

The Monthly

November 2014



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It's November. Still a lot of leaves on the ground and curl on the ice. The leaves will disappear. Get used to the curl on the ice.

War was on and the captain was attempting to rally his men on the eve of a big offensive.

"Out there," said the captain, "is your enemy. The man who has made your life miserable, who is working to destroy you; the man who has been trying to kill you day after day throughout this war."

Private Johnson jumped to his feet. "My God; our cook's working for the other side!"

What Has Been Happening Around Here?

Congratulation to MWCC's **Adam Freilich** for skipping team Israel to a 7-3 victory over Ireland to win the Silver Medal in the Netherlands to qualify for the B Group competition in Champéry, Switzerland on Nov 22-29. Nice going Adam!

Treasurer's Report

Here is a note from **John Ford (Hector the Collector)**

Please - do not forget – **Anne Mitchell** will have your invoice for the 2014 – 2015 curling season's fees printed up in the office. Please pay her a visit.

Your payment is due November 15th --- let's not wait to until the very last moment. If the billing is not to your specifications – adjustments are easy to make

Let us all have another GREAT curling season.



His new wife was frustrated. Every time she tried to fry an egg, the shell broke.

MWCC Communications Project

Here's a report from **Mark Romer**:

This past summer I initiated a project with two long term goals in mind. The first goal is to develop a better image on our website and other media outlets in order to inform existing members and attract potential new ones.

We have begun gathering materials. Website changes will include expanded information and photos about our different leagues, bonspiels and social events. This fall, **Shelley Walsh** set up a Facebook page (<http://tinyurl.com/m6q5pjj>) which has photos and updates about our events to date.

How can you help? I am currently on the lookout for photos of winning and finalist teams involved in last season's bonspiels and league finals (Shamrock, Calcutta, Ham shoot, President's, VP's and Ladder playoffs). If you have photos to contribute, please send them to me by e-mail at mark.romer@mcgill.ca. I am also looking for historians who can help provide background information and short histories of the different leagues in the club; the trophies and who they are named after etc.



The second goal is to develop a network of league representatives who will support our club in 3 areas:

- a. Media – collecting and providing updates and photos to our media outlets (Website, Facebook, e-mail list and ROAR).
- b. Ice - finding and coordinating volunteers for ice maintenance and issues related to the shed. Clinics will be available to teach correct dimpling and nipping).
- c. Events - finding and coordinating volunteers to assist the Entertainment (Shelley Walsh) and Match (Kerry Laughlin), and coordinators in major club events such as the opening and closing dinners, bonspiels, etc.

Currently some leagues have existing representatives in place who can be called upon for help but our challenge is to find volunteers and set up ongoing committees for the major bonspiels (Shamrock, Calcutta), Past Presidents' and Ladder and Wilkinson/TGIF groups.

How can you help? If you are interested in helping out as a coordinator or volunteer in any of the areas mentioned above, please speak to **Shirley Elliott, Shelley Walsh, Kerry Laughlin** or myself and we will add you to our list of volunteers.



Please support your club – the more hands we have, the lighter the work for all.

This couple was lying in bed one night:

Wife: How do you feel about having a child.

Husband: Let's try getting up every night at 2:00 a.m. to feed the cat. If we enjoy that then maybe we can talk about having a baby.

Entertainment

Here's a report from **Shelley Walsh**:

Pool Tournament

So you think you are a good pool player. Now, for only \$10, you have a chance to prove it to others.

A 9 ball Pool Tournament will begin on Friday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. It will continue each Friday until a champion is crowned. (No, that does not mean the loser will whack the winner over the head with his or her cue.)

This tournament is open to all members including Sunday leagues. All levels of players are welcome. The length of the tournament will depend upon the number of entries.

Each match will be the best 2 out of 3 format except for the finals which will be a 3 out of 5 format.

There is a sign up sheet in the lounge.

Free Membership Draw

Thanks to all who participated in this draw. The winner was selected at our Masquerade Dinner on November 1st - too late to be revealed in this ROAR but the lucky person will be unmasked in the December ROAR.

An Invitation

The key to getting the most out of your membership is to participate in as many club events as you can. This is an invitation to you to join us in the fun. Just try it. I know you will enjoy the experience.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions about future events, please contact me at shellwalsh@yahoo.com

He knows nothing and thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career.

Silent Auction

Here's a report from Cathy Hughes – Silent Auction Coordinator

MWCC will be holding a fund-raising "Silent Auction" on Saturday, November 29th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The Auction will take place in the club on the 3rd floor.

In our previous Auctions, some of the big ticket items were Montreal Canadiens' hockey tickets, wine baskets, gift baskets, sporting equipment and services (i.e. bridge and art lessons, dinner party meal preparations).

I will be visiting the different leagues on a regular basis from here to the date of the auction gathering your "contributions". **Monetary donations** are welcome and the Silent Auction Committee will purchase exquisite items for the Auction table.

I look forward to working with you to make this a **successful club event** and the best fund-raiser ever!

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by e-mail (Catherine.hughes@mcgill.ca) or phone: 514-366-4584.

Match

Here is a report from **Kerry Laughlin**:

The Ladder leagues are up and running with 16 teams on Tuesdays and 13 on Thursdays. Anyone who would like to spare can still add their name to the Spare List on the board.

Grand Match and Grand Dame update; currently we have 5 men's teams and 5 women's teams. The deadline for the registration is November 10 so if you want to enter a team please advise me before then.

Comments to complainers

If you have something to say, raise your hand and place it over your mouth.

You're not yourself today – I noticed the improvement immediately

Would you like some cheese to go with your whine.

Day Ladies

Here is a report from **Rosemary Cochrane**:

Karen Hall-Moon and **Hille Viires** took delight in putting us through our paces at Fun Day on October 9th, after Thanksgiving weekend, before we dove into regular round-robin curling.

Welcome to new member, **Marnie Linder**. And welcome back, **Carol Voss**!

Thank you to all who supported our very successful Luncheon Bridge on October 8th, hosted by **Joslyn Schultz** and members of the Day Ladies Executive. Looking forward to seeing you – and more – again on November 12. Mark your calendar.

Instructional League

Here is a report from **Jim Doyle**:

The instructional lessons started with nine enthusiastic curlers in the class. More are expected to join this group so it is a very promising start to this popular Monday activity.

Mixed Day Curling

Dodd Gray and Mickey Laughlin competitions:

Here's a report from **Bob LeMesurier**:

Please notice the change in the names of the competitions. The new names replace those of the Ken Kearns and Jack Herold competitions held for many years.

The Dodd Gray competition will take place in the first half of the season to be followed in the second half by the Mickey Laughlin competition.

There are 10 teams in the first half for the first time in 8 years.

Interclub: Here's a report from **Chip Mowat**:

Getting off to a slow start. However, it is all part of our overall plan to lull the competition into a false sense of superiority. Overconfidence will be their downfall in future matches.....we hope.

In our first match on October 10 at Baie d'Urfe, we won 1 and lost 2. Our winning team was:

Chip Mowat
Rick Hughes
James Botsford
Dennis Hunter

On October 23 at Mont Bruno, we again won only 1 of 3. The winning team was:

Maureen Custy
Doug Allan
Gerry Sabourin

At a nursing home in Florida, a group of senior citizens were sitting around talking about their aches and pains.

"My arms are so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"I know what you mean. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee," replied another.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a third.

"My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," another contributed.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man.

Then there was a short moment of silence.

"Thank God we can all still drive," said one woman cheerfully.

Junior Curling

Here is a report from **Trish Dempsey**:

After two very successful Saturdays, there are over thirty Juniors registered for this season, with more on the way. With approximately fourteen Little Rockers and over sixteen Big Rockers, there is no doubt that we will have a good representation of MWCC's next generation at upcoming interclub bonspiels.

Speaking of tournaments... **Dominique Jean, Melissa Dunn, Dominique Renaud** and **Emily Riley** (coached by **Marc Renaud**) finished second at the St-Lambert Curl-In on Thanksgiving weekend, after only losing the final game. Way to go, girls!!

Coming up in the Junior program:

November 1st: Halloween party and first game of the Myke Wilder In-House League

Early November: place your orders for unique MWCC Junior Program t-shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, hoodies and baseball caps.

November 22nd: no Juniors.

We are still looking for guest coaches to assist with Junior practices on Saturday mornings, either with the Little Rocks (9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) or Big Rocks (10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Please email Trish Dempsey with the date(s) you're available, or the theme(s) you are interested in assisting with and she will work out the details with you. No previous coaching experience is necessary – if you have a passion for the sport and work well with kids why not come try it out?

If you know of any young prospects, please extend our invitation for them to come and give curling a try (Saturdays 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.), and our experienced coaches will ensure their first experience on the ice is a great one.

Little Rocks: Mark Watson (514-488-5943 or) A050@sympatico.ca

Big Rocks: Trish Dempsey (438-822-0152 or) trish.dempsey@hotmail.com

Membership: Janet Walpole (514-246- AM8099 or)janet.walpole@sympatico.ca

*Did you hear that they have raised the minimum drinking age for Rednecks to 32?
It seems they want to keep alcohol out of the high schools.*

Wilkinson Team

Here's a report from **Jim Doyle**:

After 4 Fridays in the Wilkinson, **Team Jean** has won all of their games followed by **Team Meyers**. **Team Philion** and **Team Botsford** are tied for third.

The games have been spirited and a lot of fun with much camaraderie afterward. The food has also improved this year.

Wilkinson TGIF

Here's a report from **Mark Romer**:

TGIF League needs 4-5 PLAYERS!

The TGIF League has been playing with 5 teams this fall. We are looking for 4-5 interested members to expand to a 6 team format.

Teams are organized by a Match committee and balanced according to curling ability. Our league alternates early and late draws with the Wilkinson League on Friday nights. Come and join the fun on Friday nights!

For more information or to sign up please contact **Mark Romer** mark.romer@mcgill.ca

Diplomacy is the art of saying "nice Doggie" until you can find a stick.

SPA Curling

Here's a report from **Alan Bousquet**:

Hope everyone is having fun with the new rocks and 8 feet of curl !!!! Here are the standings for MWSCL. The season is very early yet with lots of games to go

WMSCL Curling

Position by points	Team	Games won	Games tied	Games loss	Games forfeit	Total Points
1	James Botsford	3	0	0	0	9
2	Howie Myers	2	0	1	0	7
2	Dianne Huculak	2	0	1	0	7
3	Gary Palamar	1	1	1	0	6
3	Anthony Altobello	1	1	1	0	6
4	Alan Bousquet	1	0	2	0	5
4	Michael McKeown	1	0	2	0	5
5	Rick Hughes	0	0	3	0	3

N.B

Games up to and including 26-Oct-14

Position by points does not take into consideration head to head games won within the same position

My wife and I walked past a swanky new restaurant last night.

"Did you smell that food? It smelt incredible." she said.

Being the nice generous guy I am, I thought "Damn it. I'll treat her."

So we walked past it again.



Canfir is a mixed social curling league of various ages and skill levels. We play Sunday mornings from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, followed by a light lunch. If you are interested in sparing for Canfir, please send an email to (canfircurling@gmail.com) or call Nancy Duplessis (Canfir President) at 514-962-0052.



Canfir's curling season has gotten off to a rocking good start and is in full swing with 8 teams this year! It's going to be a really exciting season!

After two weeks of play, teams **Arseneau** and **Cadorette** are tied for the lead, but it's still early in the season. Good luck to all the teams!

Standings as of October 26 are as follows:

Teams	Games Won	Games Lost	Games Tied	Total Points
1. Bob LeMesurier	1	1	0	4
2. Francine Pilon	1	1	0	4
3. Danny Boyd	0	2	0	2
4. Luc Arseneau	2	0	0	6
5. Pierre Cadorette	2	0	0	6
6. Jean-Marie Martin	0	2	0	2
7. Rob Williams	1	1	0	4
8. Maxime Betournay	1	1	0	4

Please take a moment to check out our **Facebook** page for the latest buzz about our league and the curling world. While you're there, don't forget to "Like" our page.

A pumpkin was being analyzed by a psychiatrist.

Doctor: So what is the problem.

Pumpkin: It is so strange doctor. I seem to always have this empty feeling.

What's Happening Over the Next Few Weeks?

- November 1 - Masquerade Dinner
Drawing for free membership
Junior's Halloween Party
Junior's first Myke Wilder games
- 10 - Deadline for Grand Match and Grand Dame entries
- 12 - Day Ladies' Luncheon Bridge
- 14 - Start of Pool Tournament
- 15 - Curling fees due. Beware of John Ford!
- 29 - Silent Auction – noon until 4:00 p.m.

Here's a picture of my uncle just before he was drafted. He was awarded 11 purple hearts. He was wounded 11 times?

Uncle William insisted that his friends call him "Will".

OKAY MEN! FIRE AT WILL.

ENCAN SILENCIEUX

SILENT AUCTION

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GALORE!

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29 NOV.

12:00 – 16:00

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