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MANOTICK CURLING CLUB



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HELLO CURLING FRIENDS,

The curling season is well underway, and mid-season is a perfect time to pause and catch up. In this edition of the newsletter, you'll find recent spiel results, club news, and a few timely updates as we look ahead to the remainder of the season.

Message from your chair

JANUARY 2026

Dear members, Happy New year, I hope you all had a fun and restful holiday. It was great to see many of you at the New Year's Eve spiel – there was some fun curling followed by great games and plenty of laughs… and yes, I'm proud to say we saw the dawn of 2026 and did not get home till after 2:00 am :)

This year will bring much excitement, both on and off the ice. On the ice, the next round of leagues are well underway and our next big event, the Grand Spiel, was fully registered in a single day (a record!) Off the ice, hopefully you have all had a chance to take a look at the fabulous renovation concepts that our very own Neal Sinclair and Amanada Klowak (NASK) produced through the insights of the renovation committee. Make sure you share your thoughts with the Project Chair, Mark Lucuik by February 1.

Good curling!



Tony Frost
Chair, Manotick
Curling Club



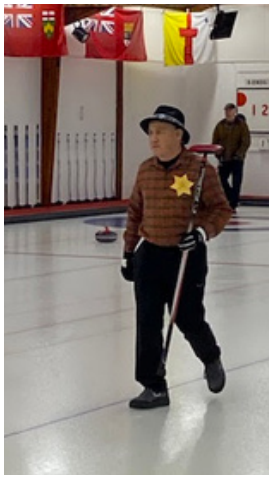
NEW YEARS SPIEL

Yeehaw,

Happy New Year!







The Manotick Curling Club kicked off 2026 in true Western style with our New Year's Eve Hoedown! Guests donned their best cowboy boots and hats for a night of boot-stompin' fun as we counted down to midnight together.

The evening featured some fun curling, hilarious games that had everyone laughing and cheering, plus a spread of delicious cowboy eats to keep the energy high. It was a rootin' tootin' good time, and we couldn't have asked for a better way to ring in the new year.

A big thank you to Krista Kelly, Nancy Fletcher, Paula Jokiel, Jana Seymour, Lynn Hannah, Tony Frost, Lisa Stockton, and everyone who helped make the event a success. See you next time, partners!

Dave Hannah
MCC Special Events





NEW YEARS SPIEL













Congrats to our Jr Members



JUNIOR SLAM SERIES IN LISTOWEL

Team Bown came in second place at the Junior Slam Series in Listowel. The team consists of Lily Bown Skip, Kenzie Thompson Vice, Julian Mackie Second, Arissa Rahman Lead and Mike Stachon Coach.

U15 ROCKFEST PROVINCIAL

Manotick Curling Centre Bantam member Henry Quail has qualified for the U15 Rockfest provincial event in Mississauga November 22-24.

The event will take place at the Dixie Curling Club and during the Scotties Tournament of Hearts at the Paramount Fine Foods Centre.

Henry qualified for the skills competition, where he will compete against other curlers from across the province. He will also compete in a triples competition.





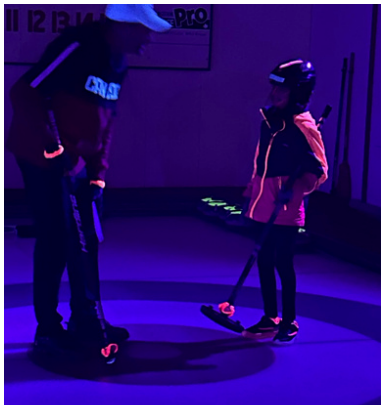
ALMONTE LITTLE ROCK SPIEL

The Manotick Little Rock team of Lucas, Landon, Lincoln, and Ethan played 3 games at the Almonte Little Rock spiel, and won all 3. The team placed second based on the overall score.

From our Jr Members

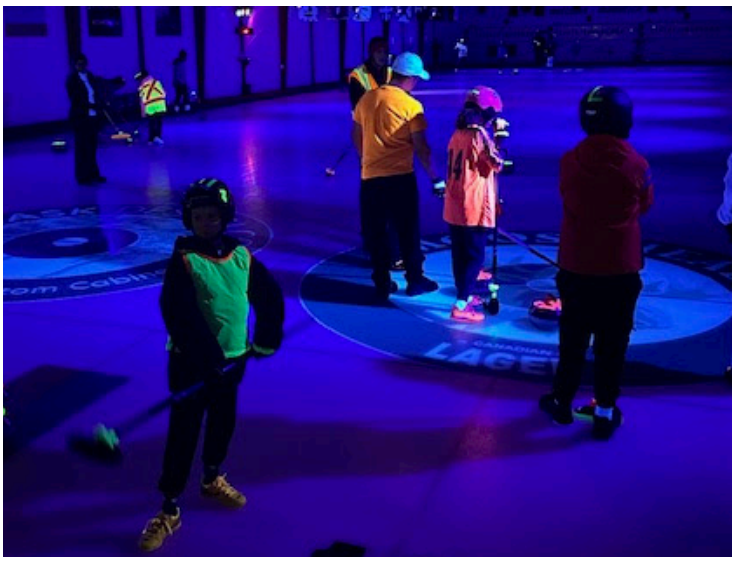
LITTLE ROCK AND BANTAM PROGRAM - BLACKLIGHT CURLING DECEMBER 14.











Chris Innes has been teaching youth curing in Manotick for over 20 years. He currently has 28 instructors who help teach the 86 youth in the program. Several of the instructors are Bantam age and earning their high school volunteer hours. Youth curling comprises two age groups: Little Rocks, ages 7-12, and Bantams, ages 12-20. Years ago, he raised the upper age limit for Bantams from 16 to 20 to ensure any youth who wants to, can find a supportive place to learn and have fun. Each Sunday, the team runs two Little Rock sessions and two Bantam sessions, each comprised of a lesson and a game.

Chris has a particular philosophy based on three simple rules: have fun, be safe and show respect. The goal of the youth program is to provide a safe, welcoming environment where anyone can come out, learn to curl and learn curling etiquette. Throughout the season they run a number of fun activities. These include a twice-annual black-light curling day where the youth play their game in the dark with black-lights and music (see pictures from the December event). The kids love the glow-in-the-dark face paint and tape and are often seen bobbing to the tunes. Everything they do is geared toward ensuring the kids are having fun and learning how to curl. And the results are impressive. Many alumni continue to curl at Manotick and beyond and the program has produced curlers who have gone on to compete at Nationals and the Olympics.

For out more information on the Manotick youth program, contact Chris at chris.innes@gmail.com.

From our Members



The **City View Scotch Duos / Trios** event took place Jan 16-17. Manotick was well represented with several teams participating. Some notable performances from Manotick participants:





Team McRobert-Farrell-Goodkey:
TRIOS SEMI-FINALIST

Team Sinclair:
DUOS OPEN FINALIST

Team Lavoie-Rogers:
DUOS MIXED FINALIST





André Chapman and his team won the Trios division.

Congratulations to all the participants, it was a great event!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

FEB 7 - SHIVERFEST

Coaches to provide short on-ice lessons to general public 10am-1pm

APR 8 - GRAND SPIEL EXTRAVAGANZA NIGHT

We're looking for a few helping hands to prepare food for the Grand Spiel Extravaganza night. If you enjoy cooking and want to pitch in, we'd love to have you!

APR 11 - CLOSING SPIEL

Kitchen help - We're looking for extra hands in the kitchen during the Closing Spiel. If you can help with food prep / washing dishes we would love to have your help.

Contact Dave Hannah: events@manotickcurling.com



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.

Club Renovation Update

PROPOSAL

JANUARY 2026

Manotick Curling Club – Design Intent

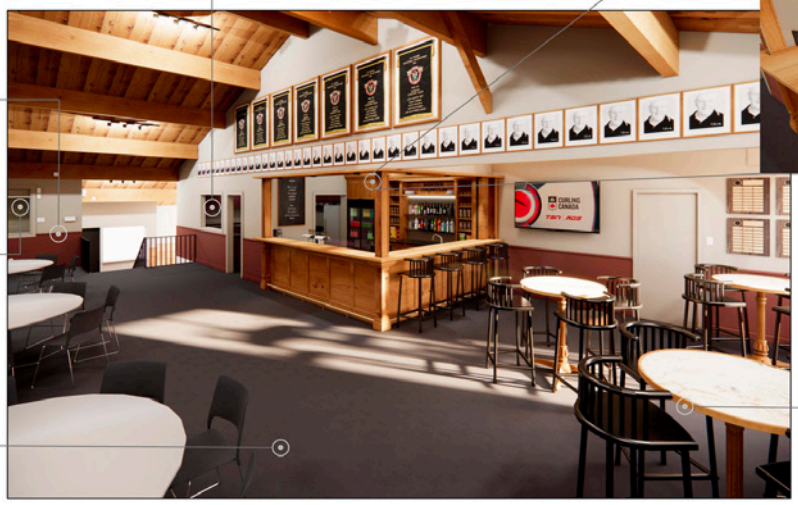
Background

- These design concepts for the club renovation have been prepared to solicit member feedback
- Renovation sub-committee will prepare a recommendation and updated concepts to the board for the February Board Meeting based on feedback
- Board will decide on next steps

Design Approach

- Celebrating the great features of the clubhouse today and respecting the existing architecture
- Timeless design with quality, long-lasting finishes
- Focus on updates and changes that make the most impact on members

CLUB HOUSE LOUNGE & BAR



Updated pass through
Replace pass through doors with custom doors



Paint Colours
A modern take on the existing colours, that will also be applied to our baseboards and wall mouldings. A classic burgundy and warm, off-white, will maintain a cozy, heritage feel and brighten the room.

Example selections: Farrow and Ball Wimborne White (No. 239) and Deep Reddish Brown (No.W101)

Updated Trophy Case
Glass display case will be updated with custom millwork to display trophies, helping reduce items displayed on walls.



Flooring
Dark navy acoustic sheet commercial flooring for durability, maintainability, and acoustic dampening.

Example selection: Forbo marmoleum decibel in volcanic ash



Remodelled Open-Sided Bar Featuring

- Custom traditional bar constructed of oak millwork (stained to be similar to existing timber ceiling)
- Custom "Manotick Curling Club" sign
- Bar seating for four
- Improved functional and display storage
- Additional counter space (black granite)
- Additional lighting and accent lighting
- New sink, faucet, bar fridge, ice machine, kegerators, and taps

Next steps: Further consultation with bar staff to fine-tune functionality

Flexible High-Top Seating
Three to four traditional-style high-top tables with stools will replace the two extra round tables. The separate tables will allow for more smaller groups.

Example selection: Forbo marmoleum decibel in volcanic ash

KITCHEN AND BEHIND THE BAR



Behind the bar

- Additional storage (could be configured as doors or drawers)
- More counter space (black granite)
- Additional lighting and accent lighting
- New sink, faucet, bar fridge, ice machine, kegerators, and taps
- Dedicated point of sale station with stool

Next steps: Further consultation with bar staff to fine-tune functionality



Kitchen updates

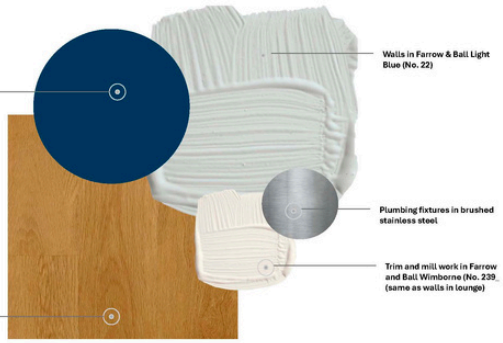
- Largely keep existing footprint
- Remove the corner sink
- Replace ovens and add ventilation
- Update/replace cabinetry
- New counters
- New flooring
- New paint

Next steps: Further consultation with kitchen volunteers to fine-tune functionality

BATHROOMS

Bathroom update scope

- Largely keep existing footprint
- Replace toilets, sinks, urinals, lights and mirrors
- Replace dividers
- Add divider in the men's bathroom by the sink
- Update flooring
- New paint





1. **How much can sweeping typically change the distance a curling stone travels?**
(A) Less than 1 foot
(B) 1–3 feet
(C) 5–10 feet
(D) Over 15 feet

2. **Where do most championship-level curling stones come from?**
(A) Norway
(B) Canada
(C) Ailsa Craig, Scotland
(D) Sweden

3. **Approximately how much does a curling stone weigh?**
(A) 30 lbs (14 kg)
(B) 38–44 lbs (17–20 kg)
(C) 50 lbs (23 kg)
(D) 60 lbs (27 kg)

4. **What happens if a player accidentally kicks their own stone during delivery?**
(A) The stone is replayed
(B) The stone stays where it ends up
(C) The stone is removed from play
(D) The player must buy the next round



5. **What is the real reason curlers yell "HURRY HARD!"?**
(A) It sounds intimidating
(B) It confuses the opposition
(C) It's tradition passed down for centuries
(D) All of the above

6. **Which factor has the *greatest* influence on how much a curling stone curls late in its path?**
(A) The speed of the initial delivery
(B) The direction of handle rotation
(C) Pebble wear and ice temperature near the hog line
(D) Friction asymmetry created by the running band interacting with the pebble

7. **At most curling clubs, what is the *true* definition of "one more end"?**
(A) A single extra end of curling
(B) A strategic decision to improve the final score
(C) Code for "we are absolutely not leaving yet"
(D) A dangerous lie that leads to pizza, stories, beer and closing time

Correct answers: 1: C) 5–10 feet 2: C) Ailsa Craig, Scotland 3: B) 38–44 lbs (17–20 kg) 4: C) The stone is removed from play (Answer D is unofficial but widely enforced 😉) 5: D) All of the above 6: D) Friction asymmetry created by the running band interacting with the pebble (This is the deep physics answer that makes even skips nod slowly and pretend they knew.) 7: D) A dangerous lie that leads to pizza, stories, and closing time (Universally understood. Rarely acknowledged.)



FEB 6	•	**CRYSTAL HEART @MCC**
FEB 7	•	**SHIVERFEST - OPEN HOUSE 10:00AM-1:00PM**
FEB 28	•	**CLOSING SPIEL REGISTRATION OPENS**
MAR 7 - 8	•	**LCA WALLINGFORD SPIEL**
MAR 21	•	**LITTLE ROCKS SPIEL**
MAR 23 - APR 8	•	**GRAND SPIEL**
APR 9 - 11	•	**CLOSING SPIEL**



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UPCOMING BONSPIELS

AT OTHER CLUBS





EVENT DETAILS:

Qualifiers:
February 27-March 1, 2026

Provincials:
March 27-29, 2026

REGISTER NOW!
Secure your spot!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

VALENTINE'S DAY

Doubles Bonspiel

AT THE SMITHS FALLS CURLING AND SQUASH CLUB

FEBRUARY 14 1:00PM

35$ +hst per person - Includes Lunch

To Register Please visit:
www.curlingsquash.ca
or email us at office@curlingsquash.ca

Curl - Up Bonspiel

Back by popular demand!!

Guaranteed three six - end games
Open Bonspiel for men, women or mixed

Evening of February 13th and all day February 14th
$450.00 per team (Incl. HST). $40.30 for Dinner and Dance Only
Morning muffins, tea and coffee, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks provided
Please advise of any dietary requirements in advance.

$1000.00 in Auction PRIZES

PRIZES PRIZES

Professional DJ and Dance on Saturday night
Casino games and live auction using Arnprior Curling Club
"Funny Money" for great prizes

Register : Caroline O'Farrell at cmsofarrell@gmail.com and 613-581-3111.
Payment to be made to arnpriorbookkeeper@gmail.com
Entry deadline Feb. 5