

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



October 2023

WE ACCEPT:   



Welcome

to the

2023/2024

Curling Season

A Message From Our President

Welcome Back !

Another summer has come and gone and once again we converge on our second home for the new 2023/2024 curling season. When we wrapped up our last AGM in June we reported a stellar curling season had concluded. Our club had achieved over 500 members for the first time and we had managed to generate another financial surplus. We are in a healthy financial situation and that is a good thing because with an aging club such as ours there is a never ending list of things that need to be re-invigorated.

We had already mentioned plans to replace our compressor next spring but we also plan to introduce city water to the building hopefully by 2025, depending on how the City of Ottawa progresses with their Van Vliet water main. In the short term we have decided to replace our well loved tables and chairs in the lounge. The outside of the building has had siding replaced in some critical areas to deter 4 legged guests and we have added a 10 KW generator. Living in Manotick we are electrically challenged and can never be sure when the power will fail as it did on numerous occasions last year. While this generator will NOT run our ice compressor it will power the lights, furnace and sump pumps essential to the health of our building. I'll have to check if the bar is included!

This curling season we are over 500 members again. All our evening leagues are mostly full. We still have room in most day leagues. This year we are introducing a Monday's Ladies daytime league and have entered into an agreement to lease ice to Lisa Weagle to run her curling development camp on Tuesday afternoons for youth curlers. Manotick youth will comprise almost half of the spots. We are planning to run our usual club spiels thanks to the efforts of our Special Events team led by Dave Hannah. Stay tuned for registration emails as all events are expected to fill up fast.

As always fall brings not only fall tree colours but usual concerns about the annual Flu and re-emergence of COVID. We don't anticipate going back to any of our strict COVID policies but we are reinforcing good anti-viral practices such as wiping down stone handles, fist bumps, voluntary masking or just staying home if you're under the weather.

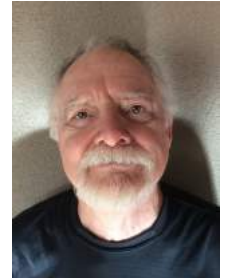
In conclusion I wish everyone a safe, joyful and competitive curling season. If you have suggestions or concerns you can reach out to me or anyone on the board anytime.

Regards,

Don Coulterman, president1.mcc@gmail.com

MCC President

Meet the 2023-2024 Board of Directors



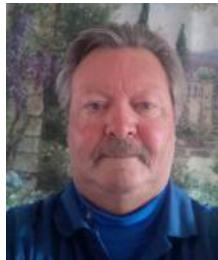
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Two New Leagues This Year



Saturday New Curlers League

2 Draws:

12:00 pm and 2:15 pm

Ladies Monday Daytime League

3:00 to 5:00pm

Ladies league convenor, Nancy Fletcher, is holding a treat of cupcakes to celebrate Sharon Barnard's birthday. They were SO good!



Ice Safety Reminder

Please remember that you are playing on a slippery ice surface. Here are a few tips that are important for reducing injuries:

1. Wear regulation curling shoes and proper grippers.
2. Protective head gear is strongly recommended.
3. Step onto the ice and stand still for 10-15 sec. This cools your shoes which allows more grip.
4. Never run on the ice.

The club has safety equipment for sale.

Contact Dave Gibb: dwgibb@gmail.com

Did You Know That....

Announcing a **new monthly newsletter feature**, called “Did You Know That....”. Readers are invited to read 3 information statements about a particular MCC member. Only one of the statements is true. Can you guess which one? **The answer is at the end of each newsletter.** If you guess correctly, your prize will be an enormous sense of accomplishment.

Here is October’s infamous personality.

Did you know that....

Lindsay Allen either 1. is in his 41st year as the MCC ice maker?
 2. has never curled and never wants to?
 OR
 3. won playing lead in a bonspiel in Scotland 42 years ago?



This 'N That

The club has a new Generac generator, installed and working.

We have a new 3 year contract with Manotick's Best Summer Camp so they will be back next summer. We made \$10,000 from their rental fee this past year.

New tables and chairs have been purchased and are in place in the lounge.

Turkey Spiel - November 23-25

Our Turkey Spiel features the famous turkey shoot-out which gives members a chance to win a turkey. Two games of curling with supper on Saturday night followed by live entertainment and dancing. Registration open to Manotick members.

Capacity: 96

Online Registration - starts Nov. 4



MCC Opening Spiel

The Opening Spiel took place Oct 20-21 with lots of curling action, great food and prizes!

The winner of the A event final was team Fletcher (pictured):

Rhys Williamson
Sarah Fletcher
Nancy Fletcher
Gavin Beveridge (spare)
Johnathan Ashworth

B event final winner: Gary Hall, Karine Batchelor, Lisa Stockton, Steve Drew

C event final winner: Wayne Parent, Mathew Crummey, Andrew Pyefinch, Ken Walker

Special thanks to: Cindy, George, Krista, Renee, Silvana, Brenda, Jana, Mary, Lindsay & Peter.

See you next time!
Dave Hannah
MCC Special Events



Spiel organizers: Cindy Bradley,
Dave Hannah, Krista Kelly



Team Fletcher

Get ready for a day of action-packed curling and community spirit as **Carleton Heights Curling Club** teams up with **Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa (PCSO)** to host the inaugural "**Curl for Hope**" Prostate Cancer Bonspiel on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

WELCOME TO THE

BONSPIEL FOR PROSTATE CANCER *CURL FOR HOPE*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

Three draws with 2 six-end games
 Draw A Games at 08:30 and 1:45
 Draw B Games at 10:15 and 3:30
 Draw C Games at 12:00 and 5:15

\$240/Team incl tax
Men, Women, and Open

Prizes! (Donations are gratefully accepted) Light breakfast, lunch, and dinner included!

Online registration is open now at
<https://carleton-heights.curling.io/en/events/17436-curl-for-hope-prostate-cancer-bonspiel>

ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT OTTAWA, A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION WHICH SUPPORTS MEN AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE PROSTATE CANCER JOURNEY, AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTING TO RESEARCH.



New Year's Eve Spiel

We would like to run a New Year's Eve event again this year. It's always lots of fun. We need a lead coordinator to get things off the ground (and onto the ice).

If you are interested in helping the club in this way, please contact Dave Hannah at: [specialevents.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:specialevnts.mcc@gmail.com)

Answer to Did You Know That....

If you chose #1, you were correct! Lindsay has been our ice maker going on 41 years now. We continue to benefit from his skill and dedication.

Good curling!