



# HISTORY OF THE MOUNT BRUNO CURLING CLUB

In the summer of 1960, six men from the community formed a steering committee to organize and guide the establishment of a curling club for the citizens of St-Bruno-de-Montarville.

After ten days of existence, 41 families had joined up. The first membership meeting took place on March 6<sup>th</sup> 1961 at the Mt. Bruno Protestant School and the first meeting of directors on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 389 Seigneurial St. East. The Letters Patent incorporating the company were issued and the club got its name: Mount Bruno Curling Club.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, after purchasing land at 1390 Goyer Street, the building contract was awarded to Fortin Construction Co. with Charles Charbonneau as the architect. The original thinking was to build not only a curling club, but a swimming pool and tennis courts as well. The cost of the curling facilities was \$80,000 and the proposed date of completion December 15<sup>th</sup> 1961.

The club crest was designed to incorporate the town crest within a curling motif in blue, red, gold and white. There were 206 shareholders: 169 curling members and 37 social members.

On November 29, 1969, after the semi-finals of a mixed invitational, a fire gutted the club; it destroyed the upstairs lounge and part of the ice shed. The club had to be rebuilt and a contract was awarded to Bruno Bénard Construction with Roland Beaudoin as the architect. The new club opened to curling on October 26<sup>th</sup> 1970, 11 months after the fire.

Throughout the years, the club has had its ups and downs in activities and membership, but continues to flourish, thanks to the hard work and dedication of many of its members. When looking back at all these years of joyful events and good competition, which produced several provincial club champions, it is with great pride that the Mount Bruno Curling Club celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011.