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MCC 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Alert:

MCC members should be aware that the 2025 MCC AGM is tentatively planned for **Monday evening, May 26**. Any New Business items for the AGM agenda from any MCC members need to be submitted to the MCC Board by Monday April 21st, 2025. The MCC Board will publish the final agenda within 21 days of the AGM. All items should be sent to the MCC Chair: president1.mcc@gmail.com.

The MCC Board is seeking nominations for a number of open Board positions at the 2025 AGM. All Board positions are for 2 year terms. All nominees are required to send their written consent to stand for election to the Board ideally within 28 days of the AGM, however nominees will also be accepted at the AGM.

The Open Board positions at the 2025 AGM are:

- Chair (Ideally at least 1 year of previous MCC Board experience)
- Treasurer ((Ideally at least 1 year of previous MCC Board experience)
- Bar Director (Director at Large)
- Communications (Director at Large)
- Facilities (Director at Large)

More information regarding the AGM (Members Meeting) and Board responsibilities can be found at the following links:

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

If you are interested in any of these positions please send an email to the MCC Chair: president1.mcc@gmail.com

What Has Emma Artichuk Been Up To? A Star is Born!

(the following was written by Emma's dad, Greg, at the request of Chris Innes)

One of curling's best-kept secrets is the Manotick Curling Centre. Over the years, MCC has nurtured numerous elite curlers who have gone on to compete at provincial, national, and international events.

Among the latest success stories is Emma Artichuk, who began her curling journey in 2008 as a member of Chris Innes' Little Rock Program at the Manotick Curling Centre. Emma's early experiences there laid the foundation for what has become an extraordinary career. In 2013, her team earned a second-place finish at the OVCA Little Rock Championship.

Emma's resume is nothing short of impressive. She has secured two provincial championships—one at the U18 level and another at the U20 level. Both victories were followed by silver medals at the National Championships. Additionally, Emma boasts a silver and a gold medal from the Ontario Winter Games.

In 2022, Emma played for the Wilfred Laurier University curling team, leading them to win the OUA Championship. She was named Rookie of the Year, and the team was honoured as Laurier's Sports Team of the Year.

In 2023, Emma's leadership as skip propelled her team to victory at the Canadian Junior Cup, earning them a spot in the prestigious Swiss Cup, where they were crowned champions.

During the 2024/2025 season, Emma assumed the full-time skip role for both her women's team and her University team. She guided her team to a second-place finish at the Northern Ontario Scotties, narrowly losing in the final on the last rock to the legendary Krista McCarville.

Additionally, Emma skipped her Wilfred Laurier University team to a silver medal at the OUA Championship and was named a Second Team All-Star skip. This outstanding performance earned her team a coveted spot at the U Sports University National Championship, in Lethbridge, Alberta in February. She won that championship and brought home the Gold Medal for Wilfrid Laurier University. She also earned the First Team all Canadian Award as the best skip.

As Emma looks ahead to the future, she remains grateful for the foundation she built at the Manotick Curling Centre. It was there that she not only honed her technical curling skills but also learned invaluable lessons in camaraderie and sportsmanship—qualities that have propelled her both in curling and in life.



MCC Plays in City View's Hops and Rocks Spiel

From Feb 21 to Feb 23, two Manotick teams played in City View's annual Hops and Rocks mixed bonspiel. **Team 1:** Jack Briglio, Nicole Bordeleau, Gavin Bevenridge and Karine Batchelor. **Team 2:** Wayne Renaud, Sharon Rae Renaud, Tony Frost and Lisa Stockton.

Both teams gave it all they had (on the ice and during the after-party), with the team skipped by Jack making it to the final where, after a close battle, they finished in second place.

Congrats to all of you!



Did You Know That....

Nancy Fletcher made personal sport's history.
Was that because she:

1. Played Waterpolo for the City of Ottawa at the Ontario Winter Games in Sudbury in 1974.
2. Trained for 6 months with figure skater, Lynn Nightingale, 1974 Canadian Athlete of the Year.

or

3. Was 5th on Dawn Ventura's Ontario Team at the 1974 Macdonald Lassies (pre Scotties) Championship.



Go to the last page of the newsletter for the answer to Nancy's secret proud experience.

You may recall in last month's newsletter, **Art Ficko's** claim to fame in "Did You Know That...." was that he was the club's most boring member.

Well, I received an email after that newsletter came out, from Jim Stewart who said, "Art is my number one favourite at the club, and he is FAR from boring!!!" So there ya go, Art. You wouldn't believe me but I know you won't doubt your buddy, Jim.



Art's secret life!

Team Moulton Wins at Huntley Bonspiel

Team Moulton handily won both their games on February 17 at the Huntley Bonspiel, 7-1 and 8-0!

Lead: Matthew Cowan
2nd: Henry Quail
Vice: Kellan O'Halloran
Skip: Matthew Moulton



Also, Kellan was featured in Curling Canada's latest commercial which aired during the Scotties.



L to R: Matthew C., Henry, Kellan, Matthew M.

Youth Doubles Spiel

Two teams represented Manotick Curling Club at the U15 Doubles Bonspiel at the RA Curling Club on Feb. 23. Congratulations to these young curlers!



Henry Quail (L) and Kellan O'Halloran (R)

Team O'Halloran/Quail took home 2nd place.



Team Carter/Thompson finished in 3rd place.

Hailey Carter (L) and Mackenzie Thompson (R)



Canada's Big Shoot Out!

An intrepid group of shooters, sweepers, timers and organizers participated in Canada's Big Shoot Out on Feb. 22, an event that was held in curling clubs across Canada. The goal was to line up and shoot your rock down the ice, trying to cover the button. Cameras recorded each shot and spotters also kept track of how many times the button was covered in 30 minutes. Sound easy? It was not! MCC was able to make 5 button-covered shots during the allotted 30 minutes.

Congratulations to bullseye shooters Pat Lam, Jose Fontaine, Dave Hannah, and Lorianne Alexander (who did it twice!).



Lorianne Alexander was the organizer of the Shoot Out this year.

She is pictured here with Jeff Dawson.



Dave Hannah, on the left, was the first to successfully cover the button. Yay! Art Ficko is cheering madly. We think the gentleman on the right is Jeff Gill, but we're not sure. (is that you, Jeff?)



Now THIS is Team-Building

Team Elliott (Colts) members Matt Nesrallah, Tracey Nesrallah, Giancarlo Godoy and Alison Elliott took a team-building trip to Jamaica over the March break. They report that during their week away, they worked on cross-training activities such as water aerobics, dancing, and bingo. They have returned home rejuvenated with lots of game strategies for the last few weeks of curling.





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From Chris Innes:

On March 16th, we held our annual *Teach Your Parent to Curl* day. The kids did a great job teaching their parents and then playing in a youth vs. parents game.



Now that sounds like fun!



Let's Buy Canadian!

If you would like to check out a website that identifies everyday Canadian products, this is a good one!

madeinca.ca



U15 Rockfest



Building off the success of its Hit, Draw, Tap competition for U13 curlers, Curling Canada launched Rockfest for U15 curlers in 2024.

Curlers qualify in much the same way, being scored on completing a series of individual skills (singles curling) and invited, based on their score, to represent their association in a regional event.

The North Bay Granite Club hosted U15 Rockfest East this weekend (March 21-23), and **Kellan O'Halloran from Manotick Curling Club** was one of the participants. Over the course of the weekend, curlers participate in on/off-ice coaching, skills competition and triples curling.

This was a great first experience for Kellan, who finished 9th in his group of 36.

We would like to welcome our new sponsor, ClubEG.

ClubEG.golf is a golf club where one membership gets you access to over 60 amazing golf courses in and around Ottawa. ClubEG has many golf leagues, golf trips, major golf events and more - so really there is something for every type of golfer. As we know, many curlers play golf in the summer, so check out **ClubEG.golf** today and sign up for a membership to get you playing more golf at great value this year!



Answer To “Did You Know That....”

While Nancy might also have liked #2 and #3 to be true, she is proud to have played Waterpolo for the City of Ottawa at the Ontario Winter Games in Sudbury in 1974.

That begs the question - Nancy, have you ever played polo on horseback??



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