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The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



March 2020

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Important Announcements

Registration for Next Season

Traditionally registration begins in April. This will be delayed this year. As decisions are made about registration, notifications will be sent out.

Annual General Meeting - Sunday, May 31, 1:00 pm

It is likely that the AGM will not be held at the club this year due to physical distancing restrictions. Plans are underway to hold the meeting electronically. Marcus van der Pas will be sending out an online invitation for those interested in participating in a dry run which hopefully will identify any problems with conducting the meeting in this manner.

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the AGM. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please contact Board secretary, Gail Cornfield: gcornf7766@rogers.com You may indicate a wish to run during the meeting but it is preferable to contact Gail beforehand. Nominations may be made at the meeting.

Three positions will be open for the new season. They are Vice-President, Curling Operations, and Treasurer. The Secretary position is also a possibility. However, a member may run for any of the Board positions which will then trigger a vote. As well, the Board will be presenting its list of recommended candidates for your consideration.

50/50 Winners

The last two 50/50 winners were Andrew Cowan who won \$648 in a 3 draw carryover and Ken Sokoll who won \$212. Congrats, gentlemen!

Zoom

Many gatherings are being held on the internet via Zoom. Here are two links to help you use Zoom:
How to log in:

<https://youtu.be/fGbpwZNW3oI>

Best practice tips:

<https://youtu.be/ipT0fAeOYxQ>

Found Earrings



FOUND at the club. If you have the match to one or both of these earrings, you can retrieve its twin by contacting Sonny at barinventory.mcc@gmail.com

Win the Fight (WTF) Cup

The WTF Cup is a fun MCC fundraiser that runs in many curling clubs. “Fines” are collected in a cup at the bar for club misdemeanours such as swearing or hogging a rock. At the end of the year the money collected goes to a charity suggested by a club member. Donations freely dropped into the cup are also happily accepted.

This year’s recipient was suggested by Kent Yuyitung. The sum of \$285 will go to ROSSS (Rural Ottawa South Support Services) an organization in Manotick that provides services and programs to seniors and people with disabilities.

Team Deschenes Takes Gold at U18 Winter Games

After going undefeated in the round robin of the Ontario Winter Games U18 qualifier in Orillia, Team Deschenes won 6 straight games to take the Gold Medal. Way to go, Team Deschenes!!



Hunt Club U3 Bonspiel

Team O'Halloran had a 4th place finish March 7 at the Hunt Club U3 Bonspiel and won 1st prize for best dressed team. Lookin' good!

Bonnie O'Halloran Kris van der Pas-Norenius Markus van der Pas Emily Kukurudziak



Ottawa Region High School Curling Finals

Annie Lafleur, L2C this season and finishing in the Colts league, brought the High School Curling Team from Pierre-Savard to the finals for the Ottawa region. The team also includes MCC member Wade O'Reilly.

Way to go Annie! You will get the kids to OFSSA in 2021!



The Grand Spiel – Merv McBride

For those of you that have participated in the foreshortened Grand Spiel, on behalf of the organizing committee of Tersh Doe, Troy Manary, Petr Komarek, and myself, I would like to say thank you for the support and encouragement that we received.

This bonspiel was new and in an experimental format for the Manotick club. It had the lofty goals of encouraging the integration of newer curlers into regular club play; of increasing the quantity and level of more competitive play in the club; and, of course, having some fun while we were doing it.

A major world event, in the form of the coronavirus, has forced the premature end of the Grand Spiel and our curling season. As disappointing as that is, we have learned some lessons on how to streamline the organization and we have established some templates and practices for future use.

As with all new things, there have been trade-offs and negative aspects of the Grand Spiel. We understand that the Grand Spiel did not work for all members, whether because of its variable game times, uncertainty about scheduling, or other reasons. We had 31 teams participate in the Grand Spiel, on a skip-drafted team, with a play down format to the Finals on April 7. The planned Extravaganza Night was intended to recognize the season's winners of League play with an Awards Presentation by the club President and, of course, to honour the winners of the Grand Spiel after their on-ice competition. As club curlers, it is not often that we get to play in front of 100 interested and cheering spectators. At last count, a "full house" had signed up to enjoy Extravaganza Night in a "curling cocktail party" atmosphere.

Depending on the timing of the release of this newsletter you may, or will shortly, have seen an invitation to complete a survey regarding the Grand Spiel. We would like your opinion on the Grand Spiel, even though it did not reach a conclusion. It will be necessary to make a decision in the near future as to whether we should run this bonspiel in 2021. This is your club and we want your input to be a factor in making that decision - please participate in the survey.



Tuesday/Thursday Daytime Curling

The Tuesday and Thursday Daytime Curling for the past season was once again a tremendous success, with 62 curlers enjoying the friendly social atmosphere that exists each morning. A strong measurement of the appeal of daytime curling was demonstrated by nine new curlers joining the sessions after the Christmas break. As the winter session proceeded, it was very interesting to see the adoption of helmets by almost 25% of the daytime curlers, led by the example set by Laura Tupper, Stu McKechnie, Mona Chandler-McKenna and new-comer Brenda Bekkers.

If awards were to be given for attendance and participation on a winning team, the prizes this year would go to Werner Schmid (Group A), Gary Hall and Bernie White (tied for points, Group B), Trevor Harris (Group C) and Diane Arbuckle (Group D)

Special thanks should be given to Rick Carbonneau, Trevor Harris, and several other "silent" helpers who assisted with the set-up of the 10:00 draws, and to all those who assisted in filling in the attendance sheets. Of course, a hardy "thank you" is extended to everyone who participated in the daytime curling, and we all look forward to doing it again in the fall!

A final word of thanks should be extended to the outgoing Board of Directors for their rapid and responsible decision to close the club in mid-March in light of the COVID-19 situation.

Gary Hall Convenor, MCC Tuesday and Thursday Daytime Curling

Friday Morning Scotch Doubles

Many people helped out in Scotch Doubles this year and I would like to mention a few:

Paul Oakes for arranging the schedule and pairings, Gerry Davies for arranging the lunch, and Claude Simard (Captain Timbit) for the morning donuts and timbits.

The award for Best Snack goes to Marcus van der Pas. And thanks to all our spares for filling in when half our league went to the Dominican Republic in February.

Chris Bradford , Convornor, Friday Morning Scotch Doubles

As of this date, this bonspiel still appears to be on. If you are interested, please contact Gravenhurst to get more information.



GRAVENHURST

CURLING CLUB

28th ANNUAL MIXED SUMMER BONSPIEL

July 23, 24 & 25, 2020

GRAVENHURST CENTENNIAL CENTRE / GRAEME MURRAY ARENA

Curling Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday

Thursday - Pizza

Friday - BBQ

Saturday – Banquet, Prizes, & Dance.

Plan a round of golf, cruise on the Muskoka Steamships, we are attached to the “Y”, visit the local artisans; summer Tourism Abounds in and around Gravenhurst



3- SIX END GAMES

\$480.00 PER Team



For additional information contact **Michael Wayling** at summerbonspiel@gmail.com



ENTRY FORM - GRAVENHURST MIXED SUMMER BONSPIEL

NAME:	PHONE: ()
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	POSTAL CODE:
SKIP'S NAME	EMAIL:
HOME CLUB:	

Cheque or Money Order Payable to: **GRAVENHURST CURLING CLUB.**
 Send to: Michael Wayling PO Box 631, Station Main Gravenhurst ON P1P 1T9
Post date cheque for June 12, 2020 (Sorry, no refunds after June 12)

Draw Preference	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR
1 st Game	Thursday - 7:00 p.m.	Thursday - 9:00 p.m.	Friday - 9:00 a.m.	Friday - 11:00 a.m.
2 nd Game	Friday - 1:30 p.m.	Friday - 3:30 p.m.	Friday - 5:30 p.m.	Friday - 7:30 p.m.
3 rd Game	Saturday - 9:00 a.m.	Saturday - 11:00 a.m.	Saturday - 1:00 p.m.	Saturday - 3:00 p.m.

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