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Friars' Briar - The Portage Connection 1990

On the recommendation of the directors present at the '89 Briar in Saskatoon, the decision was made to associate with the Uniroyal-Goodrich Junior Curling Championships to be held in Portage la Prairie in March 1990. This proved to be a very good decision. The quality of curling was excellent. The arrangements for folklorama type food and entertainment in the lovely Westwood Village complex all turned out to be very exciting.

Because of limited accommodations for such a large event in Portage, the Friars were housed at the Relax Plaza in Winnipeg and curled in the Memorial Assiniboine Rink. Following the morning curling, they were transported by van or car, courtesy of the Winnipeg A.O.T.S., to Portage la Prairie for the afternoon and evening games and associated events.

Registration for the Friars' Briar took place in the Hospitality Room of the Relax Plaza. Coffee and T.V. viewing was available there to watch the Junior Curling for those who chose not to buy tickets. The proximity of the hotel to the newly built North Portage Development was definitely a plus for curlers and spouses. It contained stores, restaurants, theatres and covered walkways leading to the library and other cultural and recreational offerings of downtown Winnipeg. Many visited the new Imax Theatre and Museum of Man and Nature, or took in one of the performances in the new theatre.

A total of fourteen rinks participated in all; one from B.C., three from Alberta, two from Saskatchewan, six from Manitoba and two from Ontario. The gold medallions went to Alberta. That rink skipped by Guy Scholz included his father Herb, father-in-law Don Anderson and Lloyd Peters. Silver and Bronze went to Manitoba. Silver went to Ken Innes, wife Carole, Stewart Folster and Art Flath. Bronze went to Fraser Muldrew, brother Milt, Roger Call and Bert Foliot. Grant Smith's rink, also from Manitoba, took fourth place. Curling with him was his wife Enid, Peter Douglas and Ewing Rae. Travel grants or tickets for viewing the Junior World Curling were available to out-of-province curlers.

The Awards Banquet and annual meeting of the Friars' Briar Association was held in the lower social hall of the Portage Presbyterian Church. A good musical program had been arranged. In an informal vote taken, the indication for the future, was that more members came for the clergy curling than for the spectator aspect. Several younger family men were finding the financing difficult.

An invitation was extended from Hamilton and district to hold next year's Friars' Briar there in connection with the Labatt Tankard Canadian Men's Championships. There is every indication that the Eastern Provinces will be well represented.

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British Columbia

Jim Taylor
Murray Thompson
Mary Jane Lucas Taylor
Suzanne Lucas

Edmonton

Guy Scholz
Herb Scholz
Don Anderson
Lloyd Peterson

Manitoba 1

Cliff McMurtry
Dick Smith
Leon Lindquist
Nels Hampton

Manitoba 4

Ken Innes
Art Flath
Stewart Folster
Carole Innes

Ontario 1

Arch McCurdy
Don Amos
Lloyd Tilley
Phyl McCurdy

Calgary

Bruce Vanstone
Hugh Christmas
Cameron Ried
Orie Oldfield

Saskatchewan 1

Gary Hellard
Wes Long
Ron Wegner
Ray Cass

Manitoba 2

Grant Smith
Peter Douglas
Ewing Rae
Enid Smith

Manitoba 5

Tom Lurvey
Leon Gilbertson
Lee Luetkehoelter
Doug MacFarlane

Ontario 2

Bob McNaught
Vic Sangwine
Beulah McNaught
Peter Braun

Lethbridge

Gerry Ward
Paul Harding
Len Anderson
Don MacIver

Saskatchewan 2

Bill Kiesman
Ralph Nosterud
Harold Hesje
Alfred Kiesman

Manitoba 3

Fraser Muldrew
Roger Coll
Robert Foliot
Milton Muldrew

Manitoba 6

Earl Gould
Gordon Kerr
Dick Gillanders
Norm Armstrong

The Steel City Briar - Hamilton '91

At the Friars' Briar Annual Meeting... agreed to make plans to host the '91 Briar... Hamilton '91... and the Friars had... two... an active committee was formed... Young as secretary and registrar...

There was room... to spare... facilities to accommodate... side near the ice... done at the Dundas Granite Curling... morning, we put... by local clergy...

Competitors... the Friars' Briar... for the third time... and brother Millic... of Alberta. On... Graham, Canada... shipped by Harry...

It was noted that... notice, tended to... arrangements included plans for the Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting to be held in the Dundas Granite Curling Rink... 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 Briar 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.

