



MCC IN THE HOUSE



The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



MCC Club Key Dates

Registration News

Contact: Ron Knight

Early Registration Returning Members: Due June 30

Submit completed form + \$200/curler

Balance of Payment: Due Sept 1

New Curlers/Members Starts July 1



MCC (AGM) Annual General Meeting

Sunday May 29th

Manotick Curling Center

1pm

Open to All 2015/2016 Members



MCC Annual Friendship Golf

Spring Fling - June 5th Sun.

****Golf fee****

Due on day of tourney

Golf Fee : \$25pp (9holes)

\$45pp (18holes)

Advance Dinner reservation fee

Required* Questions?

Jean Stevenson

613.558.4223



Summer Bash - August 8th Mon

\$70 Fee DUE by June 30th

Cost: \$70pp (incl lunch)

Mail cheque to Ron Barker



Who is the "Pulse" of Manotick Curling Center?



Convenors are dedicated MCC members, who volunteer their expertise and time in order to convene our leagues/spiels. There are approximately 20+ convenors here at our club.

Our MCC convenors

- Serve as the organizer and administrator of a league or event
- Carry out the preliminary and follow-up tasks that ensure the process proceeds smoothly
- Send out communications to the league regarding updates/reminders/playoff/championship
- Maintain 'game sheet' tracking
- Are familiar with Rules & Regulations of the club/sport
- Update our MCC website with league schedule/team roster/spares lists

Win The Fight (WTF) Total \$555

**Donated to this season's Charity of Choice in honor of Craig Savill
Hodgkins Lymphoma Cancer Research**

Feature Sheet: Bar Operations - Karl Jensen

Our club could not operate without the dedicated time and effort of volunteers who willingly contribute to MCC. Each month we'll be featuring some well known MCC personalities.

Q: How long you been curling?

A: 41 years

Q: How did you get into this sport?

A: When I was in the military stationed in Lahr, Germany we had a unit curling league for sports in the afternoon.

Q: Which leagues are you playing in this season?

A: Monday Morning, Monday Men's, Wednesday Valley League and Thursday Open.

Q: Share a surprising tidbit about yourself

A: Never played hockey or learned to play Golf.



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Pulse of MCC ~ Special Supplement ~ Season Finale 2016

In our final newsletter of the season, members will find a special edition supplement "**Pulse of MCC**", where we highlight our many convener's who have worked steadily behind the scenes, keeping the MCC curling machine organized and moving forward.



On behalf of the Board and the membership, we want to let you know just how much we appreciate YOUR generous contribution of time (and patience) over the 2015/2016 curling season. We gathered together, played our best and sometimes worst games, made new friends, shared a meal/drink and a few tall 'tales' around the table ~ all for our shared love of this sport!

Season Finale Edition of MCC in The House – Next Edition JULY 2016

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Pulse of MCC Convenor's Closing - Daytime

Monday Morning – Senior Mens

The Manotick Curling Center's Senior Men's League is a drawn team league with skips selecting players for their teams twice a season. The format included 2 Round Robin schedules plus a Double Knockout Championship, making for a very full year of curling for our daytime men. Play was primarily on Monday mornings and started the Monday after Thanksgiving. This year we had an ideal 48 curlers making up 12 teams in each session.

The Fall Round Robin was won by Ron Barker and his team of Jim Stewart, Ken Adams and Sonny Lapointe. The Winter Round Robin was won by John Falkingham and his team of Scott Brewster, Brian Grant and Stephen Fox.

Double Knockout Championship was won by Frank Van Ryckeghem and his team of Bruce Magee, Tim Franklin, Ralph DeCarlo (spares Bob MacGregor and Bob Pentland



Tuesday & Thursday Morning Open

In 2015-16, there were 69 registered curlers involved in the Tuesday and Thursday Daytime Curling. These members were assigned to five Groups which were scheduled in rotation for draws at 08:45 and 11:00 a.m. There are no formal teams in this primarily 'social league', which allows each curler an opportunity to play with (or against) every other member in the program, and to try playing at all positions. This year, four new curlers who were 'graduates' of the LTC Program joined us after Christmas.

The overall feedback from the members indicates that 2015-16 was a very good curling season. The numbers were up slightly from last year and everyone looks forward to more of the same next year.

~ Gary



Scott Brewster

Each year we get a couple of new members and there is usually some shuffle of players as some of our members head to warmer climates for the winter months and others step up to fill the gaps. As always, spares are in short supply so we encourage anyone who wants occasional play to let us know and they will be added to the spares list
~ Scott

Gary Hall



Pulse of MCC Convenor's Closing - Evening

Tuesday Evening Fixed Womens

Karen Bradley & Tessie Jokinen

A Side Winner:

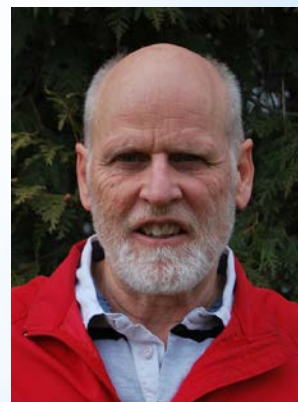
Karen Bradley Skip, Tessie Jokinen Vice,
Peggy Van Ryckeghem Second, Betty
Chapman Lead

B Side Winner:

Barb Ulan Skip, Colleen Grum Vice, Julie
Rhyno Second, Diane Maidment Lead



Tersh Doe



Thursday Evening Fixed Open

Grand Aggregate & Group A winner: Team Van Ryckeghem
(Michel Doucet, Ron Knight, Rhys Allen and Frank Van Ryckeghem)

Group B winner: Team Bradley
(Betty Chapman, Tessie Jokinen, Kendra Labrosse and Karen Bradley)

Group C winner: Team Doe
(Steve Dickie, Geoff MacMillan, Gary Hall and Tersh Doe)

There are 15 teams in the league. We are at our capacity. Last year 2 teams left and two new teams joined Thursday night curling. There were a total of 12 players that joined and left the league. We welcomed one graduate of the Learn to Curl program, Bill Davis from 2014, playing in the Thursday night league.

No complaints, so I assume they are happy enough with the way the league runs!

There are a lot of the Thursday Night curlers that play in the City of Ottawa Men's Bonspiel. That meant that 4 of the six games that were scheduled during the bonspiel had to be rescheduled. Next year we are thinking of leaving that Thursday off the schedule and find an extra Thursday to round out the season. Unless the Board expresses dissatisfaction with the way things are run, it will be run the same way next year.

~ Tersh

P.S. Just a reminder to Thursday Night League members, for next season to submit their results after the game.

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Monday Evening Fixed Mens

The league has had 14 teams for a number of years now. That's an ideal number that gives everyone a schedule of 18 games over the season. We divide into two A and B flights of 7 teams each.

There are three draws over the season. Each team plays the other 6 teams once and has 1 bye in each draw. Teams are assigned to A and B randomly for the first draw and then move up or down according to their win-loss record. The A and B winners are determined only by the third draw while the Aggregate winner has the most wins over the entire season. Ties are decided by the head-to-head record of the teams involved followed by a 4-rock team draw to the button, if necessary. This year the league welcomed 12 new players, including a new full team to the club and a transplant team from the Thursday league. The other 10 teams have been mostly stable with single replacements here and there as players leave the league.



John Falkingham

There may be some changes in the wind for next year with a number of teams indicating that they may be breaking up and bringing in new players. We'll have to wait until after the registration deadline to decide on how everything will shake out. For now, I encourage everyone who wants to play on Monday nights to get your registration in as soon as possible. Please note the registration deadlines and the priority rules for returning and new teams and players.

~ John



Photo **A Side Winner:** Wes Suchorab Skip, Minh Ha Vice, Eric Watterud Second, Luke Askin Lead

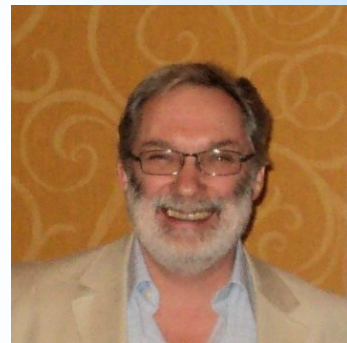
Grand Aggregate: Mike Schulz Skip, Ron Barker Vice, Scott Brewster Second, Arno Giek Lead

B Side: Kevin Brady Skip, Conrad Lower Vice, Evan Davies Second, Jeff Guitard Lead

Pulse of MCC Convenor's Closing - Evening

Wednesday Evening Fixed Open

There were 14 teams in the Wed night League this year. This can be stretched to 15 teams, if necessary, by following a schedule similar to the current Thursday schedule, if registration demands it for next year. We had two new teams on Wed night this year with Team Yuyitung and Team Hannah as well as two other curlers joining other teams as singles - Nick Szkarlat and Don Coulterman - Welcome!



Merv McBride

If one of the goals of a league is to achieve some parity then we have accomplished that in several ways. The use of the tie-breaker (point differential) was necessary to break a five way tie in B division in the second round, a three way tie for the A Prize round and a two way tie for the Aggregate over the full year. When things are that tight it means there aren't many "mean nothing" games. In the spirit of fun and competition - and maybe some sociability after the game - we hope to see everyone again next year for some curling excitement on Wednesday night.

~ Merv McBride



A trophy as well as the Aggregate on Wed night went to - Merv McBride, Dave Rogers, Mark Zbitnew, and Terry Amadio.

B trophy - Kent Yuyitung, Rick Jokiell, Patrick Gratton, and Roz Kee



Pulse of MCC

Convenor's Closing - Evening

Saturday Night Open

Thanks to all of you for making the Saturday Night League an active and fun league this year. I hope you enjoyed our year end pot lucks, we certainly did. Our Saturday Night League has concluded the 2015/2016 season with completion of an 8 team round robin tournament and individual skills event competition.

Congratulations to our Round Robin champs: Dave Hannah, Jeff Hamilton, Jon & Jackie Tompkins. I will have your names scribed on the SNL plaque, so you get bragging rights until next year.

Congratulations to our Men's Skills champ: Josh Hoddenbagh. Josh scored 18 out of a possible 24 points.

Congratulations to our Women's Skills champ: Sigrun Gulden. Sigrun scored 19 out of a possible 24 points.

We started with 40 members in the fall and finished with 59 members, almost a 50% increase.



**Don
Coulterman**

Our SNL/L2C
Grads are
EAGER to learn
from YOU
Consider calling
up a SNL or
L2C Graduate as
a Spare on your
team

SNL Champs:

Dave Hannah, Jon
Tompkins, Jeff
Hamilton, Jackie
Tompkins



The open format of SNL allows for casual participation of its members. This will continue for next season. As for changes for next season I am considering but not yet committed to the following. Please let me know your thoughts and any other ideas you may have to make your SNL league better.

* A ladder for Scotch doubles and/or 4 man teams. This is strictly voluntary. Fixed teams are formed for each half of the season and play a round robin throughout each half season. There will still be ice available for casual members at each time slot.

* Scotch Double theme nights. We will play only Scotch doubles some nights, perhaps once a month.

* A Scotch Doubles league from 5:00 to 6:15 PM on Saturdays when ice time is available.

* Skills Competition Ladder. This is an individual competition and completely voluntary. Individuals would complete x sets of events (an event would have a number of skills) and accumulate points. We will crown winners at Christmas and year end tournaments

If you have any other ideas how we can make your league better please send me your ideas.

So have a great and safe summer. We hope to see you all back again next fall !

~ Don and Jaynie Coulterman



Pulse of MCC Convenor's Closing

Friday Night Fixed Mixed

Team Bob MacGregor (Skip), Patti MacGregor, Donna Hellman, Rod Corbett

Team Gerard de Bruijns (Skip), Betty Michels, Ross Ulan, Barb Ulan

Team Bryan Dickie (Skip), Eric Cathcart, Shirley Velthuis, Lindsay Dickie

Bob MacGregor



A *extra special* "Thank you" to Bob MacGregor for all his time & effort to make this league happen in 2015/2016!

Next season's FNFM convenor: Bryan Dickie

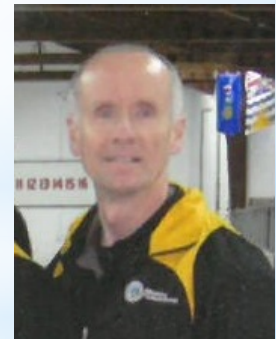
Adult Clinic & Junior Practice Ice

Michael Coldwell

MCC Adult clinic: 5

Participants: 35.

Volunteer Coaching Staff: 7 different coaches helping at various of the clinics.



Heard very positive comments about the clinics, which I am happy to provide to the MCC membership. Cannot say that there is any trend, or common question. Clinics covered all things 'curling from the basics on up which was greatly appreciated by all the participants. Members commented that MCC clinics improved their delivery in their games.

~ Michael

L2C: Learn to Curl for Adults

Tersh Doe

Another successful year of this introduction to curling program for adults. This season 24 graduates have challenged themselves to win novice spiels, signed up as spares for many MCC leagues and brought their joie de vivre to our club!



Registration for next season is half way full. If your friends/family are thinking about it, don't wait till it's too late!

~ Tersh



Pulse of MCC Convenor's Closing

Youth Program – Little Rock & Bantam



**Michel
Daigle**



**James
Sutherland**



**Chris
Innes**

Youth filled Sundays

88 youth in the program this year.

We are expanding to a third Little Rock session next year and will be able to accept another 20 youth.

We had 22 coaches helping this year! Wow!

We also had many, many parents helping take youth to spiels, help run the two Manotick spiels, provide treats for the youth each Sunday and make Hot Chocolate.

We passed out 16 Little Rock awards, 10 Red level awards, 11 Blue level awards and 2 bronze awards. We served about 1,400 cups of hot chocolate.

One of most active helpers is Michel Daigle. Michel registered the club for 2 spots for each and every Little Rock spiel in the Ottawa Valley. Michel then advertised the spots to the youth, proposed teams and found a parents to look after the team.

We also had one youth win the Mike Moore Good Sportsmanship award at the OVCA Little Rock Championship.

~ Chris



Spiel Master Report – MCC Youth

- 24 Little Rock teams to 15 spiels.
- 2 teams to the OVCA Little Rock Zones, one of which made it to the Championship round.
- Youth participation in the *new* Hit, Draw and Tap competition, including 3 that made it all the way to provincials.
- 13 youth on 4 teams participate in the Timbits Elementary School Provincials. Every team made an event final and 3 won. The 4th only lost because they were against one of the other 3. Some of these teams have already started planning the trek to Chesley, ON next year!

~ Michel

Our Little Rock team played in the Little Rock Championships and they did Manotick proud!!

Some amazing curling from a lot of teams! We had Elaine Brimacombe, Chair of the Brier Committee and Joe Pavia owner of Hogline long time sponsor of Little Rock Championship in the crowd.



Charlie Menard awarded the 2016 Mike Moore Coach's Pick Award! For sportsman, skill and spirit! Presented by Mike Gemmill, OVCA Little Rock Coordinator

Pulse of MCC Convenor's Closing - Events

President's Shield

MCC's end of season intra-league event that provides an opportunity to gain entry into the Traveler's Club Championships where club champions compete nationally. There is no fee, however MCC Fixed teams signing up must meet entry criteria. Does your fixed team want a challenge then this is it.

~ Frank

Island Spiel – Annual Daytime Senior Spiel

I started running this bonspiel in 2010. Karol Bilyj had been running it for the last 100 or so years and said that he could no longer do it. When Karol first ran this in the mid seventies he had 3 categories, namely Men, Mixed and Senior. I remember curling in both the Men's and Mixed, which often meant curling in one division shortly after you got off the ice in another one. Interest waned and only the Senior division remained viable. I have changed the format a bit, so that in the 4 day event I can tell teams exactly when their first 3 games will be. Furthermore teams have an option of a bye day. A full draw is 24 teams with cash prizes totaling \$2000. This year we had 6 teams from each Carleton Heights and Manotick with an additional am that curls in both of these clubs. I always invite the teams from the previous years, put information on the OCA, OVCA and club websites and leave posters at many clubs and bonspiels. Winner was the Frank Van Ryckeghem team from Manotick. My wife, Kris, kept everybody well fed during the event.

~ Mike

Golf – June: Spring Fling @ Carleton Golf & Yacht Club

Actually this Spring Fling is not about teams or score. Just fun. With some games on many holes and lots of prizes. I just thought it would be fun to have members at Manotick Curling enjoy a day at Carleton with great food from Chef Peter and camaraderie in the offseason. There you have it ! Mail in your cheque for our 2nd Annual Spring fling by April 30th.

Mark the Date: Sunday, June 5th

~ Jean

Frank Van Ryckeghem



Mike Schulz



Jean Stevenson





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Golf – August: Manotick Curler's Annual Friendship Golf Day

Karol Biljy started the annual friendship golf tournament so the senior men curlers would have a chance to meet up with their curling buddies once during the summer. We have one trophy that is used to identify the senior curler champion team and the winner of the golf tournament. The year this started would be on the trophy identifying the first team winners, I just don't know exactly, but I am guessing it was around 1990 when Karol also started the Ottawa Valley curling league, which has been growing ever since



Ron Barker

In the past few years I have allowed the golf tournament players to expand beyond just our senior curlers as others from the curling club found out about our senior men get together during the summer and asked if they could join in. Once that happened the tournament has grown and the younger curlers started to sign up with teams that included their relatives and friends, both men and women. At that point I had to identify not just the men team winners but the mixed teams and the women's teams winners. To make this get together more fun and larger I have invited curlers from other curling clubs to join us. I have also allowed some of the marshals from the golf course to join in (some of them are also curlers from Manotick).

We have had lots of new curler members and graduates join in over the years.

As far as I know it has always been held at the **Manderley Golf Course** which is the closest affordable golf course to Manotick. It has always been there since I have been running it.

In the past we may had a bit of money left over from the fees collected which was given back to the club to support whatever charity or fund raiser that was going on that year. That was not the intent of this tournament. I have always been trying to break even by purchasing prizes with any excess funds to be returned to the players. However, in the last few years we have been selling 50/50 tickets giving 50% to the winner and giving the other 50% to a different charitable organization each year.

Mark the Date: Monday, August 8th

~ Ron



Manderley on the Green