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## The Steel City Briar - Hamilton '91

At the Friars' Briar Annual Meeting in Portage la Prairie, the Ontario clergy agreed to make plans to host the '91 Briar in Hamilton. The Labatt Briar was to be held in Copps Coliseum and the Friars had now had two consecutive events in the West. Accordingly, an active committee was formed with Clive Simpson of Burlington as chair and Bert Young as secretary and registrar. Ken Cowper looked after the finances.

There was room and to spare in the Spacious Copps Coliseum with its many attractive facilities to accommodate the Canadian Mens' Championships. The Friars had seats on the side near the ice surface where we could keep in touch with everything. Our curling was done at the Dundas Granite Curling Club and the Dundas Valley Club. On the Thursday morning, we curled at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. Transportation was arranged by local clergy and lay persons to the various rinks as required.

Competition was keen in the '91 Briar as many rinks from the East who had not played in the Friars' Briar before, were registered. Fraser Muldrew's rink from Manitoba *struck gold* for the third time since the Briar began in 1978. On his rink were Ken Innes, Roger Coll and brother Milton. Silver was won for the second time in the Briar's history by Gerry Ward of Alberta. On his rink were former associates from his St. Catharines days like Merrill Graham, Carmen Holbrough and Mike Beacon. Bronze went to a Kitchener-Waterloo rink skipped by Harry Klassen and included Bob Gmeindl, Jeff Smith and Wilmer Minke.

It was noted that, in past times many local rinks who were within driving distance from home, tended to take off as soon as their last game was over. This year, the local arrangements included plans for the Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting to be held in the Dundas Granite Curling Rink right after the final games. This gave every curler the opportunity to enjoy the closing festivities and take part in the discussion of the nature of future Briar arrangements.

The local committee was praised for the thoroughness of their plans for curling, accommodations and transportation. Twenty spaces were reserved at the Holiday Inn in Burlington which was central to our activities. Other motels were detailed so that visitors could choose their own location and price. Funds were available to assist out-of-province curlers with travel costs.

Because of the difficulty in obtaining a block of tickets for the Brier games and the risk involved for the local committees to be sure of selling same, it was decided at the Association's Annual Meeting that, in future, only prepaid tickets would be booked ahead of time.

The following list of participating rinks indicates the good response that we had from all parts of Ontario and the financial pressure many in the West felt, which limited their numbers. However, when word got out that Regina had invited us next year, we were sure of a great show!

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British Columbia			Alberta	
Cliff McMurtry	Delta		Gerry Ward	Lethbridge
Cameron Reid	Treail		Merrill Graham	Dundas, Ont.
Lorne A. Dorsh	Lindsay, Ont.		Carmen Holbrough	Ancaster, Ont.
Nelson Hampton	Winnipeg		Mike Beacon	Simcoe, Ont.
Manitoba			Kitchener-Waterloo 1	
Fraser Muldrew	Thunder Bay		Harry Klassen	Kitchener
Roger Coll	Winnipeg		Bob Gmiendl	Waterloo
Ken Innes	Winnipeg		Jeff Smith	Ridgeway
Milt Muldrew	Winnipeg		Wilmer Minke	Wellesley
Kitchener-Waterloo			Guelph	
Reynold Kipfer	Kitchener		Doug Sloan	Guelph
Bill Dick	Kitchener		Gerry Hofstetter	Brampton
Aaron Klassen	Kitchener		Ev Smith	Belwood
Colin McKay	Kitchener		George Speers	Brantford
Brantford-Paris			Hamilton 1	
Fred Bullen	Brantford		Clive Simpson	Burlington
Randy MacKenzie	Burford		Bert Young	Hamilton
John Furry	Woodstock		Mary Jane Bisset	Dundas
Cameron Bigelow	Brantford		D. J. Herbison	Hamilton
Hamilton 2			Hamilton 3	
Gray Rivers	Dundas		Dave Pritchard	Ancaster
Basil Adams	Burlington		Carl Zurbrig	Dundas
Jewitt Parr	Burlington		J.R. Duke	Stoney Creek, Ont.
Bill Morris	Dundas		Kay Cowper	Hamilton
Niagara 1			Niagara 2	
Phillip Cline	St. Catharines		Gerry Elliott	Vinland Stn., Ont.
Jeff Maissan	St. Catharines		Ron Nelson	Niagara Falls
Ben Harder	St. Catharines		Jan Pereboom	Vineland Stn.
Jim Liles	St. Catharines		Lester Kehle	Niagara-on-the-Lake
St. Georges,			East Metro 1,	Toronto
Carl Bull	Toronto		Bob McNaught	Oshawa
Wm. O. Fennell	Bramlea		Herb McNaught	Willowdale
J. Ernie Nix	Toronto		Vic Sangwine	Oshawa
James Seunarine	Mississauga		Beulah McNaught	Oshawa
	Mississauga			

East Toronto 2

Andy Denholm  
Stan Yokota  
Don Amos  
Jane Denholm

Willowdale  
Scarborough  
Willowdale  
Willowdale

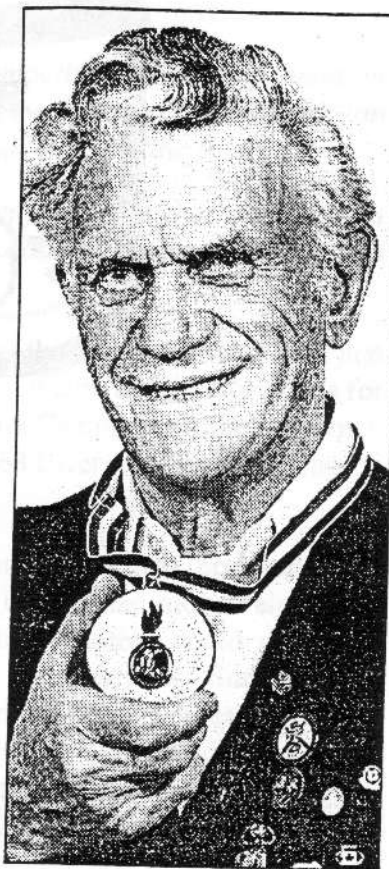
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Don Johns  
John Moor  
Don Boyd  
Dale Soble

Willowdale  
Orleans  
Nepean  
Ottawa



Fraser Muldrew and his able teammates take the Gold



GERRY WARD

Gerry wins the Silver

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