

CLUB DE CURLING POINTE CLAIRE

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ACTIVITIES

&

TROPHIES

OF

THE SENATE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pointe Claire Curling Club Senators are regular members of the Club who are retired or are semi-retired and have expressed a desire to join this section of the Club that curls in the afternoons. Activities include sessions of curling and other social functions as desired by the membership.

The Senators' activities are held during the afternoons Monday to Friday; therefore do not conflict with the regular activities of the Club in the evenings or on the weekends or with the Ladies' morning curling.

There are five trophy competitions held each year; the **Mac Lecompte** on Thursdays; the **Charles Proudfoot** on Thursdays; and the **Howard Neville** on Fridays. The **Gentlemen of Leisure (Johnson) Trophy** competition is a one-day bonspiel held in conjunction with the Senator Christmas dinner. The fifth trophy is the **John Tittley Trophy**, awarded to the one curler deemed to achieve an overall success during the season and who embodies the spirit of the Senate. A new activity, quite enthusiastically received, initiated during the 2010/11 season is **The Skins Games** which is held either and or prior to Christmas or the season end, ice time permitting.

Being an Ordinary Limited member of the Senate does not preclude taking full part in any other Club activity except curling in the Ladder and Lanthier. Ordinary Senior members (age 65 and over) have full curling and clubhouse privileges.

Other activities throughout the season include the following:

OPENING LUNCHEON: A luncheon followed by a discussion of the upcoming schedule will be held at the call of the Senate Executive Committee, usually the last Tuesday of September or the first Tuesday of October. This luncheon is usually followed by a "tags-down" afternoon of curling for those who want to stretch their legs and practice their technique. The fall schedule normally starts the following Tuesday.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS: Monthly luncheons are usually held at 11:30 on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of each month. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie in an off-ice environment. They are also the vehicles for updates and feedback on Senate activities.

SENATOR INTERCLUB LEAGUE: The Senators of PCCC are members of a twelve-club league of retirees from various curling clubs in the Montreal area. There is a home and away game with each club in the league. Matches are usually followed by a luncheon hosted by the home club.

SUPER SENIOR BONSPIELS: This is a one-day bonspiel with the participation of outside clubs. It is normally held on the fourth Thursday of November, subject to the availability of ice-time. Many of the clubs in the area host similar one-day spiels throughout the season which provide the opportunity for PCCC members to visit those clubs.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: The Senators' Christmas dinner is normally held on the second Tuesday before Christmas; preceded by the Gentlemen of Leisure (Johnson) Trophy competition.

SENATORS AND THE LADIES' CLUB: Joint events with the Ladies' PCCC have been a tradition, but not necessarily on an annual basis. These events have included the following:

- a) A fun day of mixed curling, usually held the first Monday in February
- b) A Ladies vs. Senators curling challenge, usually held in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day. Senators and the Ladies alternate hosting responsibilities each year.
- c) A Ladies vs. Senators bridge challenge.

SENATORS CLOSING DINNER: The closing dinner (“Last Supper”) is held at the call of the Senate Executive Committee, usually on the Tuesday evening before the Club closing. On this day, the final games for the Charles Proudfoot, Mac Lecompte and Howard Neville trophies are normally held.

It could happen that one or more members could be eligible to compete for more than one trophy. In such a case the following procedure is to be followed.

After the regular curling season has been completed the coordinators of each event complete a list of the players eligible to play in the finals of their respective Trophies. Players whose name appears on multiple lists will be contacted to choose what trophy event they would like to compete. After having made such a choice the open positions to play will be filled according to the rules of each specific competition. A list of the teams to play in the respective trophy competitions will be posted.

ADMINISTRATION: The administration of the Senate is achieved through the **Senate Executive Committee** (SEC). During the first fifteen years of the Senate there was very little in the way of a formal organization. Howie Neville, the founder of the Senate was the acknowledged leader. In 1993 a Senate succession formula was adopted. At the present time the Chairman of the SEC is elected by the Senate membership at large for a two year term. The Chairman then recruits his executive and committee chairmen.

THE GENTLEMEN OF LEISURE (JOHNSON) TROPHY

History:

Ralph R. Johnson was President of the Pointe Claire Curling Club from 1936 to 1938. In 1938 Ralph Johnson personally provided the funds to completely redecorate the Club. In later years, he was made an Honourary Life Member. He passed away in 1990.

In 1973, Mr. Johnson, a vice-president of Henry Birks Limited of Montreal, having heard of the creation of the Senate, offered to donate its first trophy. Although it is known as the Johnson Trophy, its official name is the "Gentlemen of Leisure Trophy". At his request, this trophy is to be a team trophy, to be completed for in a one-day bonspiel.

The first bonspiel for the Johnson trophy was held in April 1974. The competition is traditionally held on the day of the Christmas Dinner.

GENTLEMEN OF LEISURE (JOHNSON) TROPHY RULES:

The Gentlemen of Leisure (Johnson) Trophy is a team trophy.

The games for this trophy are to be played on the day of the Senators' Christmas Dinner.

Teams are to be made up by the Drawmaster from a sign-up sheet, posted well in advance of the event.

The games will be 6 or 8 ends, depending on the sign-up, with broom stacking after 3 or 4 ends respectively (time permitting). The winning team is that team with the highest differential in the score of their game.

If more than two teams tie for the play-off, the two teams with the highest winning scores will play off. These two teams will play one extra end with each player throwing one stone only. The team with the higher winning score will throw the last rock.

THE CHARLES PROUDFOOT TROPHY

History:

Charles A. Proudfoot joined the Pointe Claire Curling Club in 1956 and served as President for the 1966-67 season. In that year he also won the Club International Trophy. Charlie was one of the early Senators and when he retired from the game in 1979, presented the Charles Proudfoot Trophy to be competed for by the Senators on an individual points basis. Charlie died in 1992.

At the beginning of the 1995-96 season, it was deemed that the individual nature of the competition resulted in a great number of coin tosses to determine winners. With the gracious permission of Mrs. Jan Proudfoot, The Senate Executive Committee approved the change of format to a team competition.

PROUDFOOT TROPHY RULES:

Matches for this trophy are played on Thursdays. The early draw (1 PM) and the late draw (3 PM) consist of teams made up by the Drawmaster from a sign-up sheet provided each month. The Charles Proudfoot season is divided into two halves. The first is from the club opening to the thirty-first of December. The second half is from the first of January until the last Thursday before the Senators' Closing dinner in the spring.

Points are awarded to individual players as follows:

2 points for each win

1 point for a tie

0 points for a loss

If a member plays two games on any particular Thursday and had no scheduled late draw game, only points for the second game will be awarded. If he has a scheduled game, only the points for the scheduled game will be awarded.

The players will be ranked for each half in a descending order of points accumulated. Point ties will be broken by (a) the most number of games won; and if not resolved, by (b) the most number of games played; and if not yet resolved, by (c) a coin toss. A ranking list for each half will be posted.

The final competition will be played between teams picked from the top four point scorers of each half. Should players be top scorers in both halves they will be eligible to play for the first half team. Should an eligible player withdraw for any reason he/she will be replaced by the next player in the ranking list. The four winners of each half will decide amongst themselves who will play what position.

The play-off game will take place on the day of the Senators' Closing dinner. The game will be 8 ends. A coin toss will determine who throws the first rock. In the case of a tie, an extra end will be played with each player throwing one stone only.

THE MAC LECOMPTE TROPHY

HISTORY:

Germain (Mac) Lecompte joined the Pointe Claire Curling Club in 1944. He was actively involved for many years in organizing and participating in many inside and outside bonspiels. In his latter years at the Club, he actively supported the Super Seniors Bonspiels outside the Club.

In 1986, the executive of the Senators group decided to recognize Mac's dedication and contributions to the Senators, and in particular, his management of Tuesday curling. To this end, the Mac Lecompte Trophy was introduced. This trophy is awarded at the end of each season to the top team following playoffs for the Tuesday event. The first presentation was made in April 1987.

Mac Lecompte passed away in 1991.

MAC LECOMPTE TROPHY RULES:

Games for this trophy are played on Tuesday and points are individually accumulated throughout the whole curling season.

A sign-up sheet is posted every month for those who wish to curl on Tuesdays of the following month. From this list, the Drawmasters of this event makes up teams for the next month's competition. Skips are notified and the teams are posted on the bulletin board.

Points are awarded to individual players as follows:

- 4 points for a win
- 2 points for a tie
- 0 points for a loss
- 1 point for each end won
- 0 points for each end tied

Points are accumulated only when playing for your own team. However, anyone who has signed up as a spare or anyone not scheduled to play on Tuesday competition games during that month and is called upon to substitute, will be credited with points for that game.

At the end of the season, the 16 players with the most points will play-off. Teams will be made up as follows:

The 4 skips with the most points select their team from the remaining 12 players. The skip with the most points will have the first choice on other player, the second highest the second choice, and so on. For the next round, the order is reversed with the last skip making the first choice. For the last round, the order is reversed again. If insufficient or no skips are in the first 16 players, the finalist with the highest rating and the highest number of points for that rating will act as skip and will have first choice in the selection rotation.

In the case of ties to determine the order of choosing, the ties will be broken by:

1. The most games won; and if not resolved,
2. The most ends won; and if not resolved,
3. A coin toss by the Drawmaster.

The semi-finals play-off games will be played on the Tuesday before the Senators' Last Supper with Team #1 playing Team #4 and Team #2 playing Team #3.

The final play-off game traditionally takes place on the day of the Senators' Last Supper. A coin toss will determine who throws first rock.

The game consists of 8 ends.

In the case of a tie, an extra end will be played with each player throwing 1 stone only.

THE HOWARD NEVILLE TROPHY

HISTORY:

In 1990, Hal Henderson led a movement to donate a trophy to recognize the contribution of **Howard E. (Howie) Neville** as founder of the Senate. The first presentation of the Neville Trophy was made in 1991.

Howie joined the club in 1958, became President in 1972, and was appointed Honourary Life Member in 1982.

He retired from business in 1973 and used to frequent the Club during the day. In those days, the ice was reserved for the men on Wednesday afternoons. Howie noticed that the ice was not being used. He called his friend Harold Stanfield to suggest that they contact other retirees to see if they could set up regular games for Wednesday afternoons. Thus, the Senate was formed. The eight "founding members" were Jim Fulton, Harold Stanfield, Charlie Smith, Harry Unsworth, Bill Dunn, Roy Chisholm, Ted Pattee and Howie Neville.

Howie Neville passed away on April 14, 2004.

HOWARD NEVILLE TROPHY RULES:

Games for this trophy are played on Fridays. The early draw is played at 1 PM followed by the late draw at 3 PM. Both draws consist of teams made up by the Drawmaster from a sign-up sheet provided each month. The season is divided into two halves. The first half is from the club opening to the thirty-first of December. The second half is from the first of January until the last Friday before the Senators' Closing Dinner in the spring. The games consist of 8 ends (ice time permitting).

Points are awarded to individual players as follows:

- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

If a member plays two games on a particular Friday, points are awarded to the member for his/her scheduled game (regular or as spare) only.

The first 4 winners of the first half, by descending order, will play the 4 first winners of the second half, also by descending order, in the final for the Neville Trophy. Should a player (or players) be among the winners in both halves, they will be members of the first team and the next player(s) down in the second half ranking list will become members of that team.

The 4 winners of each half will decide among themselves who will play which position.

In the case of ties to determine the winners, the ties will be broken by;

1. The most games won and if not resolved
2. The most games played and, if not resolved
3. A coin toss by the Drawmaster

The final game will take place on the day of the Senators' Last Supper. A coin toss will determine who throws the first rock. The game will be 8 ends. In case of a tie, an extra end will be played with each player on the team throwing one stone only.

THE JOHN TITTLE TROPHY

History:

John Tittle was an active member of the Senate for a number of years after his retirement from work life.

John was a very serious and competitive curler. His most notable curling achievement was to win two 8-ender games in the same week. (He had previously made a hole-in-one on the golf course, but that is another story.) He died in the following year in the Ste-Anne's Veterans Hospital.

One of his wishes was to establish a trophy in his name. Honourary member and Senator Louis Letourneau undertook to fulfill this wish. In the 2000-01 season, he put together a trophy, primarily using a small metal sculpture made by Clarence Ginn, a neighbor from the Pointe Claire Lawn Bowling Club and an Honourary member of the Ste-Anne's Curling Club. It was first presented at the Closing Dinner, to the surprised Peter Avon.

John Tittle Trophy Rules:

This trophy is awarded to the player participating in either or all of the competitions known as the MAC LECOMPTE, CHARLES PROUDFOOT or HOWARD NEVILLE and, while so doing, attains the highest winning percentage, i.e.; the number of wins related to the number of games played. A player winning 40 games of 60 would obtain a score of 0.666.

To qualify, as being eligible, a player must participate in a minimum of 1/3 of the total games held in the competitions combined and embody the spirit of fair play and comradeship of the Senate.

The Senate Statistician is to maintain a record of games played and games won for each member during the entire season. The Draw masters of the various competitions involved are to provide him with the necessary data. They have been requested to do this by the end of the second week of each month.