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MANOTICK CURLING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER



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Hello Curling Friends,

With March upon us, we're entering the final stretch of the curling season - but not without some of its biggest highlights. The **Grand Spiel** begins this month, and the action continues into early April with the **Closing Spiel**. It's shaping up to be an exciting and celebratory finish, and a wonderful way to cap off the season!

Message from your Chair

MARCH 2026

Help Shape the Future of Our Club

Our curling club thrives because members step forward to help guide it. Each year, our volunteer Board of Directors works behind the scenes to keep the club running smoothly—from organizing leagues and events to managing finances and supporting membership growth.

As we look ahead to next season, we are seeking members to fill several important board roles. These positions are a great way to contribute to the club you enjoy, share your ideas and help ensure a strong future for our curling community.

Serving on the board doesn't mean a lot of work, nor doing it alone. It's a collaborative, supportive group that works together to make decisions and keep the club moving forward. Your perspective as a member is valuable, and new voices help keep our club vibrant and welcoming.

If you're interested—or just curious about what's involved—please reach out.
We'd love to hear from you.



Tony Frost
Chair, Manotick
Curling Club





Get Ready for the AGM

While it's still a few months out, it's time to start preparing for the MCC Annual General Meeting (AGM). The yearly gathering' purpose is to promote trust, oversight, and active participation in our club's governance and direction. The AGM is your opportunity to review where we are at with key matters and have a say in important club decisions. During the meeting, you will hear about where we are at financially, get updates on key activities (like the renovation) and have a chance to ask questions to ensure accountability and transparency. It's also your opportunity to vote on issues such as electing directors (see below), approving financial activities and/or deciding on major changes.

If you're interested and intend to attend, please check out the full operating bylaw (it's gripping reading!) and covers the AGM requirements in detail (see section 3).

Of special note for this year's AGM (date to be confirmed):

- If you have an item of business, or a member's proposal to be considered, you must submit the notice in writing to the Board (send to Chair@manotickcurling.com) at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting (watch for the date announcement) of the Members in accordance with procedures as approved by the Board (see section 3).
- As required, the club will vote on a listing of open Board positions for next season. Below is the list of positions and candidates who have put their name forward for the election. Please feel free to reach out to have your name added to the slate.

- Secretary (Open)
- Treasurer (Open, incumbent Andrew Farrell, standing for re-election for one (1) year term)
- Director, Membership (Open, incumbent Ken Sokoll, standing for re-election)
- Director, Events (Open, incumbent Dave Hannah, standing for re-election)

Lastly, a quick note to advise that, due to personal reasons, Pat Lam, Director of Curling Operations has resigned from the Board. The Board thanks Pat for the tremendous work he has put in both this and last year, and is pleased to inform all that Matthew Crummey has been appointed to the position for the duration of the term (ends after next season). Please thank Matthew for stepping in to assume the role!



We're Hiring: Bar Manager for Next Season

Sadly, our current Bar Manager extraordinaire, Jana has let us know that she will be leaving us at the conclusion of the season. We can't thank her enough as she has brought in new options for beer, wine, cider and chips! If you get a chance, let her know how much you've appreciated her efforts and wish her well in the future.

So, MCC is on the hunt for a reliable and enthusiastic Bar Manager for next season. This key (paid) role helps keep our club running smoothly (and happily!) by overseeing bar operations, coordinating inventory and ordering, managing staff, and ensuring a great social atmosphere for members.

We're seeking someone who is organized, responsible and enjoys working with people. Related experience in a similar role is an asset, but not required.

This is a great opportunity to get more involved in the club and contribute to the vibrant spirit of our club.

If you—or someone you know—might be interested, we'd love to hear from you!

For full details on the role, please visit the club website or contact us directly.

Events

SENIOR PROVINCIAL UPDATE







Eight Women's Teams competed to be this year's Team Ontario Champion in the **2026 Senior Provincial Championship**, in Oakville, Ontario, presented by MR.SUB.

Our MCC representatives, (sponsored by **Brad Dow** at Sterling Mutual) were :

SKIP: **Allison Farrell** (Saint John, NB)
VICE: **Lisa Paddle** (Kingston, ON)
SECOND: **Karen Anderson** (Lacolle, QC)
LEAD: **Jenny Biemans** (St. Gregor, SK)





Send off party at MCC

Members Update

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAYS

This bonspiel was extra special as we gathered to celebrate **International Women's Day** and to support Naomi's Family Resource Centre (naomiscentre.ca). These teams helped create a welcoming space where everyone could come together for a great cause, raising awareness and showing solidarity with women and families in our extended community. Thanks to you and our sponsors, we presented Renée of Naomi's Centre with a Big Cheque for $4000! Your energy, kindness, and team spirit made the event a real success and a whole lot of fun for everyone.









Ivana Cvetković, Sarah Cybulski, Krista Kelly, Karen Johnston



Huntley Team versus Stephanie Luedee, Sydney Bowles and Bonnie O'Halloran

From our Members

OTTAWA VALLEY SENIOR MEN'S CURLING LEAGUE BANQUET

On Wednesday March 4, Manotick Men's senior Valley League members hosted this year's end of season awards and dinner banquet at the **Alfred Taylor Recreation Centre** in North Gower. The lunch was attended by most members from the 48 teams, as well as some of the ice makers from the 8 Valley League clubs.

The banquet was organized by Karl Jensen, our Manotick representative for the Ottawa Valley Senior Men's Curling League (OVSMCL).. Chris Schultz and friends provided the feast to the over 170+ hungry diners; it included pork tenderloin, baby potatoes in mushroom gravy, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, and my favourite, peach crumble with ice cream. Special thanks to Sonny Lapointe for getting the bar license, and daughter Yana for running the bar. Members of the 6 Manotick teams washed dishes, restocked the buffet food table, sold liquor tickets, cleaned up, and set up and took down the tables and chairs. Of course, we also had lunch and reminisced with old friends.

The Valley League donated the profits of the banquet tickets, bar sales, and 50/50 draw to the Manotick Curling Club; it was an amount in excess of $2900. Thanks to Karl, Chris and all the helpers for a job well done











Club g .golf

We are excited to be partnered with **ClubEG** again this year to bring you some great prizes throughout the season. **ClubEG** runs a variety of Golfaways throughout the year, including a weekend trip to Conklin Players Club in Binghamton, New York. It's a hidden gem of a course, with a ton of great people travelling down during the first weekend of May. If you're interested in more information, please reach out to **owen@clubeg.golf**



From our Members



THE MOTION OF CURLING ROCKS: AN ANALYTICAL APPROACH TO THE SCRATCH-GUIDING MECHANISM

The way a curling rock moves down the ice is more complex than it appears. As the rock spins, it gradually curves left or right, creating the familiar “curl.” Scientists have studied this motion for many years, and one leading explanation is known as the scratch-guiding effect. In this article, corresponding author **Ivan L’Heureux** explores the physics behind this theory by Manotick curler, Ivan he explores how factors like spin, friction, temperature, and ice conditions influence a rock’s path

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From our Members

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



The club was full of Irish cheer this St. Patrick's Day, with plenty of green on the ice and even more laughter off it. From festive outfits to great curling and good company, it was a wonderful way to celebrate together. A special shoutout to Krista Kelly, who continues to celebrate her birthday month in true style — because one day simply isn't enough! We're not sure what day we're officially on anymore, but we're happy to keep celebrating with her.













Jr Members Update

METCALFE SPIEL

Manotick had two teams in the Metcalfe Spiel last week.



Elsie Cox
Norah Cox
Ariana Chiarello
Emma Mostafa



Lucas Deslauriers
Lochlan Braid
<Metcalfe Spare>
Presleigh Bouris

From our Members



A big congratulations to Karen Johnston and Jeff Guitard on their recent wedding! It looks like they've truly swept each other off their feet and into married life. Wishing you both a lifetime of love, laughter, and many happy ends together — on and off the ice





GRAND SPIEL
Extravaganza NIGHT

APRIL 8TH



Feature Matches
League Awards Presentation
Cocktail Party
Great Snacks

Register for
Extravaganza Night
Grand Spiel Games Begin
March 23rd

SEASON FINALE

CLOSING SPIEL

APRIL 8TH

APRIL 9-11



SKINS CHALLENGE
CASH SPIEL

REGISTRATION OPENS
FEBRUARY 28

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Event

OUTSIDE THE CLUB



GOULBOURN LAWN BOWLING CLUB

2135 Huntley Road,
Stittsville, On

OPEN HOUSES

MAY 13 and 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
May 21 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COME JOIN US AND TRY OUT LAWN BOWLING.

Please wear flat soled shoes.
Email to register.
goulbournlawnbowling@gmail.com

SHOW US YOUR *Curling Spirit*

Have a great photo or fun story from the ice?



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communications@manotickcurling.com
for a chance to be featured in an upcoming MCC newsletter!