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MANOTICK CURLING CLUB



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**HELLO CURLING FRIENDS,**

Welcome to November!

As we settle into another great season on the ice, there's already plenty to celebrate — especially the fantastic work Lindsay and his team have been doing to keep our keen ice in top shape. The feedback has been outstanding, and the consistency and quality of the ice have not gone unnoticed. Their dedication is making every game smoother, sharper, and even more enjoyable for all of us.

# Message from your chair

## NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Members,

As we look toward the future of the Manotick Curling Club, I'm excited to share that we are beginning the process of reimagining our facility — the place that has been at the heart of our curling community since 1964.

The newly formed **Building Renovation Committee (BRC)** will lead this important work, exploring ways to refresh and modernize key areas of the club, including our lounge, bar, kitchen, bathrooms, and changerooms. Their recommendations will help ensure our club continues to be a welcoming, comfortable, and vibrant gathering place for members and guests alike.

This project represents an exciting opportunity to build on our proud history while improving the curling experience and investing in the next generation of curlers. Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas and feedback through last year's survey — your input will be critical to the process and continue to guide us every step of the way.

If you have any questions about this, please send me an email or ask me at the club






Tony Frost
Chair, Manotick
Curling Club

# OPENING SPIEL

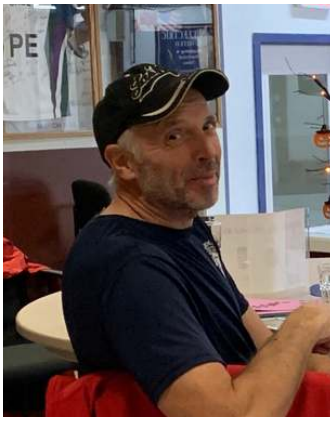










The **Manotick Opening Spiel** was held at MCC Oct 24-25.

What an absolutely fantastic weekend of curling!

The Opening Spiel saw 18 teams battling it out in true Halloween spirit.

The competition was fun, some spooktacular spells were cast on teams, there was great chili from the chefs and we even had a visit from some pirates.







# OPENING SPIEL



## GOLD MEDAL PERFORMANCES:

### TEAM HALL:

Gary Hall, Bruce Magee,
Jean Stevenson, Steve Dickie

### TEAM MCROBERT:

Sarah McRobert, Duncan McRobert,
Krista Kelly, Val Newton

### TEAM JOHNSTON:

Karen Johnston, Tony Frost,
Lisa Stockton, Jeff Guitard

**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it happen!**

**Special thanks to:**
Sharon Barnard, Theresa & Steven Horne, Glen Ashcroft, Sarah Fletcher, Sharon Parker, Karen Johnston, Krista Kelly, Mary Byford, Lynn Hannah, Peter, Lindsay & John (Ice crew), Jana and Marina for prizes, all the spares (seriously thank you), and all the bar staff!

See you at the Turkey Spiel!
**Dave Hannah**
MCC Special Events



From L-R: Steve Dickie, Bruce Magee, Jean Stevenson, Gary Hall



From L-R: Dave Hannah, Karen Johnston, Jeff Guitard, Lisa Stockton, Tony Frost



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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 three 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 JANUARY 2ND, 2026 THROUGH THE WEBSITE.

**HELP OUR ORGANIZERS BY REGISTERING EARLY!**

128 players maximum, plus spare list

Fun • Competition • Awards • Party Vibe

## ORGANIZERS:

Merv McBride • Dave Rogers • Art Ficko

Mike Coulterman • Dave Hannah • Lana MacKenzie

# From our Members

## GRAHAM SINCLAIR RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



This past September, longtime MCC member Graham Sinclair received an Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award from Curling Ontario. The award recognizes an individual who has won five Ontario provincial titles. Graham completed that feat when, on 15 December 2024 and playing Third for Team Lewis, his squad capped a perfect 7-0 run by winning the Masters Provincials by a score 8-1 at the Granite Curling Club.

Winning the Provincial Championships means the team goes on to represent Ontario at the Nationals, and for Graham, these were:

**2012 Canadian Senior Curling Championships**
**ABBOTSFORD BC**

**2015 Canadian Senior Curling Championships**
**EDMONTON AB**

**2023 Canadian Master Curling Championships**
**SAINT JOHN NB**

**2023 Canadian Senior Curling Championships**
**VERNON BC**

**2024 Canadian Master Curling Championships**
**SAULT STE MARIE ON**

The award is truly reflective of the competitive level Graham has always and continues to play at. Ever the humble gentleman, when asked about how winning the award made him feel, he described it as, “mostly a relief because the other three players on my Masters team were already Lifetime Achievement Award recipients!”

## RANDOM CURLING STORIES




## WAS THIS A HALLOWEEN TRICK?

October 31st, Scotch Doubles, Draw 2, 5th end. The ice was playing nasty tricks on us. Team A. Durocher and Team D. Gibb could not for the life of any of us get a rock into the house. And here is the proof. Sheesh!

*Rosemary Gibb*



# Manotick Club Jackets Now Available







**Elite Curling**, located right here in the Ottawa region, have designed a custom Manotick CC jacket for any and all members who want to rep the club colours.

You can personalize your jacket by adding your last name, first name or nickname to the design. Sizing jackets will be available at the club for you to find your fit.

Prices start at $134 plus tax. Please reach out to Dave Hannah at events@manotickcurling.com to get the ball rolling on your order.

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# TIPS & TRICKS

## DIRECTIONAL SWEEPING

Directional sweeping is a major advancement in curling that allows players to subtly control a stone's path after release. Instead of sweeping evenly along the line of travel, sweepers apply angled strokes and pressure to one side of the stone's trajectory. This affects how the rock interacts with the ice, letting players reduce or increase its curl and fine-tune its direction. The technique relies on careful coordination, timing, and communication between teammates to maximize control and distance.

Modern broom technology — including textured pads and specialized fabrics — enhances this effect by creating consistent friction and heat. However, to prevent unfair advantages, the World Curling Federation has introduced rules to limit equipment and technique variations. Even within those limits, directional sweeping remains a key element of curling strategy, combining precision, athletic skill, and teamwork to guide each shot with remarkable accuracy.



Red Arrow direction - for STRAIGHTNESS
Blue arrow direction - for CURL




**Manotick Curling Center**

Public group · 259 members

Join our **Facebook** page to keep up with the latest news, upcoming events, photos, and community updates. Be part of the conversation and share your love of curling with fellow members — we'd love to see you there!



# SHOW US YOUR CURLING SPIRIT!

## HAVE A GREAT PHOTO OR FUN STORY FROM THE ICE?

Send your pictures and short stories to: communications@manotickcurling.com

for a chance to be featured in an upcoming MCC newsletter!

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# TURKEY SPIEL



## NOVEMBER 27-29

### 3 DRAWS

Semi-competitive &
Recreational

### INCLUDES:

Lunch on Saturday

Catered dinner
Saturday evening

Live band Saturday evening

Famous draw for a turkey

**Good times, great prizes – don't miss out!**

**REGISTRATION: NOVEMBER 1**

**$320 per semi-competitive team**

**$70 per individual registration for recreational**

**Teams made up by organizers for recreational draws**