

# MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



March 2023

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## St. Patrick's Day Scotch Doubles Bonspiel



“For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way:  
Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day.”  
— **Irish blessing.**

The club held a rousing St. Patrick's Day Scotch Doubles Bonspiel on Friday, March 17. It was a morning and afternoon of good-natured curling and all the frustrations that come with Scotch Doubles. We were treated to Irish stew, of course.

Congratulations to the winning teams:

### A Final winners

Sharon Barnard  
Kathy Arntfield

### B Final winners

Gary Hall  
Heather Clemenson

### C Final winners

Nicole Bordeleau  
Karine Batchelor

Dave Hannah did his usual great job of organizing the spiel. He asked to send out special thanks to Cindy Bradley and Sharon Barnard for all their help.

“May you be at the gates of heaven an hour before the devil knows you're dead!”

**-Irish saying**

## Winning Teams



Sharon Barnard & Kathy Arntfield



Karine Batchelor & Nicole Bordeleau



Gary Hall



Heather Clemenson

## The contenders for the best Team Costume Contest:



And the winners!

Cindy Bradley and  
Claire Zahad



**LADIES CURLING ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club**

March 17th, 2023

Paul Darche, President  
Manotick Curling Club  
5519 South River Dr.,  
Manotick, ON

Dear Mr. Darche,

On behalf of the curlers who participated and the Ladies Curling Association (LCA), I wish to thank the Manotick Curling Club for hosting the LCA District 2 Evening Ladies playdowns and finals, on Saturday March 4th and Sunday March 5th, 2023. The LCA appreciates the time and effort that is given freely by Clubs in the area for our ladies events.

We want to thank your ice-technicians, Lindsay Allen and Peter Royle for the exceptional ice and for having it ready for the draws.

A huge thank you to Nancy Fletcher, Sarah Fletcher and the Club ladies who helped prepare the A.M. coffee and a delicious lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone was welcoming and helpful. Thank you to Jana Seymour, who delivered the bar service.

The LCA appreciates the Manotick Curling Club's support for their events and hope that you will continue to consider other events in the future.

Yours truly,  
Prabha Singh-Sinclair,  
Chair, LCA, Evening Ladies 2022

## Message from Nancy Fletcher:

*I would like to thank the Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to bartend over the years. It was a great way to get to know the curlers, especially my Monday Morning Mens group, always a lot of fun and very entertaining! If you would like to bartend, reach out to Sonny Lapointe. He's always looking for new bar staff, plus he's a great boss.*

*Good curling!*

*Nancy*



Congratulations to the Ontario teams competing nationally in the past month. We were proud to watch Team Frlan, Team Padbury, Team Rowe & Team Stratton at the [U18 Championships](#), and Team Homan's spectacular run at the Scotties!

## Bits and Pieces

**Congratulations to the raffle winners of tickets to the Men's World Championship in Ottawa:**

Alan Hamilton  
Stu McKechnie  
Richard Rogers  
Mike Grescacin  
Sharon Barnard



**Grand Spiel** – Mar. 20 to April 12 - Well on the way with a full registration.

**Closing Spiel** – Apr. 13 to 15 - A full registration of 72 players.

**Curling Strategy & Tactics** workshop ran on March 25 with full registration. It was very well-received. Many thanks to Jamie Sinclair!

**Karol Bilyj Island Spiel** – A thank you to John Falkingham who has offered to take the lead on this spiel, coming up next year.

MCC wants to congratulate Team Canada, skipped by MCC's **Emily Deschenes**, for their participation in the World Junior Championship in Germany. What an incredible experience for this young curler and her team. Team Scotland went on to win gold.



## Little Rock Members Win Gold for Their High School

The Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations held their curling championships Feb. 21 to 25 in North Bay. On the winning team were some MCC Little Rockers, winning gold in the Provincial Boys School Championship. Congratulations to the team and to Ecole Secondaire Catholique Pierre-Savard.



left to right:

Kilda Butler (coach)  
 Hannah Robert  
 Justin Anderson  
 Wade O'Reilly  
 Sean Blythe  
 Annie Lafleur (coach)





## *Limerick Lane*



Welcome to Limerick Lane. You are always invited and encouraged to vent your frustrations or your pleasures in a limerick or two, and send them to me at: [communications.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.mcc@gmail.com)

Dave, identifying with the skips, offers **The Skip's Lament** in the first 3 limericks:

**He gave his last rock a soft spin,  
Hoping to draw that rock in.  
But he missed the button.  
So his team got nuttin'  
And they left without getting the win.**

*Dave*

**"Hit the pin!" the Third gestures and cries,  
"Throw it soft and we'll get the top prize!"  
But they swept it like mad,  
And the shot was quite bad.  
They came last, to no one's surprise.**

*Dave*

**“Curl the stone to the button”, they said.  
“Hit the pin and we’ll take all the bread!”  
But of course he did not.  
He hogged his last shot.  
And they ended the game last, instead.**

*Dave*

**We curl with a fellow named Andy.  
He thinks that to tease is just dandy.  
But when on the ice  
His shots can be nice.  
So sometimes Andy comes in quite handy.**

*Rosemary*

**A curler named Dan likes to win  
With tactics amounting to sin!  
He tends to distract  
And then will attack.  
In the next end he does it agin’.**

*Rosemary*

Limerick writing is easy for me  
But my wife made a ban, you see.  
Pen to paper is something I should not  
'cus when I do I embarrass her a lot.  
But I'll sneak some out 'til she catches  
me.

*Dan*

The day-time curlers at the club  
Are regulars (with many a sub).  
While their rocks really roll,  
Sweeping ice takes its toll,  
So they happily retire to the pub.

*Suzanne*

