I drew Diane and Stewart as our opponents and would play on sheet 3. Being the smart aleck that I am, I promptly went to get Diane's devil disc and Stu's sign from my locker and flaunted them in front of our competition before we hit the ice. We had

a few chuckles and then went out to play.

We lost the toss, but after a very tight first end managed to steal a point. On to the second, again it went back and forth and due to two brilliant shots by Mona we stole two points. Stealing 3 points in the first two ends I was feeling very good about our start. What I didn't notice was Diane and Stewart huddled up chatting.

On to the third we went. My first shot was heavy and went through the house. Stewart dropped a perfect shot on the button. No problem I'll just take it out and roll to the outer ring. Best laid plans, I shot wide and heavy so it was a flash. Then Stu puts up the perfect guard biting the 12 foot. Okay, just draw in to the one on the button. Ooops, heavy again and it goes through the house. They respond with a second guard biting the 12 foot.

Common sense says clear the front, but no I want to be aggressive so I ask Mona to draw to the one on the button. She throws the perfect weight for the draw, but I gave her too little ice and we end up corner frozen to one of the guards. They respond with a rock to the left of the house biting the 8 foot in front of the t-line, now they are lying 4. Instead of switching from offense to defense and getting rid of some rocks to limit the damage, I ask for a draw in to the button again. I give more ice than her first shot and she hits the broom but is a touch heavy. The rock does not curl as much as I thought it would and instead of sweeping it to chip off the rock biting the 8 foot I watch it go through the house. They then drop another rock in the house finishing the wall blocking our path to the button.

Our only hope now is to try to draw in to full 8 foot on the right side to cut them down from the 5 they are currently sitting. We have not played this side of the ice yet so I am guessing how much ice to give to get the rock where we want it. Mona throws the rock, the weight is perfect but I had the wrong ice so it curls and taps one of the biting guards further into the house. And that my friends is how you get cocky and give up 5. Luckily their last rock over curled or it would have been 6. At this point, Chris Bradford took the sign and reset the counter to zero and set it against the glass on sheet 3.

Stewart and Diane proceeded to steal in the 4th, 5th and 6th ends. Final score 10 to 3 for the wily veterans. As we shook hands after the game both Diane and Stewart were quick to point out to me that it was a fun game and that it was too bad that karma will usually come back to bite you very quickly when you provide motivation to your opponents, even before you step on the ice. By the way, that huddle after the second end, devil Diane made it clear to me that she told Stewart that seeing how I had stolen points in the first two ends, they should stop being nice to me and go for the gusto. Well, guess what Diane and Stewart, lesson learned. LOL

Oh yes, Mona, sorry for you being an innocent victim in all this.

Dan Lanthier

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In my free time, I also enjoy curling on Sunday nights at MCC!

If you're looking for someone who genuinely cares about your needs and has experience working with seniors, feel free to reach out!

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The snowstorm last Thursday (Feb. 13) did not prevent two feisty curlers from slogging through the snow to the club. Margaret Gale-Rowe and Don Lemmen were the only ones to show up for the Thursday morning 10:45 draw. Look at the 2 lonely member discs hanging on the teams' rack behind Margaret. But then I found out that one even more intrepid curler, Bernie White, showed up, all on his own, for the early 8:30 a.m. draw that morning. Hard to get in a decent game when you're the only curler, eh Bernie?



Team Moulton handily won both their games Feb. 16 at the Huntley Bonspiel 7-1 and 8-0!



Matthew Cowan (Lead), Henry Quail (Second), Kellan O'Halloran (Vice), Matthew Moulton (Skip)

Answer to “Did You Know That....”

If you chose # 2, you were correct. Art Ficko really told me that he was the most boring person in the club.

I argued mightily with him, but he would not be swayed.

So if you have an example of Art displaying unboring behaviour, tell him. Better yet, tell me. I'll post it for all to see.

