

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



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WE ACCEPT:   



Team Padbury Secures Spot to U18 Canadian Championships

We practised hard all season at the Manotick C.C and the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club and competed in numerous events in Ottawa and across Ontario. This dedication to the sport paid off, as we were able to win the A final at the Ontario Provincial Qualifiers. That victory led us to the Ontario Provincial Championships where, after persevering through a few early losses, we were able to secure our spot at the Canadian Championships in Timmins (Feb. 4-12), as Team Ontario 2. We are so excited to see what we can do.

Thank you to the Manotick C.C for supporting youth curling, and we love throwing rocks twice a week in your ice shed.

Team Padbury

Photo L to R: Doug Johnston (coach), Emilie Padbury (skip), Kaitlyn Dumoulin (third), Megan Zwolak (second), Sydney Anderson (lead). Missing from the photo - Kim Cooper (coach)



Team DiFranco Battled at the U18 Men's Provincial Championships

Team DiFranco competed recently against the best 10 teams in the U18 Men's Provincials in Oshawa. Although the team did not qualify for the U18 National Championship, they competed hard and had a great experience. The team would like to thank their coach, the parents and their team sponsors: Sterling Mutuals Inc., Excalibur Excavation Inc., Phat Moose Cycles, Taylor & Associates, Ultramar, Manotick Concrete, Hardline IcePad, Barry's Home Hardware in Russell, Valleyview Little Animal Farm, North Gower Pharmacy, BK Realty.

And last, but certainly not least, the team would like to thank the MCC for their continued support and providing youth practice ice to the kids to help develop their skills. MCC has always been great to deal with and very accommodating when it comes to youth curling.

Michael Stachon
Coach

Photo L to R:

Jacob Pierunek (Second), Hunter Leclair (Vice), Sonny DiFranco (Skip), Joe Stachon (Lead), Michael Stachon (Coach)



Congratulations to the 2022 Learn to Curl Graduates

The final Learn to Curl session was completed on Saturday Jan 7. There were 58 new curlers who started in October and they were split into two groups that ran on Saturday mornings. Many of the graduates are now participating in our daytime and weekend leagues. In addition, 28 New Curlers are now participating in a New Curlers league taking place on Saturday mornings.

A big thank you to all our volunteer coaches: Bill and Kim Davis, Tom and Monique Chapman, Gary Hall, Gwyneth Harkin, Don and Jaynie Coulterman, Wayne Parent, Richard and Cindy Nash, Diane Arbuckle, Mike Coulterman. Without you we could not grow and sustain our curling club.



Do You Have Your MCC Name Tag?

There are about 23 name tags still waiting for their owners. Most of these appear to belong to new curlers. Please check to see if yours is there. They are on display beside the kitchen door.

Table Top Curling Is Here!!

Please feel free to try your skills with table top curling. The rocks are much lighter and there's no ice to worry about. And if you prefer, just flip the board over and play shuffleboard. Many thanks to Sonny for donating this board. For even more variety in your visits to the club, there is a crokinole board available and also cards and a cribbage board. Just ask at the bar.



The table top curling board is set up under the window in the lounge, where the Lost & Found table used to be. Please note that lost items can again be retrieved from their former spot in the big blue bin under the table at the top of the stairs.

Lost & Found box



New Years Eve at Manotick CC

Our New Year's Eve party at MCC went off in style with glow-in-the-dark curling and music on the ice. Curlers suited up with glow sticks and colourful lights to illuminate their way to great shots under black lights. The delicious potluck had enough food to feed everyone twice! Prizes were awarded with a live auction! Karaoke with Manotick's finest singers brought us up to midnight for a final 'cheers' and 'Auld Lang Syne' performed by Mary on the bagpipes.

Special thanks to: Lindsay Allen, Peter Royal, Sonny and Lori, Mary, Marilyn, Krista, Gavin and everyone for signing up and being so festive!

See you next time!
Dave Hannah



World Mens Curling Championship Ticket Sales update

Here are the details about the promotional offer for OVCA clubs for single ticket sales:

PREFERRED RATES

OVCA members can take advantage of a **15% off single draw tickets** preferred rate with **no order minimum!**

This preferred rate is available online at the following link:
<https://www.ticketmaster.ca/>

Once you access your single draw tickets enter the code **OVCA**.

GROUP RATES

Would you prefer combining tickets for a group? Clubs can consolidate single draw tickets for a group order. Curling Canada will facilitate this process by providing a custom quote for your individual group order.

Group ticket inquiries and orders should be sent to tickets@curling.ca

Upcoming Special Events

Shiverfest Feb 4 8:30-11:00am

St. Patrick's Day Spiel Mar 17 (Registration in early Feb)

* Priority given to Friday morning Scotch Doubles curlers

Grand Spiel Mar 20 - Apr 12 A few spots may still be available: <https://manotickcurling.com/index.php/club-events/event-registrations>
 32 skips will be drafting the players in February.

Closing Spiel Apr 13-15 (Registration in March)

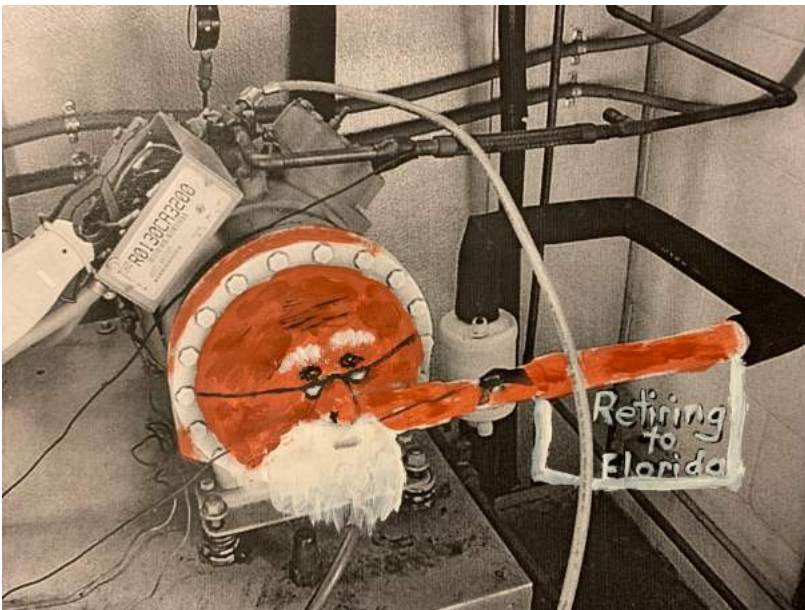
Farewell to a Good Friend

You know it's time to retire when your joints clank every time you start up and everyone gives a sign of relief that you made it once again. You know it's time to retire when you begin to leak and you need to be constantly topped up. You know it's time to retire when your skin gets so strained by age that no one can really tell how old you are except that you are past your prime.

I'm not talking about any of our curlers. I'm referring to our faithful ice compressor that, despite having many maintenance interventions over its almost 60 years of service life, is reaching its deserved retirement. While we might have been able to stretch it out for another year, we are in unknown territory and we risk it failing either at the beginning of, or during, our curling season.

The Board has determined that we cannot take that risk. To that end, the Board is actively looking to replace our faithful ice compressor this summer. We are currently soliciting quotes for its replacement. It will not be cheap. It is estimated we will easily be within the \$80-\$100K range. The Board plans to fund the replacement through a combination of existing capital funds, loans, grants and fundraising. We hope to provide more details on the funding split once more information on the quotes and grant opportunities become available. Since lead times on compressors and installation can be 4-5 months, the planning is starting now. We wanted our curlers to be aware of this significant investment needed by our club in order to continue to sustain curling in our community now and in the future.

Don Coulterman, Vice-President



If you have questions or suggestions regarding the above, please contact any of the following Board members:

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A Visit from Emily

Chris Innes was pleased to report that on January 22, Emily Deschenes helped out with the Little Rock program. Emily started out in our Little Rock program 12 years ago. In February, she will be heading to Germany as Skip of Team Canada to play in the World Junior Curling Championships.

Thanks to Emily for spending time with the Little Rocks and best of luck as she takes Team Canada to the Junior Worlds!



Limerick Lane

Some of you have been “encouraged” by me to submit limericks, as you did last year. Some of you have never put pen to paper as of yet. There were a litany of excuses but I got a few submissions and shall persevere in my requests, as I know there is creative talent out there. Fire them off to: communications.mcc@gmail.com You can remain anonymous.



A curler named Andy resisted,
 But requests for a poem persisted.
 “A limerick or two
 Very nicely would do.”
 But he backed away while she insisted.

Rosemary

A curler named Dave tried a stick
 To better his game really quick.
 He practised his walks,
 And threw some great rocks.
 With balance and poise he was slick.

Donna





A curler named Sonny was keen
To keep other curlers serene
“No more fights on the ice!
Everybody be nice!
I’ll boot your backside if you’re mean!”

Anonymous

There once was a curler named Dan
Of whose poetry I was a fan.
“Write more, please” I sighed.
“I would”, he replied,
“But my wife has established a ban.” (so he
claims)

Rosemary

