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The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



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Congratulations to the MCC Adult Learn To Curl class of Winter 2022 !

Another successful Adult Learn To Curl season comes to an end. We ran three 'Adult Learn to Curl' sessions during the 2021-22 season. There were two fall sessions and one winter session. Overall we graduated more than 75 adults, the most ever for a single season in our clubs history. This bodes well for the future of our club. Most of the graduates have now moved on to different club leagues including Saturday Night Open, Sunday Night Colts and our new Saturday morning New Curlers league. Many other leagues are also beneficiaries and will even be more so in the future. Congratulations to all the graduates!

I'd like to extend a big thank you to all our coaches for sharing their time and experience with the new curlers. We could not run this program without them. They include: Bill & Kim Davis, Paul & Janet Darche, Nancy & Sarah Fletcher, Tom & Monique Chapman, Gwyneth Harkin, Don & Jaynie & Michael Coulterman, Gary Hall and Wayne Parent.

We are always looking for coaches to help out so if you're interested for next season please send me an email. No previous coaching experience is necessary. Have a great summer!

Don Coulterman



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Little Rocks Rock!

After a break last year due to COVID-19, the Manotick Little Rocks program has resumed for the 2021-2022 season with two sessions on Sunday mornings. 35 children aged 7-12 are participating this year.

While the pandemic has brought challenges and changes, these young curlers are eager to get out on the ice and play with their friends every week.

This program is made possible through the volunteerism of many youth in our community that have themselves gone through Little Rocks and have returned to volunteer year after year. We're grateful for the time they give to teaching young children to curl and sharing their love of the sport.

Kendra Bonnell



The Mighty Bantams

Since the "break" we have had 30 Bantams return to have fun on the ice. Last week marked the return with a black light curling event and 100's of candy canes. The kids are loving the return to curling and the chance to hone their skills.

Chris Innis



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Goldline Curling Equipment

For sale in the display case

Grippers **Brooms & Pads** Protective Head Gear **Delivery Devices** Gloves

Prices posted on the display case window













The Closing Spiel is On!

Results of the recent membership survey indicated that a large number of curlers are wanting a Closing Spiel this year. The dates are set: Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16. Dinner and entertainment on Saturday evening will be optional.

S0 keep those dates and watch for all the details in a coming email.



From the Desk of Harry Hogg

Writing in the last edition, I confessed to having to turn to a 'delivery device' after 25 years of curling. And you know, it hasn't been such a tough transition after all. Getting enough rock rotation with the stick is a bit of a challenge at times, however.

Also, I've been talking to a few 'old' pros about some other adaptations – a curling helmet! Wow! I tried it and it's really reassuring.

They also told me to check my old gripper as there have been a few picks and some black particles on the ice. I see the club sells them – less than 20 bucks.

Looking forward to FIVE more weeks of curling and a closing bonspiel.

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 Special Events position is one that is currently available. Go to the MCC website, click on "Member's Home" and then "Board Job Descriptions" for an idea of the responsibilities associated with each position.

OVCA Signature Events

We are very excited to share some news with you about the changes we are making to the OVCA Signature Events: The Goldline OVCA Men's and the OVCA Mixed!

Our goal to encourage more participation from more clubs from all over the OVCA, so we're going to host Regional Playdowns with a "Final" weekend where all the Regional Winners go to compete to win their Event's Trophy!

Each of our 6 OVCA regions will host a playdown; there will be a limited number of entries in each region and teams can playdown in any region, but only in one. There will be a 3 game minimum played over the weekend, all at the same club!

The OVCA Mixed Regionals will be played in January with the Finals in February; The City of Ottawa Men's regional will be played in March with the Finals being played later that same month.

The OVCA is looking for individuals to be a part of the Signature Event Committee to help organize and run these events; if you, or someone you know, would be a great for this position, please let us know; thank you! THIS IS IMPORTANT - if a signature events committee cannot be formed, then the events will NOT take place. Contact <u>anne.davis@ovca.com</u> with expressions of interest.

