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**Glen Meadows Curling Club**

# Rock Talk

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## Glen Meadows Curling Club

### January 2012 Clinic report



'Chair-Man' Lynn Wilson (L) offers 40+ attendees (veterans and newer curlers alike) options on ice: sweeping instruction, video taping, soft vs positive release and off ice: strategy & tactics (amd much more). Then off we go in all directions!

Editor's note: Ron Sera was so busy taking these shots and doing the video work, he isn't anywhere to be seen. Thanks for such dedication to him & all involved.



Sweeping instructed by Paul, Lynn, Wayne; Lawrence handled Strategy & Tactics session inside; Ron managed video. Anybody missed?



Throwing instructed by Frank...





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Let's insert what Kim Perkins says to newcomers (and veterans) in **House Call: Guide to Curling Equipment** (posted September 2010)

*Curling is generally seen as an affordable sport and for the most part, it is. However, it's easy to get caught up thinking you need everything to be top of the line in order to enjoy the sport. This couldn't be further from the truth.*

#### Various Types of Broom

*While it's lovely to have a carbon fibre shaft curling broom, at \$200 bucks a pop it seems like an excessive expense if you're just starting out. Fear not! There are reasonable options out there that will work just fine for someone who is curling once or twice a week.*

*When it comes to brooms your options are synthetic or hair. It's*



*all about personal preference. I like hair myself but synthetic (the heads covered with cloth) are also very popular and just as good. Take the time to try a few out if you can to get a better sense of what feels best to you. Keep in mind you want something you find easy to move and something you feel comfortable putting a lot of pressure on.*

*Generally brooms should not be purchased second hand unless you plan to just buy the shaft used (this feature is only available on*



*newer brooms, if you do go this route double check the head is detachable with screws) and replace the head with a brand new one. The reason for this is broom heads typically need to be replaced every 1 -2 years, more often if you curl more than a couple times a week. If you're buying a used broom there's no way of knowing how long it's been sitting around, if it's been used to clean the snow off someone's windshield, or if it's simply been worn out.*



Perfect shot I let go only to have it overswept by my enthusiastic team

#### Curling Shoes for Beginners and Professionals

As for shoes, for your first season you may wish to opt for a slip-on slider. They're cheap and they work great.



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### January 2012 Clinic report (cont.)

#### **House Call: Guide to Curling Equipment** (cont)

They do get a little tiresome after a while as they tend to move around a bit on your foot; you have to remember to take it with you to the end you're throwing from, and often you have to sit down to take them on and off.



If you do want to purchase shoes keep in mind that top of the line isn't always best for beginners nor is it economical. The more expensive shoes often have very fast sliders on them (the thicker the slider the faster it goes and the more expensive it is). Ask in the pro shop for a beginner shoe. There will generally be several different styles (they're even starting to come in colours other than black now!).

Sometimes you can demo them. If you are going from a slip-on to a shoe with a fixed slider be aware you will likely find it to be a little slick at first but you'll get used to it quickly.

Grippers should be replaced at least once a year. Never skimp on a gripper. Unfortunately, they wear out quickly (I go through several a season). For someone curling once a week they should be replaced at least once a year. Keep an eye on the rubber to make sure it isn't flaking off as often times when rocks are consistently picking it can be blamed on either dirty brooms or flaking grippers.

Have fun shopping and have fun on the ice!



This is a sample of the equipment & cunning exercises used by Clinic coaches. Worth keeping in mind. Do come out when the next one is held. This Clinic cost a mere \$10 for four full hours. Congratulations!

### **Congratulations**

Dorothy Wright and Marilynne Miles Gray of GMCA who took the CCA Levels 1 and 2 Curling Umpire/Official's Course in December, successfully wrote the exams and have been awarded their Level 1 Certificates Both also attended the 2011-2012 Provincial Junior Championships Dec. 27-31 as gaming umpires to complete the [very cold] Level 1 practical requirement (Timer, Observer and Hogline Judges). Level 2 practical experience to come to complete that requirement as well.



### Volunteer of the Year Awards



At Glen Meadows Curling Association Executive Meeting December 8, 2011 Grant Marshall introduced Bruce and Julia White, and presented joint Volunteer of the Year Awards 2010-11 to them from CurlBC — on the recommendation of GMCA in recognition of the vast number of volunteer hours these two donated over the past

several years.

Well done Bruce and Julia!



### • Glen Meadows Teams Grand Slam Victory

The Glen Canning team— with Glen Canning throwing lead rocks and skipping, Bud Taylor second, Gordon Schnell third, Dave Bolster throwing last rocks—has the following results (this season) to the end of January:

- Winner A Event in Esquimalt Bonspiel on January 6, 2012
- 3rd in A Event in Victoria Bonspiel on January 20, 2012
- 3rd in A Event in Juan de Fuca



Bonspiel on November 23, 2011. In other words, Great Curling.

The Esquimalt Jan 3-6 Masters Open was dominated by Glen Meadows Masters winning the A, B & C Events. In the A Event once again the team of Bolster, Schnell, Taylor and Canning put on an entertaining display of upsetting the local favorites. The perfect record of 6 wins clinched the A Event with a win over the seasoned Gallagher provincial playdown team from Mill Bay. Canning’s only scare was in the semi-final when they needed to score 3 in the eight end to move on to the final. After the great run last month at JDF, it’s obvious this was not a onetime lucky run and this team is ready to take on any opposition. Bolster attributes their success to the combination of precision weight and Canning’s crafty game strategy.



• Glen Meadows Teams Grand Slam Victory (cont)

The B Event was won by Jack Campbell, George Pransky, Ron Gardner & Ken Stevenson with a nail biter victory over the Team Marriam also from Mill Bay. This was their only close game where Campbell needed to draw the four foot in an extra end. Campbell's comments? "The team was playing so well I only needed to make half of his shots to stay in the games."

In the C Event John Demeriez, Stu Carmichael (Gordon Erwin), Ron Sera, & Steve Muzyka won their final over the favoured Sheepwash team from Victoria. Team Demeriez's victory was great come back, being down 4 pts half way through the game.

This week was certainly a acknowledgment to the Glen Meadows Masters.

[Reporters: Joe McCracken & Lawrence Woytowich

• Glen Meadows January 2012 Bonspiel

After some concern about numbers, enough teams entered to make the event a go punctuated by a nice Saturday dinner, and a scare when one of the contestants on Sheet 3 Saturday took a fall and had to be taken by



ambulance to hospital suffering concussion and a well-bruised back after a bounce on a rock at the same time. Who ever said curling was a cream puff sport?

Sunday afternoon, once the games were over, Kelly Lovell made trophy presentations and awards.

Results

After a back and forth game,

Team Fletcher [see above]: Dan & Donna Kotyk, Karen Frost, and Jason Fletcher won the A event beating out Team August.



In the B Event, Team Scott won over Team Wilson. [see right ] Jenny Beasley, Scott, Jan and Paul Addison)



For the C Event, the Domes Team made up of Brian Crossley, Lynanne Smith, (pictured left) and their Mainland friends Kyle and Kate Domes won.

Coincidentally, Brian and Lynanne play Wednesday night mixed with A Event runners-up Brent August and Marilynne Miles Gray.



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• Glen Meadows January 2012 Bonspiel (cont.)

The August team foursome, concerned that the number of entries might be slow, agreed to split in two so there



would be additional teams in the Bonspiel. Pictured far left is Bonspiel Team August made up of

Dave Bolster, Marilynne Miles Gray and Bent August with third, Susan Ross-Stroecel (not in picture). Above right: runner up C event team Wilson with Ron and Darlene Sera, Donnamae and Lynn and Wilson.

### GMC A Suggestion Box

**Demographic shifts have made big dents in some (but not all) of our bonspiels, it would seem. If it's not a problem in your league, that's great. But for others, it's a huge challenge**

**What can be done? Here's your opportunity to help by offering your suggestions. One such suggestion might be that GMCA hold an early season Open Spiel similar to the one at Kerry Park and in other locations. Send in your ideas to your league rep. Thanks.**

Should GMCA consider holding a November 2012 **Open Spiel** (similar to the one at Kerry Park and other clubs) to help bolster numbers? In case you aren't familiar with the idea, for example, a team registers for one of the following categories: Men's / Ladies / Mixed/ Juniors and teams play one another according to how the draw works.

Your feedback please!



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## BC Provincial Junior Curling Championships

You've missed a fun event if you've never attended a Junior Championship (in addition to offering support to the curlers of tomorrow). Held at Victoria Curling Club, December 27-31, 2011, in the Junior Ladies category, Team Van Osch from Nanaimo prevailed over Team Burkitt from Richmond and in the Junior Mens, Team Hozack from Victoria won over Team McEachran from North Shore Winter Club. Both winners compete in Napanee, Ontario February 4-12. There were good crowds on hand for all events. Team Haynes from Nelson won the Sportsmanship Award.

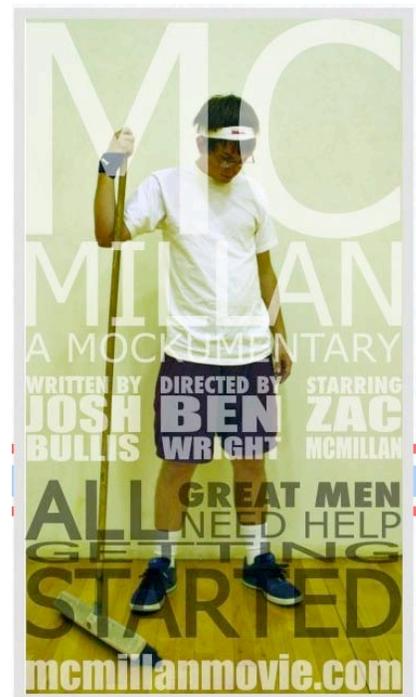


### Curling Movie

#### Background

The story of "McMillan", the 'mockumentary' began when roommates Ben Wright and Zac McMillan were watching the Olympics. They devised a simple story of a young athlete training for **Olympic level Curling** with the same ferocity as an athlete training for a more competitive sport like football or soccer. Wright then approached friend and writer Josh Bullis. Together, they devised a story of a frustrated young athlete, attempting to train for his sport in an area very foreign to curling. They wanted a short with the transparency of a documentary, but the outline and feel of comedy. Through months of re-writes they finally settled on a wonderful script that sends the character of Zac through a whirlwind of schemes to gain funding and sponsorship.

With a fully equipped crew thanks to the volunteering students of the Union Film Society, they were ready to make the movie but lacked one thing: a budget—money to cover props, traveling expenses, costumes, and food just to name a few. "As film students in college, we don't have much if anything to our names. This is why we created a donation page, so people could help us reach our goal. This cannot happen without you." If readers go to [www.McMillanMovie.com](http://www.McMillanMovie.com), they will discover the movie never got off the ground.





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### Continental Cup Report

Held in the very impressive Langley's Events Centre, several GMCA made the trip over. While Team North



America lost, the games were enjoyable. Quite often, spectators recalled last year's landslide victory by the Canada-USA partnership. Ticket prices (especially for the total package) were very reasonable which may explain why there were empty seats. Next year, the event is scheduled for Penticton.



Friday morning -Wave to the folks: Howard, Lawton Norgard, Muirhead,



**Sweeping stance – red line**  
**Sweeping angle – pink line**



**[orange circle] Skip or third gets a better line view from below instead of standing**



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## Slice of EVENT activities: Friday, January 13

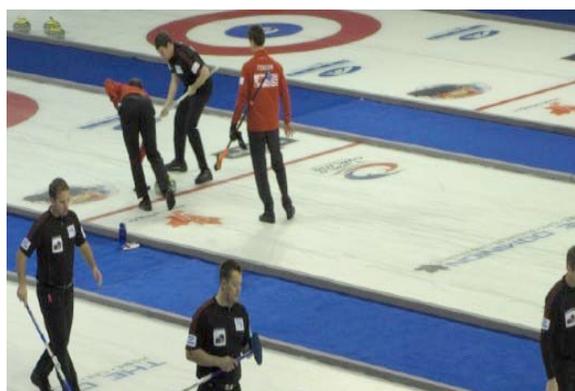
Draw 4 8:30 am Women's Team Games (eight ends) -18 points (Six points for a win, three points for a tie) Sheet A World (Anette Norberg) vs North America (Patti Lank) Sheet B World (Bingyu Wang) vs North America (Amber Holland) Sheet C World (Eve Muirhead) vs North America (Stefanie Lawton)



Draw 5 1:00 pm Mixed Doubles – 18 points (Six points for a win, three points for a tie) Sheet A World (Torger Nergård & Bingyu Wang) vs North America (Craig Savill & Patti Lank) Sheet B World (Fredrik Lindberg & Eve Muirhead) vs North America (Ben Hebert\* & Stefanie Lawton) Sheet C World (Greg Drummond & Anna Sloan) vs North America (Joe Polo & Amber Holland)

Draw 6 7:00 pm Men's Team Games (eight ends) – 18 points (Six points for a win, three points for a tie) Sheet A World (Niklas Edin) vs North America (Glenn Howard) Sheet B World (Thomas Ulsrud) vs North America (Pete Fenson) Sheet C World (Tom Brewster) vs North America (Jeff Stoughton)

## **Langley Events Centre from Home end** (Draw 4 Friday morning)





**Canadian and World Championship Events**

- **2012 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship**  
Nov. 12-19, 2011 ~ Sudbury, ON
- **The Dominion Curling Club Championship**  
Nov. 21-26, 2011 ~ Richmond, BC
- **2011 Canada Cup of Curling**  
Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2011 ~ Cranbrook, BC
- **2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup of Curling**  
Jan. 12-15, 2012 ~ Langley, BC
- **2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games**  
January 13-22, 2012 ~ Innsbruck, Austria
- **2012 M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors**  
Feb. 4-12, 2012 ~ Napanee, ON
- **2012 World Wheelchair Curling Championships**  
Feb. 18-25, 2012 ~ Chuncheon City, South Korea
- **2012 Scotties Tournament of Hearts**  
Feb. 18-26, 2012 ~ Red Deer, AB
- **2012 Tim Hortons Brier**  
Mar. 3-11, 2012 ~ Saskatoon, SK
- **2012 World Junior Curling Championships**  
Mar. 3-11, 2012 ~ Oestersund, Sweden
- **CIS/CCA University Championships**  
Mar. 14-18, 2012 ~ Welland, ON
- **2012 Ford World Women's Curling Championship**  
Mar. 17-25, 2012 ~ Lethbridge, AB
- **2012 Canadian Senior Curling Championships**  
Mar. 17-25, 2012 ~ Abbotsford, BC
- **2012 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship**  
Mar. 18-25, 2012 ~ Thunder Bay, ON
- **2012 CCAA Curling Invitational Championship**  
Mar.24-27, 2012 ~ Peterborough, ON
- **2012 Canadian Masters Curling Championships**  
Mar. 26 – Apr. 1, 2012 ~ Montreal, QC
- **2012 World Men's Curling Championship**  
Mar. 31 – Apr. 8, 2012 ~ Basel, Switzerland
- **2012 World Seniors**  
Apr. 14-21, 2012 ~ Taarnby, Denmark
- **2012 World Mixed Doubles**  
Apr. 23-29, 2012 ~ Erzurum, Turkey