

ST ALBERT



50+ MIXED CURLING LEAGUE

50+ MCL NEWS

President's Message

We've reached the end of a very successful season for our 50+ Mixed Curling League. With no COVID disruptions, we had 215 individual curlers registered in our 12 regular curling and stick leagues. We held our annual Christmas Party and hosted some "coffee and cookie" days. Both our Stick Stakes Bonspiel, and Wind-up Bonspiel were completely sold out! We've also introduced a "youth award" to encourage the development of our future 50+ curlers.

Financially, the year turned out better than expected with the support of our great sponsors and on-going fund raising. We also had generous local businesses donate wonderful prizes for our events! We finished the year with \$7,000 in the bank which will allow us to continue to offer cash prizes for our leagues and low-cost events to our members.

I'd like to thank our volunteer executive for all of their hard work over the past year and especially YOU, our 50+ members, for your on-going support! Enjoy your summer and we hope to see everyone back this fall.

Rod Chmiliar, President



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2nd Half Winners!

Congratulations to all the 2nd half winners! Pictures can be found on our [Facebook page](#)!

Regular Curling Winners

Monday 9:00AM Winners

Tom Steele, Richard Todd, Bruce Partington, Gail Doan
Al Budlong, Ron St. Jean, Bob Mason, Barry Reinhardt

11:30AM Winners

Ron Wizniak, Susan Kwak, Karen Sutherland, Phil Brandon
Al Schultz, Dan Lee, Dave Elashuk, Mineko Fujikura

Wednesday 9:00AM Winners

Donald Despina, Ed Drewicki, Ron St. Jean, Diana Monette
Greg Donnelly, Donald Beer, Mary Ottenbreit, Gene MacLeod

11:30AM Winners

Scott Dunn, Brent Eger, Jim Andruchow, Gail Rokosh
Garry Rorke, Bonnie Germsheid, Randy Randhawa, Doug Barr

Stick Curling Winners

Tuesday 9:00 Ruby & Randy Olson
Tuesday 10:00 Tony Vanbrabant & Norm Rivard
Tuesday 11:00 Sheila & Dennis Stockman

Friday 9:00 Sheila & Dennis Stockman
Friday 10:00 Sheila & Dennis Stockman
Friday 11:30 Ruby & Randy Olson
Friday 12:30 Bernie & Harry Rooksby
Friday 1:30 Vi Oko & Ted Cartier

Wind Up Bonspiel and Banquet

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On Tuesday, March 22, we celebrated our wind-up bonspiel and banquet. This even was sold out — 96 curlers of varying age and skill level participated in the two-day bonspiel, and 120 individuals enjoyed the banquet.

The winning team of this year's Bonspiel was: skip Norm Rivard, third Colleen Ross, second Lil Andruchow, and lead David Woloshyn.

A big thank you to Mama M's Catering, who served an awesome Greek dinner! Our sponsors were terrific and really came through this year! We had 100 quarter-chicken dinners donated for the Monday lunch by the local Swiss Chalet. Other donations from local shops: Canadian Brewhouse south, Original Joes, External Affairs Medical Spa, Chatters Hair Beauty and Salon, M&M Meats north, Boston Pizza, Canadian Tire, Toast Breakfast and Lunch, Dairy Queen, The Cajun House, Klondyke Flowers, Mission: Fun and Games, Trail Tire, Save-On-Foods (Village Landing), Safeway, Crown and Tower Pub, and Backyard Grill. Even two long-standing members donated items: big thanks to Margaret Moore and Jan Dekker!

A BIG THANK YOU to Dennis Noel for all his hard work in planning this event! Dennis worked on setting up all the teams right up to the last minute! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped behind the scenes – many hands make light work.



SKIP	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	
Noel Chartrand	5	6	11	14	25	4	29	12																	
Ron Wisniak	2	12	16	28	4	32	14	46	4																
Tony Van Babuut	3	4	14	18	14	32	6	38	7																
Terry Wainman	4	14	4	18	2	20	18	38	7																
Al Budlong	5	9	2	11	4	15	0	15	24																
Reg Kozlowski	6	13	11	24	16	40	6	46	4																
Tom Stele	7	13	7	20	14	34	12	46	4																
Greg Donnelly	8	6	12	18	4	22	4	26	13																
Al Schultz	9	14	14	28	14	42	12	54	2																
Rod Chmilian	10	4	4	8	14	22	14	36	8																
David Flaherty	11	9	6	15	4	19	6	25	14																
Bob Mackenzie	12	5	12	17	4	21	12	33	9																
Ed Wilson	13	4	2	6	10	16	12	28	7																
Ken Lorenz	14	11	8	19	9	28	4	32	10																
David Shkolop	15	13	14	27	6	33	14	47	3																
Richard Davis	16	12	10	22	14	36	2	38	7																
Bob Lee	17	2	14	16	16	32	14	46	4																
Norm Rivard	18	16	12	28	12	40	16	56	1																
Brad Hogarth	19	14	4	18	9	27	14	41	6																
Grant Clark	20	7	5	22	4	26	4	30	11																
Dennis Stickman	21	5	16	21	2	23	6	29	12																
Bonnie Benstead	22	6	3	9	2	11	6	17	15																
Brent Egan	23	16	6	22	16	38	4	42	5																
Bonnie Rookaby	24	2	4	6	8	14	12	26	13																



In the news...

[Wind Up Bonspiel Winners in St. Albert Today - Click here to view!](#)

Article submitted to community connections – highlighting the bonspiel and thanking our sponsors!

Thank You Outgoing Executive

The 50+ Executive team would like to thank its outgoing directors: Dennis Manning, Tom Steele and Brian Harvie. This past year, Dennis was the Director for Stick Curling. Tom served as Secretary and took over fundraising during the second half. Brian looked after the Stick Spiel event held in December. Volunteers in every sense, these three gentlemen provided countless hours of support to our league. Their knowledge and support will be missed!



New Executive Team!

A big welcome to our new directors joining us for the 2022-23 season – Brian Hunt will be taking over the role of Treasurer and Rhonda Evanoff taking over the Secretary role. Pat Beeching assumed responsibility as Director of Stick Curling and Randy Olson will be the Stick Bonspiel Coordinator. Pat and Randy will continue their roles as spare coordinators on Tuesdays and Fridays respectively.

Rock of Ages Camp Scholarship

The 50+ Executive established an annual scholarship aimed at St. Albert Curling Club youth members. Called the “Rock of Ages Camp Scholarship” (ROaCS), this award is seen as a way for our ‘senior’ curlers to give back to the game and to share our love for this sport with the younger members of our club.

We will fund one St. Albert youth curler between the age of 10-15 to attend the Alberta Rocks Junior Summer Camp each year, beginning in 2022. It will be left to the SACC Board, with input from staff and volunteers involved in the youth programs, to identify a worthy recipient each year. We hope this new scholarship will provide a memorable curling experience for young curlers for many years to come!

For more information about the camp, please visit the [Curling Alberta site](#).

Bonspiel Name Change

It is with great pleasure that we announce a change to our annual stick bonspiel - was unanimously decided that the annual stick spiel will be called: The Milt McDougall Stick Stake Bonspiel. Instrumental in bringing Stick Curling to the St. Albert Curling Club, Milt work tirelessly to grow the game.

Provincial Stick Champs!

Our very own Barbara Palmer and Brenda Eger earned a trip to the national stick championship in Moncton, NB.

They were featured in the St. Albert Gazette, Wednesday April 6, 2022. You can read the full story [here](#).



Congratulations!

Upcoming Events / Mark Your Calendars

With our curling season at an end, there are no upcoming events, however, here are some tentative dates for the new season:

START DATES FIRST/SECOND HALF

Monday league: Oct 3, 2022 and Jan 9, 2023
Tuesday league: Oct 11, 2022 and Jan 10, 2023
Wed league: Oct 12, 2022 and Jan 11, 2023
Fri league: Oct 7, 2022 and Jan 6, 2023
No Family Day Curling

Registration Dates: TBA

EVENTS:

Milt McDougal Stick Stakes Bonspiel

Tentative: December 19-20, 2022

Christmas Party

Tentative: December 3, 2022

AGM : TBA

Wind Up Bonspiel

Tentative: March 23-24, 2023

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Did you know that we have a Facebook page?
There are lots of new postings going up on the page.
Why not take a look?

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Survey Results Info

A member survey was sent out on February 6th, 2022 - it was sent to 213 people with 115 responding - that's a 54% response rate. The average industry response to surveys is about 30% so overall our number was very good!

Various questions were asked about member satisfaction, programs, newsletters, website and social media.

Here are some highlights from the survey:

- Overall, the member satisfaction rate was 96%.
- Good balance of programs, members would like to see more appreciation days being held (covid made this restrictive for us).
- Over 70% read the newsletter every time – 25% sometimes. Many indicated that they receive info via the newsletter.
- 85% go to the SACC website for information, with 56% doing so weekly. Many go to see updates on teams, schedules and to register.
- Not many users are interested in Facebook – we will continue to monitor this trend.



Health & Wellness

We want to extend our heartfelt wishes to Ron Pillidge, hoping he is recovering from multiple injuries sustained in a devastating tractor accident at the end of March. He has a long road to recovery, and we hope he and his family are well otherwise and he can return home from the hospital soon.

For any members who have fallen ill in covid's '6th wave', our wish is that you too will have a speedy recovery without any lingering effects. Be safe everyone, and do not become complacent... masking is still a good idea, as is limiting exposure in crowds. Stay healthy and have a wonderful summer! Please be in touch if you hear of anyone in our curling family who might benefit from a friendly note of encouragement from all of us.

Brenda Eger

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Interested in volunteering? Please let us know! We could always use help on various days – coffee appreciation days, event set up, etc.

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Don't forget to tell them: **"Thank you for supporting senior curling in St. Albert!"**

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