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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

PEMBINA CURLING CLUB

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



ORGANIZED 1947

HOLIDAY INN SOUTH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997

6:00 P.M.

This book is dedicated to the founders and the many volunteers who unselfishly have given of their time and resources to make the Pembina Curling Club a place to be proud of.

For Pictures, History, Newsworthy Items, Etc.,

We advertised in the: Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Sun, Manitoba Curler, Canadian Curling News.

We searched at the: E. Dafoe Library, Western Canada Pictorial Index, Provincial Archives, Centennial Library, minutes of meetings 1947 to present and contributions from past members.

We Apologize for any errors, omissions or if something important was missed.

Anniversary Book Committee

Bob English (Chairman), Harold Gutknecht, Lorne Molinski, Art Rosset, Ralph Hotel, Harold St. Geo. Stubbs, Betty (Mitchell) Smith, Albert Van Walleggem, Grace DeCock.



Pembina Curling Club 50th Anniversary 1997-1998

The 1997-98 curling season marks the 50th anniversary of the Pembina Curling Club and you're invited to join in the Celebration!

September 21-28 / 97	- Men's Cashspiel (64 teams)
October 7-9	- Masters Bonspiel (24 teams)
October 17-19	- Ladies Invitational Bonspiel (32 teams)
October 24	- Opening Banquet (tickets limited)
December 29	- 50th Anniversary of First Day of Curling
Jan. 30 - Feb. 01 / 98	- Junior's Bonspiel
April 2-5	- Mixed Bonspiel

*Avoid disappointment and register early for any of the above. Call the club at 453-5733 or write to
1341 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, MB. R3T 2B6*

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PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA
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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF MANITOBA



I am pleased to extend my best wishes to everyone celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Pembina Curling Club.

The wealth of talented curlers like you who love the sport and participate every season helps to ensure that Manitoba's future as a world curling powerhouse will remain strong and vibrant. At the same time, your club is a hub of community life. I commend all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make the last five decades such a success. The friendships and the bonds that have been built at the club go far beyond the confines of sports alone.

On behalf of the people and government of Manitoba, I commend the organizers for all their hard work in providing this opportunity for all past members, present members and their friends to reunite for this special milestone anniversary.

Happy 50th, Pembina Curling Club!

Gary Filmon

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Dear Executive and Members:

The celebration of 50 years is something very special in the life of any organization - definitely an achievement of significant proportion!

The Pembina can be justifiably proud of the role it has played within the Winnipeg curling community and the profile it has achieved, in part through the champions produced from your club.

Our sport which is so rich in history dating back to the founding of our great country is, however, somewhat unique. At 50, your club could be considered young and through that youthful and dedicated approach to managing and promoting a sport we all love, the Pembina has not only survived but flourished. Now with 50 years of experience, you have matured and will, no doubt, use the experience gained to forge an even more positive future for curling.

Congratulations to your past and current leadership and club membership for their charting a successful course for the Pembina Curling Club. May your success and growth continue for another 50 years.

Best wishes,

Harvey J. Malo
President



MANITOBA CURLING ASSOCIATION

200 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4M2
Telephone 925-5723 Fax (204) 925-5720



On behalf of the Manitoba Curling Association, its Management, Executive Council and Members, may I extend my congratulations to the Pembina Curling Club on its' 50th Anniversary.

Congratulations to all the many individuals who volunteered their time and effort over the last 50 years which helped the club achieve this golden milestone.

The Association would also like to thank the Pembina Curling Club and its members for its support over the last 50 years and look forward to many more years working together.

C.K. (Ken) Parfeniuk
President
Manitoba Curling Association

RURAL MCA PRESIDENTS/ASSOCIATES OF PEMBINA CURLING CLUB



Jim Adamson
1976- 1977
HLM, PCC - 1982
HLM, MCA-1964

My best wishes to the Pembina Curling Club for a successful Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration this year.

Sincerely,

Jim Adamson
Jim Adamson



Stan Oleson
1984 - 1985
HLM, MCA-1968

Congratulations to the Pembina Curling Club on this your 50th Anniversary, 50 years of extremely successful club operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to the Pembina Curling Club for making me feel so very welcome and a part of the club during these past 17 years. We look forward to continued success with the sound leadership that has become a Pembina trademark.

Stan Oleson
Stan Oleson



Jim Younger
1990 - 1991
HLM, MCA-1992

Congratulations Pembina on celebrating your 50th Anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my "Home away from Home" for all your support during my years on the Manitoba Curling Association.

Donna has also enjoyed many bonspiels at Pembina and we both wish your club continued success into the distant future.

Sincerely,

Jim & Donna Younger
Jim & Donna Younger

**A Message from
Rosemary Vodrey
MLA for Fort Garry**

I am delighted to extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes to the Pembina Curling Club as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary.



The success of organizations like the curling club reflect the commitment of its many volunteers and its staff. I would like to thank the many volunteers and staff who over the years have dedicated their time and have worked hard to ensure the continued success of the Pembina Curling Club.

The sport of curling is a great source of pride for many Manitobans. The Pembina Curling Club is making sure that this tradition is continued, not only in the community of Fort Garry, but also in our Province.

Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary and best wishes for the next 50 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemary Vodrey".

MANITOBA LADIES' CURLING ASSOCIATION INC.

200 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4M2
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On behalf of the Manitoba Ladies Curling Association, I extend congratulations and best wishes on this your 50th Anniversary.

Pembina Curling Club has always supported the MLCA and all women curlers have enjoyed your warm hospitality and good ice whenever we have used your facilities.

Good luck to you in this your special year and we look forward to another successful 50 years.

Nancy Rummery
President
Manitoba Ladies Curling Association



Member of Parliament
Winnipeg South

Congratulations to the
Pembina Curling Club
and all the volunteers,
past and present, on 50
successful years. It is
a tribute to the willing-
ness of people to give
of their time that will
allow for another 50
successful years.

All the best.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink.

Reg Alcock

On behalf of my colleagues at Winnipeg City Hall, and the citizens of Winnipeg,
it is a great pleasure to offer our best wishes to the Pembina Curling Club of
Winnipeg on the celebration of its 50th Anniversary.

This is a most significant accomplishment, and speaks well for the numerous
volunteers who have supported the Pembina Curling Club over these many years.
They are to be congratulated!

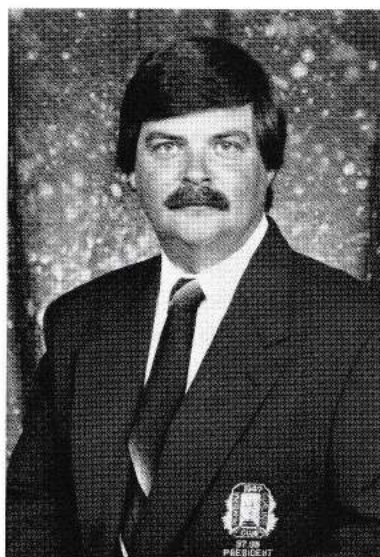
I also wish to congratulate the History Committee for their initiative and work in
the organization of the 50th Anniversary.

We send our best wishes on this celebration, and wish everyone many more years
of good curling.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan A. Thompson'.

SUSAN A. THOMPSON
MAYOR



Graeme Sims, President
Pembina Curling Club

On behalf of the Executive and current membership I am pleased to welcome you to the Pembina Curling Club on its 50th Anniversary.

The Pembina Curling Club's future is bright, and as we enter the next half century, it is with confidence that the Pembina will be successful in the years to come. In this the 50th year of curling we will be having many events to celebrate this special occasion. The anniversary year will be highlighted by the hosting of the Mixed Provincial Championships in 1998.

We extend our thanks and best wishes to Ken Orr and his committees for the hard work performed organizing the special events for this celebration. The dedication and commitment of past Executive members and curlers at the Pembina Curling Club throughout the last 50 years have helped to make the Pembina the successful club it is today.

May this history book bring back many fond memories of your years of curling and fellowship at the Pembina Curling Club.

Congratulations and Good Curling.

Most Sincerely;



PEMBINA CURLING CLUB INC.

1341 Pembina Hwy. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2B6 Tel: 453-5733

On behalf of all of the countless volunteers of our 50th Anniversary I would like to wish all of you a most happy and exciting year of celebration. The Pembina Curling Club has survived 50 years, and, with the continued dedication of its volunteers, will survive another fifty.

It is only with the dedication of the volunteers over the past fifty years that the Pembina Curling Club is around to celebrate today. Whether it be the development of the initial concept in 1947, the relocation of the facility back from Pembina Highway in 1965, the cement floor initiative in 1976, or general maintenance and governance of the club - volunteers have played a most important role and will have to continue this role to ensure the survival of the club for another 50 years. With volunteer spirit comes the sense of ownership and with ownership comes pride and quality. We can and should be proud of our volunteers over the past fifty years and this celebration today is a tribute to those who came before us, who are with us now, and who will follow in our footsteps.

In particular, I would like to thank the volunteers of the 50th anniversary committee who have made this year of celebration possible. These functions have followed the belief that "we must give back something to those that have given so much".

It would be impossible for me to name all those who have participated or are going to participate in these volunteer efforts and so I will just list the subcommittee chairs(see back page). I admire the dedication of these individuals and trust that they will convey my thanks to the individual members of their subcommittees for all of their hard work over the past two years.

A volunteer is defined as: *one who enters into or offers himself/herself for any service of his/her own free will.* Pembina Curling Club has seen many outstanding individuals who match this description and will no doubt see, in the future, many more. My hat is off to all of you. Congratulations for a job well done.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ken Orr'.

Ken Orr
50th Anniversary Chair
Pembina Curling Club

50th ANNIVERSARY EXECUTIVE

Ken Orr
Chair

Bob Cox
Co-chair

Bob English/Harold Stubbs
History

Kerry MacLennan
Bonspiels

Len Herbach/Betty Smith
Memorabilia

Albert Van Walleggem
Life/Specials

Leslie Fanning/Georgina DeJong
Opening/Closing Ceremonies

Doug Dent
Signage/Publicity/Logo

Jeanette Gunnlaugson
Manageress

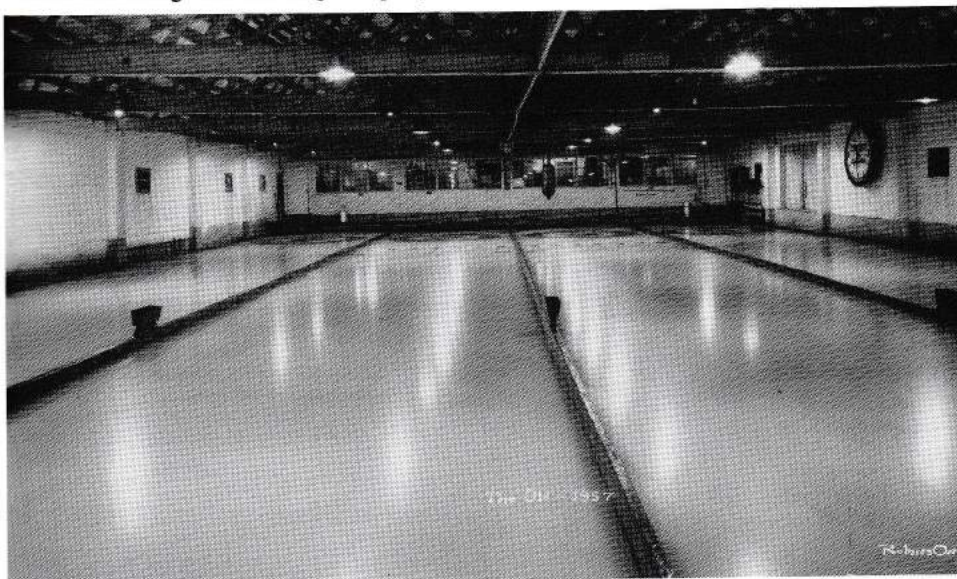
Lorne Molinski
Seniors

Kerry MacLennan/Steve Woloschuk
Official Photographers

The executive would like to thank the countless volunteers
whose untold hours of work made this year a year to
remember at the Pembina Curling Club

HISTORY OF THE PEMBINA CURLING CLUB

On May 22nd., 1947 a group of Fort Garry Citizens met in a church hall to discuss the building of the first curling club in Fort Garry. The original development committee was headed by Art Elders, a former President of the Manitoba Curling Association, assisted by Win Thompson, Harold Jessop, Barney Peterson and Alex Mitchell. A public meeting was then held in the old St. Pauls Anglican Parish Hall. The purpose was to discuss the project and it was decided to build a four sheet curling rink on the presently occupied lot close to Pembina Highway. The land was acquired by the Municipality through tax sale proceedings and was then donated to the group to develop a curling club. The cost of the cinder block building with a natural ice playing surface was \$16,000.00 which was raised by selling \$50.00 shares and carrying a mortgage for \$6,000.00. Title to the facilities was held by the Pembina Curling Club holding company.



Original Interior of 4 sheets from 1947

It began with Pembina's first President, Art Elders. As Reeve Ray Fennell said when he laid the corner stone at a ceremony on October 13, 1947, "the curling rink will provide good, clean, healthy recreation for both young and old in the Municipality, and it will be a great asset as a social center in the community". This certainly has come true.

On December 13, 1947 the ice was ready and a Junior Bonspiel was held. All students of high school age and a resident of Fort Garry could enter. Registration was made through their school teachers. The schools taking part were St. Norbert, St. Victor, Fort Whyte, St. Avila, Grandin, General Byng, General Steele and Ravenscourt.



Art Elders



FORT GARRY NEWS

A Community Paper Devoted to the Best Interests of the Ratepayers of the Municipality of Fort Garry.

Mr. A. T. Elders,
625 Riverwood Ave.,
Fort Garry, Man.



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FORT GARRY, OCTOBER 15th, 1947.

No. 19

Wildwood Shopping Centre To Open October 23rd



MRS. WATTS

W. A. Member Honored With Presentation

Residents of Fort Garry to Make Their Home in British Columbia

The Women's Auxiliary, Fort Garry United Church held their regular monthly meeting, October 9th. Mrs. A. L. Watts was convener of the meeting. Mrs. D. B. Spaulding presided. The guest speaker, Mrs. W. J. McGrath, married and nurse from the Church Home in Kelowna.

Mrs. McGrath gave a most interesting and informative talk on the work and responsibility carried on in the Home with the aid of goodwill of both the Anglican and United churches, other organizations and individuals who contribute towards the maintenance of the Home. The convener thanked Mrs. McGrath.

The president, Mrs. B. R. Curry, took the chair and on behalf of the W.A. presented Mrs. Watts with a W.M.S. Membership pin. Mrs. Watts received her life membership in the Women's Missionary Society.

In the year when Professor Lowe so generously donated several memberships through the W. A. in memory of the late Mrs. Lowe who was a very ardent church and missionary worker. Mrs. Watts, her husband, daughter and three sons have been residents of Fort Garry for the past 11 years and are now leaving to take up residence in Creston, B.C. Mrs. Watts has been actively connected with the Sunday School of the United Church in Fort Garry for the past nine years. She was a mission board leader for three years and has been on the executive of the Women's Auxiliary for several years. She was closely connected with all activities of the church and she and her family will be greatly missed in the community. The many friends of the Watts family express their sentiments with that of Mrs. Curry in wishing them the best of luck in Creston, B.C. The meeting continued with refreshments being served by the convener and her committee.

The opening of the new Wildwood Shopping Centre is a long awaited event. A preview on Wednesday, October 22nd, starting at 7 p.m. sharp, will herald the opening the following day. The public is invited to attend and see for themselves the new modern experiment in community service. Musical entertainment will be provided and it will be a gala carnival night. On the opening day a broadcast from 10.05 to 11 a.m. over CVOB will be heard.

Announcements and photographs of the beautiful new Wildwood shopping centre are to be found on pages 4-6-7-8.

Building Permits Show Downward Trend In Fort Garry

Fort Garry building permits this fall season show a decided downward trend as compared to the same period last year. For the period January 1 to September 30th, 1947, a total of 92 permits for dwellings have been taken out, with a value of \$307,946.00 as compared with the same period last year 1946, there were 390 dwelling permits issued with a value of \$2,138,473.90.

Alterations to dwellings is practically the same as last year, being 19 permits issued with a value of \$17,375.00 as against 20 permits issued and a value of \$17,770 during 1946. Permits for 46 miscellaneous construction totalling \$195,525.00 were issued till September 30th, 1947, as against 34 permits totalling \$30,475.99 last year.

Reeve L. R. Fenell And Councillor J. B. A. Houde Elected By Acclamation

Reeve L. R. Fenell, elected two years ago by acclamation, again was returned to office with no candidates offering to



run against him. Councillor J. B. A. Houde, councillor for that ward for the past two years will run for re-election. Mr. Redington will be opposed by Mr. Noel M. Fowler.

School trustees in Fort Garry School District are Bertha Newman Peterson and V. K. Crawford. For Grandin School District there are J. B. Frey, A. A. E. Joyal, Thomas Matman, Albert G. Shyne.

Elections for councillor and for the Parks Board By-Law will be held on October 24th.

Point Road Buses To Change Route

Buses to Operate a Larger Loop Formed by Cassin Road, East Drive, South Drive and Point Road

The routing of the Point Road buses within the Municipality of Fort Garry has been changed to accommodate a greater number of people in the Wildwood area. Instead of making a small loop via Oakwood, Wilson, South Drive and Point Road, they now operate around a larger loop formed by Cassin Road, East Drive, South Drive and Point Road. In the morning and up until three o'clock in the afternoon, buses operate counter-clockwise around this loop. After three o'clock they operate clockwise.

Morning Buses Leaving Earlier The times of the morning buses have been advanced ten minutes to make it possible for people to reach their offices on time. Instead of leaving South Drive and Ravenscourt on the hour and the half hour, they leave this point at ten minutes ahead of the hour and the half hour. The five morning trips and the trips leaving South Drive and Ravenscourt at 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. operate downtown.

Whether you are a curler or not, you should have one share or more. If you do not want to curl, you can still help yourself and community by investing in a building which will be a credit to Fort Garry and should be a financial success.

PEMBINA CURLING CLUB LAYS CORNERSTONE IN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

Sherry Skene and a gentle breeze greeted the enthusiastic and supporters of the Pembina Curling Club on the event of the laying of the corner stone on Monday, October 12th, 1947. A crowd of Fort Garry citizens of all ages attended the ceremony where Reeve L. R. Fenell officially laid the corner stone of our fine new curling rink.

"This is a memorable occasion for the residents of Fort Garry," said Reeve L. R. Fenell as he laid the corner stone of the Pembina Curling club's \$50,000 rink Monday afternoon. "The curling rink will provide good, clean, healthy recreation for both old and young in the municipality and it will be a great asset as a social centre in our community," concluded the reeve.

In a brief speech Leslie

Murch, M.P., congratulated the members of the club on their initiative in going ahead with the building of such a fine rink. Representing the Manitoba Curling Association, President Bill Lundquist said the curling game was fast becoming the leading sport in the Dominion. "Curling is a game in which three generations can play and every player is on the same footing," said the M.C.A. chief. "There is no game in the world which creates a greater feeling of good sportsmanship than curling and in deciding to build a rink in your community you have done something for the young people which will repay you a hundred fold," stated Mr. Lundquist.

President Art Elders presided at the brief but pleasant ceremony and introduced the offic-

ials of the club—Winnipeg, Frank Gribble, Bob Dunn and J. MacGillivray, who is in charge of construction. Vice-President Jack Dutton, Bob O'Dowd, Russ Wright, and Bob Coleman were among the members of the M.C.A. council who were present at the ceremony.

The Pembina Curling Club while undoubtedly primarily for curlers, the spacious club room will be available for meetings, social functions, and similar affairs at reasonable charges. There is a need for such accommodation in the community. Whether you are a curler or not, you should have one share or more. If you do not want to curl, you can still help yourself and community by investing in a building which will be a credit to Fort Garry and should be a financial success.



Reeve L. R. Fenell and Art Elders, president of the Pembina Curling Club are shown at the corner stone laying ceremony.

United Church Building Moved To New Site



The Fort Garry United Church has been moved to its new site at Point Road and South Drive, where it will be enlarged and remodelled for use until such time when a larger structure can be erected. Arrangements have been made to hold one or two services in General Steele school until the remodelled building is ready for use.

There were eleven (11) in attendance at the first executive meeting held on November 11th, 1947 with the following elected officers:

President	Art Elders	Membership	R.F. Peterson
Treasurer	E.T. Turl	Secretary	D.B. Kinsman
Entertainment	H.E. Curry	House & Building	J. McCourt
Prizes	E.H. Houston	Ice Rental	Alex Mitchell
Draw	B. Masson		

The official rock marking the opening of the Club was thrown on December 29th, 1947. There were thirty six (36) original members. Ice rentals were set at \$35.00 per sheet for men and \$30.00 per sheet for the ladies.

On December 29th, 1947, the first rock was thrown in competition at the new rink although the rink was not fully complete at the time. The rink was built by mostly volunteer labour. As a result, the enthusiastically placed cinder blocks were not too expertly positioned. The wind whistled through the cracks and there was tremendous frost build-up throughout the winter which eventually dropped to the ice surface in large quantities and every time a train went by on the tracks, the ice changed levels. That first year Men's League consisted of twenty eight (28) teams led by President Art Elders. The Ladies League had six (6) teams with Betty (Mitchell) Smith as President.

The opening curling membership had sixty five (65) regular curlers and two (2) associates who paid \$75.00 for a share plus a \$7.50 curling fee.

The first regular Ice Maker, N.M. Smith, was hired on December 22nd., 1947 at \$150.00 per month. The first Caterer/Manager was Ms. Rae Webb.

In the first season, \$1,200.00 was collected from ice rentals plus a \$100.00 donation from the Ladies Club.

The first Annual wind-up was held on April 3, 1948. The curlers attending were charged \$1.00 each. The first Annual Meeting was held on April 19th, 1948. At a meeting held on October 5th, 1948, the club colours Maroon & Gold were adopted. In asking the old-timers why "maroon", the response was, "that was the only colour available from a certain railway worker, namely Jim Wills, that was cheap".



Rae Webb

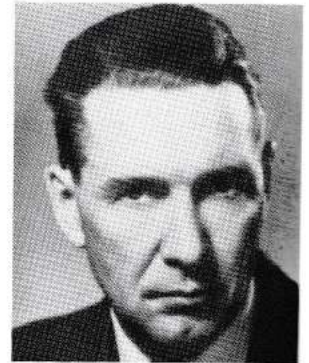
On November 30th, 1948 Alex Mitchell was elected President of the Club.

Although the club rooms were in an unfinished state, in January 1949 the club entertained the Scottish Curlers that were visiting Winnipeg. The Ladies Curling Club assisted greatly in this endeavour. At the same time the first sweater Crests were ordered. They consisted of a curling rock with the "Pembina Curling Club" on the striking surface, and of course, they were Maroon and Gold.

According to the minutes of 1950, the club rooms were plastered by Art Cloutier. Some said maybe it was the members??? Mr. Frank R.. Griffith became the first Life Member on October 1st, 1951.

About this time the hog line infraction penalty of ringing the bell and donating twenty five cents to the Hog Line Pot was discontinued.

In the 1951 season the club rooms were rented out for the summer to R. Doyle at \$75.00 per month. The first club sweater was purchased from Dan Davidson's Tailors for \$15.00. This season the Pembina Curling club ordered 32 matched rocks from Scotland through J.H.Ashdown Hardware.



Frank R. Griffith

In 1952 the first Brier tickets sold for \$5.00. The first Novelty Bonspiel was held on March 15th, 1952. The entry fee was \$1.00 per curler. The first Assistant Ice Maker was hired on December 1, 1952 at \$75.00 per month for four (4) months. The first Junior Club was organized with eight (8) teams.

On December 14th, 1952, the original club rooms were finally finished. The first New Years Eve dance was held and the club charged \$5.00 per couple and lost \$28.00. One hundred & fifty (150) people attended. This was followed by the first 'Open House' on January 1st, 1953, which later became the President's Reception.



CHARTER MEMBERS PEMBINA CURLING CLUB

OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1947-48

Honorary President

W. W. Thompson

President

A. T. Elders

1st Vice-President

A. Mitchell

2nd Vice-Pres. and Treasurer

F. R. Griffith

Secretary

D. B. Kinsman

Executive

R. F. Peterson, E. H. Houston, B. Masson, J. McCourt,
J. Watson, D. B. Kinsman, J. Blaskovits,
C. Knockert, H. E. Curry, G. W. Dewar

COMMITTEES

Membership

R. Peterson

Ice Rentals

A. Mitchell

House Committee

J. McCourt

Finance

E. T. Turl

Entertainment

H. E. Curry

Prizes

E. H. Houston

Draw

B. Masson

Ice Maker, H. Watson

Directors of Holding Company

President

A. T. Elders

1st Vice-President

W. W. Thompson

Treasurer

F. R. Griffiths

Secretary

D. B. Kinsman

Executive

H. Jessop, E. A. Hagborg, A. Mitchell, S. Inkster, Jr.
E. H. Houston, R. D. Dunn, G. W. Dewar, R. F. Peterson

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Anderson, A. E.
Bridgman, E. F.
Wong, H. R.
Fyfe, H.

Coe, T.
Wildgoose, A.
Berard, A.
Metsger, T. R.

Bellefeuille, L.
Diller, J. F.
Percy, L. A.
Bellefeuille, P.

Coulter, R.
Mehmel, W. H.
Huxley, F. D.
Porter, H. W.

Brown, J. F.
Leggo, G. L.
Smith, N. M.
Martel, G.

Curry, H. E.
Fennell, L. R.
McNeil, M. R.
Paul, A. M.

Bubbs, E. T.
Bubbs, E. J.
Watson, J. H.
McFadden, H.

Davis, W. T.
Simpson, J. E.
Lanyon, M.
Cocking, W.

Dunn, R. D.
Dusesoy, L.
Simpson, R. J.
Grouette, G.

Gregory, R.
Gregory, C.
Holmes, B.
Campbell, W.

Griffith, F. R.
Elders, A. T.
Leask, M. R.
Peterson, R. F.

Houston, E. H.
Stubbs, H. St. Geo.
Hagborg, E. A.
Creed, E. H.

Hughes, M.
Soviak, J.
Boroski, B.
Lynch, A. W.

Jennings, T.
Frizzell, J. K.
Jennings, W. S.
Gibb, A. E.

Johnston, A. H.
Ackland, R. G.
Williams, P.
Williams, R. A.

Knockaert, C.
Goodridge, J. V.
Singleton, L.
Landry, J. A.

Martin, O.
Lockerbie, J. E.
Ternouth, G. R.
MacDougall, D.

Masson, A. B.
Douglas, J.
Rowland, D.
Kleysen, H.

McHardy, J.
Verschoore, G.
Wills, J.
McDonald, R.

McKenzie, R. J.
Jessiman, A. W.
Moore, R.
Watson, F.

McTavish, G. B.
Williams, G.
McTavish, Ian
Gyles, M.

Mitchell, A.
Inkster, S. Jr.
Inkster, S. Sr.
Blaskovits, J.

Peturson, B.
Hall, C. W.
Dewar, G.
Stewart-Hay, R. K.

Sparling, D. B.
Croxford, V. K.
Roberts, T.
Brown, F. M.

Stewart, J. B.
Burns, C.
Blaskovits, T.
Battison, C. C.

Swanson, N.
Sloan, A.
McLaughlin, J.
Oliver, A.

Turl, E. A.
Smillie, J. M.
Weber, J. F.
McLeod, D.

Valgardson, A.
Watson, J. Harold
Clairmont, E.
Klippenstein, W.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Allan, A. C.
Crawford, H.
Finnigan, N. O.
Keltie, A. W.
Thompson, W.

In the early years, prior to artificial ice, the season started only when it was cold enough to make ice, usually in December. Many Novelty Bonspiels in the spring were decided by a draw from the hat, as the ice would be lost due to the warm weather. Many a draw was re-scheduled to late nights due to bonspiel thaws.

In the 1952-1953 season, the Pembina Members made their first visiting "Goodwill" trip by train to St. Paul, Minnesota.



The present official P.C.C. crest was designed by the late Charlie Hunt. 'Pembina' translates to 'cranberry bush' on the river banks.

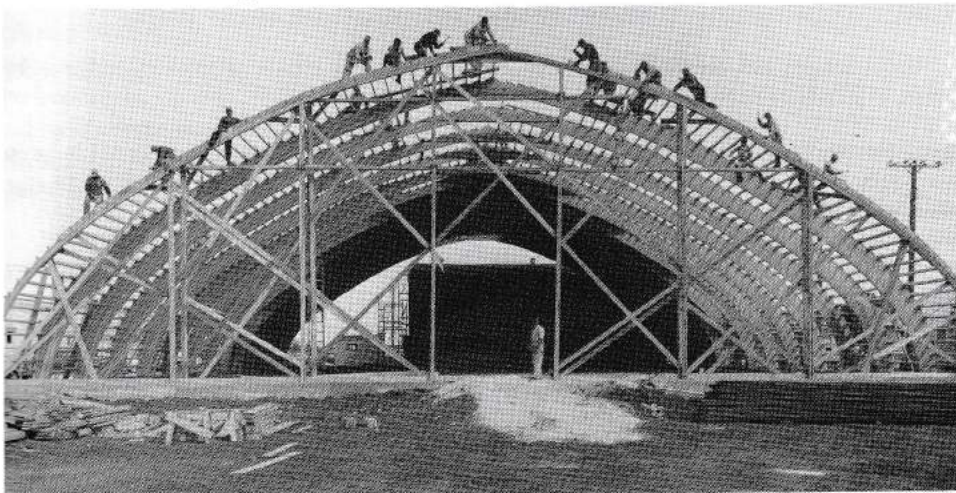
In 1958 it became apparent that some changes had to be made if the Club were to accommodate everyone that was interested in curling at the Pembina Curling Club. At that time, there were forty eight (48) Men's Teams curling twice weekly, and sixteen (16) Ladies Teams curling twice weekly. There were another sixteen (16) Ladies Teams curling during the day with waiting lists each year. The Ag Row and University also had strong leagues using rental ice time along with many other commercial leagues.

Accordingly, after much discussion, it was decided to increase the ice surface to six sheets of artificial ice with a Quonset style shed over the ice surface and improve the club-room facilities to include upstairs viewing and an artificial ice plant.



Rod Lynch & Alex Mitchell with First Mortgage Bonds

The late Alex Mitchell headed up the Finance Committee which raised the necessary money by selling debentures. The late Bob Shepherd chaired the Building Committee which built the shed that today still covers the ice surface.



Construction of enclosure for expansion to six sheets of ice.

On December 17th, 1958, before a throng of more than four hundred (400) members and guests, Alex Mitchell cut the ribbon, officially opening the new six (6) sheet rink. The total cost of approximately \$75,000.00 showed the value of volunteer participation. In the first season of the new facilities, the Club had sixty (60) regular Men's Teams and twenty four (24) Ladies Teams. Great strides were taken in the first decade, but there was still a long way to go.

In 1960 the Al Van Walleghe team won the Ganong Trophy in the M.C.A Bonspiel, the first team from the Pembina Curling Club to win an M.C.A. event.



*A. Van Walleghe, skip; T. Hewitt, lead; R. Knockaert, second and J. Fisher, third.
The first major Bonspiel winners from Pembina.*

In 1962 the Club purchased \$9,200.00 worth of debentures & \$550.00 in shares from the members of the Holding Company. Plans were to pay off the balance in 1964 and re-finance for new club-rooms. On June 3, 1963 a committee was formed to build new club-rooms. Outstanding debentures were \$27,000.00. Cash on hand was \$1,300.00.

September 1963, the Club owned eighty two (82) out of a total of one hundred seventy seven, (177) shares of the Holding Company.

February 21st, 1965, the Executive approved plans for new club-rooms. Pratt & Lindgren were selected as architects for an estimated \$100,000.00 to \$130,000.00 building. Pledge cards were signed by early June for \$130,000.00 in 7% 1st. Mortgage Bonds.

In 1965, and in conjunction with opportunities provided by the move of Canada Safeway from the East side of Pembina Highway to its current location, next to the Pembina Curling Club, the executive appointed another Building Committee to move the ice shed back 250 feet and build a new clubhouse. A deal with Canada Safeway was negotiated, expiring in the year 2010, to provide a jointly used paved parking lot.

The new Club Rooms were to have locker rooms, washrooms and an equipment room in the basement, a Boardroom, lunch counter and kitchen on the main floor, and a lounge and dining facilities on the second floor with a viewing area. This project was again headed by the late Alex Mitchell. He and a hard working committee arranged the financing. Construction commenced on June 12th, 1965, with the formal opening held on December 11th, 1965.

The Officers and Members of the
Pembina Curling Club
and
Pembina Ladies' Curling Club
invite you to attend the
Official Opening Tea
at their New Clubroom
Saturday, December 11, 1965
from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Pembina and Southgate Village
Ceremonies 3:00 p.m. *Winnipeg*

The Ladies Club handled the 'Official Opening Ceremonies' with one hundred & fifty (150) in attendance. The Ladies Club paid for the installation of the first sound system.

The Ladies Curling Section of the Pembina Curling Club has throughout the years contributed immensely to the affairs of the Club, both financially and morally. They have provided support whenever it was needed. Through the efforts of Betty (Mitchell) Smith and the late Eileen Lynch, the Pembina Ladies Invitational Bonspiel was inaugurated in 1966 and has become one of the most popular events on the Ladies calendar. Pembina Ladies Curling Club members Mrs. K. Balcaen in 1961-1962 and Mrs. M. Lynch in 1972-1973 served as Presidents of the Manitoba Ladies Curling Association.

The first Cocktail License was obtained on February 4th, 1966. The new Icemakers were Ross Johnson & Dick Underwood. Mr. H. Allen was the Club Manager.

On April 20th, 1965 the Municipality of Fort Garry Curling Championship was established. Men's & Women's Champions played off against the Wildwood Curling Club. Phyllis Robinson's Wildwood team defeated Pembina's Marge Calthorpe, Anne Murray, Betty Hawley and Marge Newell. On the men's side, Pembina's Kelly Kirkpatrick, Laverne Manness, Wayne Motherall and Ken Werbenuk beat Earl Shermans Wildwood team. (Pembina had a three way tie). As an added attraction the Pembina executive of Rod Lynch, Don Mackay, Clair Gregory and Wally Hancock lost to Wildwood's Glen Greenway. The Pembina Ladies executive of Betty Young, Ethel Butcher, Jen MacDonald and Charlotte Rogers won their match against the Genevieve Campbell team from Wildwood. The trophies for these 'grudge matches' were donated by Alex Mitchell and the Wildwood Club.

November 10th, 1965 - Motion of Special Resolution passed waiving payment of dividends to shareholders of Pembina Curling Club.

In 1966 Inter-Club play started with the first representatives of Pembina being teams skipped by Albert Van Walleghem & Morris Ponton.

Pembina Curling Club hosted the Canada-USA 'Goodwill Curling Competition' in the years 1965, 1966 & 1967. This competition had many Pembina members involved for many years.



1964 Winnipeg Hydro Trophy

**Al. Gusdal (skip)
Gene Ruczak
Joe Smith
Lloyd Brack**



**1966 Western
Savings And Loan
Trophy**

**Al Gusdal (skip)
Danny Gusdal
Frank Siesling
Lloyd Brack**



**1967 Free Press
Trophy**

**Mike Debroni
Stuart Manness
Laverne Manness
Kelly Kirkpatrick
(skip) Missing**



**1967 Monarch Life
Trophy**

**Wilf McTavish (skip)
Norm Calthorpe
Don McRuer
Clair Gregory**

In the early 1960's, the Club Executive decided to purchase the shares of the Pembina Holding Company and over a period of several years were finally able to obtain control of the assets. This foresight proved again the benefit of having good, dedicated members with good business sense and the ability to look into the future of the club and curling in general on the Executive. Because of the previous action, the Club, represented by Russ Wookey and Bob English, were able to appeal the taxes in 1992 and prove it was truly a non-share, non-profit Community organization providing "good, healthy recreation for both young and old in the Municipality and a community social and recreational centre. This resulted in a positive decision for the Club in the courts, removing the requirement to pay school taxes and setting a precedent for other Curling Clubs to follow.

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Curling club tax decision 'sets precedent'

By Kevin Rollason
Law Courts Reporter

A judge's decision to refund school taxes paid by the Pembina Curling Club could pave the way for other clubs to get similar tax relief. In the decision released yesterday, Mr. Justice Sidney Schwartz of Court of Queen's Bench said the private curling club, at 1341 Pembina Highway, does not have to pay school taxes because anyone can

join.
"It is open to the public and any interested member of the community," Schwartz said.

"The only restriction on the community is availability of ice time and the payment of a user fee related to the cost of keeping up the rink."

"These are not unreasonable restrictions on use and apply to many community activities."

Curling club lawyer Russell

Wookey said club officials are pleased with the decision.
"Depending how other curling clubs are structured, others could benefit from this decision."

Curling club officials could not be reached for comment.

City assessor Bob Brown said the city will begin contacting other curling clubs to see if they also qualify for the exemption.

"We will probably not appeal,"

Brown said. "They'll get three years of school tax refunded from the city. It's precedent-setting."

Brown said the Pembina Curling Club will be rebated \$9,582 in school tax paid for 1992, and like amounts for 1991 and 1990. The club paid a total of \$18,400 in municipal taxes in 1992.

Coun. Greg Selinger (Tache), chairman of civic finance committee, said the rebate will come out of

city funds now, but out of school coffers in future.

"It puts pressure on the province to fund schools in different ways," Selinger said.

Coun. Al Golden (Glenlawn) called the judge's ruling "an unbelievable decision."

"This is going to have a pretty significant effect on the tax rates of schools. How many other facilities are being wrongly taxed?"

1967 - The Winnipeg Curling Club moved to Pembina C.C. and expanded their membership. Restaurant/Bar profit was \$4,431.38. Rocks were sharpened at a cost of \$700.00 of which the ladies paid 50% of the sharpening costs. Men's curling fees were \$65.00 & \$32.50 for an associate membership.

1967- Mr. Howard Rogers was granted an Honorary Life Membership in the P.C.C. The St Pauls Curling Club formed at P.C.C. The Annual Meeting dates were changed from April to May. The Ladies C.C. donated \$150.00 for upstairs carpeting. The Ken Hawkins team wins the Winnipeg Free Press trophy in the M.C.A. Bonspiel.

November, 1969 - Betty (Mitchell) Smith & Edna Reid took over as Bookkeeper & Manager duties of the Club.



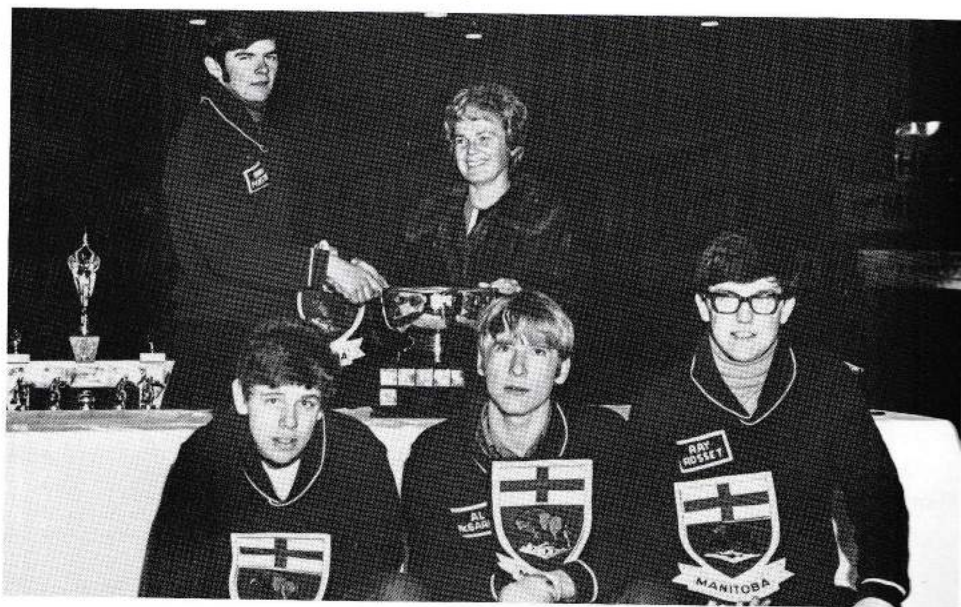
1967 Supercrete Ltd.,
Trophy

Gerry Hobson (skip)
Bill Bennett
Lloyd Rigby
Gordy Masters

In the 1969-1970 season, on a motion by Art Rosset, Chairman of the House & Building Committee, a Ways and Means Committee was formed with Ken Hawkins as Chairman and Albert Van Walleghem and Rich Borowski as Committee members. Through the years the Ways & Means Committee has contributed to the financial welfare of the Club by sales of Grey Cup tickets, raffles of the Club's TV set, etc.

In the same season Art Rosset was also a member of the Junior Committee and instituted a change from the 'High School Committee' to the 'Pembina Junior Curling Club'. This generated more competitive Junior curling. Art was joined by Don Lynch, Chairman, and Committee members Fred Morrow and Wayne McLeod. At the first meeting of the Junior Club, Ray Rosset was elected President. Boris Tyzuk was Secretary Treasurer, Brian Penston, Drawmaster and Gary Arason, Ways & Means.

In the first year of the Junior Club there were thirty seven members with eight competitive teams. A team consisting of Skip Brian Penston, Third Gary Arason, Second Alan McGarrol and Lead Ray Rosset won the Vincent Massey High School Championship in 1970 and then the Manitoba High School Championship in 1971. This team went on to St. Jerome, Quebec, placing third with a record of seven (7) wins and three (3) losses. Over the years many club members have assisted in the junior program.



**Skip Brian Penston receiving The Sifton Trophy from Mrs. John Sifton.
Left to right, Gary Arason, Alan McGarrol and Ray Rosset**

Al Brownridge, Lou Rey, Wayne McDonald, Ed. Somers, Ron Baxter, M. Cameron, Bob Wilson, Laurie Cleutinx, Greg McDonald, Wayne Tomlinson, Arden Dale, Rick Birrell in the early years and, in recent years John Helston, Gord. Hampton, Lionel Walz, Laurie LeClair, James Scott, Jim Sproule, Graeme Sims, Grant Hampton, Rick Hawkins and Ron Jamieson are just a few. The Club's success over the years is due in large part to these dedicated individuals instilling the love of curling into the younger members.

The years following the construction of the new club rooms in 1965 were not financially good years for the Pembina Curling Club. Although the club was making money on the restaurant and bar operation, it was discovered in 1969 that the restaurant was losing half of the profits made by the bar sales. In 1970 it was decided to rent out the kitchen/restaurant facilities. This arrangement continues today. Considerable money was spent to improve the club rooms acoustics.

In 1970-1971 preparations were being made for the upcoming 25th anniversary of the club. A decision was made to install the first carpet on the floor and stairways to the club rooms. It was also decided that if carpet was installed on the east wall of the club rooms the acoustics would improve. The Pembina Ladies Curling Club paid 50% of the costs. President Isobel Mooney and 1st Vice-President Margaret Horn selected the carpeting. A new public address system was installed throughout the club and the ice area.

In 1971 it was decided to hold a 25th Anniversary of the Pembina Curling Club. The event was arranged by then President Wilf McTavish and Past President Clair Gregory. A dinner and dance was held at the Masonic Memorial Temple which was filled to capacity. Ray Fennell, ex Mayor of Fort Garry, was Master of Ceremonies to a very successful celebration.

Art Rosset and his committee found out there was some vacant ice during the day and to fill in the space, he suggested an 'Old Timers League'. Art approached some Fort Garry Councilors and various Government agencies for funding and lists of seniors in the area. With the approval of the Executive of the Club and the assistance of Leo Dusessoy, who became the President of this new organization for the first five (5) years, a 'Pembina Old Timers Recreation Club' was formed in 1971. The 'Old Timers' curled on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and later expanded to include Monday afternoons, which continues today with 100 members. This league has been so popular since then that there is always a waiting list to get on to a regular team.



Leo Dusessoy
original organizer



Art Rosset
original organizer

In the summer of 1975 and after years of curling on crooked ice and continual complaints, an inspection team of Frank Arnason, Peter Rey, Ken Orr, Art Vaile & Albert Van Wallegghem took it upon themselves to check the ground and the ammonia pipes in the ice area. Their observation revealed that continual wet sand which froze in the winter contributed to ice movement and cracking. The 20 years of wear and the rusting of the steel pipes could present a failure or loss of ice during the curling season. During the winter of 1975-1976 a feasibility committee was struck to do a cost analysis of replacing the steel pipes with plastic or a new concrete surface including new plastic piping.



(Supervisors)
Ken Orr
Art Vaile
Frank Arnason
Peter Rey

On May 17th, 1976, a motion was passed to install a new cement floor for the ice surface area with plastic piping embedded. Also included were new side and end doors. The committee in charge were Frank Arnason, Peter Rey, Bob Wilson and Duane Bailey. They were given a budget of \$71,500.00 for the project. Money was borrowed from the Royal Bank of Canada at prime plus 1-1/2 %, amortized over fifteen (15) years. On May 26th, 1976, work began and prior to completion, twelve hundred (1200) volunteer man-hours were contributed and more than fifty (50) volunteers were involved.

The final cost was well below budget at \$60,000.00.

The Club was then able to rent out the ice surface area for socials and Folklorama to defray some of the costs. These rentals later became a management problem from the standpoint of noise, damage and supervision and was discontinued when the Club's finances were in good shape.



1981 Great West Life Trophy

Rick Birrell (skip)
Wayne Tomlinson
Ken Orr
Robert Van Wynsberghe

On Tuesday, July 20th, 1982 at about 4:30 P.M. a fire of unknown origin occurred at the North outside door of the Club. The fire chief stated that the quick action by Safeway Assistant Manager, Don Quigley, by grabbing the store's nearest fire extinguisher, running to the fire and putting it out before the fire department arrived saved the roof of the Club. The fire caused about \$1,000.00 in damage.



**1983 Paulin Chambers Company
Ltd. Trophy**

**Mark Franklin (skip)
Don Hilton
Stuart Reid
Darren Oryniak**

The Pembina Curling Club was represented by the team of skip Mike Riley, third Brian Toews, second John Helston and lead Russ Wookey when they won the Manitoba Labatt Tankard, followed by the Labatt Brier (Canadian) Championship in Victoria, B.C., in 1984, losing in the final on the last rock of the World Championship in Duluth, Minnesota. Mike Riley and his team of Brian Toews, Russ Wookey and newcomer Terry Henry repeated as the Manitoba Labatt Tankard winners in 1986.

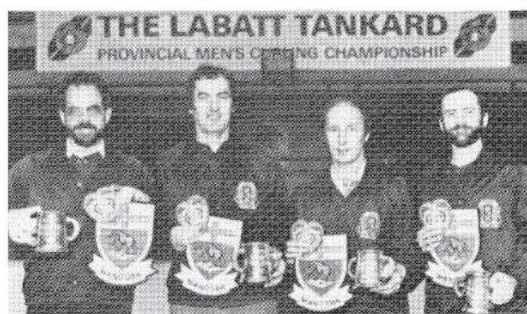
In the 1984 -1985 season an Energy Audit was initiated. With the assistance of a Federal grant providing 50% of the costs, an energy conservation program consisting of a heat reclaim system, new ice area lighting and power factor corrections were installed, resulting in a major reduction in the operating costs of the Club. This was accomplished through the efforts of members Lorne Molinski & Darryl Zbeetnoff.

1985 saw Pembina's Junior team of Bruce McPherson, Jeff Molinski, Mike Cahoon & David Dymment win the Haddon Hall Men's Wear Trophy in the Provincial Schools - Junior Men's Bonspiel.



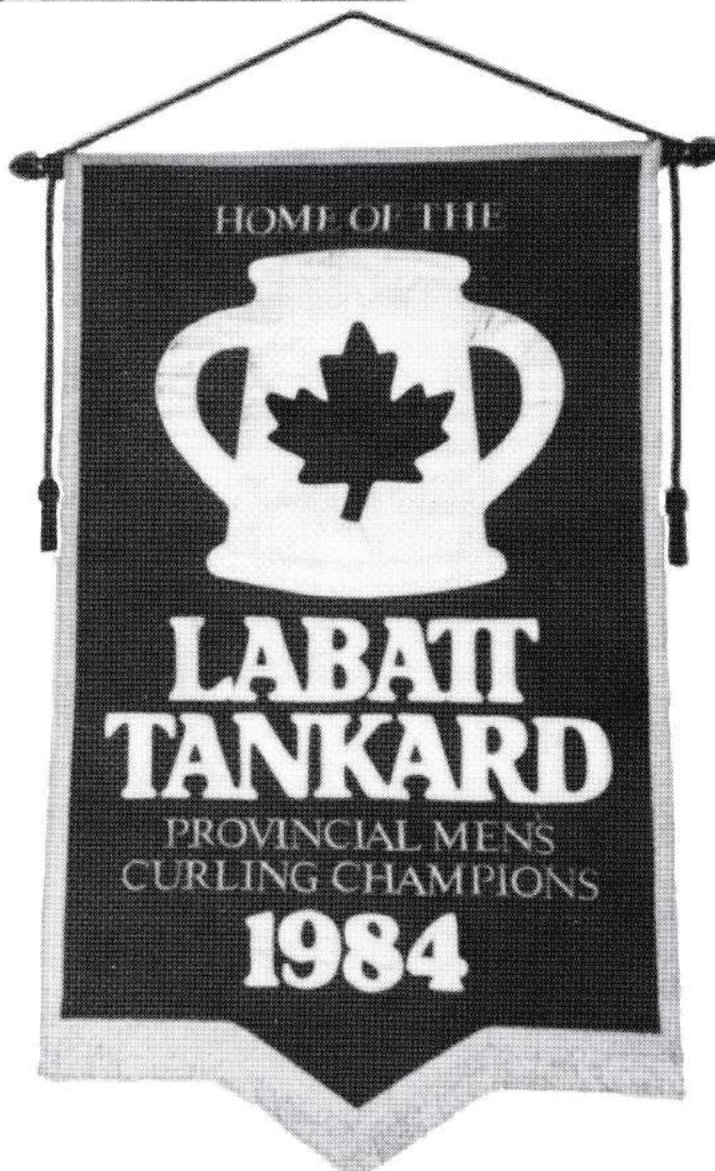
**1985 Haddon Hall
Trophy**

**Bruce McPherson (skip)
Jeff Molinski
Mike Cahoon
David Dymment**



1984 Labatt Tankard winners

*Mike Riley (skip)
 Brian Toews
 John Helston
 Russ Wookey*

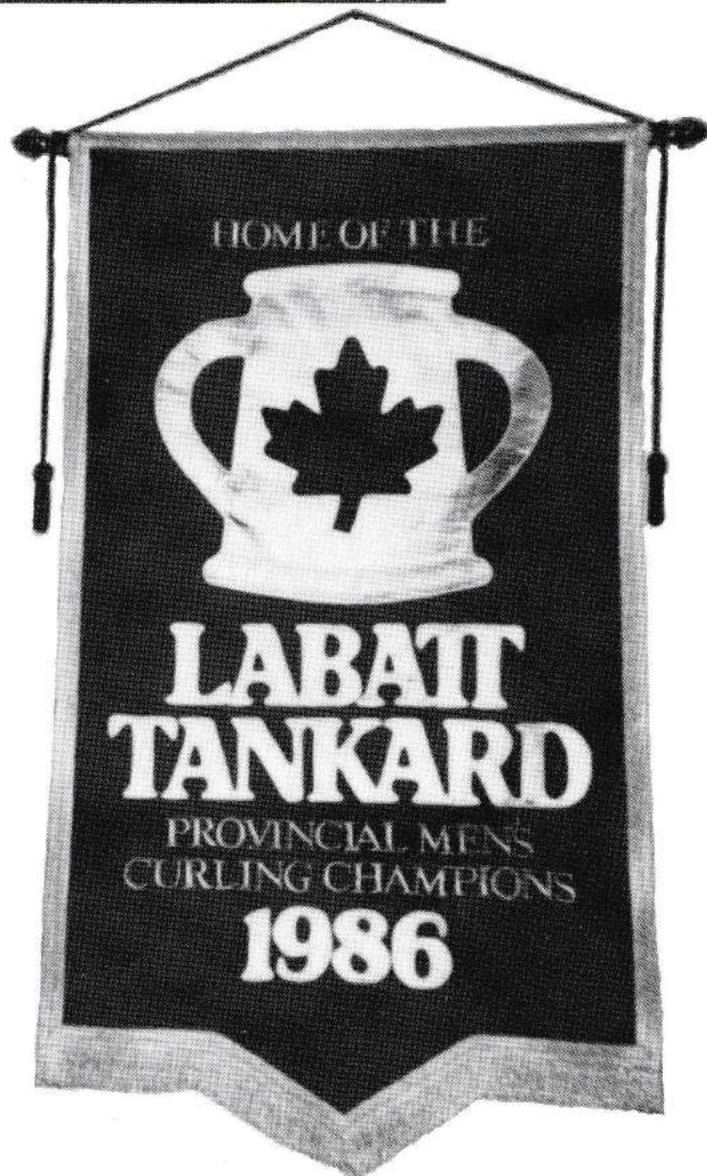






1986 Labatt Tankard winners

*Mike Riley
Brian Toews
Russ Wookey
Terry Henry*





1986 North American Life Trophy

**Ken Orr (skip)
Greg Van Walleghem
Dave Priestley
Colin Grenkow**

In 1988 The Mike Riley team of Doug Harrison, Russ Wookey and Terry Henry won the MCA Grand Aggregate and Free Press Trophy in the annual MCA Bonspiel.



1988 Free Press Trophy

**Mike Riley (skip)
Doug Harrison
Russ Wookey
Terry Henry**



1989 Sir John C. Eaton Trophy

**Mike Riley (skip)
Clare Deblonde
Russ Wookey
Terry Henry**

In the 1990-1992 period, the initiatives of a previous committee headed by Ken Orr bore fruit for the Club when Bob English and his Committee of Bob Cox and Doug Dent were able to pursue funding assistance from the City, Community Places Program and Provincial Programs to install a new ice plant and other club-room renovations and upgrading at a net cost to the club of only \$15,000.00 out of a total cost of \$95,000.00.

The men of the Pembina Curling Club have not graduated to the top of the M.C.A. management level but have always assisted on the various committees and had a large volunteer base for special events such as the World Championships when they were held in Winnipeg. Three of the Clubs' members were honoured with Life Memberships in the Manitoba Curling Association for their contribution to curling. They are: Ed. Cooper in 1975, Rod Lynch in 1991 and Lorne Molinski in 1994. The Pembina Curling Club has been honoured to have three country M.C.A. Presidents choose Pembina as their city home club. They are Stan Oleson of Glenboro, Jim Adamson and Jim Younger of Gladstone, Manitoba.



1989 Winnipeg Hydro Trophy

Dewar McKinnon (skip)
George Bailey
Doug Dent
Dale Grey



1990 New York Life Trophy

Les Hooper (skip)
Colin Grenkow
Laurie Leclair
Glen Thomson
A.J.Girardin (5th)



1991 Paulin Chambers Company Ltd. Trophy

Neil Okumura (skip)
Glen Mcivor
Brian Fennell
Doug Bailey



**1993 Chartered
Accountants Of Manitoba
Trophy**

**Len Jackson (skip)
Don Bayrack
Bruce Elliott
Wilf Hayward
Ken Orr (5th)**



**1995 North American
Life Trophy**

**Dewar McKinnon (skip)
Bruce Elliott
Doug Dent
Graeme Sims**



**1995 8-Enders Broom
Trophy**

**Brian Riach (skip)
Tom Campbell
Don Namba
Boris Salamon**



**1995 Chartered
Accountants Of Manitoba
Trophy**

**Randy Neufeld (skip)
Ken Warkentin
Vern Warkentin
Jeff Warkentin**



1997 - CULLIGAN TROPHY

**Randy Neufeld (skip), Vern Warkentin, Jeff Warkentin & Don Bergen.
At right Jim Stewart from Culligan.**



Jeanette Gunnlaugson

Over the years the Pembina Curling Club has enjoyed stability of membership and great volunteer participation in the management of the club, but we must acknowledge the long dedicated service of our last two managers:

Edna Reid - 20 years from 1967 to 1987

Jeanette Gunnlaugson - since 1988

Our thanks for their dedication of service.

On Thursday, May 22, 1997 Pembina's Annual Meeting was held with some 50 members present. This date marks 50 years to the day that the first public and organizational meeting was held (May 22, 1947) at Old St. Pauls Anglican Parish Hall. The highlight of the meeting were presentations made by President Neil Okumura. Recognition plaques were presented to three of the four charter members in attendance, Clair Gregory, Betty (Mitchell) Smith and Ian McTavish. Presentation to Mr. H. St. Geo. Stubbs was made at a later date by Albert Van Wallegghem.



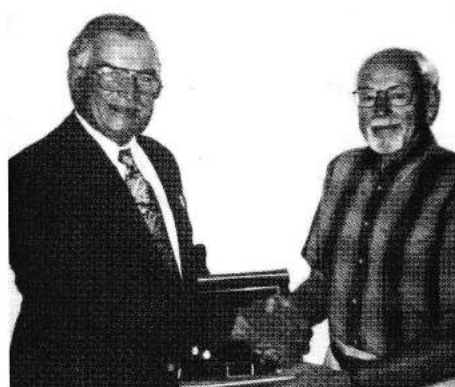
Clair Gregory



Betty (Mitchell) Smith



Ian McTavish



Harold St. Geo. Stubbs

In 1977 ex MCA President Jim Adamson extended a June invitation to Pembina members for a day of golf at the Gladstone Golf Club. A number of men attended a hot day of golf, refreshments and a BBQ steak supper. This tradition continues today with Stan Oleson (1985) of Glenboro and Jim Younger (1991) of Gladstone. This event alternates between Glenboro and Gladstone.

In 1997, Pembina's fiftieth year, Gladstone hosted the event. Some 28 Pembina members travelled by bus to golf and socialize with 27 members from Gladstone. Pembina's President Graeme Sims presented Gladstone President Brian Jones with a Pembina 50th. Anniversary golf shirt.