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Winnipeg Revisited in '85

With neither the *Labatt Brier* nor the *Silver Broom* being held within reasonable distance from our participating provinces, the friars decided to accept the invite of the Winnipeg Curlers to come back to Winnipeg at the time of the '85 *Women's Tournament of Hearts*, sponsored by the Scott Paper Company, February 23 to March 2 in the Winnipeg Arena. This proved to be an exciting event. The calibre of curling was outstanding and the arena was sold out. The fact that Connie Laliberte and her Fort Rouge rink from Winnipeg had won both Canadian and World titles the year before added to the excitement of this year's *Tournament of Hearts* games for the local spectators.

Adding to the excitement of this year's championship games was a decision made by the Canadian Ladies Curling Association to put the defending champion into the next year's tournament. Since the Scott *Tournament of Hearts* in the past had featured only 11 teams, the addition of the defending champion would bring the field up to 12, which would allow the Scott event to run on the same format as the men's Brier. A second reason given for this move was that having the defending champion making appearances over the next year until playdown time would give the sport the promotion that was felt to be needed.

The friars and their spouses had a solid block of tickets to see the Scott Tournament and certainly made their presence audible. While the greatest volume of cheers came from the local fans for MAN..I..TOBA, lesser decibal level cheers were heard from the same block of seats for BEE..CEE, AL..BER..TA, SAS..KATCH..EE..WAN and ON..TAR..I..O! Games were scheduled as follows: Draw 1 on Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. following Opening Ceremonies; Draws 2 to 11 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Tie Breakers Friday morning at 9 and Semi-Final Friday at 7:30 p.m. Final on Saturday at 2 p.m. followed by Closing Ceremonies.

The Winnipeg Committee for the Friars' Briar consisted of Fraser Muldrew, Cliff McMurtry, Grant Smith and Wilf Rath. Accommodation for those not staying with friends was arranged at the St. Regis Hotel. A bus was chartered to transport those needing transportation from the St. Regis to the Highlander Curling Rink where the friars' games took place, also back to the Arena for the *Tournament of Hearts* viewing, and back to the hotel at night.

Fourteen rinks competed in the '85 Briar - two from Ontario, seven from Manitoba, one from Saskatchewan, two from Alberta and two from British Columbia. Ten end games were played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 a.m; and on Thursday at 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Medalists were: *Gold* ... a Winnipeg Rink skipped by Fraser Muldrew and including Walter Cowan, Bruce Miles and Ken McFarlane; *Silver* ... a rink skipped by Gerry Ward and including Corey Olynik, Hugh Christmas and Jack Coulter, Alberta-Manitoba; *Bronze* ... a rink skipped by Lorne Reinheimer and including Jim Halmarson, Peter Gapka and Ed Loucks from Saskatchewan. Although entered as an Alberta rink, the second place team's skip was spending the winter in Winnipeg as interim minister at First Broadway Baptist Church. The lead was a loan by Winnipeg of one of their laymen who was part of the Monday morning clergy group. The lead on Winnipeg's first place team was also a layman who was quite flattered to be referred to in correspondence regarding the Friars' Briar as *The Reverend*.

Although breakfast was available at the Highlander complex prior to the first game on Tuesday morning, it was not part of the hospitality packet which included instead, coffee and a light snack at the St. Regis Hotel that night following the return of the friars from the *Tournament of Hearts* game. On Wednesday at 5 p.m., soup and sandwiches were served at First Presbyterian Church, courtesy of the Reverend Bruce Miles and his ladies. The banquet was well arranged by the Reverend Wilf Raths and his ladies at the Lutheran *Church of the Cross*. Cliff McMurtry conducted a brief lenten devotion and Don Amos presented the awards. A travel pool was shared among the out-of-province curlers. The Reverend Bob Burton had a *junk art* display of a sheet of curling ice complete with rocks and players set up at the front of the banquet room for all to admire.

A good deal of this credit for the promotion of the Winnipeg '85 Friars' Briar event must go to Fraser Muldrew, who also acted as Drawmaster. Much work was done as well by Grant Smith who solicited contributions from the local funeral homes and from Rostad Travel who had previously supported us. These funds, along with revenue from tickets sold to non-registered Friar participants, paid for the banquet and provided travel subsidies to out-of-province curlers. As in the past, the medallions were supplied by the Canadian Friars' Briar Association to whom \$5 memberships were paid and from whom members were able to buy a metal Friars' Briar pin.

Once again our 'Poet Laureate', Herb Eriksson came forth with a much appreciated contribution of verse. It read as follows:

*The whistling, wintry Winnipeg winds
Had piled white drifts across the town;
But the wonderful waves of welcome warmth
Melted the mountains of snow right down.*

*The "Friars" who came to the Briar games
Feel the warmth of hosts in this friendly place,
And Fraser the racer makes sure we arrive
Where the action is in the Briar race.*

*The 'Tourney of Hearts' gives added joy
As we watch the champions slide and curl,
The feasts by 'First' and 'Church of the Cross'
Add fellowship to the curling whirl.*

*From all who came from east and west
Our warmest thanks and praise we give
To our generous friends in Winnipeg,
And God, by whose grace we play and live.*

A major achievement of the annual general meeting held in conjunction with the awards banquet was the presentation and adoption of THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FRAIRS' BRIAR ASSOCIATION. This detailed document was edited by Hugh Christmas, our treasurer. It brought together the wisdom gained from the experience of six previous Friars' Briar events and decisions made at Annual and Board of Directors' meetings. It appears as an appendix to this seventh chapter and deserves the appreciation of all Friars' Briar participants.



Tournament of Hearts

Friars' Briar '85

Friars' Briar 1985 - Winnipeg

Ontario 1

Jack Thompson
Mel Boyd
Muriel Boyd
Doug McFarlane

London
Cambridge
Cambridge
Winnipeg

Ontario 2

Don Amos
Robert Cole
Robert McNaught
Beulah McNaught

Brampton
Toronto
Scarborough
Scarborough

Winnipeg 1

Wilf Rathes
Dick Smith
Gordon Kerr
Colin Milne

Winnipeg 2

Fraser Muldrew
Walter Cowan
Bruce Miles
Ken McFarlane

Winnipeg 3

Grant Smith
Ed White
Enid Smith
Bob Thompson

Winnipeg 4

Bob Burton
Harold Ritchie
Ewing Rae
Bill Ritchie

Little Britain

Winnipeg 5

Ken Innes
Stewart Folster
Carole Innes
Joe Forsythe

Winnipeg 6

Cliff McMurtry
Ken Howlett
Leon Lindquist
Nelson Hampton

Winnipeg 7

Tudor Hughes
Murray Thompson
Walter Jones
Cliff Monk

Saskatchewan 1

Peter Bodner
Loene Reinheimer
Jim Halmarson
Ed Loucks

Alberta 1

S.A. *Curly* Doan
Chauncey MacKay
Herb Eriksson
Al Robertson

Alberta-Manitoba

Gerry Ward
Hugh Christmas
Cory Olynik
Jack Coulter

Lethbridge / Wpg
Calgary
Portage La Prairie
Winnipeg

British Columbia 1

Wes Bray
Jim Taylor
Mary Jane Taylor
Suzanne Lucas

Winnipeg

British Columbia 2

Larry Koehler
Caroline Koehler
Gordon Hyde
Bill Bell

THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE FRIARS' BRIAR ASSOCIATION

as adopted by unanimous vote at the Annual General Meeting held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on February 27th, 1985.

1. The name of the Association shall be **The Friars' Briar Association**, hereinafter referred to as the **FBA**.

AIMS

- 2.1 The aim of the **FBA** shall be the promotion of fine fellowship and good curling on a national basis among clergy persons and their associates (see section 3 below).
- 2.2 It shall be the aim of the **FBA** to hold an annual curling competition, to be known as the **Friars' Briar Bonspiel** (hereinafter to be known as the **FBB**), in conjunction with a national curling event such as the *Silver Broom*, the *Brier*, or some other bonspiel of national or international importance.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership in the **FBA** shall be open, upon payment of an annual fee, to the following persons:
 - (a) clergy persons, whether engaged in an active ministry or retired;
 - (b) the spouses or widows/widowers of clergy persons;
 - (c) lay persons in full-time paid employment by church organizations or congregations;
 - (d) the spouses of such lay persons;
 - (e) lay persons who are members in good standing of recognized clergy curling clubs;
 - (f) lay persons who can be certified by a clergy person who is a member of the **FBA** as being a member of his/her congregation, and who are then approved by a Director of the **FBA** (preferably the Director for the area in which the one to be certified resides) after consultation with at least one other Director.
- 3.2 The annual membership shall be in the amount of Five Dollars, and must be in the hands of the Treasurer before the 30th day of April of the calendar year for which membership is requested.

ANNUAL MEETING

- 4.1 There shall be an Annual Meeting of the **FBA**, duly called by the Directors, which meeting shall be held during the week of the **FBB** as arranged in cooperation with the Local Organizing Committee.
- 4.2 At the annual meeting a quorum shall be considered to be present if 60% of the participants in the current year's **FBB** are in attendance.
- 4.3 Between the annual meetings of the **FBA** the business of the Association shall be entrusted to the Executive Committee composed of the Directors of the **FBA**.

DIRECTORS

- 5.1 The positions formerly designated by the term *Trustees* shall, from the date of the annual meeting held in Victoria, B.C., on the 9th of March, 1984, be designated by the term *Directors*.
- 5.2 There shall be one Director, elected or appointed, to represent each of the following areas:
- (a) Eastern Canada (comprising the Provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec);
 - (b) the Province of Ontario;
 - (c) the Province of Manitoba;
 - (d) the Province of Saskatchewan;
 - (e) the Province of Alberta;
 - (f) the Province of British Columbia.
- 5.3 As and when curling amongst clergy persons becomes better organized in the Provinces included under Section 5.2 (a), Directors for such areas may be added to the above.
- 5.4 A Director shall be selected by those members from the area he is to represent who are in attendance at the annual meeting of the **FBA**. He shall serve for a five year term, or until he moves out of the area he represents if such move comes before the expiry of his term.
- 5.5 In the event that, at an annual meeting, there are less than four members present from an area that is to select a Director, then the other Directors shall appoint a member from that area to serve as its Director.
- 5.6 In order to maintain an atmosphere of continuity in the direction of the affairs of the **FBA**, no more than two Directors shall be selected/appointed at any one annual meeting. The rotation shall be as follows:
- in 1984, Directors for Eastern Canada and Saskatchewan;
 - in 1985, a Director for British Columbia;
 - in 1986, a Director for Alberta;
 - in 1987, a Director for Manitoba;
 - in 1988, a Director for Ontario.
- 5.7 In the event that a Director resigns or moves from the area that he represents he shall cease to be a Director, and the remaining Directors shall appoint another member from the area concerned who shall finish out the term.
- 5.8 The Directors shall appoint from among their number the following officers:
- (a) President;
 - (b) Vice-President;
 - (c) Secretary;
 - (d) Treasurer.
- 5.9 The duties of the officers shall be consistent with those of the officers of any similar organization.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for determining the location and the time of year for each annual **FBB**.
- 6.2 The Director for the area in which a **FBB** is to be held shall be responsible for co-opting a local committee which shall be tasked with handling the organization and conduct of that particular **FBB**. The Director for the area shall serve as a member of the Local Organizing Committee.
- 6.3 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for determining the method of scoring that shall be adopted as a standard for all games held in the **FBBs**.
- 6.4 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for ensuring the safe custody of the *FRIARS' BRIAR TROPHY* and its availability for presentation to the winning rink after each **FBB**.
- 6.5 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the convening and the conducting of each annual meeting of the **FBA**.
- 6.6 The Board of Directors shall empower the Treasurer to advance, upon request, seed-money from the Friars' Briar Directors' Account to a Local Organizing Committee to assist it with administrative and publicity expenses. It is expected that such seed-money will be returned to the Directors' Account after all local accounts are settled. It is also anticipated that a portion of any profits that may accrue from a **FBB** will be added to the Directors' Account in order that it may be kept solvent.
- 6.7 The Board of Directors shall empower the Treasurer to purchase the sets of gold, silver, and bronze medals required for each **FBB**, and to pay for them out of the Friars' Briar Directors' Account.
- 6.8 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution to a mailing list of all members of occasional *Newsletters* to keep them informed of **FBA** affairs.

THE FRIARS' BRIAR TROPHY

- 7.1 **The Friars' Briar Trophy** shall be considered to be emblematic of the national championship among clergy person curlers in Canada, and shall be awarded to the winning rink at each successive **FBB** to be held by its members until the next **FBB**.
- 7.2 **The Friars' Briar Trophy** shall be given into the care of the winning rink of each **FBB** at the time of the annual meeting and shall be retained by the members of that rink until the next **FBB**. It shall be the responsibility of the Skip of the winning rink to see that the Trophy is returned in good condition into the keeping of the Directors in time for presentation to the winners of the next **FBB**.

REGULATIONS COVERING THE FRIARS' BRIAR BONSPIELS

- 8.1 Participation in any **FBB** shall be open to rinks composed of paid-up members of the **FBA**. (See terms of membership under Section 3.1).
- 8.2 For a rink to be eligible to play in a **FBB**, it may include no more than one person who is a member under the terms of Section 3.1 (e) or (f).
- 8.3 When a rink that is eligible to play in a **FBB** includes a person whose membership comes under the terms of Section 3.1 (e) or (f), that member must play in the *Lead* position.
- 8.4 A rink eligible to play in a **FBB** must be *Skipped* by a **FBA** member who is a clergy person. (It is preferable, but not essential, that all members of a Rink shall be from the same Province as the *Skip*)
- 8.5 It is desirable that every **FBB** shall consist of five *draws*, and that every Rink shall play in every *draw*.
- 8.6 It is desirable that every game shall consist of ten *ends* of play.
- 8.7 In the event that two Rinks playing against one another are tied in the score at the end of regulation play in any of the five *draws*, then one complete extra *end* shall be played to determine the winner.
- 8.8 Entries in any **FBB** shall always be limited to an even number of rinks (preferably 32, 16, 24, or any multiple of 4), such number to be determined by the Local Organizing Committee in consultation with the Directors not later than two weeks prior to the first *draw* of the **FBB** in question.
- 8.9 The method of scoring and determining the winner of each **FBB** shall be as decided by the Board of Directors acting under the terms of Section 6.3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 9.1 This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the **FBA** by a simple affirmative vote of two-to-one or better by the members present, providing that due notice of motion to amend the Constitution, signed by two paid-up members, and accompanied by the proposed amendment in writing, is received by the Secretary of the Board of Directors before the end of the calendar year preceding the annual meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be presented.