

# MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



December 2021

WE ACCEPT:   



(sigh)

# Curling During a Pandemic

## Here We Go Again

That is one damn voracious virus! Omicron has succeeded in shutting us down but hopefully not for too long. The Board thanks you for your messages of understanding and support. We will carefully be monitoring the situation and looking to Ottawa Public Health for their guidance regarding when to reopen. Stay tuned and enjoy a peaceful Christmas with your loved ones.

## New Furnace

Last month the furnace died. This was not a bad thing. It resulted in the purchase of a \$4500 Goodman high efficiency furnace. This means the ventilation and air exchange is now much improved. So when we get back to curling, it is good to know that there will be an improvement in the air quality, particularly in the lounge.

## New Board Members Needed

Please give some thought to helping out the club next year by volunteering as a Board member. It is an opportunity to learn about the functioning of the club and have a significant say in decisions that are made.

The two year term of office is up in May, 2022 for the Vice-President and Treasurer positions. The Special Events position is also available. Contact any Board member for information about coming "on board". You could even shadow the Board member of your choice! This link will take you to the job descriptions of all the Board positions:

<https://manotickcurling.com/index.php/member-s-home/other/board-job-descriptions>

## Saturday New Curlers League

The "New Curlers League" had been set to begin in January. Once we have confirmed a reopening date, information about this league will be sent out.

The league will accommodate 24 new Learn to Curl graduates from our fall programs:  
<https://manotickcurling.com/index.php/curling/leagues#saturday-new-curlers-league>

Jamie Sinclair and Dave Mathers were out with the groups during the last session of LTC this month. There were approximately 56 curlers participating during the two fall sessions and another 26 are registered for the next session. It is unprecedented to have 82 new LTC curlers in one year! Some of the graduates had already joined leagues during the weekdays, weeknights and weekends. The New Curlers League will give them an additional avenue to begin structured league play.



*Congratulations to Gary Hall and Heather Clemenson!*

They got a six-ender in a December 2nd Scotch Doubles game. As Gary said, “It’s like a hole-in-one in a golf game.” It’s not something you see very often. Yahoo!



## For Members with a Smart Serve Certificate

### New Smart Serve Requirements in 2022

AGCO is adopting the industry best practice of recertification. As of July 1, 2022, all Smart Serve certificates (new and existing) will include expiry dates. Certifications issued before July 1, 2018 will expire on June 30, 2023 at 11:59 pm. Certificates issued on or after July 1, 2018 will expire in five years. Existing certificate holders will be able to check their certificate expiry date by logging into their Smart Serve account.





MANOTICK C.C.

# ***Grand Spiel***

## **What is it?**

This exciting bonspiel format will blend the competition of a bonspiel with the adventure of playing with new players. After the Club Champions are decided in League play in late March, we will be running a 32 team, bracket playdown, skip's choice, bonspiel available to all adult members of the Manotick Curling Centre daytime and evening Leagues.

## **How does it work?**

Teams will be chosen by draft, so skips would do well to start scouting the talent. For the non-skips - make sure the skips in the club know how good you really are! You will play 4 to 7 games over 2 ½ weeks, in late March/early April. The more you win the more you play! The Final Night will feature League Awards, Bagpipers, and the Grand Spiel Final Matches, Great Food, Drink, and a fun party atmosphere. You will want to be there with all the other cool kids!

*~Registration will open in early January on the website. Help our organizers by registering early~*

**Fun ~ Competition ~ Awards ~ Party Vibe**

**Organizers: Merv McBride, Dave Rogers, Troy Manary, Gwyneth Harkin**



## CurlON has another 50/50 draw

Your ticket purchase will go directly to supporting the youth at MCC. Next draw is January 1, 2022.

To purchase tickets please click below:

<https://curlonraffle.5050central.com/Home/SelectTickets>



### The Hogg Liner

By Harry Hogg

After 46 years of real curling, I have been forced to the ‘STICK’. I've gone through the corn broom with a leather strap, lifting the rock, the stabilizer, 3 rock, 4 rock and 5 rock rule, one sweeper – I've seen it all.

Okay, now – tuck that stick into your belly, count your steps, visualize the path with imaginary string, walk the speed of the throw (no pushing the rock), continue walking past the hog line after your throw. – oh yeah, and don't forget to put a turn on the rock, and hope the rock doesn't stick in your ‘stick’. It's easy, they said!

Sigh! This ain't shuffleboard. At least I ain't got no more balancing issues.

Now somebody has suggested I wear a helmet! Sheesh.

Oink