

GOLDEN GALS

PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2025 Golden Gals had another great year! Last May, I assumed the President position and was required to fill some very big shoes. At this time, I would like to thank Kathy Cox and Linda Wilson for getting me through the first year. Your extensive working knowledge of the association provided me with a direction to continue to grow the Golden Gals Association and the passion to see the organization excel. My goal as president along with a knowledgeable and ambitious executive would be to see the Golden Gals celebrate their 50th anniversary. I would also like to thank all the members of the Golden Gals Association, as without your participation, support, ideas and passion for the game of curling, this event would not be possible.

This year the 42nd provincial was hosted by Petersfield Curling Club November 27-30, 2025. 14 teams participated in the event with some outstanding curling, renewed friendships and an enjoyable time had by all in attendance. The finals held on Sunday seen Team McRae playing Team Deprez in a nail biting, extra end final that seen Team Deprez from Stonewall the Winner! Congratulations to Team Arlene Deprez, Janice Deprez-Pruneau, Diane Mauthe and Phyllis Klimpke and to runner up Team Sue McRae, Anne Russell, Chris Kaita, Lily Wong Guenther from the Granite Curling Club in Winnipeg.

The 2026 provincial will be hosted at the Dauphin Curling Club, and the preparations for the event are well underway. We hope to see you all there. Hope all have a great summer and are looking forward to next curling season.

Submitted by

Cathy Burtnack (President)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The annual meeting was held at Riverview Curling Club in Brandon on May 12, 2025, with 9 members attending and a semi-annual meeting was held September 16, 2025, at Breezy Ben Country Club, Winnipeg with 16 members attending. Notices of both meeting were emailed to all Golden Gal members with known email addresses. The minutes are included in the annual report. Notices of meetings, minutes of meetings, dates of playoffs, contacts, and other information as received will be posted on the website. www.goldengalscurling.com.

Information for the district chairpersons were provided in anticipation of the 2025 Golden Gals Provincials which was the 42nd year of Golden Gals Curling. As positive comments were received about the timing of the 2024 Provincials at Charleswood Curling Club, Winnipeg, it was decided that Petersfield Curling Club would host the 2025 Provincials November 27 – 30, 2025. The district chairpersons were provided their brown envelopes in anticipation of the 2025 Provincials. The package contained cover letter informing of any new changes; list of Golden Gals Board members; information for chairpersons; standing rules for Provincial Golden Gals; notice of calendar fundraiser; Form A for district playoffs; Form B district winner(s) certificate; list of accommodations for Provincials. Verbal or email appreciation has been extended to district chairpersons for hosting their playoffs. A successful Provincial was held, and appreciation is extended to the Petersfield Curling Club for hosting the 2025 Provincials.

Submitted by Linda Wilson

PROVINCIAL GOLDEN GALS CURLING ASSOCIATION - 2025 EXECUTIVE AND BOARD MEMBERS

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CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2025

DISTRICT 1	Dela Chilson	delamurray@sasktel.net	306-688-6663	No playoffs held
DISTRICT 2	Lois Rozak	brozak@mymts.net	204-638-6296	4 team playoff
DISTRICT 3/5	Linda Wilson	ljwils13@gmail.com	204-764-2642	No team
DISTRICT 4/6	Debbie Carnegie	debbcarnegie@gmail.com	204-573-7828	No team
DISTRICT 7	Bev Atkins	bev_atkins@hotmail.com	204-242-2581	No playoffs held
DISTRICT 8	Arlene Deprez	ladeprez@mymts.net	204-461-2469	No playoffs held
DISTRICT 9	Dawn Ammeter	dammeter@xplornet.ca	204-798-8318	No playoffs held
DISTRICT 10/11/12	Marian Whalen	gmwhalen@hotmail.com	204-275-8563	No playoffs held

Golden Gals Association Financial Statement – May 12, 2025 – May 11, 2026

Bank Balance May 12, 2025 \$3,162.06

INCOME:

District 3/5 cash on hand	\$ 25.00	
Team entry Fees	\$1,400.00	
District Donations	\$ 400.00	
Calendar Sales	\$ 280.00	
Sale of Pins	\$ 45.00	
50/50 proceeds	\$ 318.00	
Refund from Crossroads Printing over-payment	\$ 20.00	
Interest on GICs	<u>\$ 163.35</u>	\$2,651.35

EXPENSES:

Cathy Burtnack – 25 Provincials	\$3,000.00	
2024 Annual Report printing & postage	\$ 57.15	
Cathy Burtnack – Photocopying charges	\$ 47.45	
Reesors – Pendants	<u>\$ 480.34</u>	\$3,584.94

Bank Balance May 12, 2025 \$2,228.47

GICS

Maturity September 23, 2026	\$1,600.00 @ 1.65%	
Maturity Oct 2, 2027	\$1,000.00 @ 5%	
Maturity Dec 15, 2027	\$2,756.27 @ 5%	
Maturity January 11, 2029	\$2,000.00 @ 4.35%	
Maturity May 15, 2029	\$1,734.78 @4.3%	
GRAND TOTAL OF GICS		\$9,091.05

Submitted by: Linda Wilson, Treasurer

CHARMS AND TROPHY REPORT

Eight Pendants @ \$40.50 each.
 Engraving of eight pendants @ \$10.50 each
 Shipping charges \$15.00
 Total: \$480.34 including GST & PST.

The pendants were presented to the first-place winning team of Arlene Deprez, Janine Deprez-Pruneau, Diane Mauthe, Phyllis Klimpke of the Stonewall Curling Club and to the second-place team of Sue McRae, Anne Russell, Chris Kaita and Lily Wong-Guenther of the Granite Curling Club at Petersfield Curling Club Provincials.
Submitted by Linda Wilson

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

The sale of 2026 calendars increased a bit last year. Many who sold calendars for the Golden Gals in their respective districts did so again and appreciation is extended to those districts. Please see the numbers from previous years remembering this is a fundraiser over and above Playoff fees and donations.

The following are the results of the last fifteen years:

2011 calendars sold	228 x \$5.00 = \$1,140.00
2012 calendars sold	221 x \$5.00 = \$1,105.00
2013 calendars sold	222 x \$5.00 = \$1,110.00
2014 calendars sold	170 x \$5.00 = \$850.00
2015 calendars sold	151 x \$5.00 = \$755.00
2016 calendars sold	153 x \$5.00 = \$765.00
2017 calendars sold	100 X \$5.00 = \$500.00
2018 calendars sold	110 x \$5.00 = \$550.00
2019 calendars sold	101 x \$5.00 = \$505.00
2020 calendars sold	100 x \$5.00 = \$500.00
2022 calendars sold	25 x \$4.00 = \$100.00
2023 calendars sold	50 x \$4.00 = \$200.00
2024 calendars sold	50 x \$4.00 = \$200.00
2025 calendars sold	43 x \$4.00 = \$172.00
2026 calendars sold	70 x \$4.00 = \$280.00

PROVINCIAL REPORT – November 27 – 30, 2025

The 42nd Golden Gals Provincial was held at Petersfield Curling Club November 27-30, 2025. Prior to the event being held at Petersfield, Victoria Beach Curling Club was approached however, they were not able to accommodate the event therefore, in February 2025 the event was relocated to Petersfield.

14 teams participated this year. Districts 1,2,7,8,9,10,11,12 all sent representatives to the event. The Final game played on Sunday between team Deprez and Team McRae went into a nail-biting extra end with team Deprez winning the 2025 Provincial.

Head umpire for the event was Tom Charlo, who did an outstanding job of keeping games on time and organized. Thursday late afternoon registration began and practice for every team. A meet and greet reception held at the Petersfield Curling Club from 4-9 pm for all participants. Due to the 14 teams registered a 6:30 pm draw was played. 50/50 tickets were on sale during the evening with profits going to the Golden Gals Association as agreed upon at the September meeting.

Friday started with a morning draw followed with opening ceremonies with Master of Ceremony legendary curler and the author of The Curler, Resby Coutts. Friday night banquet was catered by Julias Catering of Winnipeg Beach and Sylvia Burtnack. Silent auction prizes were outstanding, and tickets were sold prior to dinner. 58 people attended Friday night dinner. After the dinner, guests were entertained by “ELVIS” which provided an outstanding performance, enjoyed by all.

Saturday, the round robin was completed with the quarterfinals held at 6pm.

Sunday, semi finals held at 10:00 am with Teams Deprez and McRae advancing to the final. Lunch was provided for the 8 finalists with the final game beginning at 1:00 pm. The final seen an exciting extra end with the Deprez team winning.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the ice maker Dale Lott and crew Justin and Josh for the amazing ice for the weekend, Canteen, Air and Bar staff, Carla that looking after the fueling of players and spectators for the weekend, caters Julias and Sylvia Burtnack for the outstanding food offered Thursday, Friday and Sunday, Sandi Pawluk as the host team from Petersfield, all the teams for the outstanding contribution to the silence auction, all competitors from near and far, sponsors, Petersfield Curling Club for hosting the event, Tom Charlo Chief Umpire and volunteers.

It was announced at the dinner on Friday that Dauphin has agreed to host the 2026 Golden Gals Provincial. Please refer to attached financial statement for the event.

- We also had volunteers take gift baskets upstairs as teams entered, assigned lockers.

50/50 and Silent Auction tickets:

•	2025 Golden Gals Provincial Expenses and Revenue	
•	Revenue:	
•	Golden Gals Contribution	3,000.00
•	Collection for Dinner @ \$20.00 x 58	1,160.00
•	Silent Auction	<u>800.00</u>
•	Total Revenue	4,960.00
•	Expenses:	
•	-Ice Rental	1,000.00
•	-Catering 65 meals @\$25	1,625.00
•	-Catering for Thursday night reception, Sunday lunch	
•	For two teams, additional menu items for Friday	
•	Dinner, candies for curling ice and snacks for tables	779.01
•	-Programs	200.26
•	-Entertainment	350.00
•	-Piper	200.00
•	-M/C for opening ceremonies	50.00
•	-Place cards and Banner updates	40.00
•	-Decorations/Plates/all paper products for event	237.12
•	-Umpire Honorarium	60.00
•	-Bartender Gratuity	<u>40.00</u>
•	Total Expenses	4,581.39
•	Profit	378.60

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- Donated to Petersfield curling Club for junior program and equipment purchases \$380.00

ANNUAL MINUTES

The annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Monday, May 12, 2025 at Riverview Curling Club, Brandon, Manitoba with registration of 9 members. President Kathy Cox welcomed all to the meeting. Kathy called the meeting to order, and it was noted that Maxine Heritage of Virden and Velma Snitka of Dauphin had passed away. A moment of silence was observed remembering the deceased. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 0; District 2 – 4; District 3/5 – 1; District 4/6 – 1; District 7 – 0, District 8 – 0; District 9 – 0 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 3 for a total of 9 members. Regrets received: Beth McLeod, Dela Chilson, Linda Newton and Ivy Heapy. It was noted that quorum is not a requisite of the meeting's motions.

Minutes of the last annual meeting have been entered on the website and are included in the annual report and it was Moved by Norma Johnson, Seconded by Terri Todoruk that the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2024 be approved. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$3,162.05 in the chequing account and GICs totaling \$9,091.05 for a grand total of \$12,253.11. Moved by Deb Carnegie, Seconded by Marian Whalen that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented for information purposes. The GICs will remain invested and will be redeemed as they become due and funds are required.

Signing Officers: Moved by Deb Carnegie, Seconded by Marian Whalen that the signing officers for the Golden Gals Curling Association commencing May, 2025 be Cathy Burtnack, Kathy Cox and Linda Wilson. Carried. Linda will attend at Westoba Credit Union with the minutes and request that the signing forms be submitted to Assiniboine/Westoba Credit Union in Winnipeg for Cathy and Kathy to sign.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Reported in annual report. Districts are reminded that Riverview cash calendar sales was the only fundraiser undertaken by Golden Gals in 2024.

Charms & Trophies – Reported in annual report. Kathy reported she was asked at Provincials if a 5th player participated on a winning team, could a charm be provided to her? This topic was discussed, and it was agreed that as the charms are dated and if a winning team had 4 players, the charm would be redundant and an expense to Golden Gals. If a winning team wished their 5th player to receive a charm, they may contact Ressor's Jewelry in Brandon to order a dated charm.

Provincial Bonspiel: Charleswood Curling Club hosted 2024 Provincials with 16 teams attending. The Host Committee was chaired by Kathy Isaac aided by a Committee of Sandi Ferguson, Wendy Nykoluk, Shirley Smith, Mardie Newton and Cathy Burtnack. A detailed report is included in the annual report.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- 1) 2025 Provincials: Petersfield Curling Club has offered to host the 2025 Golden Gals Provincials on November 27 – 30, 2025. Cathy Burtnack will be chairing the 2025 Provincials Committee and she reported umpires have been arranged. The draw will be prepared by the 2025 Host Committee utilizing the four sheets of curling ice. Registration, team briefing, practice times and meet & greet time will occur on Thursday. It was agreed that one draw would be held Thursday evening to allow more time between draws on Friday. Program printer will be Nesbitt Publishing in Shoal Lake. Linda will contact Nesbitt Publishing to inform them. Opening ceremonies and the banquet will be held Friday evening after a short meeting. Cathy reported she has not booked a caterer.
- 2) The caricature of the Golden Gals lady will remain as there are several pins depicting her in stock. If districts do not wish her to be on their forms, she may be removed at their discretion.
- 3) Hosting team pays the \$60.00 entry fee if they have not participated in zone playdowns.
- 4) Website: It was agreed the website updating during Provincials was greatly improved and Golden Gals will remain with the current webmaster.
- 5) Zone Provincials: Some districts experience quite expensive ice time to hold their playdowns. One district reported two teams backing out of zones due to the expenses. Rural districts usually do not incur this additional expense. Kathy wondered if the winning teams from district playdowns could automatically be entered in the

following year's Provincials. It was decided that this would not be feasible due to possible changing of team members.

6) Spare Lists: Marian reported she had been queried if losing team members from the district playdowns could be included on the spare list. Upon further review, it was agreed the Standing Rules should be updated to reflect this issue. Kathy and Linda will make amendments and forward a draft to Norma for review. Once the draft has been reviewed and approved, the 2025 Standing rules will be passed at the September semi-annual meeting.

7) Brandon meetings: The AGM has traditionally been held in Brandon due to a central location and the historic origin of Golden Gals Curling as being Brandon. The September semi-annual meeting is held at a location as chosen by the Provincial Host Committee.

8) Golden Gals Honorary Life Members: It was agreed that there would be no Golden Gals life members nominated, however each Host Committee could invite the life members of the host curling club to functions.

9) District Playdowns: It was decided to keep the current format of District Playdowns. The information will be provided to District Chairpersons at the September meeting. Dates and locations of district playdowns will be discussed at that meeting. It was decided that the districts would be able to enter teams as follows: District 1 – 2, District 2 – 2, District 3/5 – 1; District 4/6 – 1, District 7 – 1, District 8 – 1, District 9 – 3, District 10/11/12 – 4 and Host - 1.

10) Calendar Sales and 50/50 ticket sales: Two districts use the sale of Riverview cash calendars as a fundraiser to cover the \$100.00 donation per district to Golden Gals. Districts not selling the calendars fundraise in other methods or cover the donation in the zone playdown fee. The possibility of each district selling 50/50 tickets was discussed and it was decided that Golden Gals could not cover all their expenses without the assurance of district donations being received. It was decided that Golden Gals Curling would be able to sell 50/50 tickets at the 2025 Provincials. The district annual donation of \$100.00 would remain this year and could possibly be eliminated if the 50/50 ticket sales netted \$800.00. Those districts who sell the cash calendars could continue to do so if they wish. Kathy Cox thanked everyone for coming and it was agreed that a semi-annual meeting would be held in September 2025 at a location as determined by Cathy Burtnack.

Meeting Adjourned

SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES

The semi-annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at Breezy Bend Country Club, Winnipeg with 16 members attending. President Cathy Burtnack welcomed all to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for Fletch Manning from District 3/5 and Gerri Kostuchuk from District 1, former Golden Gal curlers. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 1; District 2 – 5; District 3/5 – 2; District 4/6 – 0; District 7 – 0, District 8 – 0; District 9 – 4 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 4. Regrets received from Jean Ryall of District 3/5 and Cindy VanBuekenhout of District 2.

Minutes of meeting of annual meeting: The minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2025 have been provided to the webmaster. Moved by Debbie McNeill, Seconded by Kathy Cox that the minutes of annual meeting of May 12, 2025 be approved as posted. Carried.

Agenda: Moved by Linda Newton, Seconded by Odile Brook that the agenda as proposed be approved. Carried
Curling Clubs and Districts: Additions were added to some the districts and the updated lists will be forwarded to the District Chairpersons. Moved by Marian Whalen, Seconded by Judy Colwell that the district lists of curling clubs be updated. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$3,073.84 with the Host Committee stipend in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be paid for the hosting of 2025 Provincials. TDs total \$9,090.05 and there is a \$5.00 membership share at Westoba Credit Union. One term deposit in the amount of \$1,131.42 was redeemed in January, 2025 and

there are 5 term deposits with renewal dates from September 23/26 to May 15/29 with at least one term being due each year. Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Norma Johnson that the Treasurer's Report to September 16, 2025 be approved for informational purposes. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Linda Wilson reported that Riverview Curling Club are available. District 2 has 30 to sell, District 3/5 has 25 and District 9 will be receiving 20. If any other district wishes to sell the calendars as a fundraiser towards their \$100 donation, please contact Linda Wilson. It had been decided at the May 2025 meeting that Golden Gals would be able to sell 50/50 tickets at the 2025 Provincials to supplement the Association's coffers.

Charms & Trophies – Linda Wilson reported that the cost of the 4 gold and 4 silver pennants for the 2025 Provincials has increased to \$42.50 each from \$35.00 last year. Reesors will try to place our order with another order to reduce shipping costs. After discussion, it was agreed to continue with the presentation of the pennants for the first and second place teams.

Ice & Draw: Petersfield Curling Club will attend to the ice and draw duties. The sixteen teams from the districts will be placed in pools of 4 and this information will be provided to the Host Committee as soon as the winners for each district has been provided to Linda.

2025 Provincials: Ice has been booked at Petersfield Curling Club for the Golden Gals 2025 Provincials November 27 – 30 and Cathy Burtneck reported that they are pleased to host the Provincials. The caterer and entertainment have been booked. District Chairpersons will be contacted and the requisite information for playdowns provided. Each team participating in 2025 Provincials is asked to provide an item for the silent auction and proceeds from same and the 50/50 ticket sales will be given to Golden Gals Curling.

Correspondence: Cathy reported receiving two emails. Dawn Ammeter from District 9 cited having issues obtaining ice for district playdowns.

New Business:

(a) Rule Changes: Cathy circulated proposed rule changes and discussion was held. It was suggested that a clarification should be made as to "spare" and "fifth player". If a team registers on Form A a designated player, that person will be named as fifth player and will have the option to play on the team naming her. The Host Committee will provide a list of spares of ladies who would be able to participate if a team requires a spare during Provincials and a fifth player has not been named nor is available. All participating teams will be made aware that one player may be between the ages of 55-59 and will be allowed to play lead. This motion had been re-passed at the May 14, 2024 annual meeting. Moved by Wendy Nyolok Seconded by Kathy Isaac that the new standing rule changes be approved. Carried

(b) District Playdowns: Due to increasing costs of ice rentals and possible unavailability of ice time, Cathy wondered if another method of finding 16 teams for Provincials might be possible. She suggested an open entry would negate the necessity of having district playdowns. After discussion, it was decided that the 12 districts should remain for the 2025 Provincials with each district being awarded with the number of entries as determined. District 1 – 2; District 2 – 2; District 3/5 – 1; District 4/6 – 1, District 7 – 1; District 8 – 1; District 9 – 3; District 10/11/12 – 4 and Host – 1. The number of teams per District is calculated from the number of teams who participated in the previous year's playdowns. Moved by Odile Brook, Seconded by Norma Johnson that the districts remain status quo. Carried

(c) Cathy asked for volunteers to serve as Vice-President and on the Executive Committee. Odile Brook volunteered to come on the Executive as Vice-President. Appreciation extended to Odile.

(d) Linda will contact the webmaster and request once again the updates be posted in a timely manner.

(e) Fundraising for Golden Gals Association: An ad hoc committee of Kathy Cox, Odile Brook and Donna Davidson will investigate the possibility of Golden Gals offering a progressive 50/50 draw with 3 separate draws being made. The winning ticket would be returned to the draw. Donna reported that online 50/50 tickets could be available. Due to the fact the funds are required for this year's expenses, a discussion occurred regarding increasing the amount that each district contributes to Golden Gals per team participating in their district

playdowns. Moved by Norma Johnson Seconded by Judy Colwell that each District shall pay the sum of \$100.00 per team participating at the playdowns to Golden Gals Association. Carried.

(f) Honoring former Golden Gals curlers: It was suggested that former Golden Gal curlers could be honoured at Provincials by participating in the throwing of the ceremonial first rock during the official opening. They would also be provided a lunch ticket. The Host Committee would attend to the invitations.

(g) Promotion: Kathy Isaac stated that Golden Gals Curling remains unknown in several curling clubs throughout the province. She volunteered to explore ways of promoting Golden Gals Curling and ensuring that curling clubs were aware of the organization. Recreation Directors in various communities might have some suggestions as to how Golden Gals Curling might become more well known. Appreciation to Kathy for undertaking this project.

Cathy Burtnack thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Next meeting date will be May 11, 2026 in Brandon at Riverview Curling Club.

Meeting Adjourned