

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



November 2022

WE ACCEPT:   

Turkey Spiel 2022

It was great!!



A Successful Turkey Spiel

Thanks to Dave Hannah and his energetic crew for a truly well-run Turkey Spiel. With a full registration of 72 players, there was lots of action and lots of fun. Great food - wings on Friday night, soup and sandwiches on Saturday for lunch with lots of yummy desserts, and a wonderful turkey dinner on Saturday night. Then dancing to a lively band that evening.



Some of the 9 “Draw to the turkey” winners. More on the bar monitor.





Draw A Winners



Team Sokoll

Skip: Ken Sokoll
Third: George Bradley
Second: Mark Lucuik
Lead: Jackie Steenbakkers

Draw B Winners



Team Fletcher

Skip: Sarah Fletcher
Third: Renee Corrigan
Second: Tony Frost
Lead: Lisa Stockton

Draw C Winners



Team Beaudette

Skip: Lee Beaudette
 Third: Tony Jenkins
 Second: Kristine van der Pas-Norenius
 Lead: Gina Bies

If you were at the dance on Saturday night, you will no doubt recognize, even from behind, the silver fox in the foreground. With boundless energy, he got everybody up and dancing. Art, you fleet-footed thing you!





And now, boys and girls, a lovely Christmas story for you.

It was Saturday night, just before the bonspiel dinner. I wandered over to check out the prize table. There I beheld the most adorable little squirrel stuffy, decked out in a Santa outfit. Our eyes connected and I immediately lost my heart to him. Sadly, my team was not one of the final 3 winners so I reluctantly bid a fond farewell to the wee fellow and sat back down.

After dinner, the winning teams were invited to choose their prizes from the prize table. A few minutes later someone tapped my shoulder. There stood Ken Sokoll with a big grin on his face, holding the squirrel out to me! What??!! Ken said when he heard, from his wonderful wife Kathy, that the squirrel and I had bonded, he went back and traded the prize he had chosen, for the squirrel. He wanted to give it to me. A big thank you to Ken. How incredibly sweet is that!

I have named the squirrel “Ken”.

Rosemary Gibb, Communications

Bar Report

I am pleased to announce some new additions to our beverage inventory for you to try: Amsterdam Natural Blonde comes in a 568ml can, Local Beers Original, White Claw Hard Seltzer (Black Cherry), Sam Adams Wicked Easy Draught. I am busy meeting with various representatives this month to check out products. I hope to have samples available for tasting and comments. Unfortunately, our bar space is limited which makes it difficult to add new products; however, I have left some space to accommodate one or two new products.

Chantelle Sokoll has left the bartending staff to pursue new career opportunities. We wish her the best in her future endeavours. Bill Leduc has joined our bartending staff. Some of you may know Bill from the Monday Men's day league. We welcome Bill to the staff.

Sonny Lapointe - Director Bar Operations



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The Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC) was the original branch for curling in Canada, especially in Quebec and Ontario. They maintain affiliation to Curling Scotland (formerly RCCC) as well as the OVCA, CurlION, Curling Quebec and of course Curling Canada. Please see the website link for more details about the InterProvincial and International events they continue to run, not to mention, the longest North American continually played-for trophy, the Quebec Challenge Cup:

<https://www.canadianbranch.>

Covid Protocol Update

Covid cases appear to have stabilized and are even declining in some regions. Unless notified otherwise by Ottawa Public Health, masking at the club remains optional and is dependent upon your level of comfort. This also applies to distancing and the sanitizing of rock handles and score cards.

New Years Eve

Registration for the **New Years Eve event** is now open on the MCC website! The event will be Scotch Doubles format, music will be on while curling, potluck dinner, 2 four end games. Karaoke after curling, running to midnight. Sounds like fun!

A St. Patrick's Day Spiel is being planned for March 17 daytime. More details later.

The Dubeau Fire

As many of you know, our friends Mark and Marina Dubeau lost their house due to a fire in the early morning of November 14th. While everybody (including dogs) were unharmed, the Dubeau's lost their house, cars, and their belongings to the blaze.

While the Dubeau's have been working through the complicated web of temporary relocation and replacing their critical things, the club has put out the old donation cup to encourage member donations to help them replace their curling gear. As of November 26th, donations were collected totalling \$750.00 and we gave the funds to the Dubeau's in the form of gift certificates to Goldline curling. The cup is still out on display and accepting donations, which we will likely handover as cash, should anyone still wish to donate.

While not an official quote from Mark or Marina for this newsletter, they have been stunned and humbled by the kindness and generosity that everyone has shown them and are very thankful for the support of the MCC family.



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Grand Spiel

What is it?

This exciting bonspiel format will blend the competition of a bonspiel with the adventure of playing with new players. After the Club Champions are decided in League play in late March, we will be running a 32 team, bracket playdown, skip's choice, bonspiel available to all adult members of the Manotick Curling Centre daytime and evening Leagues.

How does it work?

Teams will be chosen by draft, so skips would do well to start scouting the talent. For the non-skips - make sure the skips in the club know how good you really are! You will play 4 to 7 games over ~3 weeks, in late March/early April. The more you win the more you play! The Final Night will feature League Awards, Bagpiper, and the Grand Spiel Final Matches, Great Food, Drink, and a fun party atmosphere. You will want to be there with all the other cool kids!

~Registration will open in early January on the website. Help our organizers by registering early~

Fun ~ Competition ~ Awards ~ Party Vibe

Organizers: Merv McBride, Dave Rogers, Art Ficko, Mike Coulterman, Dave Hannah