

Happy
New Year!

THE ROYAL MONTREAL CURLING CLUB

News...from the Hack!

January 2018

Kurling for Kids – 20th year in 2018

Kurling for Kids will be celebrating it's 20th year in 2018. Each year the amount raised has increased and we hope this trend will continue. The raffle tickets will be ready in mid-January and there will be 20 good prizes to be won.

The Montreal Children's Hospital is having a cocktail/reception on January 18 in the PK Subban Atrium of the Children's site at the MUHC. If anyone would like to attend, please let me, Marie Béland or Jim Mathewson know.

RMCC members should start thinking now about entering teams in the one-day fundraising event on April 7. Its always lots of fun. Also use your imaginations to try some other fundraising initiatives. Every little amount adds up.



Submitted by Pat Forbes

A curling joke...

On reports that Russia has been banned from the 2018 Olympics as punishment for the widespread use of performance-enhancing drugs in the past, this late night talk show host said this:

"It's very interesting, athletes from Russia can still participate, but they won't get credit for winning any medals. Yeah, Olympic events that don't matter — or as most people call it, curling." — JIMMY FALLON

Do you have news?

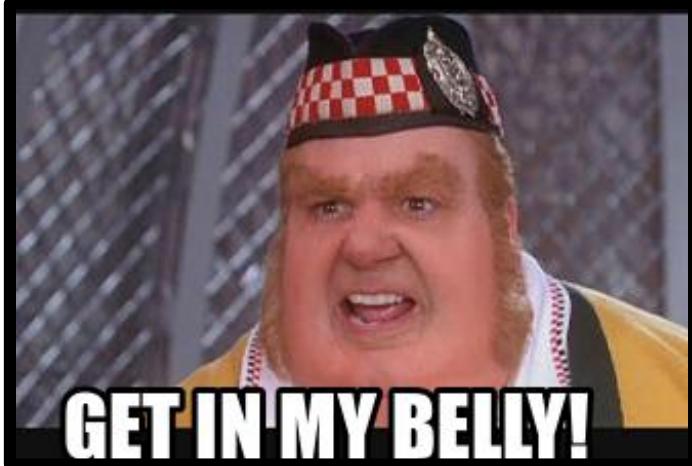
Send your announcements in English, and French if you can manage it, to me five days before month end. Thanks!

Deanna

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*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.*

New Years Day Curling and Feasting!



GET IN' MY BELLY!

What better way to sweep in the New Year than with curling at 10am followed by a fantastic brunch (see menu) among fellow curlers and friends?

If you have not already signed up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the club, please

RSVP to the office or try out the on-line sign up sheet at members.royalmontrealcurling.ca. We look forward to seeing you in 2018 over rocks and eggs benedict!

Ian Swain, Esther Wearing and the House Committee

Quo de mieux pour faire la rentrée de la nouvelle année qu'avec le curling à 10h suivi d'un brunch fantastique (voir menu) entre amateurs de curling et amis?

Si vous ne vous êtes pas déjà inscrit sur la feuille d'inscription sur le tableau d'affichage du club, veuillez confirmer votre présence avec le bureau ou en essayant la feuille d'inscription en ligne chez [membres.royalmontrealcurling.ca](http://members.royalmontrealcurling.ca). Nous avons hâte de vous voir en 2018 parmi les rochers et les oeufs bénédicins!

Ian Swain, Esther Wearing et le comité de la Maison

Cost \$27 + tx

- **RSVP by email to: administration@royalmontrealcurling.ca**
- **Try out the on-line sign up sheet at: members.royalmontrealcurling.ca**

Join the RMCC Olympic planning team!

Are you a gold medal thinker or planner? An Olympics committee is working on a marketing campaign to make the most of this rare opportunity to draw eyeballs and members to the RMCC. 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.**



In case you missed it...

Team Homan will curl for Canada in Pyeongchang. Rachel Homan, third Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney and lead Lisa Weagle will represent Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympics curling competition, which will be held Feb. 14 to 25. The Team Canada alternate will be named at a later date.



And....

Team Koe will chase gold wearing the maple leaf. Kevin Koe, along with third Marc Kennedy, second Brent Laing, lead Ben Hebert and coach John Dunn, earned the right to represent Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.



Message du président

Chers membres, J'espère que votre première partie de la saison de curling a été agréable.

Comme Mère Nature a jugé bon de nous envoyer notre première chute de neige sérieuse cet hiver, nous devons à nouveau prendre des mesures strictes pour nous assurer que notre entrée et notre club soient aussi propres que possible. Le sel et la saleté peuvent facilement être transportés dans l'aréna, affectant négativement la glace et les pierres.

Les membres sont souvent les premiers à arriver au club le matin et nous apprécierions votre aide avec quelques tâches légères et des conseils.

- *Le nettoyage de la neige (saleté et sel) à l'extérieur de la porte d'entrée prend deux minutes, mais évite que 90% du problème ne survienne. Il y a toujours une pelle et un balai dans l'entrée. S'il vous plaît, faites votre part pour nous aider.*
- *Retirez la neige de vos bottes avant d'entrer, essuyez le reste sur les tapis en caoutchouc.*
- *TOUT LE MONDE doit utiliser le nettoyeur de bottes, puis retirer vos bottes d'extérieur avant d'entrer dans le club. Apportez des chaussures propres ou des pantoufles pour vous rendre dans les vestiaires ou au-delà.*

Ce qui précède permettra de s'assurer que le club reste plus propre et que notre investissement dans de meilleures conditions de glace continue de vous être bénéfique.

Je vous souhaite à tous un joyeux Temps des Fêtes et que vos pierres suivent le parcours souhaité en 2018!

Michael Stearns, Président



President's message

Dear Members, I trust your first half of the curling season has been enjoyable.

As Mother Nature has seen fit to send us our first serious snowfall this winter, we again must take strict measures to ensure our entrance and club is kept as clean as possible.

Our efforts at the entrance will reward us with better ice. Salt and dirt can easily be carried into the ice shed, negatively affecting the ice and stones.

Members are often the first to arrive at the club in the morning and we would appreciate your help with some light duties and tips.

- *Clearing the snow (dirt and salt) outside our front door takes two minutes but helps keep 90% of the problem from coming in. There is always a shovel and broom in the entrance for this purpose. Please do your part to help us out.*
- *Kick the snow off your boots before coming in, wipe the rest off on the rubber mats.*
- *EVERYONE must use the boot cleaner and then remove your outdoor boots before entering into the club. Bring clean shoes or slippers to get you into the locker rooms or beyond.*

The above will ensure the club remains cleaner and our investment in better ice continues to benefit you.

I wish you all a joyous time during this festive period of year and may your stones curl as you wish in 2018!

Michael Stearns, President



Coach's Corner



Martin Cavanagh
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Hello curlers!

The message for this newsletter is: PLEASE CLEAN YOUR WINTER BOOTS/SHOES WHEN YOU ENTER THE CLUB USING THE BOOT CLEANER, AND THEN TAKE THEM OFF IMMEDIATELY.

Our club entrance cleaning protocol is not being followed and snow and grit from outside has

already migrated to the ice surface. Please be advised that damage is being done and ice quality and rock contamination is evident.

Staff, Members and visitors are not cleaning their footwear in the boot brush machine, then removing their footwear BEFORE walking into the club or changing rooms. The long trail of dirt and salt stains from the front door to the changing rooms and downstairs lounge are problematic for the ice surface. (Read why and how below.)



Ice & Rock Science:

The same salt that melts sidewalk ice... melts curling rink ice. It does this by lowering the freezing point of water, and at a given temperature will remain in its liquid state. On the curling sheet, it manifests initially, (low concentrations of Sodium Chloride NaCL) by producing sporadic "softer" ice spots. (At the RMCC, usually around hacks and on sliding path towards hog-line at the home end), where contaminated footwear first comes in contact with our ice.

Eventually as concentrations increase, "soft ice" conditions will migrate outwards for initial points to contaminate the entire sheet. Due to friction and higher concentrations, the salt migrates into the curling stone granite running surface where it deposits in increasing concentrations to a point where liquid water starts to penetrate the granite surface. When this occurs, the water will eventually freeze when rocks are parked. Water expands 7-9% during freezing thereby causing micro-fractures in the granite and destroying the running surface.

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Member profiles

The Hack
asked these
folks to
complete
the
following
phrases:



Suzanne Coté
Member 2013



Jim Mathewson
Member 1996



Tim Lapin
Member 1999

I joined the
RMCC because:

*it is the closest
curling club to my
house. (5 min walk –
3 if I run!).*

*I was "shanghaied"
by our classmate,
Bob Percy, (along
with two others).*

*at an open house, it felt
like I was coming home,
instead of a place I'd
never been before.*

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

*I work for the
Canadian Coast
Guard in the field of
workforce analysis.*

*I used to import
tchotchkies from India.
Now I manage websites
for a tchotchkie importer.*

*computer consultant
for a major university.*

In the
summer, you
will find me:

*an a golf course, on
a patio sipping on
something, visiting
friends.*

*at the lake, putting
around outdoors,
reading and taking
frequent naps.*

*on bicycle trails and
paths.*

A passion and a
pet peeve:

*Passion: exploring the
many restaurants and
pubs Montreal has to
offer. Peeve: people
who don't share the
sidewalks!*

*Passion: Pickin' tunes
on my steel-string
guitar. Peeve: Vigilante
bike riders who pound
your windshield if you
displease them.*

*Passion: music, good
food. Pet peeve:
People who cancel at
the last minute.*

Ladies News

As per custom, the ladies of the Monday Morning mixed curling group came in bright and early to transform the Club for the holiday season. Thanks to Jane Allan for organizing the event and to all those who spent time decorating.

The annual Ladies Christmas lunch was held Monday December 18 and we were happy to have many social members join the curlers.

We look forward to getting back on the ice **January 4** and hope everyone has a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year holiday!

Submitted by Patricia Hamilton

Upcoming club bonspiels

Jan 4	The Baillie	Contact Anatole Manniste
Jan 9-14	The Centenary	contact Steph Perron
March 24	Jacques Cartier Friendly, Quebec City	contact Pierre Malo
April 7	Kurling for Kids	contact Andy Shatilla
April 9	Thistle Friendly	contact Chris Foote
April 12	Pat Lid --	contact Jaime Hutchison

Hugh Paton Champions

Congratulations to David Tait, Deanna Allen, Glen Nobes and John Montgomery who prevailed over Charles Baudinet, John Neary, Betty O'Connor and Caroline Tabah to win the coveted honour and trophy for the club's first official bonspiel.

Tied at six in the seventh end, it became a one-end game with the final shot deciding the winner.



Wednesday guest speaker luncheons (upcoming)

Date	Speaker/Subject
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
Feb. 7	Anna Gainey, President of the Liberal Party of Canada
Feb. 14	Prof. Graham Dodds, The State of U.S. Politics
Feb. 21	Prof. Tsz-Ho Kwok, 3-D printing and parts manufacturing
Feb. 28	Judy Martin, Patients come first

Curlzone Training Update:

L2C and all levels of member training will resume in January: Saturdays 12h-16h and Wednesdays 15h-17h.

This change reflects the best feasible fit for RMCC and training demand. Although new L2C numbers have been lower than expected this fall, our conversion rate to membership has proven to be very successful.

Martin Cavanagh

And finally....

Q: What's a curler's favorite kind of food?

A: *Take out!*



Morning mixed leagues

Curlers participating in the Monday and Thursday Morning Mixed Leagues please note that competitions for 2018 begin Thursday, January 11th and Monday, January 15th.

Pat Ackman

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 power curlers and meet members you might not see during the week. A great way to work out the cobwebs from the night before.

Sign-up sheets are on the club bulletin board or be at the club at 9:45 a.m.