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High Park Club

President's Message

February 2010

	5th End								
Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Yellow	0	0	4	0	3				7
Blue	2	1	0	0	0				3

*First end of the year. The end is setup good –but our skip misses the final shot. They take 2.
 Second end – well played – the lead shot goes to back button. Our team can't get it out. They take 1.
 Third End: Funny little Outside Biters (FLOB) – all of ours not full in the 12 foot – we get them.
 Fourth End: We are shot they are second shot – they hit us and double theirs out. Blank end.
 Fifth End: The funding from Rinc comes through – steal 3 and collect \$75K for the club.*

High Park Club is in 3rd Place

This year, probably more than any other year, I'm convinced that High Park is my third place. What is a third place? The term **third place** was invented by sociologist Ray Oldenburg and first appeared in his 1990 book *The Great Good Place*. It's a place where people can regularly go to take it easy and commune with friends, neighbours, and just whoever shows up.

Hominess takes precedence over pretence. Sound like any place we know?

Curling clubs are being recognized more and more as third places. If you have a look at the CCA web site - you can find an article by Heather Mair - called 'Club Life: Third Place and Shared Leisure in Rural Canada' in which she describes a day in the Life of a curling club. If you have some time - check it out. It's an interesting article.

High Park is more than just games. The spirit of the club is about people coming together and forming relationships when their interests connect. Curling clubs act as a source of "keeping track" of what's happening with people in their life and act as a source of support in good times and bad. You see this during the happy events at the club (like for success in play-downs, weddings, births) and for not so happy events - like illness. At any of these times (and others) - club members come together and support each other.

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You recognize how much of a special place High Park is by the commitment of the all the volunteers at the club, whether its to help renovate the club, run the New Year Eve party, a bonspiel etc. Members come down - not because they have to - but because they want too.

The club continues to appreciate that support as the renovation project moves forward and plans for the centennial celebrations are refined.

High Park is a great third place.

See you next month...

P.S A summary of the progress of the work on the renovations over the past 6 months has been posted on the web site.

Derek Henderson

Men's Section

In golf tournaments they refer to Saturday as "moving day" because it's the day that determines who is still in the hunt. Well I submit that Series 4 is also "moving day" for those on the playoff bubble. So to quote the bard "Get moving!". (a lesser known quote tis true:-)

Congratulations to our **Series 3 winners Monday Night:**

Draw A: Team Turney

Draw B: Team Pitts

Draw C: Team Pengelly (via tiebreaker)

Draw D: Team Nicholson

Draw E: Team Clark (via tiebreaker)

On Monday nights Team Olmstead continues to shine at 10 & 2. "Yowza!" is all I got to say about that. Team Nicholson and Pengelly too are looking pretty sporty with 9 & 3 records. Fattening

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their records on the bottom half of the draw has however put none of them into the playoffs yet and to do that they are going to have to continue their run against the top half. As Kevin Martin likes to say: "Have at er boys!":-)

Team Dearie has established a bit of a lead in the Aggie (news but not novel) For now it's still a four horse race. Perennials Dearie and Reid, last year's winner Team Turney, and everyone's sentimental favourite Team Monkman. As for the playoff race and the coveted 11th and last spot, it's still a wild one on Monday with all the way down to 17th place still in the hunt.

But the biggest story of the year by far is Team Pitts, moving from D to A is no mean feat, and doing it on both Monday & Thursday night makes it extraordinary. I'll have to check the club's files - aka - Lorne & Pat's memories ☺ - to see if it's also unprecedented. What is for sure is that it hasn't been done often. That both of his teams are now inside the playoff bubble - both 10th - points to the soundness of our points system I think.

Congratulations to our **Series 3 winners Thursday Night:**

Draw A: Team McKerihen

Draw B: Team Pitts

Draw C: Team White

Draw D: Team Brown

Draw E: Team Baty

On the final Thursday of series three Team Cauley and Team Arndt played one of the best games this viewer has ever seen at the club. There were countless perfect hit and rolls, perfect buries and perfect freezes, all followed by raise take-outs and raise double take-outs. I even saw a triple by 'Onfire' Tim McGuire that would have impressed Elvis Stojko. This game was a barnburner - not to mention a little scary for the rest of us. Team Pitts - aka 'The Dream Crushers' - as previously mentioned completed their move to A from D. They also sport the spiffiest won/loss record on Thursday's at 9-2-1. Team Adams has the second highest number of wins this season with 8, and just missed moving up to A by one point in the shootout. Ouch! The Brown & Bishop Teams are making a nice if late tandem move up the ladder going from E to D to C together. And while we're on the subject of tandem moves and late starts. ☺ Team White - finally - is starting to get its act together, being shadowed on that front by Team Kavals, both moving up to B after an unexpected sojourn in C. Both of these tandems speak well of our new set-up if movement is what you want from our ladder. And I think the majority would say it is.

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As for the regular season race - unlike last year's runaway and hide by Team Cauley - the Aggie is still much too close to call. McKerihen and Arndt are neck and neck with Cauley and McMichael still in it.

This next bit will seem odd to those of you who don't know the event in question. (space precludes going into it here) My boss has a lovely category for statements of this kind. He calls them TINTIHTS: Things I Never Thought I'd Have To Say !

So - to belabour the obvious - the "tearing of the velcro" and offer of a handshake signifies that the game is being conceded. Once this offer has been made and accepted, and both teams have left the ice, the game is officially over and may not be restarted. Enuf said - to quote Bartles and James, "thank you for your cooperation".

One final note - as we all know there is a time limitation on the early draw; i.e. Rule 6 subsection (d). As there has been some confusion we reprint it here for your edification. It also may help if we refer to it from now on as the 8:21 Rule.

- No more than two ends may be completed after 8:20 PM. (or in the event that the Committee extends the 6:40 PM scheduled start time, 100 minutes after the delayed start time). If the last rock of the sixth end is released before the clock shows 8:21 PM, then eight ends may be played. If the sixth end is otherwise still in progress when the clock reads 8:21 PM, a maximum of seven ends may be played. If there is no game scheduled for the ice at 8:45 p.m. this rule is waived.

Jeff Berg

Mixed Competitive Section

We're part way through the third series of play and things are getting exciting as teams vie for a good playoff position.

A couple of announcements from the Tuesday Mixed Committee:

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It seems like we're getting on the ice later and later for the first draw. A couple of weeks ago, the first rock thrown on any sheet was after 6:43 and one game started at 6:47. This puts more pressure on getting eight ends completed in the first draw, especially when there are lots of rocks in play. Remember that the skip throwing last rock has to release the rock before the clock hits 8:21 in order to play the eighth end. It's advisable that the two players in the house watch for and agree on that time. In the course of renovations, the buzzer has stopped working, so don't rely upon that as an indicator.

Please note that there is No **Mixed Competitive on Tuesday, February 16th**. The 4th Series will begin on February 23rd. Remember to post your shoot out scores as well as any requested byes for the final series in the draw room by the last night of this Series.

Finally, planning is underway for the "**The Heroic Spiel- Flames of Glory**" being held on **March 26th and 27th**. We have received some entries from outside teams, but ask for your help in promoting this annual mixed spiel at High Park. If you know members at other clubs or if you're out competing at other clubs this month, please spread the word about our spiel.

This year, we will be honouring Olympic Heroes. There will be some amazing prizes and two awesome bands for evening entertainment. Rather than a sit down dinner on Saturday night, there will be stations with foods from different countries- going with our Olympic Theme. We also have an oyster shucker coming in on Friday night with fresh oysters!

If you're interested in signing up for the spiel, there will be a sign-up sheet in the draw room. The number of High Park teams accepted will depend on how many outside teams we have registered.

As always, good curling to all teams!

Lisa Rawlings

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Sunday Open Section

The committee would like to recognize two of our Sunday members, Colin McMichael and Ryan Gain for making it to the quarter finals in the Provincial play downs for the Fairfield Marriot Challenge. Colin's Thursday mens team made up of Colin McMichael, Paul Attard, Ryan Gain and James Cockhill won the A side of zones to make it to the Provincials. *Congratulations Colin and Ryan.*

For Sunday open business, it has come to our attention that some curling sections have recently changed their time clock rule, which has led to some confusion over the rule in other sections. We wanted to remind Sunday curlers of the time clock rule for our section, found in section 6 (d) of the rules:

- 6 (d) a time limit is in effect for the first draw only: no more than two ends may be completed after 7:10 p.m. That is, if the last rock of the sixth end has come to rest before the clock reads 7:10 p.m., then eight ends may be played. If the sixth end is in progress when the clock reads 7:10 p.m., a maximum of seven ends may be played. If there is no game scheduled for the ice at 7:30 p.m. this rule is waived. The time limit will not apply to playoff games.

"no more than two ends may be completed"- also means that if the fifth end is not completed by 7:10 p.m., that only 6 ends can be played.

Due to the ongoing construction at the club, the buzzer is not working right now. The digital clock on the east wall will be the official timepiece. Be courteous to your fellow curlers with quick play!

Lastly, a reminder to teams to do their shoot out before the end of the series!

Good curling,

Jennifer Gray

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