

# MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



AUGUST 2017

WE ACCEPT:   

## UPCOMING MCC EVENTS

Here's a list of important dates to remember for the upcoming season:

- **SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017**  
*Deadline for the FULL fee payments*  
Should you need any assistance with totaling your balance for the year, please do not hesitate to contact Ron Knight.
- **SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2017**  
*Meet and Greet*
- **OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2017**  
*Curling season starts*
- **OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> 2017**  
*Opening Bonspiel*
- **NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> 2017**  
*Turkey Spiel*

For more information about event dates and club spiels, please check out the MCC calendar online.

## PRESIDENTIAL CORNER

Welcome back to all of our returning members and a special welcome to those new to the MCC. I hope you all had a good summer despite the record rains and are ready to walk on water and throw some stones.

I want to thank our out-going Board members for the excellent work they did over their terms. The new Board has been meeting over the summer and I am pleased to report that financially we are in pretty good shape and membership is at full capacity in almost all leagues.

This year we will be trying out some new ideas to improve the membership experience as well as looking after more mundane but necessary business such as strategic plans and by-laws.

I am committed to the long-term prosperity of the MCC. I believe strongly in transparency, in consultation, and in consensus-building. While everyone cannot always be happy with every decision that must be made, I think that everyone should have the opportunity to voice their input and be given the rationale for the decision.

Please feel free to approach me in the club or send me an e-mail with your questions, comments, complaints, and compliments!



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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017-2018

The 2017-2018 curling season is just around the corner.

As you know, MCC is a non-profit organization. It goes without saying that elected board members volunteer their time to the club to help make it what it is today. MCC would like to thank our outgoing Board members Karen Bradley, Norm Crawley, Dave Hannah, Roz Kee, and Frank Van Ryckeghem for their time and commitment to our club.

We welcome new Board members Carolynne Brousseau, John Falkingham, Trevor Harris, Brad O'Reilly, and Richard Shillington.



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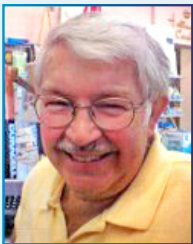
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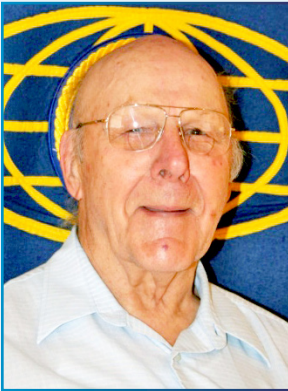
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## KAROL BILYJ MEMORIAL ISLAND BONSPIEL

By now, most of our members have learned of Karol Bilyj's passing in June. Karol has been a fixture at the Manotick Curling Center for over 4 decades. Years ago, he started our youth curling program and personally instructed hundreds of young people over the years. His legacy can be seen in the national champion banners that hang proudly in our Club. He initiated the day-time senior leagues that now keep our club full of enthusiastic curlers every day. As a former Club President and all-round do-everything member, he was the first inductee to the MCC Wall of Fame. Karol was a co-founder of the Ottawa Valley Senior Men's Competitive Curling League, entering the first Manotick team in 1993. Karol was considered a friend in virtually every curling club in Ottawa and the Valley.

In honor of the many years of service and comradeship that he brought to us, the Board of Directors, with the approval of Karol's wife Olga, decided to rename our premier senior invitational spiel to *The Karol Bilyj Memorial Island Bonspiel*.



### MCC LEAGUE CONVENERS

2017/2018

MCC would like to introduce to you your 2017-2018 league conveners. Please note should you need to contact them, their information is on the MCC website under club contacts.

**Monday Morning Men's:** Scott Brewster

**Monday Night Men's:** John Falkingham

**Tuesday Night Women's:** Tessie Jokinen & Karen Bradley

**Tuesday and Thursday Daytime Open Mixed:** Gary Hall

**Tuesday Afternoon Cook n Curl:** Richard Shillington

**Wednesday Night Open:** Merv McBride

**Thursday Night Open:** Tersh Doe

**Friday Scotch Doubles:** Roz Kee

**Friday Night Mixed:** Bryan Dickie

**Saturday Night:** Ken Sokoll

**Sunday Night:** Brad O'Reilly

**Little Rocks and Bantam:** Chris Innes

**Junior:** Michael Coldwell



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## OVCA - Ottawa Valley Curling Association

[ottawavalleycurling.ca](http://ottawavalleycurling.ca)

### *This month's news:*

Did you know that as a member of the Ottawa Valley Curling Association (OVCA) we have access to curling grants? The OVCA has designed their grants to assist MCC and its members in numerous ways. These grants are funded from events such as the recent Brier or the upcoming Roar of the Rings.

### **This year the OVCA grants include:**

- The *Adult Training Program Grant* is designed for clubs that want to implement a learn-to-curl program.
- The *Energy Savings Project Grant* is designed to assist curling clubs in energy saving projects.
- *OVCA Capital Grants* are used to help increase clubs accessibility for the differently abled and purchase youth curling rocks.
- The *OVCA League Grant* is designed to help clubs offset the cost of renting ice for their operations.
- The *OVCA Team Grant* assists teams that have qualified for provincial/national and international championship tournaments.

For more information on OVCA and their grants please speak with your local representative Bob McGregor.



## ROAR OF THE RINGS

ROAR is actively looking for volunteer recruits in the following two areas: Patch banking and Patch bar services. Should you be interested in being involved in this event, please register online or contact Jen at [jmccandie@curling.ca](mailto:jmccandie@curling.ca).



## MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS



### GRAVENHURST SUMMER SPIEL

18 MCC members travelled to Gravenhurst, Ontario on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> to show their MCC spirit in a fun summer spiel. Congrats to all that participated.



### TIM HORTONS ROAR OF THE RINGS FUTURE STARS

72 junior curlers from the OVCA are receiving a unique opportunity at the 2017 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings. Of those 72 curlers – 10 have been chosen from our very own MCC after completing a themed submission. Congratulations to our representatives:

**Kyleigh Brooks, Logan Burke, Isabelle Daigle, Maxime Daigle, Emily Deschenes, Jenny Madden, Lukas O'Halloran, Wade O'Reilly, Rebecca Perry, Nicholas Rowe**

They will receive:

- The opportunity to meet their mentor and team, observe a team practice and take part in a pre-game ceremony
- A photograph with the team
- Tickets to the game
- Official commemorative ROAR gear
- And a tour of the TSN mobile production truck

## FEATURED BOARD MEMBER Q+A

### MEET YOUR PRESIDENT: JOHN FALKINGHAM



**Q. How long have you been with the MCC?**

**A.** Since 1983

**Q. What leagues do you curl in?**

**A.** Currently, only Monday morning senior men's and Monday evening men's. But in years past, I have curled in all of the men's and open leagues except Saturday night – sometimes all at the same time.

**Q. What position do you play?**

**A.** Now I skip but I really prefer playing third – partly for the exercise, partly to interact with the whole team, and partly because I like the challenge of strategic sweeping.

**Q. Which team will you be cheering for in the 2017 ROAR of the Rings?**

**A.** On the women's side it's a no-brainer – have to cheer for Rachel and team. On the men's side it's tougher but I think Brad Gushue's Newfoundlanders would be the best reps for Canada at the Olympics.

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