

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



April 2025

WE ACCEPT:   



An Update from Lindsay Allen



On January 19th I was pebbling the ice and new something was wrong when I got ½ way down sheet 1 and had to stop. Sue took me to the Queensway Carleton Hospital and they sent me directly to the Ottawa Heart Institute where I had 4 bypasses and new heart valve.

I returned home on February 4th where I have been recovering. Today I feel great and almost back to normal walking 30 minutes twice a day.

I would like to thank members for notes and expressions of kindness. I would also like to thank my staff Peter, John, Daniel and Tarik who stepped up and kept the club running smoothly.

My plan is to be fully recovered by September and back to my regular activities.

Have a great summer.

Lindsay

And Lindsay, on behalf of all the club members, I would like to say how delighted we are that you are recovering well, and look forward to seeing you in September! We missed you!

*Rosemary Gibb
Communications*



North Bay Granite Club hosted U15 RockFest East March 21-23

Natalia Sharpe and Olivia Moore both qualified to participate in the U15 Rock fest. Natalia came in 1st and Olivia came in 4th in their group of 36. They both curl competitively and represent Manotick Curling Club. Well done, girls!



Fighting US Tariffs - MCC is Doing Its Part

In line with LCBO policy, as of March 4, MCC will no longer purchase US produced alcohol for the bar. Any current open bottles in inventory will be used up and not replaced. Any non-open bottles will be stored for the day US tariffs are gone. If you know of a Canadian substitute for a product, let us know and we can consider it for next year.

AGM Information

MCC members should be aware that the 2025 MCC AGM is tentatively planned for Sunday, June 8 @ 1:00 PM. Any New Business items for the AGM agenda from any MCC members need to be submitted to the MCC Board by Monday April 28th, 2025. The MCC Board will publish the final agenda within 21 days of the AGM. All agenda 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. Board meetings are held monthly throughout the year. All nominees are requested to send their written consent to stand for election to the Board before the AGM, however nominees will also be accepted at the AGM accompanied by their written consent.

The Open Board positions at the 2025 AGM are:

- Chair (Officer, Ideally at least 1 year of previous MCC Board experience) - One candidate to date.
- Vice-Chair (Officer, Ideally at least 1 year of previous MCC Board experience) - **No candidates to date.**
- Treasurer (Officer, Ideally at least 1 year of previous MCC Board experience) - One candidate to date.
- Bar Director (Director at Large) - One candidate to date.
- Curling Operations (Director at Large) - **No candidate to date**
- Communications (Director at Large) - One candidate to date.
- Facilities (Director at Large) - One candidate to date.

The following positions are filled for the 2025/2026 curling season:

- Membership (Director at Large)
- Special Events (Director at Large)
- Secretary (Officer)

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

Did You Know That....

Merv McBride is being featured for a second time in this auspicious newsletter feature. This time, what was the unusual truth from Merv's past?



Was it that:

1. He curled second on a curling team with a winning Brier vice.
2. He bought Girl Guide cookies from a young Rachel Homan.
3. As a young man, he thought curling was a wimpy sport.

Find the answer at the end of the newsletter.

How can I find a Team for next season ?

If you're an individual looking to join a team, create a new team or a team looking for a player then there is an alternative to using traditional networking to find that team or curler. The MCC web site offers an area where MCC members can indicate they are available to join an existing team or form a new one. This area has long been available for use by MCC members but is underused as a resource. As the 2024/2025 curling season winds down teams have started doing some shuffling of their members for the 2025/2026 season. We encourage curlers looking for a team to register and teams looking for curlers to visit the area found here. Log onto the MCC website then put this link in your browser: <https://manotickcurling.com/index.php/member-s-home/league-information/free-agent-listing>

Or you can log in and then go to Member's Home, then League Information, then down to Free Agent Listing.



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Karol Bilyj Memorial Senior Bonspiel



Thank you to the MCC Members

For giving up your ice and welcoming curlers from across the region



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Karol Bilyj Memorial Senior Bonspiel

Karol worked tirelessly to grow the game and help everyone learn to love it. As tribute to his legacy, we are using the occasion of his memorial bonspiel to recognize others who have contributed similarly to our beloved sport.

This year we are recognizing **Randy Fletcher**, long-time member and past president of the Manotick Curling Club, stalwart supporter of the local curling community, coach, host to international curlers, master of the one-liner, and all-round wonderful person.

Randy Fletcher
1957-2021

Karol Bilyj Memorial Senior Bonspiel 2024

Here are some of the teams from the Karol Bilyj Spiel



G Winners

**Marv McBride, Dave Rogers, Gwyneth Harkin, Mark Zbitnew
Manotick C.C.**



Consolation Round Runners-Up

**Frank Van Ryckeghem, Rick Soucy, Ron Knight, Bob Wallace
Manotick C.C.**



Team Davis



Team Greig



Team McBride

**LADIES CURLING ASSOCIATION
OF THE
Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club**

March 30th, 2025

Don Coulterman, President
Manotick Curling Club

Dear Mr. Coulterman,

On behalf of the curlers who participated and the Ladies Curling Association (LCA), I wish to thank the Manotick Curling Club for hosting the LCA District 2 Evening Ladies playdowns and finals, on Saturday March 7th and Sunday March 8th, 2025. This is the third consecutive year that your club has hosted this event. The LCA appreciates the time and effort that is given freely by Clubs in the area for our ladies events.

We want to thank your ice-technicians, Peter, John and Lindsay Allen for the exceptional ice and for having it ready for the draws.

A huge thank you to Sarah Fletcher, and the Club ladies who helped prepare the A.M. coffee and delicious lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Though Nancy Fletcher was away, she certainly left us in 'very capable hands'. Everyone was welcoming and helpful. Thank you to Jana Seymour, who delivered the bar service.

The LCA appreciates the Manotick Curling Club's support for their events and hope that you will continue to consider this and other events in the future.

Yours truly,

Prabha Singh-Sinclair,

Chair, LCA, Evening Ladies 2024-2025

Monday Morning Senior Men's League

By Howard Friendly

The MML had a very successful season. We had 44 regular curlers along with some fantastic spares who helped out when one or more of us went on the disabled list or on sick leave. We had a player's draft in the Fall and then again in January to select our teams.

The Fall plaque went to the rink of John Falkingham, Claude Remy, Mark Hepburn and John Wild. The Winter plaque went to the rink of Art Ficko, Ken Adams, Henry Chan and John Wild.

The league wrapped up on April 7 with our traditional curl and pizza lunch.

The League would like to thank the ice making crew and bar staff for all their hard work and outstanding service this past year. The MML is hoping to expand to a 12th or 13th team next year so if there is anyone interested in joining the league and has questions, please contact Howard Friendly.



Manotick Youth at the OFSAA Championship

École Secondaire Catholique Pierre-Savard represented the NCSSAA (National Capital Secondary School Athletic Association) at the OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) Championship in Sarnia Mar. 19 – 22.

All the players on Team Maya are/were members of the Manotick program with the exception of Noah.

Left to right in the photo are:

Noah Montpetit Armstrong, Maya Daigle, Justin Anderson, Hannah Robert and Henry Quail.

Sydney Anderson is also part of the team, but was unable to participate as she was away at U20 Nationals.



Sunday Evening Curling League

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to take a moment to say what a blast this Sunday evening curling league has been! From the first rock thrown to the final handshake, it's been an amazing season filled with great games, good laughs, and awesome sportsmanship all around.

Both our A & B Divisions brought the heat all season long, and the final playoffs on March 30 were incredibly exciting to watch. Every team brought their best to the ice, and it made for some truly memorable moments. Huge congratulations to all the playoff contenders – and especially to our champions!

Thanks to each and every one of you for making this league such a fun and welcoming place to curl. Whether it was your first season or you're a seasoned pro, your energy and spirit really made Sunday nights something to look forward to.

Looking forward to seeing you all back on the ice for the next one!

Warm regards,

Wayne Parent

Sunday Evening League Convenor

1st Place Winners in A Division:

Rohin Lakhani, Matthew Crummey, Kaelan Mac Donell, Sheile Mac Donell



2nd Place Winners in A Division

Mitch Pommainville Patrick Gratton Jennifer Forsyth Jose Fontaine



B Division

1st Place Winners

Stephane Roy, Jessica Matias,
Sylvain Hubert, Martine Flibotte



2nd Place Winners

Jason Meekins, Caitlin Wade,
Brad Botting, Katrina Botting



Scotch Doubles End of Season



Waiting for the potluck breakfast to start (l to r):

Chris Bradford (*the boss*)

Howard Friendly

Jeff (Diane's friend)

Diane Arbuckle

Stu McKechnie

Bijou (*peaking out and hoping someone drops their bacon*)

The potluck was a fabulous assortment of breakfast yummies.





Had to show you the 6 ender from the final Scotch Doubles game of the season. Sharon and John Van Schyndel were SO proud.

Many thanks to Chris Bradford for running a great league and for his creative and entertaining emails.

Closing Spiel 2025 – Canadian Showdown April 10–12 | MCC

What a weekend! MCC was buzzing as 24 teams hit the ice for a fun, friendly, and at times fiercely competitive showdown. Curlers were treated to a poutine bar, charcuterie night, and plenty of surprises along the way — including a quirky twist where players took a putt on the ice for prizes!

The finals delivered some thrilling matches to cap off the action, and when the last rock settled, members kept the party rolling — rocking the night away to The Fake McCoys live in the lounge.



Winners Circle

Division A Winner – Canada-1 (Rogers)

Dave Rogers, Gavin Beveridge, Mike Coulterman, Dwayne Perkins

Division B Winner – Northwest Territories (Campbell)

Gary Campbell, Rob Meekin, Peter Royle, Bryna Burtch

Division C Winner & Rec Event 1 Winner – Canada-3 (Rousseau)

Rob Rousseau, Soni Rousseau, Steve Montero, Patty Montero

Division D Winner & Rec Event 2 Winner – Canada-4 (Frost)

Tony Frost, Lisa Stockton, Ken Sokoll, Karine Batchelor

Regional Super Team Winner – Team Canada

Putting Contest Winner – Team Nunavut (Lakhani)

Best Spirit Award – Team PEI (Fowler) – “The Lively Lobsters”



Thank You



Very Special Thank You

To Lana MacKenzie, Suzanne Sinclair, Jamie Sinclair, Sarah Fletcher, Nicole Bordeleau, and Sonny for providing prizes — your support added extra sparkle to the event!

And a special thank you to Club EG for sponsoring prizing for the event.



Heartfelt Thanks

To Krista Kelly and Sharon Barnard for all your hard work in the kitchen — the delicious meals and snacks kept everyone smiling and fuelled up all weekend long!

Thank you to Lindsay, Peter, and John for the great ice!



Cheers to Our Bar Staff

Thank you to Jaqui, Jana, Rose, and Sonny for keeping the drinks flowing and the good vibes going all weekend long!



Additional Thanks To

Rohin Lakhani, Cindy Nash, Donna Felske, Nancy Fowler, Nancy Fletcher, Tony Frost, Lisa Stockton, Dwayne Perkins, Jaynie Coulterman, Don Coulterman, and Mary Byford — your help and behind-the-scenes efforts made a huge difference. We appreciate you all!

So, that wraps up another year of special events at MCC!

It was our 60th anniversary this year, and we hope you all enjoyed the events programming throughout the season. From bonspiels to theme nights, celebrations to surprises — thank you for being a part of it all. Here's to many more years of curling, community, and fun at MCC!

See you next time!

Dave Hannah

MCC Special Events

On behalf of everyone at the MCC, a huge thank you to Dave Hannah, who works like a crazy man to make these wonderful spiels a reality!



Pics from the Closing Spiel



Rec. Event 1 Winner - Canada 3

Steve Montero, Patty Montero,
Soni Rousseau, Rob Rousseau



Rec. Event 2 Winner - Canada 4

Tony Frost, Ken Sokoll, Karine
Batchelor, Lisa Stockton



Do ya think it's easy to hit a golf ball with a putter and land on the button?
Uh uh.





Time to relax after a game. Nothing like crocheting to calm the nerves. Wait! What?! Matthew, are you crocheting?? Holy cow, he is! And it's beautiful. He curls, he crotchets! One wonders what other skills Matthew possesses.



Answer to “Did You Know That...”

Here’s what Merv says:

In the late 1970s, I played second on a curling team which played against Art Lobel who was a big deal at that time, having just won a Brier as Vice with Jim Ursel in 1977. The 'A Final' game, which we lost, was filmed and was to be aired on Mississauga cable TV the following Sunday - a very exciting thing! Our team returned to Mississauga for the viewing only to find out we had been pre-empted by Ravi Shankar playing sitar music in that time slot.



Poor Merv; being upstaged by Ravi Shankar, who probably never threw a curling rock in his life!



Dear Curlers,

This will be my final MCC newsletter. We have a great curling club here that is thriving and expanding. I have been the Communications Director for 6 years and it’s time to let someone else have a turn. It truly has been an honour to serve as a Board member and especially to put these newsletters together for you.



It is possible that there will be a vote at the AGM to determine the next Communications Director so I am not able to tell you who will be taking my spot. But whoever it is, be sure to share your photos and curling stories with them.

Have a great summer! See you on the ice next season!

Rosemary Gibb