Edition #10 MANOTICK CURLING CLUB October 2026

IN THE HOUSE

NEWSLETTER



FIRST OFFICIAL DRINK... ROSE EDWARDS, WITH CLUB CHAIR TONY FROST

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Hello Curling Friends,

Welcome back, curlers! A new season is here, and this year there's even more to look forward to. After a busy summer of renovations, our club has a fresh new look and is ready to welcome everyone back. The ice is going in, the rocks are ready, and soon the club will once again be filled with familiar faces, friendly competition and plenty of laughs. We can't wait to have everyone back in the house!

Message from your Chair

OCTOBER 2026

Dear members,

it is with extreme pleasure that I write this first message of the 2026-27 curling season. We are on the precipice of, not just another opportunity to play our favourite game, but a chance to step through our hallowed doors and see the fabulous work that members have done to transform our cherished facility.



Tony Frost
Chair, Manotick Curling Club

The October 3rd Open House saw close to 200 members reconnect, check our fresh digs out and participate in a hotly contested silent auction. We think you will be impressed with the completely refreshed lounge, modern kitchen and washrooms and updated changerooms. And wait till you see the bar: Eight taps at your pleasure, including a special new addition to the line-up: Guiness!

And other updates have occurred: On the ice, you'll notice bigger, high-definition monitors and cameras, for better assessment of where the rocks are in the house.

Thanks go out to all those who generously supported the update project: From the donors who kindly gave towards the $40,000 raised, to the volunteers who graciously gave their time and expertise; from the City who provided a $20,000 grant to the club, to the silent auction supporters who raised almost $7,000(!); and of course, the talented crafts persons who have created an off-ice experience that is second to none; all deserve a warm pat on the back – if you see them, let them know your appreciation.

FYI, there is still time to give at: https://www.ontariosportnetwork.ca/nstf-projects/383-manotick-curling-club!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

A Fresh New Look at MCC

ITS BEEN QUITE THE SUMMER

A lot happened at the club while the rocks were put away! After a busy summer of planning, renovating, painting, building and plenty of hard work, MCC is looking better than ever. What started with a few “under construction” moments has turned into quite the transformation. A huge thank you goes to everyone who donated, volunteered their time, shared their expertise or helped behind the scenes. Take a look at our before and after photos and see the difference for yourself. Same great club, whole new look!





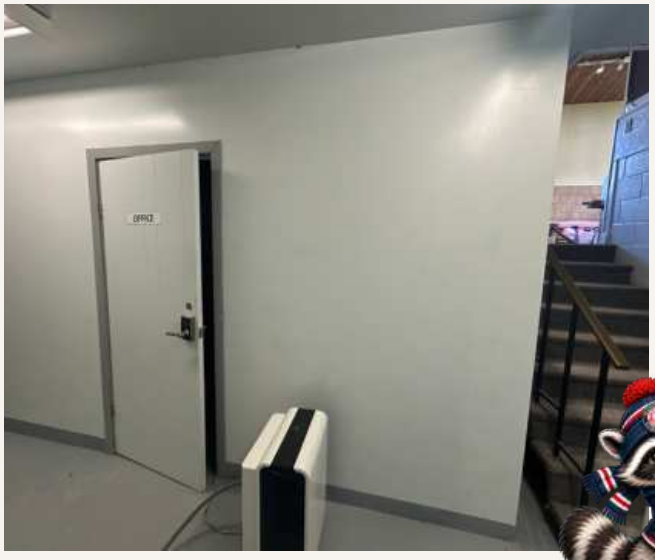


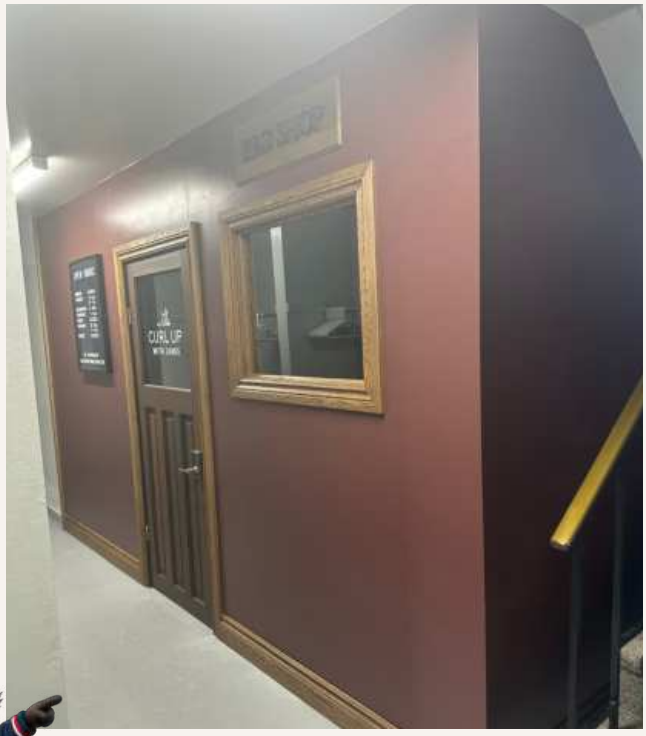




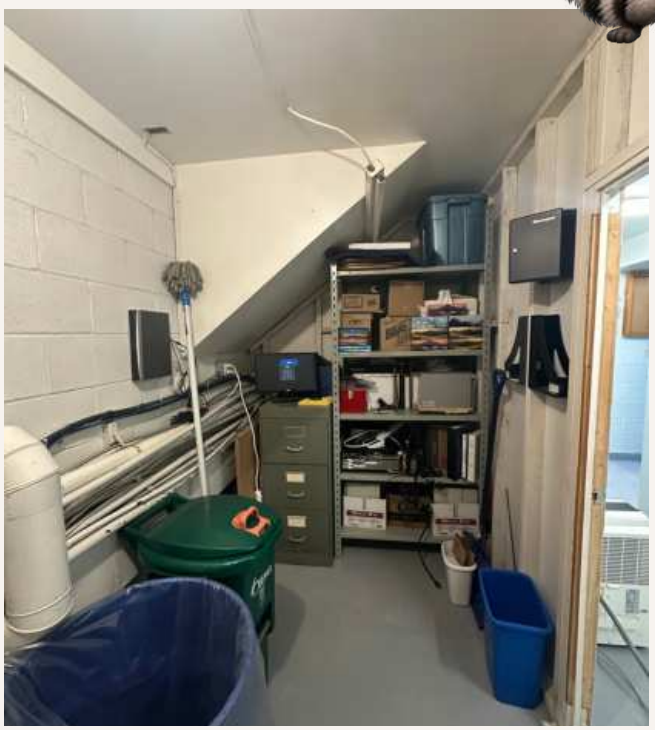
It Went From This... to This!

What a difference a summer can make! With a vision, a lot of hard work and the support of our incredible MCC community, some very familiar spaces have been given a whole new look. Take a look at where we started and where we are today. The transformation speaks for itself!











Sneak Peek Event

A CEREMONIAL FIRST ROCK

We were delighted to welcome MP Bruce Fanjoy, Councillor David Brown and Dave Bracken, the grandson of John Bracken who donated the land for the club. Dave's father, George, was also a longstanding member of the club and a former President. After a lesson on technique by champion curler Craig Savill, the trio helped open our renovated space and all threw ceremonial rocks during the event. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the start of another curling season and officially welcome everyone back to our newly renovated club.



Tony Frost with MP Bruce Fanjoy







Councillor David Brown



Councillor David Brown, MP Bruce Fanjoy, Craig Savill, Dave Bracken and Tony Frost









Dave Bracken - history repeats...

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A DELICIOUS THANK YOU

Of course, no celebration is complete without great food! A special thank you to club member and executive chef Karen Anderson for the absolutely delicious catering that helped make our Sneak Peek even more enjoyable. From the first bite to the last, it was a wonderful addition to a very special evening at MCC.











Open House

A WARM WELCOME BACK











Saturday night's Open House was a wonderful way to show off our new-look club! We were thrilled to see such a great turnout, with members filling the club, catching up with familiar faces and getting their first look at the renovations.

The reaction was overwhelmingly positive, with plenty of smiles and compliments throughout the evening. After a busy summer of work, it was especially rewarding to see everyone enjoying the space again. What a great way to start the new season!

















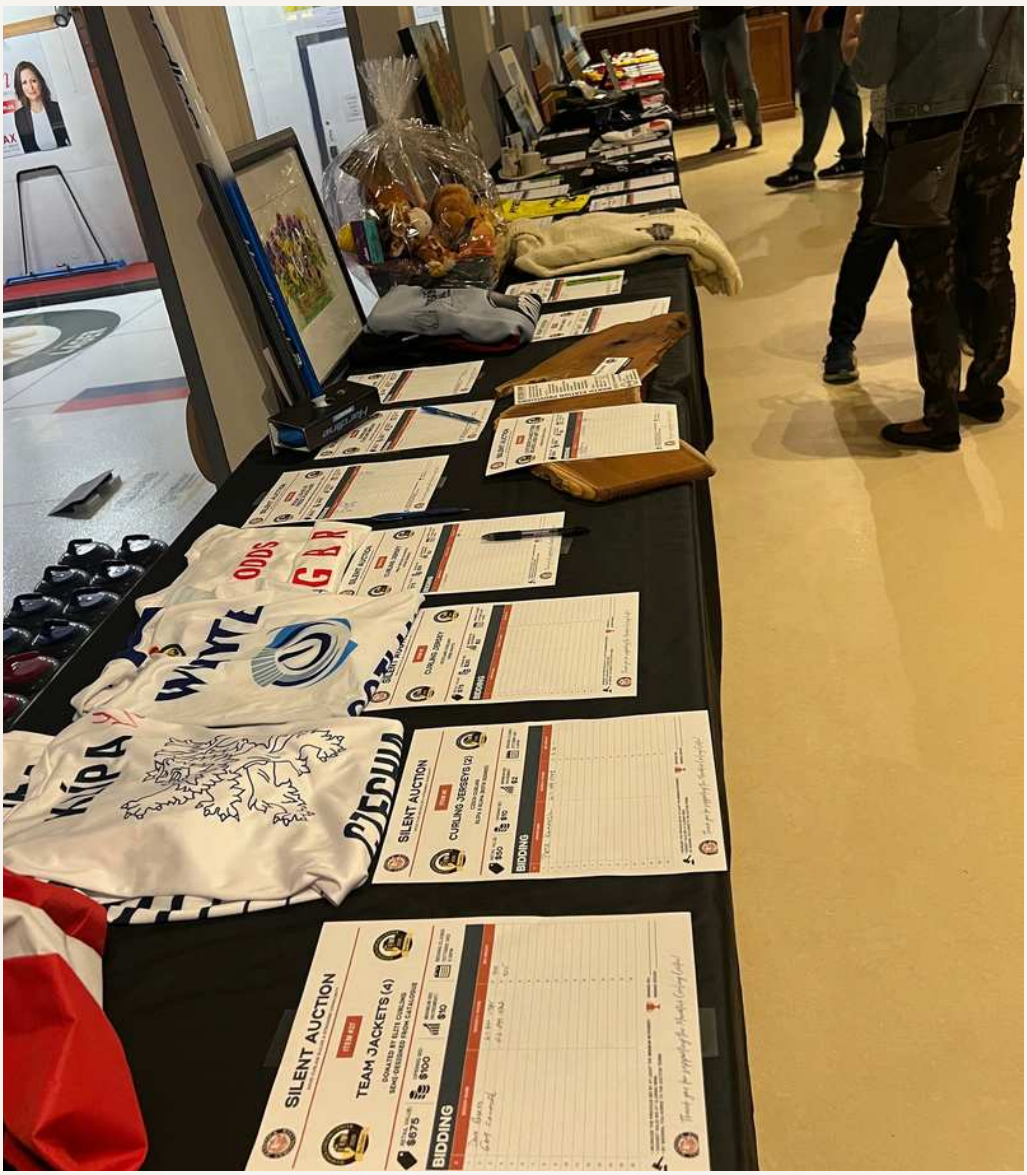


Open House

A WINNING BID FOR MCC

The Silent Auction was a fantastic success, raising almost $7,000 for the club! A huge thank you to everyone who donated items, helped organize the auction, placed a bid or perhaps got into a little friendly bidding competition along the way. Your enthusiasm and generosity made the event a wonderful success and provided another great example of what our MCC community can accomplish together.









Jamie's Pro Tips

CURLING QUESTIONS, ANSWERED BY A NATIONAL CHAMPION







HERE'S THE TRUTH....

Your gripper is probably filthy. It might be worn out, peeling, and causing picks on the ice. Most grippers only last a season so replacing them at the start of the year is a good idea!

In the meantime, you can use Vim and a scrubbing brush to clean off all that built up debris. The ice makers will thank you!

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/wM10rMdOztE

A COUPLE THINGS TO TRY IN ORDER TO GET MORE ROTATION ON YOUR STONES.

- **A FIRMER GRIP**; keep your wrist high and palm off the handle, but your grip should be about a 6/10 on the firmness scale. We want to be in control of that rock.
- **MORE COUNTER ROTATION**; make sure to start with the handle at 10 or 2 o'clock and hold that counter rotation until you are ready to release the stone.
- **A QUICKER RELEASE PROCESS**; the slower the release process, the slower the rock will be rotating. Aim to release the stone over a 3ft distance.
- **YOUR HAND SHOULD BE COMING OFF THE HANDLE AT 12 o'clock.** Never past that. If you let go before 12 o'clock, your rock probably wont have enough rotation.



You can purchase a new gripper in the Manotick Pro shop with a members discount of 5%.

News

A FREEZE WE CAN ALL GET BEHIND!



While we're busy freezing the ice, we're freezing something else too. Bar prices! That's right, there will be no increase this season, so you can continue to enjoy your favourite post-game beverage at last season's prices. Consider it one more reason to stick around after the final rock and enjoy some time with your fellow curlers. Cheers to that!

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A Winning Strategy!

CLINIC AT MCC

A big thank you to Craig Savill and Jamie Sinclair for hosting such an informative and engaging strategy clinic last evening! From sharpening our understanding of the game to learning new ways to think about each shot, there was plenty of valuable insight to take away. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from two accomplished curlers, and we're sure everyone left with a few new tricks up their sleeves. Now to put that knowledge to work on the ice!









Pro-Shop Hours of Operation	
Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 - 10:00 am
Thursday	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 - 9:00 am 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Hurry Hard! Opening Spiel!

SIGN UP TODAY!

