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Welcome back to the Mankato Curling Club,

We have again taken over the building at 600 Hope Street and are in the process of converting it back into our Club. Work days have been scheduled and I hope everyone has been receiving our email bulletins and opportunities to be of assistance. I trust that everyone has had a good summer and that you are ready for a change of pace to the winter sport that we all enjoy.

Our Club continues to evolve into a very nice multi use facility. The City of Mankato has continued the work started last year and there are changes both inside and out. If you haven't been past the Club building, the outside is now bricked and painted. Inside, fresh paint, gleaming floors, and new carpet will greet you. It is a Club that we can be proud of and show off a bit.

We will have some opportunities to show it off this season. In keeping with our efforts over the last few seasons to become a more active entity within the community, we are hosting the Minnesota State Club Playdowns in January and Club Nationals in March. These events will bring new people into our Club. Whether they are from this area, from Minnesota, or from across the country, I'm sure our Club (both the building and the members) will make very positive impressions. There will be volunteers needed for these two special events so please stay tuned.

Besides these special events, we will be continuing our normal slate of activities but with one great addition. We will finally host the First Annual MCC Juniors Bonspiel, December 17 – 19. Thanks to Roxanne, Shawn, Marcie, and their helpers for continuing to develop Juniors activities.

We will be holding our Harvest, Men's, and Bunny spiel on their usual weekends. We do need Bonspiel Chair Persons for the Harvest and Bunny so please contact a Board member if you are willing to "step up".

Early leagues will return this year, starting November 8. Todd has already sent out a request for signing up your teams. Currently, he is planning open leagues for Monday and Wednesday and pairs for the Tuesday league. Let him know soon what your plans are.

Our regular league schedule will start the week of January 2, 2011. Now is the time to get your team(s) lined up.

Thanks to all of you for being a part of our Club. The whole is truly the sum of its parts and that is what makes for an active and vibrant organization such as ours. Thanks also to the MCC Board of Directors who have been a solid, proactive, hard working group.

Good curling to you all,

Gary Berger, President