

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



June, 2021

WE ACCEPT:   

Goodbye to an unusual curling season



Hello Summer!!



A Message from the Outgoing President

First I want to thank all the members of the Board who volunteered their valuable time to help make the season as successful as possible, under the pandemic restrictions. Special mention has to go out to Andrew Farrell and Whitney Quail who decided not to curl but still committed their time and energy to the Board.

This season was like no other due to the effects of COVID-19. Our entire team's main objectives were:

1. to create the safest curling environment possible
2. ensure that the club was set up to financially continue to operate in the future

The membership also supported the club from a financial perspective through donations to the following:

- 1) NSTF – National sports trust
- 2) Cash donations
- 3) Donation of locker fees

These donations plus the fantastic work of treasurer, Andrew Farrell, applying for and receiving government grants, resulted in an unexpected profit rather than the \$37K deficit we had feared.

I also want to thank the **members who signed up to curl**, knowing that the season could be cut short. *Their trust in their fellow members to curl safely meant that at least some of the 2020/21 season was salvaged.*

Special thanks go out to Jaynie and Don Coulterman for running two sessions of *Learn To Curl* (during a pandemic!) and to Michael Coulterman for all his work as our webmaster. Other important volunteers to acknowledge and thank are:

- Claire Zahab for managing our calendar and rentals. – much more complex than normal
- Karl Jensen OVA rep,
- Bob Mc Gregor OVCA rep,
- Isabelle O'Reilly OVA Youth rep
- All the conveners, as it was a very challenging year. Special mention to Merv McBride for helping to train the new conveners.

Thanks to the **Return to Play Committee**, who put in many hours helping us create the Return to Play Guidelines. The committee consisted of:

- 1) Merv McBride
- 2) Chris Innes
- 3) Gwyneth Harkin
- 4) Gary Hall
- 5) Lindsay Allen
- 6) Chris Bradford
- 7) Whitney Quail
- 8) Paul Darche
- 9) Bob Van Tongerloo

A final thank you goes to **Lindsay Allen** and his team for being so flexible and accommodating. Although we did not curl as much as we wished, when we did, the condition of the ice was superb.

Looking forward into the 2021/22 season we are hoping for a relatively normal curling year.

It is possible, but not yet known, if the government will create a vaccine passport. If this is important to you, you may want to contact your MPP.

We are looking forward to the return of our prior members. Be assured that we fully respected the decision of those members who were not comfortable curling this year and hope to see them back next season.

And finally, I want to thank and congratulate Paul Darche on his election as our President for the next 2 years. I've had the pleasure of working closely with Paul and his professionalism, thoughtfulness and forward thinking will help the club recover and thrive into the future. I respect Paul so much that I've committed to be his VP for the coming year.

Be safe and I look forward to seeing all of you, on the ice, in October.

Bill Davis
Past President

The 2021-2022 MCC Board of Directors



President - Paul Darche

Vice-President – Bill Davis

Treasurer - Andrew Farrell

Secretary - David Gibb

Bar Operations - Sonny Lapointe

Membership - Ken Sokoll

Curling Operations - Whitney Quail

Communications - Rosemary Gibb

Facilities - Bob Van Tongerloo

Special Events - open

2021-2022 Curling Season: October 18/21 to April 9/22
Watch for registration information in the next couple of weeks

Thank You

The functioning of the club depends on the work of many volunteers. Our thanks to Bill Davis, stepping down as Board President. Bill led us through an incredibly challenging year, and did it with expertise and good humour. We are pleased that Bill will be staying on the Board as Vice-President.

Thanks to the rest of the Board of Directors for their dedication in carrying out their particular responsibilities, Special thanks to Gail Cornfield who is stepping down from her extraordinarily competent job as Secretary and to Kent Yuyitung who served as Director of Special Events with high energy and enthusiasm. Thanks and welcome to David Gibb who is stepping up as Secretary.



Fast Facts from 2020-21

With the support and guidance of CurlON, the board developed and implemented a Return-to-Play (RTP) guide for the club that provided members with the opportunity to curl while creating and maintaining the safest possible environment.

The overall membership for 2020-21 totalled 286, which is approximately 65% of the previous year's totals. Thanks to those who curled this season and to everyone who is coming back next season.

Fifteen leagues were able to get some playing time in this year.

Disruptions to the season resulted in the decision not to award trophies and league winners.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and their families, by the end of March 2021 we had access to **\$12,876 from the Manotick Curling Club Sustainability Fund.**

Treasurer Andrew Farrell applied for and received government donations, which resulted in an unexpected profit rather than the \$37K deficit we had feared. Well done, Andrew!

Minutes of the June 13th AGM are posted on the website under Member's Home. The drop-down indicates Board Meeting Minutes. Look for the AGM minutes there.

If you would like to see the video recording of the AGM, please use this link and the Access Passcode below: https://zoom.us/rec/share/lgluO6qE7K8f4sOazeN0CyipdIUhdxBn2fwLawEfw1EhcSSQn9lbsByO32kJIWet.47DmQe_8xaCgxnDX

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It is with deep regret that I inform you of the very early retirement of Curly Stone, reporter of *International Curling News*. He lasted one issue. But do not despair, for another has taken Curly's place.

I am pleased to introduce you to **Harry Hogg**. I am not certain what Harry will be reporting on in his column "*The Hogg Liner*" but I believe he will be endeavouring to impart curling knowledge to us all. We welcome you, Harry.

Rosemary Gibb,
Communications



"The Hogg Liner"

by Harry Hogg

The origin of curling traces back to 16th century Scotland, where the sport was played on frozen ponds and lochs. The first recorded match took place around 1541; a Scottish notary recorded a challenge between a monk at Paisley Abbey and a relative of the abbott.

Scottish immigrants spread the sport to North America.

It was during the reign of King George III, when Montreal was a town of perhaps 12,000, that 20 merchants and a chaplain who liked to curl together on the ice of the St. Lawrence River decided to form a curling club. The group met on January 22, 1807, in Gillis Tavern, where The Montreal Curling Club was born, the oldest established sports club still active in North America.

The first American club appeared in Pontiac, Mich. In 1828.

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club in Scotland, the so-called "mother club" of curling, wrote the first official curling rules in 1838. More about these rules in the next edition of *The Hogg Liner*.

Oink



Sadly, in the past year we lost 5 MCC members or former members. We remember with fondness Scott Brewster, Colin Macpherson, Ginny Balfour, Randy Fletcher, and Blaine McEachern.



There may still be a few openings at “Manotick’s BEST Summer Camp”. All MCC members who enrol will be entered in a draw to win a 3 year membership at MCC, one for each week of enrolment, courtesy of Manotick’s BEST Summer Camp.

For information please email:
team@manoticksbestsummercamp.ca
 or call: 613-276-6517.

It Pays to Advertise!



Do you own your own business? Would you like to promote that business and help out the curling club at the same time?

Then why not advertise at the club! We can offer many options, including signs, on-ice logos, and in-club video messaging. For more information, please reach out to:

Whitney Quail, at curlingoperations@gmail.com

The End

Sorry. I have to figure out how to eliminate extra blank pages.
Have a great summer, everyone!

Rosemary Gibb
Communications

