

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



February 2023

WE ACCEPT:   

February



Team DiFranco took home GOLD this month at the Ontario Winter Games. They thank MCC for supporting them. Congratulations guys!!

Skip: **Sonny DiFranco**
Vice: **Hunter Leclair**
Second: **Philip Burgess**
(sparing for **Joe Stachon**)
Lead: **Jacob Pierunek**
Coach: **Mike Stachon**



Shiverfest 2023

MCC participated in Shiverfest this year on a very cold Saturday morning, Feb 4. The general public was invited into the club for some curling lessons and homemade donuts. We had several families and individuals come out to try the sport with a few participants expressing interest in joining the membership!

Special thanks to: Cindy, Don, Gail, Julie, Drew, Greg and Art.

See you next year!

*Dave Hannah
Special Events*



Watch the World Junior Championships

Emily Deschenes, who skipped Manotick's Team Deschenes, is the skip for Team Canada at the World Junior Championships in Germany this month. Emily's mom, Cathy, has been asked by several MCC members for details regarding the schedule and streaming information for this exciting event. Cathy is passing along this information to us. Best of luck to Emily and Team Canada!

The event runs from February 25th to March 4th.

Standings, schedule and line scores:

<https://worldcurling.org/events/wjcc2023>

All games will be streamed on recast, on the Curling Channel

<https://watch.recast.tv/user/5pYk0>

Create an account and either purchase some credits or watch some ads for free credits.

Broadcast Schedule (with commentary):

<https://worldcurling.org/2023/02/broadcast-schedule-wjcc2023/>

Canadian Women's team is scheduled for the commentary game Thursday March 2nd at 8am EST, against Team Switzerland. Otherwise all games are available live on recast.



The Manotick vs. City View BBQ Scotch Doubles was held Jan 27-28 at the City View curling club. A good effort from the Manotick squad keeping things close until Saturday afternoon when City View pulled away to win the Shillington Cup! Congratulations to Manotick curlers **Gerry Davies** and **Erin Larose** on winning the Women's Division!

SHILLINGTON CUP
Team City View - 31



Lily Brown, a member of the Little Rocks program, enjoyed a curling lesson from Jamie Sinclair.

For private or team lessons with Jamie, email her at: jamie@jamiesinclair21.com

World Men's Future Stars Program

The **2023 World Men's Curling Championship** will bring **13 teams of the most elite curlers in the WORLD to Ottawa from April 1 to 9, 2023.**

Curlers in the Ottawa area, between the ages of 9 and 16, were invited to apply to be a Future Star!

The Future Star Program provides young curlers the opportunity to experience a taste of competitive curling at its very best, and meet the top men's teams in the world!

Selected applicants become honorary members of one of the teams and receive:

- A jacket and photo with the team
- Tickets for the applicant and two guests to one of the team's round robin draws
- **AND Introduction with the team at a pre-game ceremony!**

More information can be found at www.curling.ca/2023worldmen/future-stars.

Chris Innis, co-ordinator of our Little Rocks program, is delighted to announce that **Little Rockers Lily Brown, Emily Mercer, Mazen Storseth and Mecca Storseth**, as well as **Bantams Broderick Amirault and Dahlia Bonnell**, were all selected and will receive the Future Star package described above.



Let's Bring Back the Karol Bilyj Island Spiel



The Karol Bilyj Senior (Mens 55+/Ladies 50+) Island Cash Spiel is looking for a Lead Organizer. This spiel was a tradition at the club for many years prior to COVID. It was previously called the Island Spiel but was renamed the Karol Bilyj Island Spiel in honour of our long time member, Karol Bilyj, who played a significant role in developing and growing the club over many years right up until his passing in 2017.

This spiel hosted numerous teams from the Ottawa Valley for a week of competitive day time curling in the month of February (usually during the second week) for the opportunity to win some insignificant prize money, but more importantly the pride of being Karol Bilyj Island champions.

We are looking for a Lead Organizer to take over running this spiel for next year, 2024. You will be assisted by other volunteers to run this important spiel. This event provides prestige for the club and helps the club financially.

If you can help out with your organizational skills you will be making a significant contribution to your club. Please contact anyone on the board for more information about the role.

Don Coulterman
Vice President

Registration for the **St. Patrick's Day Scotch Doubles Spiel** is now open for all members

Date: Friday Mar 17th (Daytime)



- Scotch Doubles format
- St. Patrick's Day theme
- Bar service begins at 10:00 am
- First draw begins at 8:00 am, last draw begins at 4:30 pm
- 2 games + final event for top 2 teams in each group
- Member-cooked lunch and lots of prizes included!
- \$80 per team

Sign-up here:

[Manotick Curling Club - Upcoming events](#)

Organized by:

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Rideau Hall Winter Celebration - February 11

This was the 7th year that I was asked to run a curling demonstration for the Governor General at Rideau Hall. Each winter, during Winterlude, the GG invites embassies to put on demonstrations of winter events from their countries as well as a few Canadian demonstrations. I always call Curl Canada, and they ship me their StreetCurl system. This year Curl Canada purchased a new inflatable curling surface and discarded their old one. One week before the event, I discovered that the inflatable curling surface could not be used outside in the winter!! I created a DIY curling surface out of plywood, plastic sheets, electrical tape and a curling house decal. It worked, and everyone loved it. Seven youth members of the Little Rock program took turns explaining curling to the public for 4 hours as a never-ending line of people tried curling for the first time.

Chris Innis
Co-ordinator of Little Rocks Program





Tay and Lily with the Governor General

Lots of visitors gave curling a try.





Limerick Lane

Welcome to Limerick Lane. I have lots of submissions for you this month, more than will all fit. The creative juices have obviously been flowing. A recent incident one morning on the ice sparked a limerick. The team who was behind was offered a freebie point by an opposing player. The offer was not well received:

We were losing to a curler named Ann.
 She was almost as snide as that Dan.
 “I’ll give you a point”, said she.
 “You certainly won’t, said me.
 We won’t take your pity, not being a fan.

(Whereupon to everyone’s amazement, Ann’s team went off the rails and lost the game.)

Debbie

On Fridays, a Scotch doubles team
 Has concocted the cleverest scheme.
 When weather permits (!)
 They don sliders and mitts
 And drink coffee (with shots of Jim Beam).

Suzanne

Here is another one from Suzanne. She is a super limerick writer!

The curlers who show up on Tuesday
 Miss the button...but it's not an excuse day.
 They celebrate biters.
 (They're lovers, not fighters!)
 So Tuesday is never a blues-day.
Suzanne

A regular contributor last year was Dan. Look out. He's back!.

I get such a ch-uckle
 Beating Diane R-buckle.
 She curls with a stick.
 Her best shots uncalled ticks.
 Perhaps she should take up p-nuckle.
Dan

But Dan can sometimes be nice:

Manotick curler named Deb Mulvihill
 Continues to give us a thrill.
 She gets in the hack
 And pulls the rock back
 And shows off her shot-making skill.
Dan

Some of us just got back this week from the Dominican Republic. Donna and I were inspired to put our observations to paper:

Just back from a southern vacation.
 It lasted one week in duration.
 When we left it was hot.
 Got back, it was not.
 Miss the heat and the flowing libation.
Rosemary

Baggy board shorts hang on the laddies.
 Skimpy thongs cling to the ladies.
 Sand finds home in strangest places
 Between toes and secret places.
 Pleasure galore; pack your cases.
Donna

And then I heard from Art. He must have gone into a creative free fall. He has written 17 verses under the title "Ode to Our Game". I have chosen 6 that I think make his point. If, after you read them, you are yearning to read the other 11, just email me and I will happily send them off to you. Or I guess Art could do that too.

I am delighted that Art took on this mammoth project. Let him, and the other poetic contributors be an inspiration to you. Send in those limericks. Who knows what will show up in the March newsletter. We shall end this newsletter with Art's contribution.

Ode to Our Game

In Manotick we play this really fine game.
Throughout the world we Canadians have fame.
On ice we do play
“In the sheets” as they say.
Now if only I could remember the game name.

While the game itself is truly great fun,
With extreme care it must be done.
For when sliding on ice,
You may pay the price,
With many scrapes, sore knees and bruised bun.

The aim of each end I want to espouse
Is closest to pin in mid of the house.
But hard as I try
I only can sigh
When my rock falls real short and is out.

The scoring I think is hard to explain
But a pin in the button of the house seems insane
The closest rock to pin
Is the one that will win
And then argue forever on those that remain.

The end of the game is the best
For then together, the teams take a rest.
With tall glasses of beer
We all raise a cheer
And retell the whole game with full zest.

To the end of my ode have I come
And I admit doing it certainly was fun.
Our game is so great
Something to really appreciate
But for now I will say I am done.

Art