

# The Monthly ROAR

October 2014

## A Big Welcome To All New Members

Here we go again. The first ROAR of the season. Sorry it's a little later than usual but I was on vacation in the last half of September. I was in Ireland kissing the Blarney Stone. I'll try anything to help me write the ROAR.

So, if you see the standings in the Ladder with our team in first place, you will know why I am not to blame for this obvious error. The fault will 'lie' with the Blarney Stone.

You may notice that this October ROAR is shorter than the October ROAR's of the past. (Please, no cheering.) Past October ROAR's were filled with the results of competitions held after the April ROAR was delivered. Not this year. A May ROAR was written and distributed with all these late results to everyone (by far the majority) who receive the ROAR via email.

For those who still like the printed copy of the ROAR, I have included a copy of the May ROAR with this October edition.

Some sad news to begin. **Irene Darrell**, who was an active member with the carpet bowlers, passed away this summer. She will be missed.

Also, **Janet Martin**, has now joined her husband **Red Martin** on St. Peter's team curling out of the Pearly Gates Curling Club. She was 102 when she died. Red had passed away over a year ago at age 100. Talk about a full, and active, life together!

*My boss phoned me today. He said, "Is everything OK at the office?"  
I said, "It's all under control. It's been a very busy day. I haven't stopped to take a break all day."*

*"Can you do me a favour?" he asked.*

*I said "Of course, what is it?"*

*"Pick up the pace a little - I'm in the group behind you."*

## What Has Been Happening Around Here?

### Message from Our President, Rob Williams

I trust everyone had an enjoyable summer. Now, it's time to dust off the curling gear and get ready for a new curling season.

After a lot of hard work, we were successful in retaining our Tax Free status for another

10 years. Congratulations to **John Ford** and **Anne Mitchell** for making this a reality – great job.

**Greg Kehoe** and his gang of dedicated volunteers did an excellent job of preparing the ice shed and the club for your arrival this season.

**Karl Murovic** and his son **Mirko** are back for another season installing, grooming and maintaining the ice for another successful curling season.

Thanks to the generous donations of the Day Ladies and Mixed Day Curlers, the curling stones have been refurbished over the summer months.

Efforts are well under way to improve the way we communicate information both inside and outside the club. From revamping our webpage, to adding a Facebook page, to restructuring the way information is accumulated and presented to the membership on a daily basis. Stay tuned for more details on these subjects.

We are presently looking for volunteers to help with ice preparation between games, special events and tournaments throughout the year. **Shirley Elliott** has graciously volunteered to become our official Volunteer Coordinator. If you have aspirations of becoming a volunteer, please contact Shirley at the club or [tazelliott@hotmail.com](mailto:tazelliott@hotmail.com)

The first annual 9'n Dine was held on September 27th and was a huge success. Special thanks to everyone who attended including **Shelley Walsh** and her volunteers for a job well done.

The next event is the Opening Dinner which will take place on **Saturday, November 1st**. Besides a great meal, we will be handing out the awards to all our winners from last season. In order to register or to get additional information for this event, please sign-up at the club or contact Shelley Walsh at [shellwalsh@yahoo.co](mailto:shellwalsh@yahoo.co)

It is my privilege to announce the Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 Season.

Robert Williams - President	Nacy Gallant - Past President
Mark Romer - 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Cathy Hughes - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President
Anne Mitchell - Bar & Furnishings	Jim Doyle - Building & Grounds
Heather Boyle - Secretary	John Ford - Treasurer
Greg Kehoe - Ice Chairman	Kerry Laughlin - Match
Shelley Walsh - House & Entertainment	Al Kmec - Mixed Day Curlers
Bonnie Soutar - Membership & Marketing	

Welcome to the Montreal West Curling Club – proud to be in partnership with the Montreal West community and the Greater Montreal area.

I wish you all a very successful and enjoyable curling season.

*Dog owner: My dog chases anyone on a skate board. What should I do?*

*Vet: Take away his skate board.*

## Membership and Marketing

Here's a report from **Bonnie Soutar**:

Open House, September 28, fell on one of the hottest weekends of the year. Still there was a lot of action out in the ice shed where the West Montreal Sunday Curling was holding their opening clinic and other members were warming up their ice legs.

Monday was a whirlwind of activity as people came in to inquire and many to join up and pay right away! About 30 people came to the Open House with many new curlers for **Jim Doyle's** Instructional and several families with potential junior curlers - a great family activity for sure.

Talk in the lounge revolved around the great success of the first social event - the first annual 9'n Dine golf and BBQ event. **Shelley Walsh**, new to her role as House & Entertainment Chair, did a great job. She is full of creative and fun event ideas for us to enjoy this year.

Let's all meet at the Opening Dinner on November 1st to share our stories and enjoy some time together.

*Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.*

## House and Entertainment:

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

### 9'n Dine Golf and BBQ

It was a nice sunny day on September 27th for this event. There were 36 golfers (?) at the Meadowbrook Golf Course to enjoy the day. For the BBQ we had 52 hungry people devouring the very tasty hamburgers, Italian sausages and chicken breasts prepared by **Rob Williams** and **Steve Holdaway**. Just a FABULOUS job guys!

.....and the golf results...

Best score (36) -	Steve Holdaway Zack Wise Rob Derry Matt Mitchell
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Closest to the hole #3 -	Sean Fraser and John Ford
Closest to the hole #7 -	Jack Ford

Putting contest - Bernard Rotsching  
Hockey Tickets winner - Martinez Trudel

Thanks to everyone who attended. We hope to see you next year.

### **Free Membership Draw**

There will be a draw for a free membership this year. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Opening Dinner on November 1st. Tickets are available at the bar. Their cost - 1 = \$ 10 3 = \$ 20 9 = \$ 50

Who doesn't want a membership for as little as \$10?

### **Opening Dinner**

The date is **November 1st**. It will be a traditional roast beef dinner, with a free drink, for only \$ 25.

Since its Halloween the day before, I thought we could bring a little fun to this opening dinner. Please wear Black and White. There are prizes for best mask, which is optional. So, if you are feeling festive, show some originality by making one or even buy one, otherwise you can just show us your original mask.

### **Need for volunteers**

I am looking for volunteers to be part of my Entertainment Committee so if anyone wants to join me, don't be shy. Also if anyone has any suggestions on future events please contact me at shellwalsh@yahoo.com

*Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.*

### **Ice**

From The Iceman - **Greg Kehoe**

Welcome back all curlers.....again this year we have **Karl** and **Mirko Murovic** as our ice technicians.....both have been working hard since early September to have our ice in top shape for the upcoming season.

Karl has a few new wrinkles for us this year:

- . as he does with his other clubs, he painted over a layer of ice instead of painting the cement floor as we have done in the past to try and brighten the ice surface.

- . he is also using reusable rings in the house which are a nice deep colour.
- . some of the lines on the ice surface have been changed - the line that separates the sheets is wider...and a double center line.

The reconditioned stones are back from Canada Curling Club. From what I saw during the Open House, the stones have plenty of curl....so we are anticipating another great year for the club....enjoy.

*I find it helps to organize things into 3 categories:*

- . things I won't do now*
- . things I won't do later*
- . things I will never do*

## **Match**

Here's a report from **Kerry Laughlin**:

### **Presidents Opening Funspiel**

The Funspiel was held this past September 30 to October 2nd. We had approximately 35 people signed up to play either all three of the nights or just a few.

It was a great way for people to meet from all leagues and rentals. The curlers who had the most points were:

Leads/Seconds - Glenna Jacobs  
Martine Trudel  
Anna Stasiak  
Howie Meyers

Thirds/Skips - Peter Graham  
Francine Pilon  
Robbie Sproule  
Greg Strachura

Many thanks to all who came out to curl and help out. Also, thanks for the positive feedback. It was much appreciated.

Don't worry for those of you who missed all the fun. There will be a "**Vice Presidents' Funspiel**" in early January. Watch for it and sign up.

## **Grand Match / Dame - Saturday November 22**

The Grand Match and Grand Dame is coming in November. We will be looking for men's and women's team entries. Eight men's teams and four women's teams is the goal. So..... Let's get out and represent our club. For any further information or to enter a team please, contact **Rob Williams** or **Kerry Laughlin**.

## **Ladder**

The ladder leagues began the week of October 6. There are 16 teams in the Past Presidents' Ladder (Tuesday nights) and 13 teams in the Grafton/Hunt Ladder (Thursday nights). Anyone still interested in adding their name to the spare list please contact me, **Kerry Laughlin**

Good curling!

## **Day Ladies**

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

At our Opening Coffee Party, President **Bonnie Allen** welcomed “day ladies” of all stripes – curlers, social members, carpet bowlers, bridge players - eager to have the 2014-2015 season begin.

Match Chairs **Rosemary Cochrane** and **Mary Sutherland** urged curlers to participate in all our regular Monday, Tuesday and Thursday draws, and not to forget to leave room on their agendas for Club and LCA events later on in the year.

And, Vice President **Joslyn Schultz** was rallying bridge players and workers for our monthly fundraising Luncheon Bridges, the next one to be held on Wednesday, November 12.

Yes, the Day Ladies are off and runn... huh sliding! Good Curling, Everyone.

*The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.*

## **Instructional League**

**Jim Doyle** has scheduled this league to start on October 20th at 6:30.

## **Wilkinson Team**

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

The Wilkinson Team section has 8 teams this year. Games started October 3rd and the Octoberfest evening was held October 10th.

Let's have a great season..

## **TGIF league (Fridays!)**

Here is a report from **Mark Romer**:

The TGIF League is a Cool place to be on Friday nights!

Our league is aimed at curlers wishing to develop their curling skills in a friendly and relaxed setting. It features balanced teams organized by a match committee. The teams are rearranged over the season giving you the opportunity to play with different members.

We are often in need of spares too ...so please let us know if you are available once in a while. For more information or to join TGIF please contact me - Mark Romer at: [mark.romer@mcgill.ca](mailto:mark.romer@mcgill.ca)

*Officer ; Soldier. Do you have change for a five?*

*Soldier: Sure, man.*

*Officer: That's no way to address an officer. Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a five.?*

*Soldier: No. SIR!*

## **Mixed Day Curlers**

### **Interclub:**

Once again this year Chip Mowat will lead this group of curlers to a repeat of their Interclub Championship. Well, that may be stretching it a little. They didn't quite win it all last year but they were close though. They were tied for first place until the season started then things fell apart.

But Chip promises better results this year. Ever the optimist!

Chip wants to thank everyone who responded to his call for curlers. Their first game was on October 10th. Upcoming matches are:

Oct 23 at Mont Bruno  
Oct 29 at St Lambert  
Oct 31 Glenmore at MWCC - not Oct 30.

*I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.*

## **Junior Curling**

Here's a report from **Trish Dempsey**:

The MWCC Junior program is taking on a new approach for 2014-15.

First off, the program is running at a new time on Saturdays: Little Rocks from 9:30 - 10:30 am, and Big Rocks from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Secondly, we have revamped the Junior bulletin board at the club (right across from the women's locker room, next to the stairs), where we will be announcing upcoming events throughout the season.

Thirdly, we are excitedly looking into fundraising opportunities and the possibility of bringing back the "Curling Rocks" apparel from years ago!

And last, but certainly not least, we are pleased to announce that long-time members of the club, **Rob Phillion** and **Jim Cochrane**, have officially joined our crew of coaches for this season. Jim has worked with the Little Rocks program in the past, and has recently joined the Junior Board.

We are looking for club members to volunteer their time with the Juniors. If you are available for even just ONE Saturday this season to come out and assist with on-ice skill and strategy development, then: we want YOU. Each practice is carefully designed around a specific theme (i.e. weight control, calling line, a certain type of shot, teamwork, etc.), where participants undergo a series of drills and activities before testing out their skills/strategies in a game situation. Please email me, **Trish Dempsey**, with the date(s) you're available for, or the theme(s) you are interested in assisting with and I will work out the details with you.

The first game of the Myke Wilder Junior In-House League will be at the Halloween party on November 1st. Participating Juniors will play 6-end games, at least once each month, to earn points throughout the season. Out of the twenty Juniors that participated last season (2013-14), the top four players were:

Dominique Renaud  
Luca Zarow  
Melissa Dunn  
Tyler Rowley

These players have been added to the trophy, which can be found in the MWCC lounge, and we look forward to adding four new names in April 2015 – stay tuned to find out who they are!

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 am), and our experienced coaches will ensure their first experience on the ice is a great one!

For more information...

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

Big Rocks: Trish Dempsey (514-489-0152 or [trish.dempsey@hotmail.com](mailto:trish.dempsey@hotmail.com))

Membership: Janet Walpole (514-246-8099 or [janet.walpole@sympatico.ca](mailto:janet.walpole@sympatico.ca))

## **Carpet Bowling**

P. K. MacWilliam said this league will probably start play on the Thursday after Thanksgiving.

*It was the funeral of a woman who had henpecked her husband, driven her kids half nuts, scrapped with the neighbors at the slightest opportunity, and even made neurotics of their cat and dog with explosive temper.*

*As the casket was lowered into the grave, a violent thunderstorm broke, and the pastor's benediction was drowned out by the blinding flash of lightning, followed by terrific thunder. "Well, at least we know she got there all right." said the husband.*

## **West Montreal Sunday Curling Group**

Here's a report from **Kathy Hebert**

The West Montreal curling league is back on Sunday afternoons, and looking forward to another great season of curling. We'd like to welcome back all new and previous players.

We started Sunday October 5th with a full house.



Here is a report from **Nancy Duplessis**:

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. Canfir is actively looking for new curlers to increase its membership. Beginners and instructional players are welcome. Curling is a fun way to spend the winter, get some exercise and make new friends, so why not give it a try? If interested, please send an email to [canfircurling@gmail.com](mailto:canfircurling@gmail.com) for more information and a committee member will happily get back to you. You can also call **Nancy Duplessis** (Canfir President) at 514-962-0052.

Canfir kicked off the curling season with a clinic on Sunday, October 5. Our skips were on hand to offer some tips on sliding, releasing and sweeping, after which we played a four-ender. Fun was had by all!

The regular season will begin on Sunday, October 19. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Canfir's newest members:

Francine Pilon  
Jeff Cohen  
Jean-Marie Martin  
Mark Racicot  
James Gore  
Benoit Brisson  
Anne-Marie Belanger  
Renate Hurster  
Sophie Belanger  
Steve Hollingworth

As well, let's welcome back three past members: **Christopher Babajko, Martin Jacobs** and **Paul Thomson**.

Please take a moment and 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.

On behalf of the Canfir Committee, happy curling to all and to all a good season!

*After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.*

*Moral: When you are full of bull keep your mouth shut.*

## **What's Happening Over the Next Few Weeks?**

October 16 - Carpet bowling begins  
19 - Canfir regular season begins  
20 - Start of instructional league

November 1 - Opening dinner  
1 - Free membership draw  
12 - Day ladies' luncheon bridge

*Jenny's husband, Charley, was a male chauvinist. Even though they both worked full-time, he never helped around the house. Housework was woman's work!*

*But one evening Jenny arrived home from work to find the children bathed, one load of clothes in the washer and another in the dryer, dinner on the stove, and the table set. She was astonished--something's up.*

*It turns out that Charley had read an article that said wives who worked full-time and had to do their own housework were too tired to be romantic. The night went well and the next day she told her office friends all about it.*

*"We had a great dinner. Charley even cleaned up. He helped the kids do their homework, folded all the laundry and put everything away. I really enjoyed the evening."*

*"But what about afterward?" asked her friends.*

*"Oh, that was perfect too. Charley was too tired!"*