

# *Cultural Moment*

## **Glenna Barton rink wins ladies' curling title**

In 1976 the Mount Forest Ladies Curling foursome took home the Southern Ontario Ladies' Curling Association A championship by defeating Oakville rink 11-8 in the deciding game, putting the town on the map. Glenna Barton skipped her rink to win, with the assistance of her teammates, Shirley Small, vice; Bonnie Schwindt, second, and Bud Rundle, lead.

The Mount Forest triumph marked the first time in ladies' curling history, to date, that a rink from district 3 had captured the SOLCA event. The girls, who had gone undefeated in their competitive curling deserved congratulations. Sixteen districts were represented at the SOLCA double knock-out draw in St. Catherine's.



It is interesting to note that in 1976 there were 23,000 lady curlers in Southern Ontario and 27,000 in all of Ontario.

The history of curling in Canada extends back to the origins of this country's earliest European immigrants and is a major contributor to Canada's social and cultural development.

Both Arthur and Mount Forest are home to strong Curling Club Associations and continue to contribute to the cultural make-up of our community. New or inexperienced curlers are welcome any time and every effort is made to make them feel welcome and to provide them with the basic knowledge and skills to participate in this traditional winter sport.

# Over the "winning" hog line

by Jeannie Weber  
GLENNA, SHIRLEY,  
BONNIE, BUD



**Glenna Barton**

You girls decided to Listowel  
you'd go,  
To see how much curling you did  
know,  
A success you became on your  
first throw,  
Glenna made sure your spirits  
were never low.

Four great girls we all know by  
name,  
To win this district their object  
became,  
To Mount Forest you brought  
glory and fame,  
Be darned if you didn't win every  
game.

Bud put on every rock which was  
good,  
The opposition took some out,  
just as they should,  
If your nerves got bad we all  
understood,  
Each end you counted as we  
wished you would.

On January 19th, it was the big  
day,  
Off to St. Catharines you'd have  
to play,  
Everyone from our club was very  
gay,  
"We're going to win this," Glen-  
na did say.

Monday night was all just fun,  
Your hostess kept you on the run,  
Park Inn you stayed, where great  
friends you won,  
Socializing was all that was done.

Tuesday morning a bye you did  
get,  
Into the Datsun you all would not  
fit,  
Bud's car became an instant hit,  
When your chauffeur could only  
make it sit.

The first girls you met came from  
Sutton,  
The rocks they seemed to put  
right on the button,  
Taking them out to Shirley  
seemed nutt'in,  
When it came to counting you  
were a glutton.

Wednesday morning when you  
did wake,  
Kingsville's the team you had to  
take,  
On the ninth end a tie you did  
make,  
But Glenna came through for all  
our sake.

Bonnie took our rocks and left her  
shot,  
The Burlington team, how they  
fought,  
After the game their beds they

The husbands and friends went  
home to pray,  
Please let them win one more  
day,  
Oakville was hard to beat they  
did say,  
We hoped our girls knew the way.

Early in the game you got the  
jump,  
Every Oakville rock you soon did  
bump,  
You girls never went in a slump,  
Mount Forest rocks sat in a  
clump.

Girls, we want you to know we're  
very proud,  
You put us all way up on a cloud,  
We hope you didn't mind when we  
seemed very loud,  
"That's Mount Forest girls", we  
told the crowd.

poem by  
Joan McCorquodale and  
Phyllis McGladdery

Our town, Mount Forest, was  
sure on the map after the final  
game played last Thursday at St.  
Catharines Golf and Country  
Club.

Glenna Barton skipped her rink  
to win the Southern Ontario Lad-  
ies' Curling Association A  
championship by defeating Oak-  
ville rink 11-8 in the deciding  
game. Assisting Glenna were  
Shirley Small, vice; Bonnie Sch-  
windt, second, and Bud Rundle,  
lead.

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defeated in their competitive  
curling deserve congratulations.

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resented at the SOLCA double  
knock-out draw in St. Catharines.  
On the first day (Tuesday),  
Mount Forest defeated Sutton 11-  
5.

The second day (Wednesday),  
Mount Forest edged Kingsville 7-  
6.

"What a game" they were tied  
6-6 coming home, and who came  
through but "our Glenna" mak-  
ing a beautiful draw. There were  
tears and laughter after this.

game.

In the afternoon the girls took  
to the ice, quite relaxed after  
their game of euchre and dressed  
in their Royal Blue sweaters.  
They defeated Burlington 9-3.

On the sixth end, Burlington  
was counting five or six, by my  
count. Again Glenna came  
through with her draw rock to  
give Mount Forest a count. This  
upset the Burlington skip losing  
such a big end. However she (the  
Burlington skip) played a terrific  
game.

The girls will now advance to  
Sudbury to compete for the title  
of "All Ontario Champs" against  
five other rinks. The rinks are:  
Northern Ontario, North Western  
Ontario, Eastern Ontario, Kings-  
ville and Oakville.

This will be a round robin event  
and will be February 2 to 4.

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there are 23,000 lady curlers in  
Southern Ontario and 27,000 in all  
of Ontario.

Two carloads travelled to St.  
Catharines to cheer the girls on,  
and by what I hear there are  
some travelling to Sudbury.

The club at St. Catharines is  
real "plush" and they used us  
royally but I am very happy we  
have such a friendly club and can  
curl for a nominal fee.

I asked one of the conveners,  
"What is your membership fee?"  
She replied without batting an  
eye, "\$700.00 per year."

Our congratulations again,  
girls. There is no doubt in my  
mind you will be the "Ontario  
Champs". Then to Winnipeg we  
go in March for the All Canadian.



**Shirley Small**



**Bonnie Schwindt**



**Bud Rundle**