

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



December 2020

WE ACCEPT:   



We made it this far! For the most part, things are going well. There are 274 curlers playing regularly, with the possibility of additional registrations for the new U18 League. It's different though, with strange new rules which keep us physically distanced from each other. As you read on you will see that we do need to make some improvements in this area.

Donations are coming in to the Sustainability Fund and that is very reassuring. To date we have 35 donations for a total of \$7120.01. Have a wonderful Christmas and let us hope that 2021 will see a return to a more familiar way of curling together.

Update on the Safety Protocols

Last week an email went out with a reminder about following the safety protocols. That generated feedback that a number of protocols are in fact not being followed. This is alarming. Many clubs chose not to open this year in order to avoid the risk of COVID transmission while curling, or perhaps they decided they did not want to change the game in order to meet the protocols.

However, our club, with the support of a huge number of members, pushed to open. We felt we could offer an enjoyable yet safe curling experience. So, the protocols were established. People registered. And we are curling! However, when members become lax about following those protocols, they are putting themselves and other players at risk. One person testing positive could, at the very least, cause themselves and those they curled with to isolate for a period of time, and even worse, cause the temporary shutdown of the club.

The following are some of the common infractions we are hearing about:

- not observing social distancing on the ice
- crowding while "parking" the stones after each end
- not staying outside of the hogline when not the throwing team (both the hack end and the house end) - Skip excepted
- not respecting the game time limits
- not keeping to one's side of the sheet both up and down the ice *
- 5 or more people at a table in the lounge – 4 is the max
- cutting in front of the bar to leave the lounge
- returning to the lounge in front of the bar when people are standing at the bar
- crowding in the vestibule (3+ people)
- not properly wearing masks

* Regarding this particular rule, we tended to relax and allow players at each game to decide how they wanted to handle it ie. keeping to one side of the ice, or not. But this seems to be causing confusion because of the inconsistency. It is also contributing to the crowding issue when the rocks are being parked.

To follow this rule, the rocks need to be placed on the same side of the ice both up and down the ice. If the blue rocks start out on the wall side of the ice, they need to be placed on the red “parking lot” coming back down, still on the wall side. When players do not follow this protocol, there is a lot of criss-crossing of the sheet.

If you forget to follow a rule and someone jogs your memory, take it good-naturedly. They are just trying to help because, let’s face it, this is a lot to remember. Following these rules is the best we can do to keep everyone playing as safely as possible.



Lindsay would like to remind everyone that no matter the time of day, whoever is last to leave the building please turn off the lights. This will help keep our hydro bill down. Many thanks.

The Monday morning **Senior Men's League** is looking for a few more players. They will be starting Round 2 on December 28. For information about this league please contact Don Monfette: 613-823-3757 Home
613-295-7740 Mobile

I am pleased to announce the recruitment of a **new curling reporter**. He will be submitting reports on news and items of interest from around the curling world. He wishes to remain anonymous (possibly for good reason) and will henceforth be known under the pseudonym of Curly Stone.

From the International Desk of
Curly Stone



Scotland - Did you know that the Royal Caledonian Curling Club is considered to be the mother club of the sport of curling and is the governing body of curling in Scotland?

All Scottish curling competitions scheduled for January and February 2021 have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Ayr Ice Rink has had to close its doors to curling and other winter sports. The Board is trying to raise funds to ensure its future.

Russia- Russia won the World Wheelchair competition in 2020 defeating Canada 5 to 4 in the gold medal game.

Norway- An interesting rule infraction resulted in Norway's forfeiting an international match in 2019. Norway's men's team defeated England 9 to 5 but later was told it had lost the game. It happened that an alternate Norwegian player subbed in the sixth end. He used his own officially-approved broom instead of the broom belonging to the curler he replaced. Rule C 3-g of the World Curling Federation's rulebook states that the alternate must use the brush head of the player being replaced. WHO KNEW!

News from the OVCA

On behalf of the OVCA Board of Directors. we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"Great to be On The Ice!" - 26 of our member clubs are now curling and following the protocols set by their local Health Units. All seems to be going well - once you get used to the masks and one sweeper. Curlers are very sociable people but are respecting the rules and the safety of fellow curlers.

Fund Raising Projects - Clubs are sharing on our website, various fundraising projects from auctions for 45 Christmas Trees donated by local businesses to "Beer for a Year" - selling 1500 tickets @\$10. each to win 52 - \$30 gift certificates valid at the Beer Store or LCBO. Most clubs are using the Tax Receipt Program from CurlOn.

World Mens - Curling Canada announced that the '21 Worlds will not be held in Ottawa but in a bubble in Alberta. We are waiting for an announcement from Curling Canada about a future event in Ottawa. People who purchased tickets will be contacted by OSEG in the near future.

Your OVCA Board is undertaking a review of our programs and events. Committees for Finance, Development, Events and Communication will be making recommendations on how we can improve.

I ask clubs to make sure their Insurance Companies are giving them discounts this year because of the pandemic. Also, the federal governments business relief program is increased to \$60,000 from the original \$40,000. Clubs should check to see if they qualify for the additional monies as you only pay back \$40,000 so you may be eligible to keep \$20,000.

Stay safe and healthy. All the Best in 2021!

John Tobias, President
OVCA

NOTE: At the AGM in October, 2020, the CurlOn Lifetime Achievement Award given to **Jim Stewart**, retired OVCA Treasurer for 15 years. Congratulations, Jim!

MCC Update re the OVCP Report

By Andrew Farrell, MCC Finance Director:

Our insurance company, Intact Insurance, has committed to giving 50 million dollars back to 100,000 small businesses and nonprofits who are most affected by the pandemic. The company made a submission on our behalf. We will be receiving a rebate cheque for 20% of our premiums for this year which amounts to approximately \$2000.

Regarding the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA), MCC was approved for the initial \$40,000 loan of which \$10,000 is forgiven if the remainder is paid back by December, 2022. Additionally, we applied and were approved for the additional \$20,000, with \$10,000 forgivable under the same rules as the initial amount. This means we have a \$60,000 loan with \$20,000 forgiven if paid back by December 21, 2022.

Two teams from the Colts League in full COVID gear



Below l to r:

Andy Ives
Alexa Ives
Ervin Cumming
Alison Cumming

Above l to r:

Gwyneth Harkin
Petr Komarek
Jodie Baulkham
Brent Baulkham





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Email Jamie@jamiesinclair21.com

ATTENTION!

COMPETITIVE YOUTH & BANTAM CURLERS!

**WANT TO CURL IN A SAFE BUT
COMPETITIVE LEAGUE THIS WINTER?**



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO COMPETITIVE YOUTH CURLERS
(INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS) IN THE **13-18 YEAR OLD** AGE RANGE.

SUNDAY GAME DAYS

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

8 TEAM LEAGUE

2 DRAWS of
4 teams each

LEAGUE Play begins

JAN 3, 2021

PRESEASON games start

Dec 6, 2020

MCC closes in late

APRIL 2021

COST per Individual: **\$180 FOR THE SEASON**

REGISTER NOW

BEFORE THE LEAGUE FILLS UP!



5519 SOUTH RIVER DRIVE
MANOTICK, ONTARIO

CONTACT: membership2.mcc@gmail.com for
more **information** or to **register**.



For more information on the **MANOTICK CURLING CENTRE** and
our **Covid Play Protocols**, please visit manotickcurling.com

COVID SAFETY & PLAY PROTOCOLS APPLY

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OTTAWA 2021



ROCK OUR HOUSE

To all the Rock Our House Curling Club Competition Participants

I hope this finds everyone in good health and good spirits!

I would like to Thank you for participating in the 2021 LGT World Men's Curling Championship "Rock Our House" curling club competition – it truly showed the support of the curling community in bringing this world-class event to Ottawa. Without your commitment, we may not have won the bid!

In light of the recent announcement that the event has been moved to a "hub city" and therefore will not be hosting a live audience due to the COVID-19 pandemic, TD Place will be providing you with information on the procedure required for you to be refunded your deposit; please look for an email from boxoffice@tdplace.ca. You will need to fill out a form to have your money refunded to you.

Your commitment to Rock Our House generated 207 deposits; another 135 came from TD Place, for a total of 342 full event pass deposits.

If we had been able to proceed with the "OVCA Rock our House Curling Club Competition", the winners would have been: Cityview with 57 deposits, winning 4 Full Event & 2 Opening Weekend packages, RACC with 30 deposits, winning 2 Full Event & 2 Opening Weekend packages, and Ottawa, Navan, Huntley & Hunt with between 11 and 14 deposits, each winning 2 opening weekend packages; so many more of you were so close to being rewarded! I hope you will be able to show the same commitment when we launch our next edition of Rock Our House!

I would also like to thank our sponsors, Curling Canada, TD Place and the OVCA for donating prizes, making the competition more attractive, enticing clubs to participate.

Again, thank you for your commitment and please contact me if you have any questions.

Stay Happy and Healthy!

Anne

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P.S. Stay tuned; you never know when we might have some exciting news to share!

The Curling House



Private Show and Sale

By appointment in Nepean

Curling Giftware and items at Rock Bottom Prices

Extensive collection of curling memorabilia including granite stones, men's and ladies' irons, pins, corn and foam brooms tams, shoes, books, photography, barware, ephemera and more!



Contact Deb to book your appointment today!

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COVID Protocols in Place

E-transfer and Cash will be accepted

