



THE ROYAL MONTREAL CURLING CLUB

News...from the Hack!

December 2017

Ammonia detection and evacuation procedure

We have recently completed the calibration of our ammonia detection system. Should you be at the club when the alarm is triggered, a loud intermittent horn will sound which signals a need to evacuate the club immediately.

You should not panic but move quickly and safely from the ice shed and club house through the front door of the club to de Maisonneuve avenue. The fire department is automatically alerted and so there is no need to call 911.

Nous avons récemment terminé l'étalonnage de notre système de détection d'ammoniac. Si vous êtes au club lorsque l'alarme est déclenchée, un signal sonore fort et intermittent retentira, signalant la nécessité d'évacuer le club immédiatement.

Vous ne devez pas paniquer mais vous déplacer rapidement et en toute sécurité de l'aréna et du club vers la porte d'entrée jusqu'à l'avenue de Maisonneuve. Le service d'incendie est automatiquement alerté et il n'est donc pas nécessaire d'appeler le 911.

Saturday curling

Did you know that there's pick-up curling every Saturday morning at 10 a.m.?

Sign up, show up and get slotted onto a team. It's a chance to curl with some club veterans and meet members you might not see during the week. You can sleep in and still have a game under your belt by noon, leaving the rest of your day for errands and such. Sign-up sheets are on the club bulletin board.

Do you have news?

Send your announcements in English, and French if you can manage it, to me five days before month end. Thanks!

Deanna Allen
dlallen@shaw.ca



*Foot fair, draw to a hair.
Your stone being well directed.
You'll hit your aim and win your game.
If you miss, be not dejected.*



Menu

*Appetizers
Amuse-bouches*

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*Foie gras crostini with onion jelly
Crostini au foie gras et gelée d'oignon*

*Cream of asparagus soup with shrimp
Velouté d'asperges aux crevettes*

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*Filet of beef with oyster mushroom sauce
Filet de bœuf à la sauce aux pleurotes*

*Baby potatoes and green beans
Pommes de terre bébé et haricots verts*

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*Chocolate cake with a mascarpone mousse
Gâteau au chocolat avec une mousse au mascarpone*

Le bar ouvre à 18h00
Apéritifs : 18h00-19h00
Le dîner est servi à 19h00.

Tenue vestimentaire : Chic Chic
Coût : 50 \$ + taxes
RSVP avant midi, lundi le 4 décembre 2017



President's message

Dear Members,

With the first half of the curling season drawing to a close and the Holiday Season almost upon us, I trust you have enjoyed your club experience to date.

We've had several successful events and more are planned, if you have an idea please be in touch with your Entertainment committee.

Be sure to attend the December 8th gathering, always a fun time with songs and good cheer.

We have been successfully 'upgraded' with the Klutch Curling technology from Intellisports. Ready for your iPhones now and Android phones shortly, it is an opportunity for in depth analysis of your curling.

Spares needed: it seems we have need for spares in morning and evening leagues, so if you are wanting and able to curl outside of your chosen league, please contact the league chairs to put your name on the list.

Good Curling!

Message du président

Chers membres,

Avec la fin de la première moitié de la saison de curling et l'arrivée de la saison des Fêtes, j'espère que vous avez apprécié votre expérience au club à ce jour.

Nous avons eu plusieurs événements réussis et d'autres sont prévus, si vous avez une idée s'il vous plaît communiquer avec votre comité de divertissement.

Soyez sûr d'assister à la soirée du 8 décembre, toujours un moment amusant avec des chansons et de la bonne humeur.

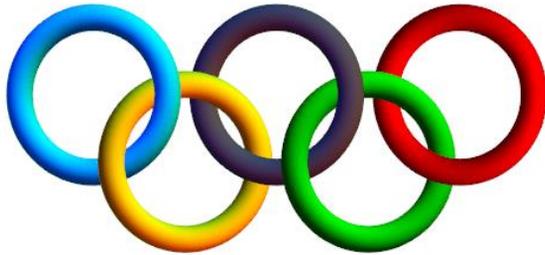
Nous sommes maintenant à la fine pointe de la technologie grâce à Klutch Curling d'Intellisports. Prêt pour vos iPhones maintenant et téléphones Android sous peu, c'est une opportunité pour une analyse approfondie de votre curling.

Remplaçants nécessaires: il semble que nous avons besoin de remplaçants dans les ligues du matin et du soir, donc si vous voulez et pouvez jouer en dehors de votre ligue habituelle, veuillez contacter les responsables de la ligue pour inscrire votre nom sur la liste.

Bon Curling!



Olympic fever



In 2018, Canada's Olympic teams will once again show the world who dominates curling. With all the excitement, the RMCC hopes to capture the moment and recruit dozens of Olympic hopefuls. We need your help!

An Olympics committee is working on a marketing campaign to make the most of this rare opportunity. Marketers, graphic designers, project managers, volunteers, and anyone with ideas or time to spare are asked to join us and make this season one to remember. If you are interested in joining the committee or have ideas please contact Giovina Rogers at giovina7@gmail.com.

Did you know...

...that if you refer someone to the club and he/she becomes a member, you will get a bottle of wine?

Poll your friends and neighbours and encourage them to be active this winter. You'll be recognized for your referral!



Welcome new members:

- ❖ Gabrielle Dillingham-Blais
- ❖ Tobias Engelhardt Rasmussen
- ❖ Anna Faraggi
- ❖ Guy Gagnon
- ❖ Andrew Habertl
- ❖ David Hanna
- ❖ Lily Hutchison
- ❖ Maya Hutchison
- ❖ Lucy Liu
- ❖ Cynthia Lulham
- ❖ Matthew Patterson
- ❖ Gabriel Rondeau

And welcome back:

- ❖ Mark Gallop
- ❖ Oleh Kabanov
- ❖ Sylvia Rourke





Ah Shucks, it's over!

About 60 people enjoyed the inaugural Oyster night at the club on November 9th. The guests were treated to celebrated Montreal oyster shucker Daniel Notkin (left).

Notkin was part of a team of Canadian oyster shuckers that set a new world record for the number of oysters shucked in an hour. The 10-member team shucked 8,840 oysters in an hour, beating the previous record of 8,472 held by a team from France.

Notkin is one of the owners of Notkins restaurant and of the seafood import venture The Old Port Fishing Company which supplies oysters to Montreal restaurants. He has also founded The Open Pier Foundation and Montreal Oysterfest, non-profit ventures that donate all proceeds to ocean sustainability.



Grand Match/Grande Dame

The RMCC entered three teams each for the Grand Match and Grande Dame, held Saturday Nov.18.

A good time was had by all!

Our best showing was Benoit Turcotte's rink of Luc-André Girard, Michael Stearns and Stéphane Frigon in a 8-6 win over Boucherville. Mt.Bruno won the day in both men's and women's play.



L to r: Pat Forbes, Marie Béland, Giovina Rogers, Dory Reimer

Coach's Corner



Martin Cavanagh
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Hello curlers!

As some may know, the World Curling Federation recently voted in favour of implementing a five-rock free guard zone, starting next season. That means that teams cannot eliminate guards sitting in the area outside of the house from the tee line up to the nearest hog line (the free guard zone) until five rocks have been played. This expands upon the four-rock rule which came about in the 1990s. We'll be implementing this rule next season.

RMCC LOGO Members-only brushes: *They are sometimes not returned to their lock-up, i.e., left at the ends of sheets, or borrowed from the ice shed for an outside event. Please notify the office if you must remove a brush from our club. Also, please ensure that the brushes are locked after each draw with our supplied lock (code 514). Increasingly rentals are using and abusing the brushes and that will ultimately shorten their lifespan.*

Rob Wearing – 1945-2017 (as published in the Montreal Gazette)



Robin Wearing died suddenly from an aortic aneurysm in his Montreal home on November 23, 2017 surrounded by family. Robin is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Esther (Mingay) Wearing, his son Ben (Jenn) and daughter Alison (Mathieu) and his five energetic grandchildren, Paige, Charlotte, Xavier, Evelyn and Lukas. Rob leaves to mourn his brother Rick of Huntsville and his sister Daphne of London. He was predeceased by his father (Morris)

and mother (Jane). Rob was born in Toronto and grew up in London, Ontario. His love for the outdoors was cultivated from his experiences at Camp Ahmek where he spent most of his summers as a camper and counselor. A talented athlete, Rob played a variety of sports but particularly excelled at football, which he continued to play during his years at the University of Western Ontario where he was a proud Mustang. In 1973, Rob moved to Montreal to work at Selwyn House School where he spent over 33 years as a teacher, coach and retired in 2006 as Director of the Senior School. He was notoriously known for rooting for the underdog and always had the student's best interests at heart. His guidance and influence are his legacy. There will be a celebration of Rob's life at the Mount Royal Cemetery, 1297 Chemin de la Forêt, Outremont, QC H2V 2P9 on Sunday, December 3 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater, Montreal, QC H3H 1Y2.

Reciprocal privileges with the University Club of Montreal

The RMCC has reciprocal privileges with the University Club of Montreal. As a member of RMCC you are permitted 10 visits per calendar year.

If you would like to entertain friends, business acquaintances or even family, perhaps you can think of supporting a like-minded club in the city and host a unique and surely delicious meal.

To take advantage of this offer, your first visit must be coordinated by our Front Office, which will provide the University Club with a letter confirming your good standing as a member of the RMCC. Then you will be able to contact (always with a reservation) the University Club for your reservation. Note that the University Club has relocated to the St. James Club. Payment is settled by you immediately following your dining experience, by credit card.

The University Club/St James Club is located at at 1145 Union Avenue, Montreal.

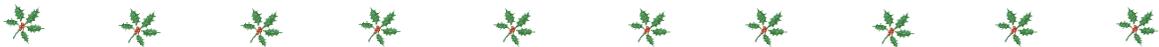
What is the University Club?

The University Club has a long history. Founded in 1907, The University Club of Montreal is a meeting place for men and women from business, academics, and other professions.

It offers meeting rooms, dining facilities, monthly speakers, events and more.

The clubhouse has relocated to the St James Club.

The University Club boasts a great kitchen (almost as good as ours) that offers breakfasts, lunches and dinners. It is ideally suited to hold that power breakfast, business lunch or dine-to-impress dinner.



Upcoming club bonspiels

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| January 1 | War Memorial -- contact Ian Swain |
| Jan 2 (or 4) | The Baillie -- contact Anatole Manniste
Date depends on whether The Centenary bonspiel needs all the allocated days |
| Jan 9-14 | The Centenary -- contact Steph Perron |
| March 24 | Jacques Cartier Friendly, Quebec City
-- contact Pierre Malo |
| April 7 | Kurling for Kids -- contact Pat Forbes |
| April 9 | Thistle Friendly -- contact Chris Foote |
| April 12 | Pat Lid -- contact Jaime Hutchison |



Curl on New Year's Day!

What better way to ring in 2018?

The War Memorial Trophy Competition
Monday, January 1, 2018
Curling starts at 10:00 a.m.
BRUNCH starts at 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$27 plus taxes

Open to members and guests. Bring the family! Contact: Ian Swain.

Centenary Cup Bonspiel

January 9-14

Played in January, the Centenary Cup had its origin in 1907 when the RMCC made it available for Branch competition to commemorate the 100th anniversary. Last year, 16 teams vied for three trophies: The Centenary Cup, the Thistle Centenary Trophy and the Bruce Hutchison Memorial Trophy.

Teams must pre-register. Watch the bulletin board and your email for more info to come.

RMCC parking



The office has been notified that there will be no parking attendants from Dec. 1, 2017 to January 7, 2018. Use the machine which takes credit card or change.

The RMCC has the right to use five parking spaces in the adjacent lot at a reduced rate. The spaces may be used by members on a first-come basis and are subject to the following:

1. During periods when the parking lot is supervised by an attendant, members are to identify themselves to the attendant who will record your license and membership number. The attendant will direct you to an available RMCC space. No immediate payment is necessary as you will be invoiced by RMCC. If no RMCC space is available, you will have to pay the attendant the pull posted price.
2. If the parking lot is unattended, members are required to park their vehicles in the spots against the ice shed that are clearly indicated as RMCC parking spaces. Vehicles left in RMCC spaces must have an RMCC parking pass (available from the office) clearly visible on the dashboard. Failure to display this pass, or parking in spaces other than the designated RMCC spots without paying for those spots will make your vehicle subject to towing.
3. Any member who uses one of the RMCC parking spaces is required to complete and sign a parking chit – these are available on the shelf outside the office and are to be left in the mailbox. These parking spots are an important source of revenue to the RMCC so it is important that the spots be properly invoiced.
4. Parking on the flagstone spaces immediately in front of the entrance is not permitted by members without express authorization of the General Manager. This area is designated for intermittent use by staff as necessary, for temporary use by members for pick-up/drop-off or for emergency uses. Any vehicles not in compliance with this will be subject to towing.

Grey Cup Magic!

"The dining room was converted into a relaxing lounge area. This gave us two viewing areas: we could watch the game, in front of the TV, or the converted lounge area!"

The menu was football yummy consisting of:

- Ribby Bits
- BBQ ribs
- Pulled Pork
- Mac & Cheese
- Maple Syrup Baked Beans
- Baked Potato Bar with all its trimmings
- Banana Cream Pie
- Turtle Bars
- Brownies
- Cognac Spiked Rice Krispie Squares

All was home made and appreciated by all!

A big thank you to Louise MacLellan for keeping everything under control, absolutely priceless help, Wendy for her support and help, and to Sebastian for all his work in keeping everyone happy! Thank you to those who, at the end of the game, moved all the furniture back to its original position."

Anna Faraggi (cutting pie below)



"It was a super gathering with a fantastic buffet provided by Anna and Ralph Faraggi. Josh Levy ran a 'numbers' game for every quarter and the game was excellent."

Michael Stearns



Ladies Curling Association Events 2017-2018 (District 1)*

January Bonspiels

Lady Tweedsmuir - District 1

Closing Date - December 19, 2017

Playdowns - January 6 - 17 2018

District Semis & Final - January 28, 2018 - Glenmore Curling Club

Entry Fee - \$100.00 per entry (double rink)

Championship - February 11, 2018 - 1:00 p.m. - RA Curling Club - Ottawa

<https://www.ladiescurlingassociation.com/lady-tweedsmuir>



McCallum Filly Hamilton Shield - District 1 - curlers with 7 or less years

Playdowns - January 22 - February 10, 2018

District Playdowns & Finals (8 ends) - March 3, 2018 - St. Lambert Curling Club

Entry Fee - \$60.00

Championship - March 11, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. - Ormstown Curling Club, Ormstown, QC

<https://www.ladiescurlingassociation.com/mccallum-filly-hamilton-shield>

February Bonspiels

Day Ladies Invitational Bonspiel * Pointe Claire Curling Club - no info yet

100th Annual Bonspiel * Montreal West Curling Club - February 18, 2018

Contact: Karen Hall Moon: karenhallmoon@videotron.ca or 514-486-6097

<http://mtlwestcurl.org/mwcc-womens-100th-anniversary/>

L.C.A. Evening Ladies/Gillies-Wallingford - District 1

Closing Date - February 16, 2018

Playdowns - Sat, March 10, 2018, Finals - Sat, March 17, 2018 - Lachine Curling Club

Entry Fee - \$60.00

<https://www.ladiescurlingassociation.com/lca-evening-ladies-gillies-wallingford>

***The events highlighted** are those in which the RMCC Ladies have participated. Note that MacCallum Filly and Dudley Kerr are for less experienced curlers. We encourage all women to participate in representing the RMCC. Sign up when posted or contact Simone Roy - 514-933-3221 - cloy@sympatico.ca

RMCC Ladies update

On Monday, November 20, the dining room and lounge was abuzz for the semi-annual **Ladies Lunch and Bridge**. It is always a pleasure to welcome RMCC social members to this event. Thanks to Jean Denis for a memorable lunch, and congratulations to Alice Gagnon for winning a bottle of wine at the card table.



The much anticipated Ladies Christmas Lunch will occur Monday, December 18, 2017. Please sign up on the sheet in the Ladies Lounge. Cost is \$20, non-refundable, and more than worth it!

In the meantime, curling continues. Two teams skipped by Pat Ackman and Bev Hutchison participated in the annual Elfrida Payson Bonspiel at the Lachine Curling Club. A good time was had by all.

The first session of Monday and Thursday morning Mixed Curling winds up early January and the draw for next session will be made December 4. Please feel welcome to sign up and join in.

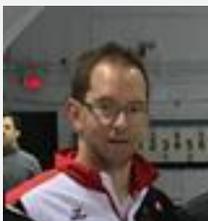
As per tradition, the Ladies decorated the club for Christmas. Thanks to Jane Allan for organizing this and to all the volunteers who participated.

Submitted by Pat Hamilton



Longest curling game....ever!

Daniel Notkin wasn't the only Guinness World Record holder to visit the club in November. Vincent Perrot-Audet from Switzerland dropped by while on a week's vacation. He was a great addition to some teams in need of spares. In 2015, Vincent participated in **the longest marathon curling event in the world – a whopping 100 hours, three minutes and 25 seconds!**



Member profiles

The *Hack* asked these folks to complete the following phrases:



Steven Backman
Member 1993



Tracy Johnstone
Member 2012



Chris Foote
Member 2001

I joined the RMCC because:

my father in law, Mr. David Gregory, hoped it would save my marriage.

I needed a winter hobby and wanted to meet some new people

my previous curling club turned into a grocery store.

When asked what I do for a living, I reply:

I usually reply "I try to breathe regularly".

marketing strategy for a company that makes Splashpads and waterslides

anything that doesn't end with tech support questions.

In the summer, you will find me:

kayaking, hiking, swimming, running, tossing frisbees or "curled" up with a good book

on the golf course – and planning our next home exchange somewhere in the world

babysitting 42 tomato plants and making the best salsa on earth.

A passion and a pet peeve:

Passion: staying outside. Peeve: cruelty of any sort.

Passion: travel. Pet peeve: the STM on any given day (I spend 3h/day commuting)

Passion: Any music from the 1980's. Pet peeve: Squirrels and any other rodent.



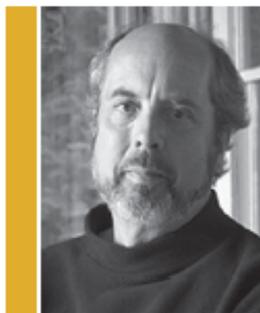
WEDNESDAY GUEST SPEAKER LUNCHEON



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

Mr. Brian Merrett

His Topic: Photographing Montreal's Heritage Architecture - 1969–1990"



Brian Merrett has been a Montreal based architectural and fine-arts photographer for five decades. As well as having worked for the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the National Gallery of Canada, he continues to freelance in these fields. His work appears in numerous fine-arts publications and in private, corporate and public collections.

From the late 1960's and into the 1990's Brian photographed the rapidly changing urban landscape of Montreal. Working with Save Montreal, Westmount Action Committee, Friends of Windsor Station and Heritage Montreal, he focused on threatened buildings. With François Rémillard, he co-authored three books to build public awareness of Montreal's diverse architectural styles, buildings and landmarks, the most recent of these being "Belles demeures historiques de L'Île de Montréal", published in 2016.

Bar opens at
11:30 AM
Buffet luncheon
at 12:15 PM

Mark your calendars for these upcoming speakers, continued next page

Date	Speaker/Subject	Date	Speaker/Subject
Dec.13	Robert Walsh CSI History Made in Montreal	Dec. 20	Reverend Dr. Glenn Chestnutt A Christmas Message

Wednesday guest speaker luncheons (upcoming)	
Date	Speaker/Subject
Jan. 10	Marc Garneau, Member of Parliament, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce
Jan. 17	Kelly Hawke Baxter, Transformational change towards sustainability
Jan. 24	Professor Donald Nerbas, Nova Scotia's Gaelic connection
Jan. 31	Wayne Larsen, Small Town Newspapers

Klutch Curling app now available; free trial period over

A big thank you for your support during the soft launch of Klutch Curling! We appreciate that so many of you took the time to test out the beta version! Your feedback and the experiences you had helped us make some very important updates to the app. As such, the test version that you currently have is no longer operational. Please delete it from your iPhone.

We've officially launched the iOS Klutch Curling App on the App Store! Android users stay tuned because our Google Play Store launch is scheduled for the end of November.

Once downloaded, you will have to log out and then re-create your account by entering your email address and password. To log out tap the profile icon in the top left hand corner of your app, this will open your Account Page. Once on your Account Page tap the 'log out' button. After you log out you will be able to recreate your account. Once your account is created you will have access to three free trial sessions!

*Note: If at any point you need assistance, from the Account Page you can tap "live chat" to get real time help with your app.



Exclusively for the members of the RMCC, take advantage of a limited time discount code **KLUTCH17 to get **20% off** your app subscription**

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