

# MCC IN THE HOUSE

The Manotick Curling Center Newsletter



February 2024

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February



## Canada's Big Shootout

MCC Celebrated Canada Curling Day on February 24 by participating in the **Draw to the Button Shootout**. Clubs all across Canada were competing.

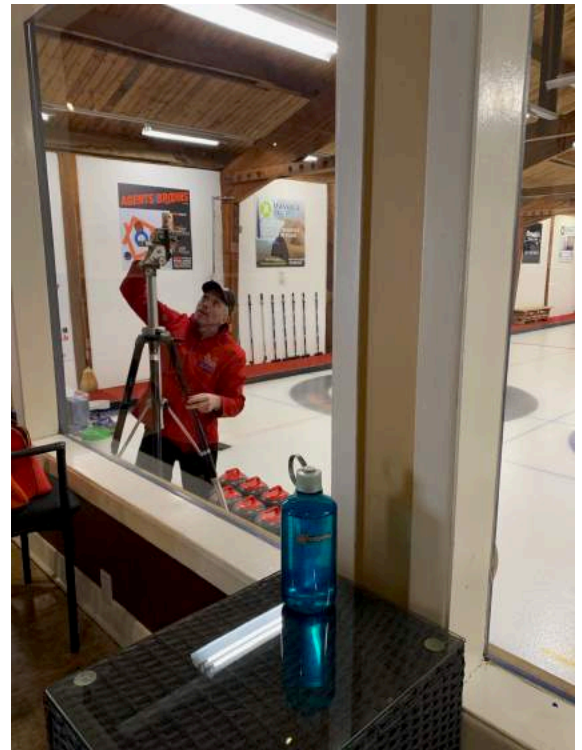
A Manotick team of 30 club curlers took turns shooting one after the other, trying to cover the button as many times as possible in 30 minutes. Their attempts were timed and videotaped. The results and videos were sent to Curling Canada. The club with the highest number of covered pins will win a curling facility grant of \$5000. The winning club will be announced on Feb. 27. Watch the bar monitor for the result.



Krista Kelly was the organizer of this event.

Good job, Krista!

Below, a cameraman checks the videotaping.





Two lanes were used. The ice was very keen for this event. Not much sweeping was required.



## Shiverfest in Manotick

There were 38 visitors to the club during the 2 hour open house on Saturday, Feb. 3 during Shiverfest. Three of the ladies below are from Tampa, Florida and had a blast trying curling for the first time under Don Coulterman's masterly instruction.



## From Dave Hannah

Sarah Fletcher and Kiley Hamilton win **BBQ Scotch Doubles** women's division held **at City View Curling Club Jan 26-27**. Runner-up in the women's division was also a Manotick team, Karine Batchelor and Nicole Bordeleau.

Thank you to all the Manotick members participating in the event!



## The Courteous Sport



Curling is known as one of the world's most polite sports.

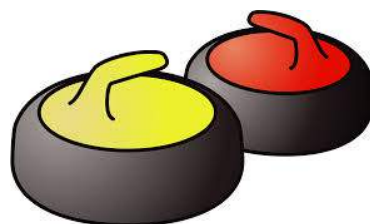
When was the last time you saw two curlers throw down their brooms and tackle each other in a down and out brawl. Never, right?

Look how we begin a game: handshakes all round, wishing everyone "Good curling". And despite the outcome of the game, at the end we shake hands again and proclaim "Good game", albeit maybe while grinding our teeth a little.

We acknowledge good shots, not just to our team members but also to the members of the opposing team. This is not always easy, especially if you are silently praying they miss their shot. But take a deep breath, smile, and say "Good shot". That promotes good sportsmanship, which in turn makes the game friendlier and more fun.

What if we miss a strategic shot that we think we could have made? Do we slam our broom on the ice, growl obscenities, and blame the sweepers? If you say yes, then maybe you should be playing a different sport. Um, hockey?? Of course curlers get angry and disappointed with their shots. But let's take the high road. Remember that after the game, the two teams head to the lounge for a friendly drink, and the game is usually quicken forgotten.

To all - good sportsmanship, good curling, and good fun!



## Did You Know That...

Did you know that **Rick Carbonneau** either....

1. was offered a basketball scholarship at the University of Michigan?
2. was a winning quarterback for the U. of Ottawa Gee-Gees?  
**or**
3. swam across Lake Ontario – almost?



What's your guess? One is true. Check the last page to find out Rick's claim to fame!



From Petr Komarek:

The Manotick team did well at the **Bantam Spiel** at the end of January, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in their draw.

I also wanted to shout out to everyone who helped including Heather Moulton, Karen McNaught, Andrew Cowan (super star dishwasher), Chris Thompson, Krista Kelly and Karen Komarek. A special thank you to Chris Innes who organized the entire event.



From left to right:  
Kelly Beveridge (lead),  
Matthew Cowan (2<sup>nd</sup>),  
Roston Oakley (vice),  
Ethan Komarek (skip)





24<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Crystal Heart Curling Classic

A fundraiser in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation **February 1-4, 2024**

## Letter to Sarah and Nancy Fletcher from the Crystal Heart Chairperson

*Hello Sarah and Nancy*

*On behalf of the Crystal Heart Curling Classic Committee, I would like to thank you and the Manotick Curling Club, for providing ice for the 24th Annual Ladies Bonspiel and to you in particular for acting as Club Coordinators during the event.*

*We were absolutely delighted with the success of the bonspiel, held Feb.1 to 4. We were able to contribute over \$63,000 to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, bringing our 24 year total to over \$1,103,000 - an outstanding contribution from the curling community. These results are only possible due to the generous support of our volunteers, sponsors, donors, curling clubs and participant curlers. (Ninety-six teams participated at various clubs throughout the city.)*

*Without the time and effort from volunteers and all the clubs, the success of this event would not have been possible. Please extend our thanks to all the volunteers who helped in your club.*

*Thank you once again*

*Sandra Chisholm*

## Manotick hosted the Annual Manotick Little Rock Spiel

on Saturday, January 21. We welcomed 6 teams; 4 from Manotick Curling Centre, 1 from Russell Curling Club and 1 from RCMP Curling Club. The curlers enjoyed a day full of great games, lunch and a raffle. A big thank you to our Little Rock coordinator and coach, Chris Innes for arranging the bonspiel and to Janine Kaye for organizing the teams, lunch and raffle tables.

Thank you to our generous parents who donated lots of tasty goodies for everyone to enjoy throughout the day and to our wonderful Manotick community and businesses for the donations for the raffle table.

*Stephanie Luedee*



### Manotick Team 2

L-R  
Freddie  
Lucas  
Harrison  
Alton



### Manotick Team 4

L-R:  
Landon  
Arrissa  
Lochlan  
Arianna



**Manotick Team 3**

L-R:  
Mackenzie  
Haisley  
Ethan  
Presleigh



**Manotick Team 1**

L-R:  
Michael  
Alfred  
Rebecca  
Eddie



January 27th, Manotick won the Little Rock Championship Zone 2 playdown and will advance to the Championship in March.

On the team, left to right, are: Lochlan, Mackenzie, Haley and Julian.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!**

## U15 Winchester Bonspiel



Manotick had a good bonspiel Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> weekend at Winchester. Team Bown placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their draw.

They are holding their cash winnings. Left to Right:  
Kellan O'Halloran, Henry Quail, Matthew Cowan and Lily Bown.

*Way to go, Team Bown!*

## Ljubljana Open Bonspiel Invitation

### Event Details:

Dates: April 25th to April 28th, 2024

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Teams: Open entry for all categories (men, women, mixed, junior, senior, wheelchair, etc.)

Prize Pool: €1500

Guaranteed Games: 4

Play System: Schenkel system

Special Features: Organized parties on Friday and Saturday nights

Participation Fee: €350 per team

Join us in Ljubljana as 36 teams gather to compete on specially prepared curling sheets by experienced ice makers. The competition promises not only fierce matches but also an unforgettable experience, culminating in an opportunity to celebrate your curling season in style.

To secure your spot in this exciting event, please register your team at the provided link. Act fast, as the competition is open to all and spots are filling up quickly!

For more information and updates, visit the event website:

<https://www.bonspiels.net/events/ljubljana-open-2024/>

We look forward to welcoming you to Ljubljana for a memorable curling experience.

*Ljubljana Open 2024 Organising Committee*



**Rocks to Riches**  
**CurlION 50/50 Lottery**

**Draw closes March 2**



Click here: <https://mailchi.mp/ontcurl/back-line-news-sep2023-13717503?e=b499d97e0c>

## How About a New Method of Scoring?

Please review this new method of scoring, developed during a recent Tuesday/Thursday league game, and refined during a Friday doubles match.

Basically, the brown unnumbered markers indicate that although the team scored, the point was won by a fluke, (ie a BS shot) and the original white numbers are real points, called shots and made for the points.

So, for end 1, red scored 1 point, by a fluke, then blue scored 2 points in end two - called shots. Blue in end 7 scored 3 points, 1 of which was a fluke, and 2 were called.

This game happened as all of us are watching the Scotties and imagine we can do what they do. Also reminds us that our games are not for the tankard ( I know that is for the Brier).

This is not the first time an Ottawa area club does not follow conventional scoring methods. You should see how they score in Kemptville!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Jackson



## Last Few Events of the Season

Karol Bilyi Memorial spiel - Mar. 11 to 15

Grand Spiel - Mar. 20 to Apr. 10

Closing Spiel - Apr. 11 to 13

## Scotties Wraps Up

\*Rachel Homan and Team Ontario in a nail-biting 5-4 win over Manitoba's Jennifer Jones.

\*Special video shown in honour of Jennifer Jones' iconic curling career.

\*Jamie Sinclair and Team Quebec did not make the playoffs but played well.

## Did You Know That..... Answer

**If you guessed # 2, you were correct. Rick was indeed the winning quarterback for the U. of O. Gee-Gees.**

Rick says the following:

*"It was my last year of University football (1961). I was also the strong side defensive back (never got off the field), handled the "kicking" duties on offence and ran back kicks on defence. Back in those days, a team was fortunate to have 20 guys to a team (more like 50 man rosters in today's world.)*

*As a team, the Gee-Gees were conference champions (undefeated) and winners of the "Atlantic Bowl". I was nominated as the "Most Valuable" member of our team and selected as one of the candidates as "Most outstanding French Canadian athlete in the Eastern Ontario Quebec region" amongst Lally Lalonde (lacrosse), Bobby Rousseau (Montreal Canadiens hockey) and Jacques Gravelle (professional ski jumper and the eventual winner of the Gilles O Julien trophy)."*

