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# THE ROAD TO 100

A STORIED CLUB | A RICH PAST | A BRIGHT FUTURE



Our stunning new logo stands out on the mural in our beautifully renovated lounge.

## The countdown begins...

Welcome to the first issue of our newest publication, *The Road to 100*, created to give you an intimate look at our history... and at what is still to come.

Our anniversary celebration kicks off on **Friday, October 29, 2021**, beginning a year-long celebration of our vibrant club that will culminate with a gala weekend in late November 2022. This span of time allows us to recognize the history of the entire club, including the Day Ladies Club, which came to be a year after the club first opened. We are now, since 2010, one club, and proud to be celebrating as such.

Over the next year, you can look forward to receiving regular issues of this new publication, which will feature nuggets from our colourful past, and highlights of the kinds of events you will have fun participating in over our centenary year. We're looking forward to an extraordinary year of excitement, surprises, and events, and a heightened sense of community, belonging, and involvement in the best curling club in town.



Created by Charles Doyle, father of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

## From our archives

### Once upon a time...

Curling began in Pointe Claire during the year 1918 on the ice of Lake St. Louis in the bay at the foot of Brunet Avenue. Keeping the ice clear of snow proved to be too onerous, and so in 1919 the game was moved to the quarry on Cartier Avenue, where it remained during the years 1920 and 1921. Irons had been borrowed from the Montreal Thistle Curling Club.

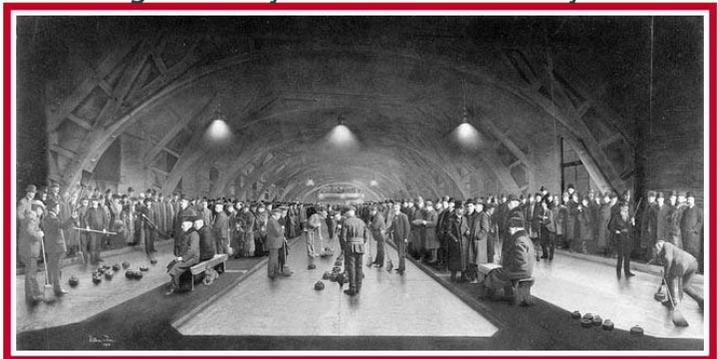
**October 29, 1921** – A group of 24 sportsmen met in the old frame schoolhouse on Cedar Avenue and founded the Pointe Claire Curling Club. Soon thereafter, the signatures of 65 original club members were obtained. S.H. (Sam) Ward was elected as first President. The Pointe Claire Curling Club was admitted to the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club on November 28, 1921.

**February 28, 1922** – A "highly sociable" evening formally opened the new 2-storey, 2-sheet clubhouse on the corner of Cartier Avenue and Lakeshore Road, designed and built in less than three months at a cost of \$3,950. The land, leased from the Grand Trunk Railway for 5 years at \$25 per year, was later purchased from the CNR for \$1,000. The first annual meeting at the Club on April 10, 1922.

**November 24, 1922** – A group of 27 sportswomen gathered at the new club and unanimously agreed to form the Ladies' Pointe Claire Curling Club. Mrs. G. Parke was elected as the first president.

## The beginnings of curling in Canada

Some historians have suggested that curling began on the North American continent among Scottish soldiers during the Seven Years' War of 1756–63. Curling certainly occurred informally before 1800, until a group of Scots who were identified chiefly with the fur trade formed the Montréal Curling Club in 1807, described as the first sports club in Canada. Other Scots formed clubs in Kingston (1820), Québec City (1821) and Halifax (1824). These pioneering enthusiasts experimented with local "stones" made of iron or maple, as well as imported stones from Scotland.



If you would like to contribute to this ongoing special centenary publication with stories, anecdotes, or pictures, please email them to Patricia or Alex at [pccurl@gmail.com](mailto:pccurl@gmail.com)

