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## Ottawa '93 Briar

Who wouldn't want to visit the Capital of our great country, and along with seeing the always exciting Canadian Curling Championship Games, participate in the Friars' Briar and take in such unique opportunities as attending the House of Commons in session and visiting the National Art Gallery, etc. Well, ten rinks of Friars and some of their spouses did! It was the smallest number of Friars to date, save the failed Chicoutimi event, but the quality of camaraderie was great. The calibre of curling in the Briar games was unmatched by any previous championship games. For the first time in the fifteen recent years that the writer has been attending the Canadian playdowns there was some real difference of opinion. It centered around the playing of the semi-finals. At the end of the round robin play four very strong rinks were tied. Since Vic Peters of Manitoba had beaten each of the other three in round robin play, he assumed he would be declared first and get the bye into the final game. A ruling was made, however, by the Canadian Curling Executive, that all four names be put in a hat and a double draw take place to determine who would play for the tankard. The result was that Howard of Ontario won over Manitoba's Peters, and B.C.'s Rick Folk won over Northern Ontario's Rick Lang. In the final game Howard of Ontario squeaked by Folk of B.C.

Ottawa Civic Centre where the Labatt Briar was played is a very interesting place in that it is built on the side of the football stands where the Ottawa Roughriders play their games each summer and fall. This means that there is limited common parking for both seasons' events. In the total complex still stand the decrepid agricultural display barns and two curling rinks which we referred to as *Lansdowne #1 and #2*. It was in the latter that we played our Friar games.

In our Friars event we had 1 rink from B.C., 1 from Saskatchewan, 1 from Manitoba, 3 from Toronto (St. Georges, East Metro #1 and #2), 1 from Kingston, 1 from Kingston/Waterloo, and 1 from Ottawa. It was the first time that there has been no representative from Alberta. Competition was keen. Despite a valiant effort to topple the now-famous Manitoba rink, Fraser Muldrew and his rink consisting of the Association's treasurer, Ken Innes, Roger Coll and brothers Milt and John took the gold! Your president's rink made up of Gerry Foster (skip), Cameron Reid (third), Cliff McMurtry (second) and Ross Connal (lead) claimed the silver for B.C. Arch McCurdy from St. Georges (Toronto West) skipped the bronze-winning rink which included Bill Fennell, Murray Rounding and Phyllis McCurdy. Fourth place was won by the Gray Rivers rink of Hamilton/Dundas which included Basil and Denise Adams and Dusty Rhoades (of Ottawa).

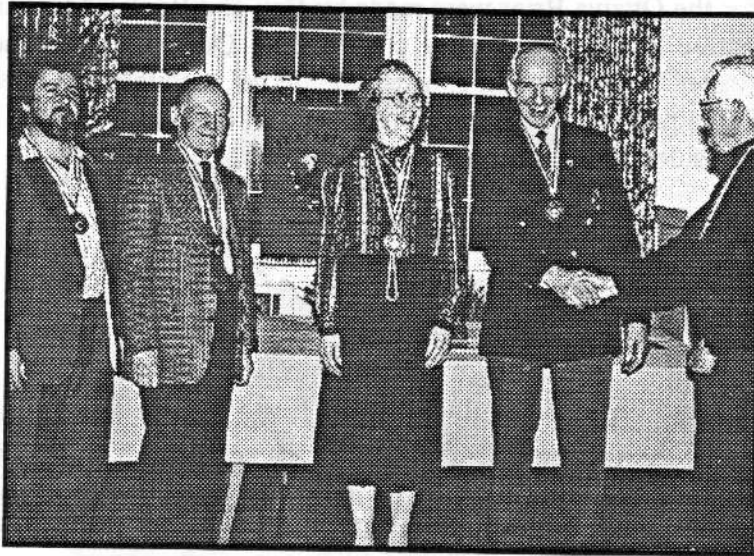


Roger Coll, Milton Muldrew, Fraser Muldrew, Ken Innes claim the gold again

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The author and his rink, skipped by Gerry Foster, receive the silver medals from Past President Don.



Bronze went to Arch McCurdy's rink



President Cliff McMurtry extends a very heartfelt thanks to Bob and Beulah McNaught for organizing the Ottawa Briar.

Most arrangements for the Ottawa Briar were made by Bob and Beulah McNaught from Oshawa with help from an active United Church lay couple from Ottawa, Dusty and Betty Rhoades. Members of Southminster United Church showed wonderful hospitality to us when we gathered there for our Awards Banquet and annual meeting. A gift of a woollen blanket was made to Don Amos, our founding president, who had been ill and unable to curl with us.

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British Columbia		Kingston	
Cliff McMurtry	Delta	Wayne Hilliker	Kingston
Ross & <i>Marnie</i> Connal	Vancouver	David Iverson	Kingston
Cameron Reid	Trail	Bob Hales	Kingston
Gerry Foster	Greenwood	John G. Hudson	Kingston
Manitoba		East Metro/Toronto East	
Fraser Muldrew	Winnipeg	Andy & Jan Denholm	Willowdale
Milton Muldrew	Winnipeg	Bob & Beula McNaught	Oshawa
Donald Muldrew	Nepean, Ont.	<i>Don &amp; Grace Amos</i>	Willowdale
Roger Coll	Winnipeg	Vic Sangwine	Oshawa
Ken Innes	Winnipeg	George & <i>Ann</i> Cromb	
<i>Dick &amp; Noreen Gillanders</i>	Winnipeg		
Hamilton/Dundas		Kitchener/Waterloo	
Gray & <i>Marge</i> Rivers	Dundas	Bill Dick	Kitchener
Basil & Denise Adams	Burlington	Wilmer Minke	Wellesley
Dusty Rhoades	Ottawa	Aaron Klassen	Kitchener
		Jim Cressman	New Dundee
Saskatchewan		St. Georges/Toronto West	
Harold Hesje	Saskatoon	Arch & Phyllis McCurdy	Mississauga
Ken Peterson	Saskatoon	Bill Fennell	Toronto
Bill Kiesman	Asquith	Murray Rounding	Mississauga
Bob McAdam	Saskatoon		
Ottawa		Non-curling guests shown in italics	
Don Boyd	Nepean		
Don Johns	Ottawa		
John Moore	Orleans		
Don Collar	Orleans		
Gordon Summerbell	Nepean		



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