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Message du président

Bienvenue à l'édition de février de BALAYAGES alors que nous essayons de faire face à l'hiver et d'éviter le traumatisme de réclusion. Nous avons eu quelques difficultés d'équipement au début de la saison et les problèmes ont continué jusqu'aux vacances de Noël. Le déshumidificateur tombait en panne périodiquement ce qui rendait la glace bizarre. L'appareil de chauffage s'arrêtait parce qu'un dispositif visant à réduire nos coûts d'énergie électrique a eu besoin de programmation, incluant plusieurs essais et erreurs. Il en est résulté de la glace lente et des capitaines froids et grincheux. Même l'appareil de chauffage du salon a fait des siennes. Après avoir perdu sur un espace de jeu glacial et se retrouver dans un local mal chauffé a provoqué des « froids » chez certains. Heureusement, tout est maintenant réglé.

Je suis fier de la réussite de certains de nos équipes au niveau compétitif cette saison. Vous pouvez lire au sujet de leurs exploits dans les pages suivantes.

L'année dernière, nous avons mandaté un comité de planification stratégique. Une de leurs recommandations concernait le salon et son ameublement relativement vieillot. En conséquence, un comité a été formé pour examiner les moyens d'améliorer l'aménagement du bar et du salon, ainsi que les moyens de financer les changements. Tout est très préliminaire à ce stade et rien ne sera décidé avant d'avoir consulté l'ensemble des membres.

Nos effectifs sont complets. Nous devons maintenant étudier où nous voulons aller. Devrions-nous ralentir notre recrutement ou chercher des moyens d'accueillir plus de membres? Un autre comité formé pour répondre à cette question vous demandera vos opinions sur ce sujet épineux.

Une des forces de est l'apport de nos bénévoles. Elles et ils utilisent leur talent et leur compétences de gestion pour nous organiser des événements agréables et amusants. Si vous avez une chance de participer au succès du club, n'hésitez pas, puisque on obtient toujours plus de satisfaction que les efforts accordés. N'oubliez pas, venez au club pour vous amuser.

President's Message

Welcome to the February edition of SWEEPINGS as we try to cope with the dregs of winter and avoid cabin fever. The equipment start-up was less than graceful this season and the glitches continued until almost the Christmas holidays. The dehumidifier would shut down periodically making for wonky ice. The shed heaters were not working because a device to reduce our electrical power costs needed programming plus considerable experimentation. This made for slow ice and cranky, cold skips. Even the furnace to heat the lounge was affected resulting in a few frosty moments. Coming off cold ice into a chilly clubhouse after losing a game produced some great attitudes! All that is behind us now.

I am proud of the success some of our teams have had at the competitive level this season and you can read about their triumphs in the ensuing pages.

Last year we commissioned a Strategic Planning Committee. One of their recommendations was that the lounge area is starting to look a bit dated and weather beaten. As a consequence, a committee has been struck to look at ways to improve the bar, the lounge area, the furniture and ways to finance it. Everything is very preliminary at this point and nothing will be decided before consulting with the general membership.

Our membership is full and we must look at where we want to go from here. Do we slow down our recruiting program or look for ways to accommodate more members? Another committee is being formed to address this issue plus survey your opinions on playing time options.

One of the points of pride in our Club is the efforts of our volunteers. They make the events so enjoyable and fun for all of us because of their capabilities and organizational skills. If you have a chance to volunteer for something within the Club do it because you always get more back than you put into it. Don't forget; the Club is a place to come and have fun!



Bob Suderman

MESSAGE DU RÉDACTEUR EN CHEF

Février est le mois le plus court en nombre de jours mais souvent le plus long de l'hiver. La magnifique photo de Wayne Arnold en première page, un mélange de bleus, de gris et de blancs, avec Stewart Hall à l'arrière-plan, illustre bien l'hiver au Québec.

Certains d'entre nous décident d'éviter février en séjournant dans des endroits plus cléments. C'est du Texas que je travaille sur cette édition de Sweepings. Plusieurs m'ont redemandé une édition "maillot de bains, alors je vous offre une image plus chaleureuse.

En page 11, Alex Simard nous offre une autre solution: jouer au CCPC guérira vos sentiments de tristesse saisonnière. Il est aussi possible de se remettre d'aplomb avec un peu de vin (page 7), de se rappeler des bons souvenirs (Hasewaga en page 3) ou de se raconter des blagues (Wolff en page 14)

Nos nerds favoris, Bob Wood et Robert Rondeau, nous informent des avantages et des dangers de l'électronique (pages 5 et 12). C'est grâce à la magie de l'internet qu'il m'est possible de recevoir et d'expédier des textes pour préparer cette édition, peu importe où se trouve l'ordinateur.

Février est aussi le mois de l'amour, personnifiée par St-Valentin, ce qui a inspiré notre poétesse Jacquie Chatterson en dernière page.

Vous pourrez lire sur les nombreuses activités du club, les Sénateurs, les dames, les juniors et les autres compétitions.

Il est aussi nécessaire de vous informer de nouvelles plus tristes, soit le décès inattendu de John Tullner. En page 17, certains de ses amis se remémorent John.

J'espère que ce numéro vous plaira. N'hésitez pas à me soumettre vos textes et/ou photos pour le numéro d'avril.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

February is the shortest month in days but often the longest month of winter. The beautiful picture of Wayne Arnold on page one, a mixture of grays, blues and whites, with Stewart Hall in the background, illustrates well the winter in Quebec.

Some of us prefer to travel to warmer climates in February. I put together this edition in South Padre Island, Texas. A number of Senators asked me for the Swimsuit edition, so here is a "warmer" picture.

On page 11, Alex Simard offers another solution: play at PCCC to heal SAD feelings. It is also possible to fight it by savouring a little wine (page 7), by reminiscing (Hasewaga on page 3) or by telling a few good jokes (Wolff on page 13)

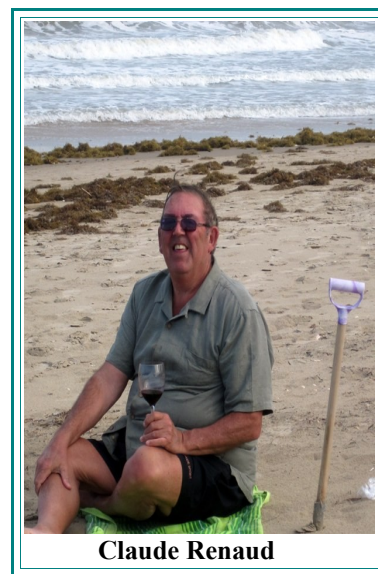
Our favorite nerds, Bob Wood and Robert Rondeau, inform us of the benefits and dangers of electronic (pages 5 and 12). It is thanks to the magic of the internet that I can receive and send texts to prepare this edition in Texas (Howdy!), no matter where the computer is.

February is also the month of love, personified by Valentine, who inspired our poet Jacquie Chatterson on the last page.

You can read about the many activities of the club, the Senators, ladies, junior and other competitions.

It is also necessary to inform you of new saddest or the unexpected death of John Tullner. On page 17, some of his friends tell us how they remember John.

I hope you enjoy this issue. Do not hesitate to submit your text and/or photos for the April issue.



Claude Renaud

MY HOMEMADE CURLING SHOES

By Jim Hasegawa

My good friend Bernie and I became members of the Summerlea Golf Club in 1974. At the end of the season, Bernie told me that he was now itching to play curling at the Baie-D'Urfé Curling Club. He tried to convince me to join but I had NO idea what curling was about. Out of curiosity, I gave in and met him at the club. He warned me to be careful not to slip on the ice. I watched as Bernie threw rock after rock, realizing that this was a challenging sport. I got interested and asked for details. I was told it was a relatively cheap sport, compared to golf. All I needed was some warm clothing, shoes and a broom. I went to the Boathouse in Lachine to price the equipment. Expensive! I remembered I had a pair of NIKE waffle trainer jogging shoes at home with most of the studs worn down. I was then jogging five miles four times a week and had just bought a pair of New Balance Supreme jogging shoes, so the Nikes were finito.



At K-Mart in Kirkland, I found a \$2.95 kit for replacing worn sliders and grippers. AN IDEA. Why not transform my old Nikes into curling shoes? I sanded away the worn out studs on both soles in my workshop and cemented the slider and gripper sheets on the soles with the contact cement provided with the kit. I used my Nike "curling shoes" for two seasons. It was the talk of the club. But after a few outside bonspiels, the curiosity, questions and jokes became too much. I decided to retire my Nikes. I hung them up alongside my track shoes and baseball cleats. Yes, I have kept all my sport shoes in my basement locker, a legacy for my grandkids.

CompuGroup **By Bob Wood**

One day in 2004m, my son suggested that I investigate a new Email provider. I was, at the time, using Sympatico from Bell, my net provider, and an email service from Yahoo in order to obtain mail while I was traveling. The new Email was called Google which I thought was a dumb name as I remembered an old song



Bob Wood

based on a comic strip called Barney Google. Dumb name or not, I signed up, tried it out, sent a mail to my son and then didn't use it for a couple of months. Then one day I noticed with Google technical inputs that I was using it more and more. I also discovered that I could access my Sympatico mail thru Gmail making it a one stop Email solution for all

existing mail accounts. From then on, it has been the best and safest Email that I have used.

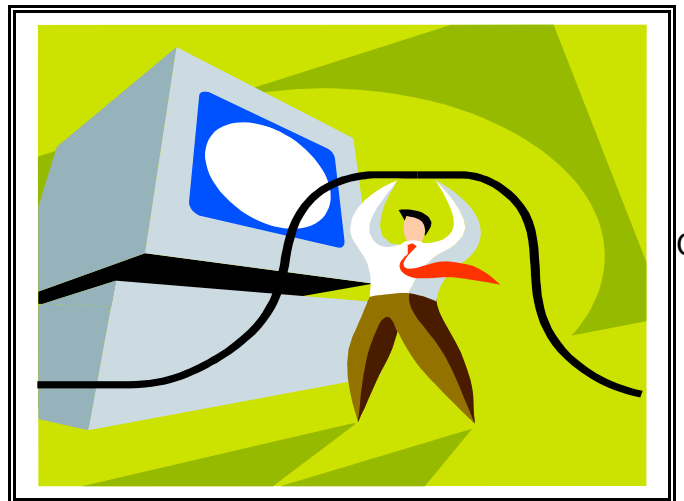
Why do I like Gmail as my primary mail service? Because it is available on any system that I log into. All I have to remember is my mail name and PW. This is great when one is traveling, and the fact that I can access my other email, Sympatico and Yahoo, in Gmail.

Over the years Google has continually improved the Gmail service and has added a multitude of useful tools that assist the user without buying a lot of additional software.

I use a tool called Documents. This tool allows users who do not have Microsoft Office to work with most spreadsheets, word documents, and to review, save and work on files. You can access these files from any location where you log into Gmail, work on them and also you can create new items.

Another tool is Calendar. This to me is invaluable. Since April 2008, I have been using it for everything, set up schedules, to do items, travel, bill paying and so on.

And let's not forget "Contacts" where we can assign groups, special interest, and other, plus the regular personal directory. This contact list syncs with all my other computers and a change in one appears instantly in the others. It is relatively simple to transfer a contact list from your current mail and not lose information.



On the left side of Gmail is an item called "Phone". This is a free service from Google that allows a user to call a telephone anywhere in the "1" area for free and in Europe for a reasonable cost. Another item is VideoChat, similar to Skype. If you have a camera on the computer, then you can talk and see others who have Gmail and a video camera.

Picasa is another Google program that has been around for a few years and continues to get better all the time. It will handle all your photos, allow you to resize, adjust, add effects, and store them locally or on the web. It allows one to set up a web album, for sharing among friends, family and many others. It is free. I have used it for some photos and for attaching Photos to Emails when sending to others.

CompuGroup

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Over the years we have made friends from different countries, whose native language is neither English nor French. They often wish to communicate but hesitate due to the language barrier. In Google there is a feature called translate, that one can install, and my advice to our friends is to write an email in their native language, Portuguese, Korean... I use the translate feature and so far we have communicated without difficulty.

Google has now become a powerhouse in the Computerworld. As I write this I hear that Google monitors your search requests. A lot of users are concerned but from having worked with software, this is good. Individuals are not doing this, the search tool is programmed to see what you have done before, such as if I type in the search bar Pointe-Claire the first thing that pops up is PC Curl, because I was there before.

As a communication leader, Google have developed some neat items. One is a new Browser called Chrome which is small in system size. Chrome is a good choice to try, easy to install, faster than others and easier to navigate. It works with class on a PC or Mac and has a neat feature that it automatically updates itself keeping it in top shape. I use Chrome rather than others, why? It is easier, the search bar is the address bar, and Google have virus protection embedded.

No I do not work for Google. The reason I use certain items is because they work, are secure and easy to operate. There are many other items that Google have that increase one's efficiency with the net. I have a PC and an iMac, they handle all Google programs without difficulty. Google Chrome has a page that is the called the Google Web Store with a lot of good applications such as note pads, weather maps

plus a lot of others, worth a look. Most are free.

Apple also have an App store on their system browser Safari, and another on the iPad which offer a lot of neat items, free or not. With the advent of the iPad, Smart Phones and similar devices, the old methods of communication are changing. Apps are the new tools to investigate, as they provides program with minimum expense.



The computer world is changing at a rapid pace. The new systems and dependency on internet is giving users a tough time just to keep up with new technology. The iPad that is to arrive soon should have a high resolution camera, with a capability to be a phone where one has internet access. Apple has developed into a leader. Google also appear to be running abreast of Apple with the new Android system, and the new smart phones. We see Google apps on the Google Chrome browser, and I suspect that soon we may see the development of a Google marketing program where Google will be marketing their own product as Apple does through their own store. So far Apple has been a great success.

All for now.

Lets All Have A Great Spring.

IN VINO VERITAS

Some of my Senators colleagues may have noticed that I have a certain affinity for wine. As I travel in the United States, I find that the juice of Bacchus is not as popular as in Québec.

One night, in one of these food chains that are a step above fast-food, I asked to see the wine list. The young pimply waiter looked at me with surprised eyes, then said: "I'm not sure. I'll check". He came back with the information: "Yes, we have wine: red, white or blush". OK! I discovered that "blush" in a Californian term for sweet rosé, a terrible concoction.

In another restaurant, we ordered wine by the glass, as it was not available by the bottle. Curiously, we saw the bartender run out of the restaurant into the street. The waitress explained: "Sorry, your wine will take a few minutes. The bartender cannot find the corkscrew, so he went to buy one at the hardware store two blocks away." Ten minutes later, the bartender came running back, proudly holding a corkscrew in his hand. Now I travel with my Swiss knife (with corkscrew attachment) in my pocket.

In Corpus Christi, we found a great Steakhouse, Astor. They sell wine by the glass (red, white and blush, of course) but also by the bottle, a 1.5 liter bottle, that is. They sell only the 2-bottle format, for \$19, in a restaurant! It turned out to be quite palatable California Cabernet Sauvignon. We were told that we could bring the double bottle home if we did not finish this large bottle, provided they put in a brown paper bag. A doggie bag for wine! Proudly, this young hispanic waitress, eager to please, brings this large bottle to our table and inserts a winged corkscrew into the neck of the bottle. But the cork does not come out. I decide to check the bottle, only to find out that this is not a bottle with a cork, this is a bottle with a screw cap. She had actually inserted the corkscrew in the screw cap and made a hole in the metal top. No wonder it did not come out. We had a good laugh and a good sip.

But do not despair. With a bit of perseverance, it is possible to find good wine even in Texas. Zeste, our favorite restaurant in South Padre Island, offers a wine tasting every thursday night. They charge \$6.50 for 4 glasses. Last week, we tasted an Italian ..., a Chilean ..., a Californian ... and an Argentinian ... The Argentinian was so good that we brought two bottles home. Conclusion: you can drink good wine in the USA, and at such reasonable prices.

Certains de mes collègues Sénateurs auront peut-être remarqué que j'ai une certaine affinité pour le vin. Lors de mes séjours aux États-Unis, je découvre que le jus de Bacchus n'est pas aussi populaire qu'au Québec.

Un soir, dans un de ces restaurants de chaîne, un cran meilleur que du fast-food, je demande à voir la carte des vins. Le jeune serveur ado à boutons me regarde d'un regard surpris, puis dit: «Je ne suis pas sûr. Je vais vérifier". Il revient avec l'information: "Oui, nous avons du vin: rouge, blanc ou blush". OK! J'ai découvert que "blush" est un terme californien pour un rosé sucré, une potion terrible.

Dans un autre restaurant, nous commandons du vin au verre, car il n'est pas disponible à la bouteille. Curieusement, nous voyons le barman sortir du restaurant en courant. La serveuse nous explique: "Désolé, vous devrez patienter quelques minutes pour le vin. Le barman ne peut pas trouver le tire-bouchon. Alors il est allé en acheter un à la quincaillerie à deux rues d'ici." Dix minutes plus tard, le barman revint en courant, tenant fièrement un tire-bouchon à la main. Maintenant, je voyage avec mon couteau suisse (avec attachement tire-bouchon) dans ma poche.

À Corpus Christi, nous avons découvert Astor, un excellent Steakhouse, Ils vendent le vin au verre (rouge, blanc et blush, bien sûr) mais aussi à la bouteille, une bouteille de 1,5 litre, faut-il préciser. Ils ne vendent que le format de 2 bouteilles, et ce pour 19 \$, dans un restaurant (!) un cabernet sauvignon californien tout à fait acceptable. On nous dit que nous pourrions amener la bouteille avec nous si nous ne l'avons pas terminé. Un «doggy bag» de vin! Fièrement, la jeune serveuse hispanique, anxieuse de nous plaire, apporte cette grande bouteille à notre table et insère un tire-bouchon à ailes dans le goulot de la bouteille. Mais le bouchon ne sort pas. Je décide de vérifier la bouteille, pour découvrir que ce n'est pas une bouteille avec un bouchon de liège, mais avec une capsule vissée. Elle avait réussi à insérer le tire-bouchon dans la capsule et fait un trou à travers le métal. Pas étonnant que ça ne sortait pas. Nous avons bien ri et bien bu.

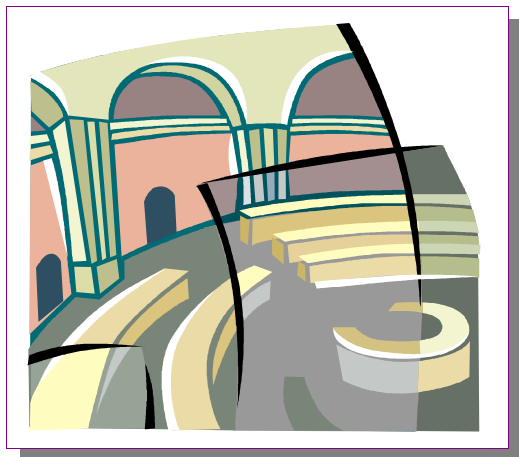


Mais ne désespérez pas. Avec un peu de persévérance, il est possible de trouver du bon vin, même au Texas. Zeste, notre restaurant préféré à South Padre Island, offre une dégustation de vin tous les jeudis. Ils ne demandent que 6,50 \$ pour les 4 verres. La semaine dernière, nous avons dégusté un Frascati italien, un Chardonnay chilien, un Petite Syrah californien et un Cabernet Sauvignon argentin. Nous avons tellement aimé l'argentin que nous en avons acheté deux bouteilles. Conclusion: il est possible de boire du bon vin aux États-Unis, et ce à des prix très raisonnables.

SENATOR'S NEWS

Senators activities continue at full pace since the New Year, with all ice times full on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with extra games being played on Wednesdays.

On February 27, three PCCC teams will journey to Alexandria to play the second leg of the "Second Place Trophy" competition. Alexandria leads in total rock count by four. Good luck to all participants.



As of January 20, Pointe-Claire was in second place in the Interclub, after 14 games played. Laval is slightly ahead but has played only 12 games. It looks like it will be a battle for first place until the last week of the season.

The Senators are looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day match with the ladies on Tuesday March 13. The ladies are in charge this year, and it is anticipated that it will be enjoyed by all.

The Senator's investments in Calcutta has resulted in a net gain of \$2.50 per investor. It is rumored that the fund managers used to work for Nortel...

Following popular demand, plans are underway to hold a Skins competition in April after the season end of the three regular competitions. If you are interested, let us know.

Paul Brideau is the coordinator for our training sessions. He informs us that we have been doing the lessons since November. After 60 draws, instructions have been given on 53 occasions, a completion ratio of 88%. The missing 12% occurred due to illness or other engagements. Thanks to Paul, to all who have given lessons, and to all who listened.

NOUVELLES DES SÉNATEURS

Les activités des Sénateurs se sont poursuivies à toute vitesse depuis le début de 2012, avec les temps de glace complets les mardis, jeudis et vendredis, de sorte qu'il a été nécessaire d'ajouter des joutes les mercredis.

Le 27 février, trois équipes du CCPC se rendront à Alexandria pour la deuxième partie de la compétition "Trophée de la deuxième place". Alexandria est présentement en avance de 4 roches. Bonne chance à tous les participants.

Dans l'Interclub, nous étions en deuxième position le 20 janvier dernier, après 14 parties. Laval est légèrement en avance. Toutefois, ils n'avaient joué que 12 parties à cette date. Ce sera une bataille pour la première place jusqu'à la fin de la saison.

C'est le 13 mars prochain que se tiendra la compétition de la St-Patrick contre les dames. Cette année, les dames sont en charge de l'organisation. C'est toujours une rencontre très plaisante.

L'investissement des Sénateurs dans le Calcutta a eu pour résultat un profit net de 2,50\$ par participant. La rumeur veut que les gestionnaires du fonds travaillaient autrefois pour Nortel...

À la demande populaire, nous prévoyons organiser un tournoi "Skins" en avril, à la fin de la saison régulière. Si vous êtes intéressé, laissez-le nous savoir.

Paul Brideau est le coordinateur des sessions de formation. Il nous informe que de telles sessions ont été offertes depuis novembre. De la formation a été donnée dans 53 des 60 dernières joutes, soit 88% du temps. Des maladies ou d'autres engagements expliquent le 12% manquant. Nos remerciements Paul, tous ceux qui ont donné des leçons et tous ceux qui ont bien écouté.

F1-Trojan G2-Worm I3-Malware H4-Torrent E5-Spam
A6-Adware D7-Zombie B8-Spyware C9-Virus

Answers to Rondeau's game, page 12

Ladies' Club



Club des Dames

The Day Ladies bonspiel was held on Saturday January 14, 2012. This year, the theme this year was 'Mask'arade. 12 teams participated in this one-day event. Two draws were held with a winner and runner-up declared from each draw.

The winners of the Early Draw were Team Arseneault from Montreal-West, and the runners-up were Team Martin from Hudson-Whitlock.

Winners of the late draw were Team Montpetit from Unionville and the Runners-up were Team Johnson from Baie-D'urfé. The Armstrong Trophy was awarded to the overall winners who were Team Arseneault from Montreal-West.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success.

Martha Guerriero



Junior Curling Report

Junior Provincial Championships

In December, the Pointe-Claire rink of Greg Stanton, Jon Spring, Ian South and Colin Maclean, and coached by Rick Stanton, won the Montreal 3 spot to go to the Junior Provincials which were held in Val d'Or during the first week of January. Unfortunately, they came up one win shy of making the playoffs.

Tim Caverly Christmas Bonspiel

Pointe-Claire, along with T.M.R. and St. Lambert, hosted the Tim Caverly Junior Bonspiel from December 27th to 29th and PCCC entered two teams in the 20 and Under category, two teams in the 15 and Under category and one team in the Little Rocks category. In the 20 and Under group, we had one team of current Juniors and one team of alumni curlers and they ended up playing each other in the semi-finals, finishing up second and fourth overall. In the 15 and Under category, our two teams of up-and-coming Juniors played well but did not make the finals. Our Little Rocks team made it to the "A" Final, losing a close game to a team from Trois-Rivières.

All-in-all, it was an excellent showing by our Pointe-Claire teams. Thanks to coaches Jeremy Lapin, Guy Hamilton, Rick Stanton, Scott Johnson, Mark Pogue and Byron Thouret. Also thanks to Jo Howard and her crew who manned the restaurant upstairs over the three days and made a profit of over \$600 to go to the cost of sending our Junior boys team to the Provincial Championships in Val d'Or.



Junior Interclub News

Pointe-Claire has had two Junior and one Little Rocks team in the ARCM Interclub this season and we have tried to give as many of our curlers a chance to participate as possible. Still, we are holding our own at or near the top of the standings in both divisions. Finals take place later this month.

Junior Season is Winding Down

After the two week break due to the Lakeshore Bonspiel, the Junior program will have three more instructional sessions before the closing Kids vs Parents games and Pot-Luck supper are held on Sunday, March 25th. With the kids in the regular program, the Elite Boys' team and the alumni who played at Christmas, Pointe-Claire registered 50 Juniors with Curling Québec. We've also had a great participation of coaches with Scott Johnson, Bob Jackson, Neil and Wendy Gargul joining the returning team of Nancy Erickson, Jim Kyle, Guy Hamilton, Rick Stanton, Byron Thouret, Mark Pogue and myself on the ice this season. My wife Jo continues one more year to handle things on the warm side of the glass. The season is finishing strong and the program is looking good for next season.

Keith Mallette, Junior Program Director

Are You SAD?



by Alex Simard

Nobody wants to talk about depression because mental illness scares people. Depression is not catching, you understand, and knowing something about it is good for all of us. But that's not what this article is about, so keep on reading.

Fall and Winter Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a condition affecting many Canadians. It is caused for the most part by a lack of sufficient sunlight as the days of darkness grow longer and longer. The symptoms of SAD include depression, hopelessness, anxiety, loss of energy, a heavy "leaden" feeling in the arms or legs, social withdrawal, oversleeping, loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed, appetite changes (especially a craving for foods high in carbohydrates), weight gain and difficulty concentrating.

But just ask the curlers of PCCC if they are experiencing any or all of these symptoms. The answer from most of them will be a resounding...NO! Do curlers in general have some special power to fight off this insidious affliction? I do not think so, and I'll tell you why.

Many curling venues are not inspiring places. They can be small, with low ceilings, and are at times very cold, damp and poorly lit. The club members are usually in good spirits, which is mainly due the camaraderie of curlers in general. But we don't know what happens to them when they go home at night. They are probably SAD.

Is the PCCC a special place? I'll tell you!

Have a good look at our ice shed. The first thing you'll notice is that it's very bright. The soaring ceiling is free of beams, posts or other visible supporting structure, and the space gives one a feeling of unlimited freedom. Colourful flags and victory banners hang from the walls, and everything else is clean and white. How many other curling club members enjoy what we have? Not too many, that's for sure!

The big lights give off the same kind of bright light as the sun, and it reflects off the walls and ice surface to enhance the light airy nature of the shed.

People who are affected by SAD are often prescribed a light box. This device produces light that mimics natural sunlight, and the SAD sufferer has to sit in front of it for at least 2 consecutive hours a day for it to help. They have to do this while sitting on their behind, at home, vegetating.

The PCCC is the ultimate light box and SAD destroyer. We have bright lights, regular exercise, hot competition, a great social scene, a convivial clubhouse, people helping people, and friends everywhere. What more could you ask for? Oh yes, a good bar with a great staff, we have that too.

We are going to be even more famous. Quebec's number one curling club has discovered the elusive cure for SAD! Not only have we made curling history (see Victoria Jubilee)... but medical history too.



It's a cyberjungle, out there...

By Bob Rondeau, webmaster

Shall we play a little game? Here are 9 images that describe some of the dangers you will encounter on the internet, and which may have serious consequences for your computer or its contents. I will give a brief description of each one; see if you can match the image to the description. (Answers on page 9)



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C__



D__



A__

E__

Bonjour



F__



G__



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1. Software that is intended to perform, simultaneously, a desirable (expected) effect and a covert (unexpected) effect. It's the covert effect you have to worry about.
2. A self-replicating computer program which uses a network to send copies of itself to other computers on the network and it may do so without any user intervention. Does not need to attach itself like a virus.
3. A general term to describe software designed to disrupt computer operations, gather sensitive information, or gain unauthorized access to computer systems.
4. A [peer-to-peer file sharing protocol](#) used for distributing large amounts of [data](#) over the Internet. 18% of what it carries contains malware.
5. Flooding the Internet with many copies of the same message, in an attempt to force the message on people who would not otherwise choose to receive it.
6. Any software package which automatically plays, displays, or downloads advertisements to a computer.
7. A computer that a remote attacker has accessed and set up to forward transmissions (including spam and viruses) to other computers on the Internet. The purpose is usually either financial gain or malice. Also known as a bot.
8. Software that self-installs on a computer, enabling information to be gathered covertly about a person's Internet use, passwords, etc.
9. A [computer program](#) that can replicate itself and spread from one computer to another.

R SOME QUICK REMEDIES:

If you suspect your computer has been infected, try rebooting in Safe Mode (F8)

Never click on pop-up advertisements. EVER. **Disable** pop-ups.

If using Windows, leave it on medium security, as a **minimum**.

Find out if your firewall is activated, and if not, how to make it so.

There are many anti-virus applications out there; some are better than others. Among the highly recommended ones: AVG, Avast! Rescue Disk.



Q. Dear Curley,

*I was watching curling on TV a few weekends ago. They were playing a “Skins” game. I could not understand how they scored. Can you explain?
Confused.*

Dear Confused,

The use of the term “skins” to describe a type of competition appears to have originated in golf. It was then adapted to Curling about 20 years ago and PCCC. has had a Skins Game competition annually for the past 15 years or so. The Senators introduced a variation of this format in 2010.

In a Skins game competition, all of the normal Rules of Play apply, only the method of scoring is different. Curling teams of 4 players each line up to play for “ends” - NOT for points within an end. Each end won is called a “Skin” and so there are 8 Skins in a game.

Values, cash or points are assigned to each Skin, normally on a sliding (increasing) scale. The sliding scale is designed to ensure that there is a winner after 8 ends, providing there is a result in that 8th end. If there is a carry over in the 8th end, then a Draw-the-Button is used to award the Skin(s).

To win an end or Skin, the team WITH the Hammer must score a minimum of 2 rocks. The team WITHOUT the Hammer must steal at least 1 rock to win the Skin. If neither of these occurs in an end, then the Skin is carried over to the next end and its value is added to that end's value. In theory, there could be carry-overs all through the game right to the finish.

If the team WITH the Hammer wins the end by 2, or more rocks, they get the Skin. **The Hammer then changes to the other team for the following end.**

If the team WITH the Hammer wins the end by 1 rock, there is NO Skin awarded for that end and it is carried over to the next. **The Hammer changes sides.**

If the end is BLANKED, the Skin is carried over and the **Hammer changes sides.**

If the team WITHOUT the Hammer steals the end (1 or more rocks), they get the Skin. **The Hammer does NOT change.**

This year at PCCC, there will be a Skins Game competition, scheduled for the week of March 4 to 10. The Senate will also have a Skins Game that will take place over 2 days (Tuesday & Thursday) in early April. Sign-up sheets will be in the clubhouse and the teams will be selected by a Skips Draft process. The Senate Skins Game co-coordinator is Ron O'Shaughnessy.



Entendu à un récent lunch d'Interclub:

Le premier Dimanche du Carême, le prêtre fait un sermon sur l'abstinence.

Il conclut en ces termes:

«Et si j'avais tout le vin du Québec dans ma main, je le jetterais dans la rivière!»
et il joint le geste à la parole...

«Et si j'avais toutes les bières du Québec dans ma main, je les jetterais dans la rivière!»

Les paroissiens restent silencieux, tout à leur réflexion...

Le conducteur de chœur se lève enfin après une longue minute...

«Et maintenant, je vous invite à chanter avec le chœur le cantique 635:

"Rassemblons nous près de la rivière" ...»

Overheard at a recent Interclub lunch:

On the first Sunday of Lent, the priest makes his sermon on abstinence. He concludes with:

«And if I had all the wine of Quebec in my hand, I would throw it into the river!»
and he follows up with a gesture of his right hand.

«And if I had all the beer of Quebec in my hand, I would throw them into the river!»

The parishioners remain silent, lost in their reflexion...

The choir director finally stands up after a long minute:

«And now, please join the choir in singing our hymn 635:

"Shall we gather at the river" ...»

Jean-Yves Wolff

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Overheard after a Senator's game in early January: "I'm freezing!"

"It's all Suderman's fault. I know he was supposed to be a "cool" president, but this is too cool."

Treasurer's Report

We are already in February and the season has only a couple of months to go. How time flies.

I usually report on our financial situation but in this issue I will deal with other matters.

As we have a full membership, our accounts receivable from members is quite high – when I last checked, it was some \$25,000. THIS IS NOT CASH. At this time of year, our only source of revenue is net bar sales so:

PLEASE SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW.

Since the fiscal year end of April 30, 2007 (i.e. 5 years ago) we have spent some \$225,000 in improving our facility. These improvements included:

- Four new washrooms;
- New roof;
- Exterior painting;
- New south wall;
- New de-humidifier to maintain the humidity in the ice shed at a constant level;
- New administrative office;
- Renovations to the kitchen;
- New roof for the main building;
- And many other small projects such as new handles on the curling stones.

This was financed by:

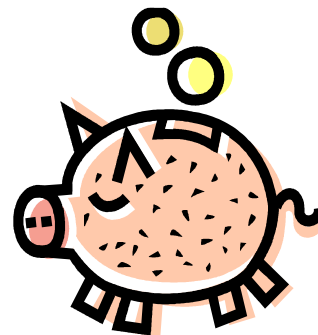
- An infrastructure grant ((\$62,000);
- A grant from the Canadian Curling Association (\$10,000);
- A loan from the RBC (\$50,000); current balance is at \$40,000.
- Generated cash from our operations.

We now have to move forward to continue to improve our Club. The major task facing us is the renovation of our main lounge and bar. This will be an expensive proposition; in the range of \$75,000 to \$100,000. This promises to be a challenge.

My job, as Treasurer of the Club, is to manage our financial affairs in a prudent manner for the benefit of our members and to finance our future capital improvements. Our future success will depend on our ability to provide the best facility possible within our financial means.

With the help of some members I am working hard to find a way to finance the complete renovation of our main lounge. **THIS WILL BE A CHALLENGE.**

There will be more to come later on this subject; as they say in the media business:
STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS STORY.



Jim Cadieux, Treasurer

Rapport du trésorier

Nous voilà déjà en février et il ne reste que quelques mois de la présente saison. Comme le temps file.. J'ai l'habitude de faire un rapport sur notre situation financière, mais dans ce numéro. je vais traiter d'autres questions.

Étant donné notre grand nombre de membres, nos comptes débiteurs sont plutôt élevés. Lors de ma dernière vérification, ils se chiffraient à environ 25 000\$. CECI N'EST PAS DE L'ARGENT LIQUIDE. A cette époque de l'année, notre seule source de revenus provient des ventes du bar, alors:

S'IL VOUS PLAÎT, RÉGLEZ VOTRE COMPTE MAINTENANT.

Depuis la fin de l'exercice du 30 avril 2007 (soit il y a 5 ans), nous avons dépensé environ 225 000\$ pour améliorer nos installations. Ces améliorations comprenaient:

- * quatre nouvelles salles de toilettes;
- * un nouveau toit;
- * de la peinture extérieure;
- * un nouveau mur du côté sud;
- * un nouveau déshumidificateur pour maintenir l'humidité de la glace un niveau constant;
- * un nouveau bureau administratif;
- * des rénovations à la cuisine;
- * un nouveau toit pour le bâtiment principal;
- * et beaucoup d'autres petits projets tels que de nouvelles poignées sur les pierres de curling.

Tout cela a été financé par:

- * une subvention d'infrastructure ((62 000\$);
- * une subvention de l'Association canadienne de curling (10 000\$);
- * un prêt bancaire de RBC (50 000\$); balance actuelle de 40.000\$;
- * les profits générés part de nos opérations.

Nous devons maintenant aller de l'avant pour continuer à améliorer notre club. La principale tâche qui nous attend est la rénovation de notre salon principal et de bar. Ce sera une proposition onéreuse; dans la gamme de 75 à 100 000\$. Cela promet d'être tout un défi.

Mon travail, en tant que trésorier du Club, est de gérer nos affaires financières d'une manière prudente pour le bénéfice de nos membres et de financer nos améliorations futures. Notre réussite dépendra de notre capacité d'offrir à nos membres le meilleur service possible à l'intérieur de nos moyens financiers.

Avec l'aide de certains membres, je travaille fort pour trouver un moyen de financer la rénovation complète de notre salon principal. CE SERA UN DÉFI.

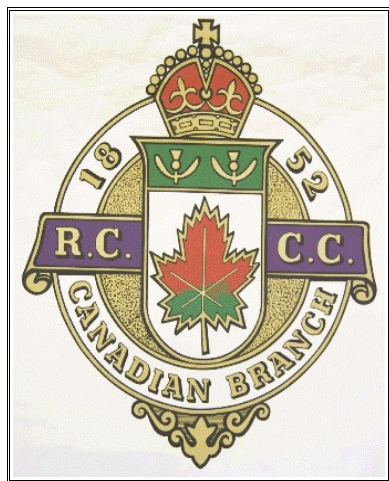
Je vous en reparlerai. Soyez à l'affut de nouvelles à ce sujet.

Jim Cadieux, trésorier

Branch - ARCM events updates

By Gerry Yuskowski and Suzanne Smith, PCCC Branch representatives

The **ARCM** (Association Régionale de Curling de Montreal) of Curling Québec and the Canadian Branch of the RCCC (Royal Caledonia Curling Club) are the Quebec and World governing bodies for events leading either to Provincial, Canadian or Branch titles. The Canadian Branch consists of all curling clubs in Quebec and those in Eastern Ontario. I strongly encourage all members to test their skills against other clubs at these inexpensive tournaments or bonspiels. Branch events are considered CQ Club series events while Curling Quebec Elite events lead to Canadian titles. Regulations on these events are posted on the Branch/ARCM/CQ Bulletin Board



Governor General's

Instituted in 1874, this is the Branch double rink championship. The Quebec winners play the Ontario Region in the finals of this event in an Ottawa curling club.

The rinks of Golberg and Lerner had defeated the Baie-D'Urfé rink to play against Lachine in the Regional play downs of the GGs. Lachine won the contest to advance to the next round.

Club Series Branch Seniors

The Ron O'Shaughnessy rink (with Jim Cadieux, Réal Parent and Steve Mariano) won a spot in the Regional Senior Men's play downs and advanced to the Provincials at Sorel/Tracy on Feb 3-5. They had 3 very tight games but essentially lost all in the last end.

Elite Provincial Men's

The rink of Golberg -skip, C. Labar -third, M. Kennerknecht -second, T. Cooper -lead has won a spot in Elite Series Regional MENS OPEN play downs. They advanced to the Provincials Tankard being held at Kénogami Curling Club on January 24 to 29, 2012. They played some great teams and brought back great experiences and memories from the event. Kevin and Chris had their front end on fire as both Matt Kennerknecht and Tyler Cooper upon their return were on opposing teams in the Calcutta 'A' final, won by Matt.

Club Series Colts

Club Series Colts will have the same rules as the Jubilee this year, meaning only ONE PCCC colt team can enter. This has caused lots of concern also with other various curling clubs who have voiced their opinions to Curling Québec. There is a petition circulating at PCCC. Please read and sign it to support the Colts of tomorrow. Regional registration is February 27, regional play downs to be completed by March 18 and. Provincial play downs March 30 to April 1 in Sherbrooke. Winner goes to Caledonia cup on April 14 in T.M.R. For PCCC, this means internal play downs will be required. Please support and wish our Colts best of luck.

If you have entered a team in any Branch/Club Series event, please let us know along with the results to share with the members of PCCC.

Happy Curling to all.



THULLNER, John 1932 - 2012

It is with great sadness that the family of John Thullner, age 79, announce his peaceful passing on Tuesday, January 31st, 2012 after a courageous struggle with congestive heart failure. Beloved husband of Agnes (Chafee) for 57 years. Father of John (Heather) and Greg (Tammy). He will be sadly missed by his five adoring granddaughters, Megan, Katlin; Amanda, Kristen and Kimberley. John lived a full life surrounded by family and friends while enjoying many activities including golf and curling. As per his wishes, a private Service and Burial were held on February 3rd. For those who wish to make a contribution in his memory, it may be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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In memory of John Thullner

The name Thumper was given to John by Bruce Brown. In John's early days at the club, he curled with Bruce in one of the monthly draws. Bruce named him Thumper because he told John that it represented the sound that one of his supposedly draws made when it hit the back boards.

Louis Létourneau

Filet & Release Club

In the year 2002, 8 members of the Pointe-Claire Curling Club organized a fishing trip. The selected site was an outfitter named Chevreuil Blanc, which Well if we told you where it was, our dear friend John would haunt us to the end of our days, and our Woolly Buggers wouldn't be so woolly anymore.



In memory of John Thullner (continued)

After a few years the original eight was reduced to six. The night time cacophony became too much for those who wished to sleep. Why is it that the loudest snorer always falls asleep first?



From the outset John Thullner was the group's guiding light and organizational guru. He, along with his helper, organized all the menus and purchased all the necessary groceries. John updated all members with a constant flow of e-mails reminding us of necessary gear. He developed a checklist for everyone to utilize, and rue the one who did not have his license with him on our departure day.

*In 2003, John, who always believed that 'nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught', decided that the group needed a name. He had T-shirts made for le tout gang, emblazoned with the words "Fillet and Release". Ever since, we have been known as the **Fillet and Release Club**.*

Webster's dictionary defines these three words as follows:

*1. **Humour** - something which arouses amusement, laughter, etc. The capacity for recognizing or expressing something amusing or funny. The typical fisherman in John's mind was long on optimism and short on memory.*

*2. **Dedication** - to devote time and effort to any serious business. John was a supreme optimist as a fisherman. Who else would take a camera along to document our results?*

*3. **Kindness** - sympathetic, helpful, friendly, thoughtful and gentle. This world would be a better place if men showed as much patience in all things as they do waiting for a fish to bite*

Our very dear friend and fishing companion John Thullner embodied these definitions in spirit, energy and joyfulness. There is not a single fishing trip from the outset that John did not present each member of this select club with a souvenir of some type - T-shirt, fishing caps, lures, etc. - thoughtfulness personified God bless you, John, your spirit will be with us always. You made sure none of us ended up as honest fisherman, for if we were, your Fillet and Release Club would not be very interesting.

*Founding members: **Martin Walpert, Don McConnel, Gerry Semmelhaack, Wally Denver.***





SOME CURLING ROCKS ARE **RED**

SOME CURLING ROCKS ARE **BLUE**

WE ALL LOVE CURLING

ISN'T THAT TRUE ?

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL

Jacquiè Chatterson

