Manitoba’s Curling Hall of Fame has announced its 2018 honourees.

To be inducted into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame at the annual induction banquet, May 6 at CanadInns-Polo Park, are:

Builder – Cindy Maddock
Curler – Peter Nicholls
Curler – Jennifer Jones

Curler – Jill Officer

Team – Hal Tanasichuk 1977 Canadian Mixed Champion Team

Team – Norm Houck 1987 Canadian Senior Champion Team

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**CURLERS: Jennifer Jones and Jill Officer** are already Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame members with the 2014 Olympic Gold Medal winning team – but as is Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame policy, individuals are recognized in addition to teams.

Jennifer and Jill achieved a new level of accomplishment this year with their sixth national Scotties championship – but their induction this year was planned before that record-tying championship.

Together they won two Manitoba and a Canadian Junior Championship….

Together they compiled seven Manitoba Scotties titles and those six Canadian titles &, including this year, they have appeared in 12 of the past 14 national championships as Team Manitoba OR Team Canada…..in those 12 events, they have earned 6 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals.

And together their collection of international medals includes a world gold, silver and bronze plus that 2014 Olympic Gold Medal.

Coincidentally, they have both won two additional Manitoba titles – Jennifer a juniors and a Scotties…..Jill a pair of Mixed titles.

And none of that speaks to their accomplishments on the World Curling Tour and the Grand Slam Series.

Truly these two are among the most accomplished in the history of Manitoba curling and clearly merit individual induction into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame…..to go along with the team induction of that 2014 Olympic Champion team.

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**TEAM: Norm Houck 1987 Canadian Senior Champion team** from Elmwood.

Norm Houck, Henry Kroeger, Sam Doherty, and Doug McCartney appeared together in three Strathcona Senior Championships and posted a record of 18 wins and 4 losses in winning back to back titles in 1986 and 1987. AND they won the Canadian title in their second try.

Norm Houck had been a Strathcona club member and Manitoba men`s champion in earlier times so it was fitting that a Strathcona champion would be the first to win the Strathcona Seniors in the first year of that sponsorship.

Norm Houck and Henry Kroeger are already twice Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame inductees. In 2007 their 1990-91 Senior Champion team was inducted. In 1990 Houck was honoured for individual accomplishments AND in 2003 Kroeger was likewise honoured.

Sam Doherty represented his teammates at the announcement, all three of whom are deceased.

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**TEAM: Hal Tanasichuk 1977 Canadian Mixed Champion team** from Civic Caledonian.

Hal Tanasichuk, Rose Tanasichuk, Jim Kirkness and Debbie Jones-Walker, who appears in the record books as Debbie Orr, made only two appearances in the Manitoba Mixed as a team – they won one and compiled an 11 wins, 4 losses record in the Manitoba championships. In winning the 1977 Canadian Mixed, their record was 11 wins and a single loss…..an impressive 22-5 record in Manitoba and Canadian play.

Debbie Jones-Walker was inducted into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame in 2010 and Hal Tanasichuk was honoured in 2006…both as individuals.

Hal Tanasichuk and Jim Kirkness represented the 1977 Canadian Mixed Champion team at the announcement. Rose Tanasichuk is deceased – Debbie Jones-Walker sent her greetings and tells us she is looking forward to being here for the May banquet.

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**CURLER: Peter Nicholls** made his first provincial appearance over 40 years ago. In 1977, he reaching the junior semifinals with Jeff Tipping and they reached the junior final the next year.

Including this year’s provincial Seniors - in total, Peter has made 38 provincial appearances…24 of them in the men’s championship.

Along with that 1978 junior final, he has been the provincial finalist twice at the men’s level and three more times, including the last two years, at the seniors level.

That makes a total of ten provincial finals – because Peter Nicholls has also won four Manitoba championships.

He was third for Dave Smith when they won Manitoba’s Labatt Tankard and then went 9-2 at the 1994 Brier before losing a semifinal to Russ Howard.

He was at second for Dean Dunstone when they won the Manitoba Mixed in 2017 and with it the right to compete in the Canadian Mixed last November in Swan River.

AND he was at second for Randy Neufeld when they won the 2015 & 2016 Manitoba Seniors. That team captured the 2015 Canadian Senior title, the 2016 Canadian Silver Medal and the 2016 World Seniors Silver Medal. As I noted earlier, they have lost the Manitoba final each of the last two years as well.

An impressive record indeed. AND we recognize that 40 years of excellence in Peter Nicholls’ induction in 2018 into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame.

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**BUILDER:** While we are proud of the national and international on-ice record of Manitoba’s curlers – the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame also recognizes the leadership provided by Manitobans at the provincial level and often at the national level and beyond.

**Cindy Maddock**‘s impressive resume of curling leadership includes club leadership, championship event leadership, provincial leadership, and national leadership.

She was Vice President and President of the Morden Ladies Curling Club in the late 1980’s.

She was involved with the host committees for a Labatt Tankard, a Safeway Select, a Provincial Masters and a Manitoba Scotties between 1988 and 2003.

From the late ‘90’s as an MLCA district chair, she became a regional director of the amalgamated MCA in 2000 and then served for a decade as regional director, management committee member, and ultimately Vice President and President in 2009 and 2010.

Not content to rest there, Cindy was elected to the Board of Governors of Curling Canada and went on to serve a five year term – continuing Manitoba’s tradition of providing leadership at the national level. In each year of her national term, Cindy served as member or chair of the Finance and Audit Committee. She served on numerous other committees and was a member of a Constitution Review Committee which contributed to a significant re-write of the Curling Canada By-Laws in 2017.

In 2012, Cindy Maddock was made an Honourary Life Member of CurlManitoba and now, in 2018, she is being inducted as a Builder of our Sport into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame.