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MANOTICK CURLING CLUB



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HELLO CURLING FRIENDS,

As we head into December, the club is buzzing with energy as most leagues move into Round 2. Teams are finding their rhythm, new matchups are taking shape, and the friendly competition is as strong as ever. Whether you're chasing the top spot or simply enjoying the weekly challenge, it's shaping up to be an exciting second half of the season.

Message from your chair

DECEMBER 2025

Dear members, as we see 2025 and the first half or our season draw to a close, we have much to celebrate. We had two really fun events, the Opening Spiel and the Turkey Spiel, two new leagues were successfully launched, the bar has increased its offerings with new beers, ciders, fun drinks (looking at you Yard Lime) and wines (cheers to the premium wine!) and plans for our club renovation are proceeding nicely.

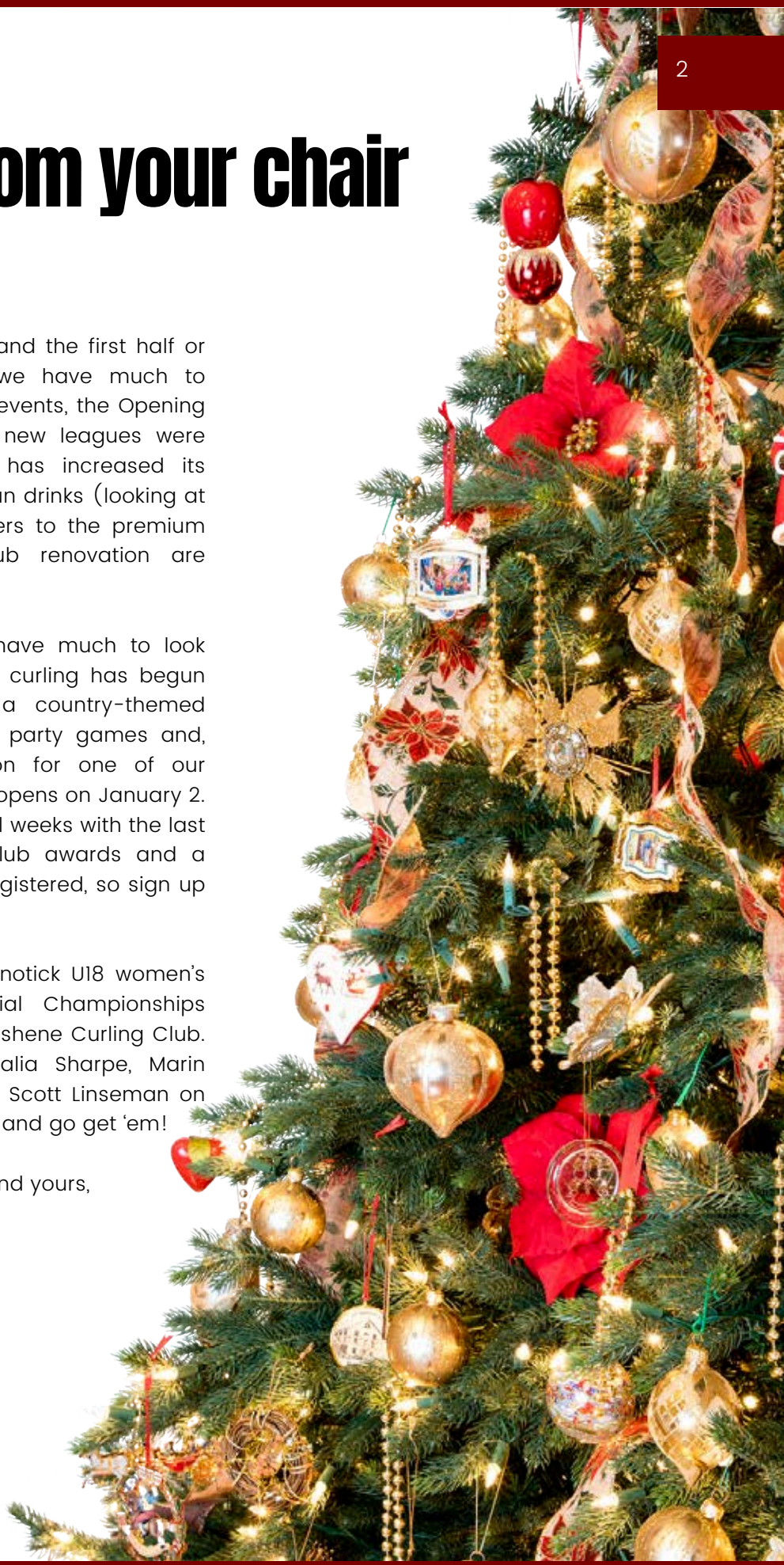
And, as we head to 2026, we have much to look forward to. Round two of league curling has begun and New Year's Eve will see a country-themed celebration with cowboy cuisine, party games and, duh, curling. As well, registration for one of our signature events, the Grand Spiel, opens on January 2. The event takes place over several weeks with the last night featuring final matches, club awards and a social. The event is always fully registered, so sign up early!

The New Year will also see a Manotick U18 women's team compete in the Provincial Championships January 14 – 18 at the Penetanguishene Curling Club. Congrats to Olivia Mitchell, Natalia Sharpe, Marin Graham, Olivia Moore and coach Scott Linseman on their accomplishments. Good luck and go get 'em!

All the best of the season to you and yours,



Tony Frost
Chair, Manotick
Curling Club



TURKEY SPIEL



GOLD MEDAL PERFORMANCES:

GROUP A: **Sinclair**:
Alex, Neil, Jamie, Duncan, Amanda, Sarah

GROUP B: Royle:
Peter, Tony, Mary, Ken

GROUP C: Briglio:
Jack, Ken, Petr, Kathy

The Turkey Spiel was held at MCC November 27–29, with 18 teams competing in spirited matches throughout the weekend. The event featured tasty bites, darts, turkey prizes, heaping plates of food for hungry curlers and a dance floor hopping to the music of the Rockphiles.

Special thanks to Mary Byford, Sarah McRobert, Sharon Barnard, Alain Lalonde, Karen Anderson, Pat Lam, Matt Crummey, Jana Seymour, the bar team, ice crew and everyone who stepped in to make the event a success.

And finally—can you curl in an inflatable turkey suit? The answer is sort of!
See you next time,

Dave Hannah
MCC Special Events



From L-R: Amanda Klowak, Sarah McRobert, Alex Sinclair, Jamie Sinclair, Duncan McRobert, Neil Sinclair



From L-R: Mary Byford, Ken Walker, Tony Frost, Peter Royle



From L-R: Kathy Sokoll, Petr Komarek, Ken Sokoll, Jack Briglio

TURKEY SPIEL





















From our Members

80S BONSPIEL AT CARLETON PLACE





The ladies recently headed to Carleton Place for an unforgettable ’80s-themed bonspiel, and they fully committed to the era! Neon colours, leg warmers, bold patterns — you name it, they rocked it. From classic Madonna vibes to full-on aerobics chic, the creativity on display was fantastic and added so much energy to the day.

Beyond the outfits, the atmosphere was nothing short of pure fun. The teams curled with enthusiasm, laughed their way through each game, and enjoyed the kind of camaraderie that makes events like this so special. It was a wonderful blend of nostalgia, great curling, and even better company — a true throwback success!

From the MCC Board

HELP WANTED: CLUB TREASURER

Each year the MCC seeks volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to get involved, give back, support club operations, contribute ideas and help guide our future. Each newsletter we will feature a different one… if you see something of interest to you or you know Someone who would be a good candidate, let us know!



The MCC Board is seeking nominations for the position of MCC CLUB TREASURER for a **two-year term starting next season**. We invite any member with an interest in supporting the financial health of our curling club to consider stepping forward. This is an essential volunteer role that helps keep our operations running smoothly and ensures that our club remains strong for years to come. Candidates should be comfortable with basic bookkeeping tasks, budget monitoring, and using simple accounting software. Prior experience with financial management—whether through work, volunteer roles, or personal projects—is helpful but not required. Most importantly, we are looking for someone who is organized, reliable, and committed to transparent and accurate financial reporting. The Treasurer works closely with the Board of Directors and helps guide financial decisions that benefit the club and all its members.

If you have questions, would like details or know someone who would be a great fit, reach out to Club Chair, Tony Frost at chair@manotickcurling.com.



TIPS & TRICKS

NO TICK RULE

Adopted by Manotick Curling Club, Jan 2025

THE NO-TICK SHOT RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position or to a position outside the FGZ, the non-offending team has the option to:

(i) Remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or

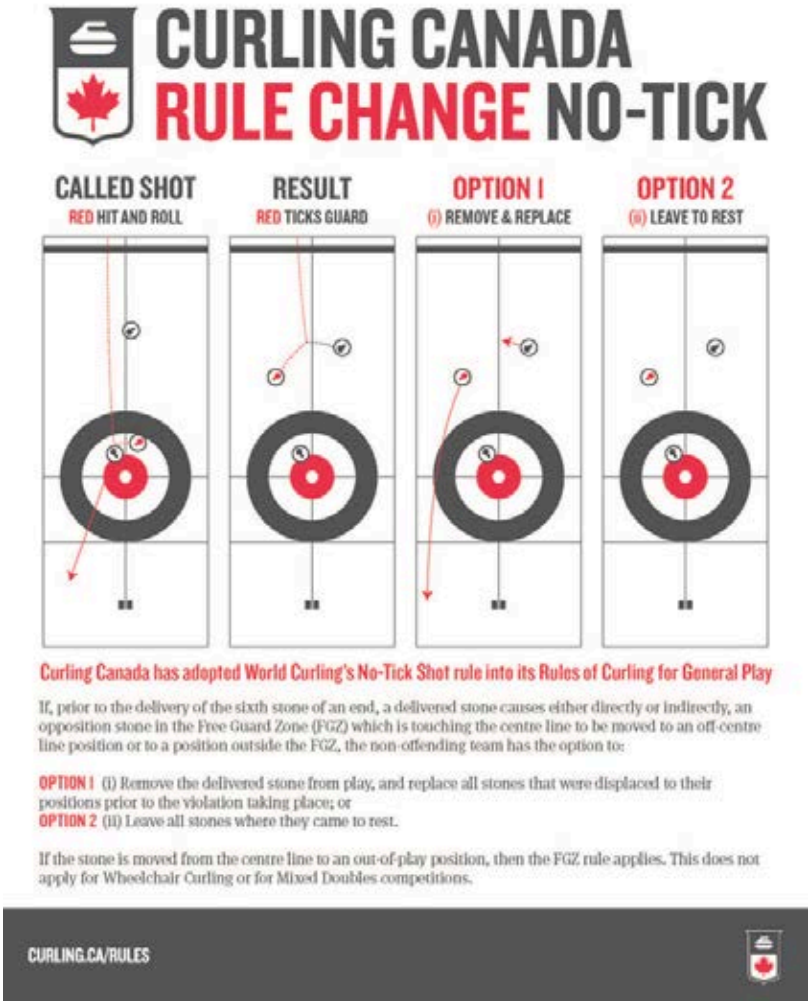
a. Leave all stones where they came to rest.

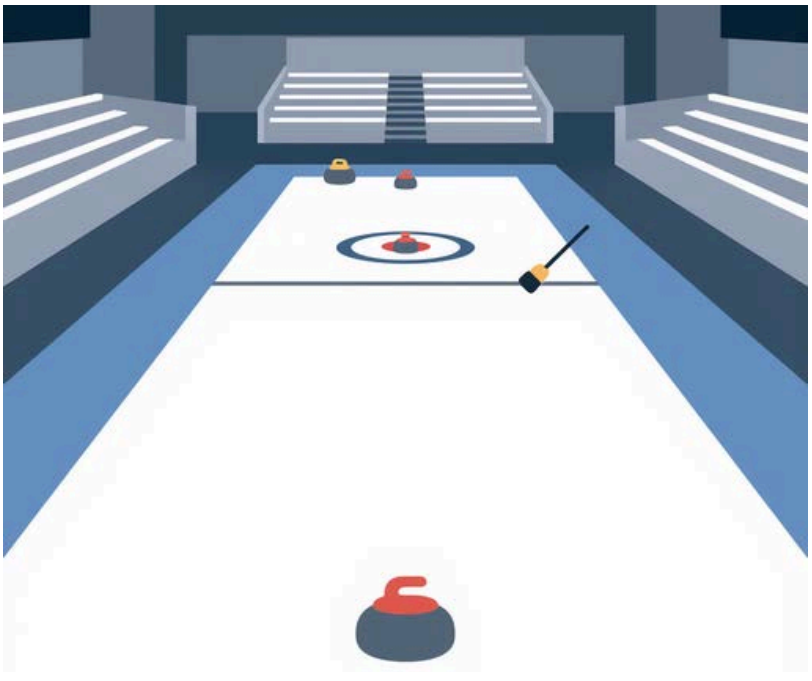
(ii) If the stone is moved from the centre line to an out-of-play position, then the FGZ (Free Guard Zone) rule applies.

(iii) This does not apply for Mixed Doubles competitions.

If there are any questions, or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

PAT LAM





Club Renovation Committee Update



Amanda Klowak (L) and Neil Sinclair (R) of NASK Design Co.

On November 22 the **Renovation Committee** met at the club to suggest and discuss ideas for how to improve the lounge area, bar, kitchen, washrooms and change rooms – priorities noted in a survey last season. The lively engaging session was facilitated by Mark Lucuik (Project Chair and Director of Facilities) and Tony Frost (Board Liaison and Club Chair). Also in attendance was Neil Sinclair, principal of NASK Design – who, along with partner Amanda Kowak, will be providing conceptual work for the project. Design work is currently underway and members can expect to see ideas in January for feedback.



MANOTICK CURLING CLUB

GRAND SPIEL



REGISTRATION OPENS

JANUARY 2ND

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!

UPCOMING BONSPIELS



AT OTHER CLUBS

CITY VIEW CURLING CLUB

SCOTCH DUOS-TRIOS

JANUARY 16-17, 2026

$120 + TAX PER PERSON

THREE DIVISIONS (FEMALE DOUBLES, OPEN DOUBLES, OPEN TRIPLES) - 36 TEAMS

DOUBLES : EACH PLAYER THROWS 3 ROCKS (FIRST 3 OR LAST 3), AFTER EACH END THE PLAYERS SWITCH POSITIONS, NO SWEEPING ALLOWED UNTIL THE FAR HOG-LINE

TRIPLES : EACH PLAYER THROWS 2 ROCKS , AFTER EVERY SECOND END THE PLAYERS ROTATE POSITIONS, ONLY ONE SWEEPER ALLOWED BETWEEN HOG-LINES

Event Winner for each division

RYDER CUP TEAM WINNER

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

Guaranteed 3 x 6-end games

Friday night snacks: Chicken Wings & Jalapeno Poppers

Saturday lunch: Pulled Pork

Suaturday dinner: Pork Ribs and Beans

Calcutta to be held at lunch on Saturday

Register at www.cityviewcurling.ca

or scan the QR Code

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL

SCOTCHDOUBLES@CITYVIEWCURLING.CA

THOMASINO'S PIZZA

BEACH PARTY NOVICE SPIEL

BEACH WEAR ENCOURAGED

(2 years experience or less)

February 7, 2025

REGISTER A TEAM

$240.00

TWO 8 END GAMES

Division A - 8:30am & 1:00 pm

Division B - 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

Lunch and snacks

register online by January 30th

perthcurling.ca/events/register

Questions or comments:

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ROCKIN' ROBINS BONSPIEL

WHERE HOPE TAKES FLIGHT

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2026

This one-day event includes:

- Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 2 Games (8 End and 6 End)
- Silent Auction and Raffles in Support of Robin's Hope
- Prizes, Costume Recognition and Much More!

$360/team ($90/individual)

Registration Deadline December 19, 2025

REGISTER BY EMAIL

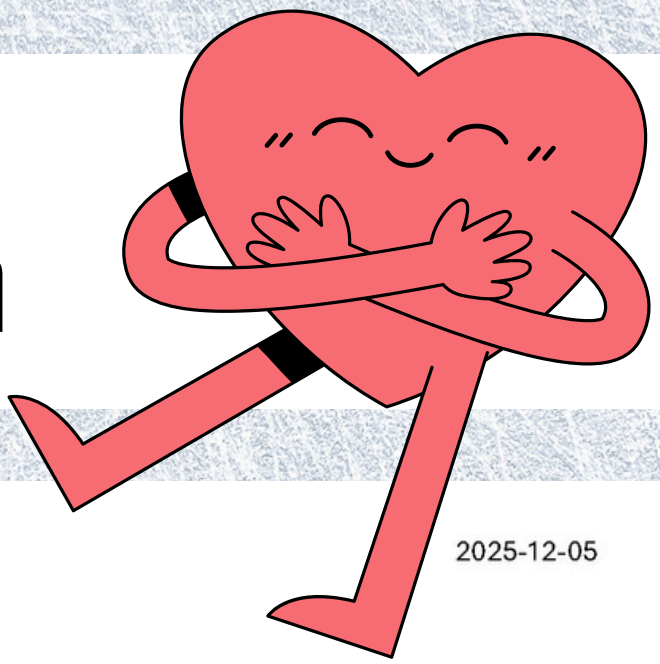
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Member Appreciation



Tony Frost

2025-12-05

Manotick Curling Club

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Dear Tony,

On behalf of the Ladies Curling Association, I would like to thank you and the volunteers at the Manotick Curling Club for hosting the Centennial – Mary McGuire Championships on December 3rd. Your warm hospitality was a big factor in the participants enjoyment of the event.

Thank you to the ice maker for preparing the ice. The curlers really appreciated the quality of the ice and adherence to the schedule.

Thank you to Nancy Fletcher for arranging the ice, for coordinating with me, and for setting up the reception after the games.

And thank you to the bar server, whose pleasant and efficient service contributed to the feeling of hospitality during the event.

It was a pleasure working with the Manotick Curling Club.

Sincerely,

Louise Howe

Centennial-Mary McGuire Coordinator

LCA Past President

Keeping Our Curling Community Healthy



Since November 27, hand sanitizer has been placed on all tables, and disinfectant wipes are available in both the lounge and on the ledge at the home end of the ice area.

To further support a clean and healthy environment, our cleaning staff will be disinfecting tables, door handles, and railings on a daily basis.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping keep our club a safe and welcoming space for all.





Feeling under the weather?

Please rest up and join us next time.

Staying home when you're unwell helps keep our curling community healthy — thank you for looking out for each other.



Barrhaven Food Cupboard Donations

The need is increasing daily and as the New Year approaches the cupboards are often sparse therefore your assistance is welcomed. Please help the Monday's Ladies Daytime League fill the box of donations to be delivered to the *Barrhaven Food Cupboard* on January 31st 2026.

Please find below suggested donations that are required to be non-perishable with a Expiry Date that is at least 3 months away. Sorry they cannot accept any homemade products such as preservatives (jams, salsas etc).



Cereal - Dry / Oatmeal / Pancake Mix
Peanut Butter / Jam / Marmalade / Nutella / Cheese Whiz
Canned Vegetables
Canned Beans
Lentils / Kidney Beans / Chick Peas etc canned or dried
Kids snacks - Granola Bars / Bear Paws / Cheese & Crackers
Crackers / Cookies
Canned Fruit
Assorted Pasta - Dry / Canned / Kraft Dinner
Canned Stews / Soups
Tomato Paste / Tomato Sauce / Diced Tomatoes / Pasta Sauce
Condiments - Ketchup / Mustard / Relish / Vegetable Oil
Canned Meat - Tuna / Salmon / Chicken / Ham
Rice
Hygiene Products - Soap / Body Wash / Shampoo / Conditioner / Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
Sanitary Items - Pads are requested more than tampons.
Diapers / Baby Wipes

If you would prefer to make a money donation please check out the *Barrhaven Food Cupboard* website where you will find a link to donate.