

MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



December 2023

WE ACCEPT:   



*Merry
Christmas
&
Happy New
Year*

Team Erhardt qualified and will represent MCC at the **2024 U18 Provincial Championship**. They won the “B” side by winning three games on the last day of the event. The “B” final was well-played by both MCC teams (Team Erhardt and Team DiFranco). Of this, MCC can be very proud! Congrats, Team Erhardt!

The CurlON U-18 Championship will be held January 10-14, 2024 at the RCMP Curling Club here in Ottawa.



L to R:

Hannah Robert, Dahlia Bonnell, Isabelle Rother, Lyra Erhardt

Curling Christmas Carol
(courtesy of Nancy Fletcher)

(sing it to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Sweeping stones,
Sweeping stones,
Sweeping all the day.
Oh what fun it is to curl,
Feeling bright and gay.

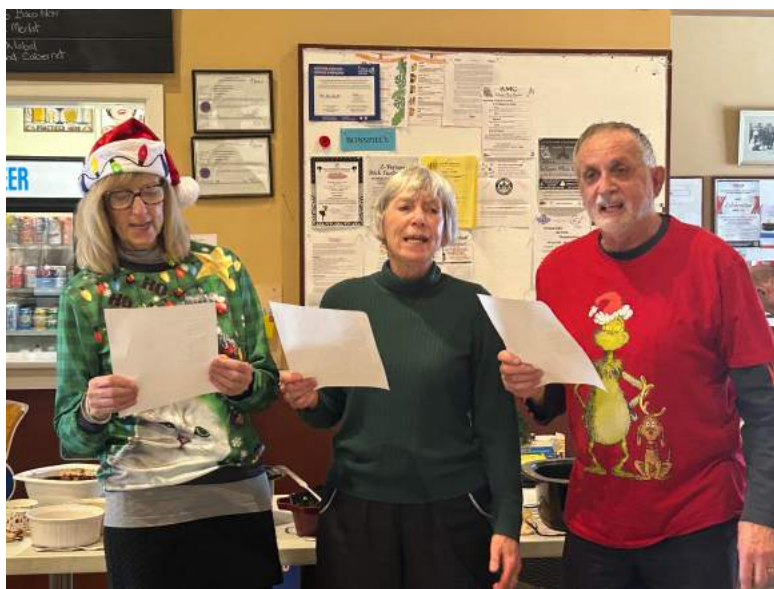
Oh,
Sweeping stones,
Sweeping stones,
Sweeping all the day.
Oh what fun it is to curl,
Feeling bright and gay.

Dashing to the rink.
(Leave dishes in the sink.)
O're the ice we glide,
Endangering our hide.
Just hear the old skip yell,
"Come on and sweep like hell!"
Oh what fun it is to curl
At the MCC with friends.

Tuesday/Thursday Daytime
Christmas Potluck

- * 3 fierce curling matches
- * Copious quantities of delicious food
- * "Jingle Bells" sung to words suitable for curlers (see to the left).

What could be a better way to
celebrate Christmas!



Bryna Burtch, Rosemary & Dave Gibb,
introducing the Curling Christmas Carol

Did You Know That....?

Did you know that **Gail Cornfield** either...

1. Nearly drowned taking a scuba diving lesson?
2. Was thrown from a horse during an amateur rodeo?
or
3. Fell down a well when she was 3?



Check the back page for the answer.

The fact that you don't see Gail around the MCC this season is not because she succumbed to another disaster, but rather she is looking after a health issue in order to come roaring back. She continues as a Board member.

Suggestions, Complaints?

You may remember that we used to have a suggestion box at the bar. The procedure now, if you have an issue or suggestion, is to send an email to Don Coulterman, the Board president:
president1.mcc@gmail.com



Ladies Monday League Christmas Social

The new Ladies Daytime League had a great first season, under the coordination of Nancy Fletcher. We celebrated Christmas with a pizza supper and a Christmas sweater competition. The winning sweater belonged to Monica Bialik, on the left, pictured with her team.

There were a number of “interesting” sweaters. Of note is a saucy one on the next page, worn by Sarah Fletcher.



Left to right:
Monica Bialik, Donna Felske, Tanis Trotman, Edwina Legere



Sarah Fletcher, runner up

Look at Mom in the background thinking, “OMG, that’s not going in the newsletter is it???” Hehe

Name Tags



Just 9 more name tags to be picked up. Is yours here? They are over by the bar.

The Grand Spiel

It's back!!! **The Grand Spiel** will be played next March and April. It's a great way to wrap up the curling season...meet some new people... and have a ton of fun! See the flyer on the next page for more details.

Registration opens Jan 2.



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 three weeks, in late March/early April. The more you win the more you play!

The Final Night will feature League Awards, Bagpiper, 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 January 2nd, 2024 through the website.

Help our organizers by registering early!
128 players maximum, plus spare list
Fun • Competition • Awards • Party Vibe

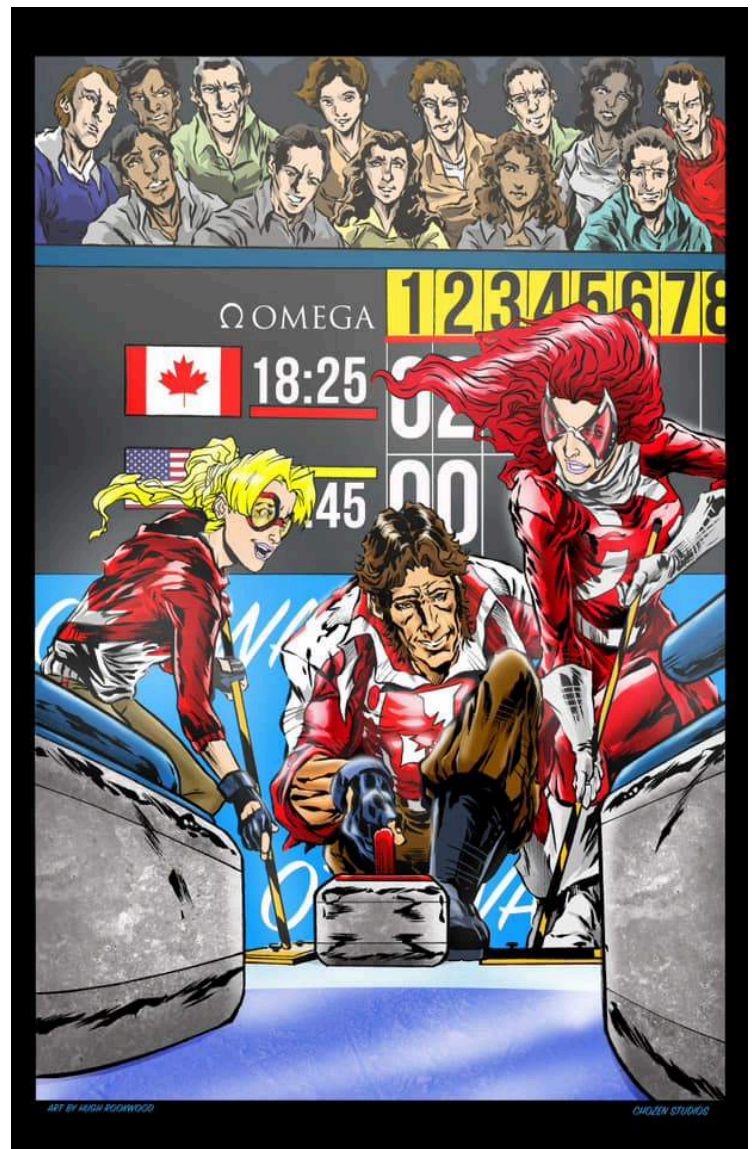
Organizers:

Merv McBride • Dave Rogers • Art Ficko • Mike Coulterman • Dave Hannah



MCC's Own Superhero Curler

If you thought Jack Briglio was just a curler, think again. He has written a superhero comic book, complete with evil villains attacking the Brier. Sacrilege! **Dominion Jack** and his team swoop in to save the day. This is issue #40, published by Exciting Comics, available in comic stores, and from Jack. Catch him hanging around the club. The front and back covers of his comic are pictured below.





Don't do this
to move several
rocks at once.

Handles are
prone to break.
Instead push
rocks separately.

Correct answer to “Did you know that...”. Number 1

Gail Cornfield reports the following:

“I took a PADI scuba diving course when I was first posted to Halifax in 1976, just to meet some civilians. I had passed, and we were on an open water dive near Herring Cove.

It was a bit choppy that day, but my partner, a much older, experienced diver, said we should just swim out to the dive site on the surface, and save our tanks for the dive.

He took off and I struggled along, taking in water as I went. When I realized I was in trouble, and tried to grab my regulator, I realized that it was not clipped to my tank harness, and was floating behind me. I also think that I had a bit too much weight on my weight belt, making me work harder to stay afloat.

At some point, I gave up and started to go under. It was very peaceful. (Gawd forbid that I ditch the rented weight belt. Problem would have been solved! Easy to think of that after!)

My partner must have finally clued in that I was in trouble, because I recall feeling a hand on the small of my back pushing me to the surface, then shoving my regulator at me.

In retrospect, that could have been the end of me. It WAS, however, the end of my diving career.”

The MCC Board of Directors wish all of you a very successful 2024, filled with peace, good health, and good curling.

