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Monthly Newsletter
High Park Club – 100 Indian Road
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President's Message

January 2007

Welcome to 2007! The calendar pages seem to flip even faster each year, and I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year filled with good friends, good times and good curling.

Our New Year's Eve party at the club was once again a great success. Thanks to Virginia Mugford with help from Helen Killoch for organizing this fun event. I was unfortunately at home with Kleenex and chicken soup, or I would have joined you all to ring in the New Year at my favourite place. The New Year's Levee was also well attended, and in keeping with tradition the Vice President's team let the President's team win.

High Park Club is once again hosting some of the TCA Men's Energizer draws, on Saturday Jan. 6th, Monday Jan. 8th and Thursday Jan. 11th. Come down and watch some great curling by teams from throughout the city – and cheer on our home teams!

I'd like to formally invite all members of the High Park Club to attend our upcoming **Members' Meeting**, to be held on **Sunday, January 21st** at 2pm here at the club. It's your chance to meet and talk with the Board of Directors and hear about our current state of affairs, the future plans for the club, and how you can become more involved. Please mark it in your calendars; this is your chance to play a part in the club's direction.

Member statements are available for pickup in the lounge, and please remember that online banking is available for payment through any of the five major banks. Dining minimum charges have been billed for the first half of the season. For the remainder of the season the second half of our minimum (another \$25.00) is in effect. Please continue your support of our great caterer, James Cockhill.

Finally, our manager Abbie Darnley has been settling well into her new role, and I invite you to drop in at the office to get acquainted. Any inquiries/comments you have can be directed to Abbie at manager@highparkclub.com or to our directors' email at board@highparkclub.com. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Dan Yamasaki for all his years of hard work in the office helping us to keep the club running smoothly. Thanks so much, Dan, from all of us!

Karen Hajdur

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Junior Section

The High Park Bantam Boys team consisting of Andrew Low, Simon Gooding-Townsend, Cris Dias and Anrew Paiva competed in the Zone 8 Provincial draw at the Oakville Curling Club and even though they were not successful in advancing they were competitive in all their games finishing with a record of 1 and 2 against teams that had far more experience. *Congratulations* to these young men for their outstanding effort.

The Junior Section is always in need of volunteers to assist on Sunday afternoons with the Little Rockers and Juniors. If you love the game and want to help it grow or if you have free time on Sundays come down to the club. The young curlers will benefit from your experience, knowledge and time.

Gene Hajdur

Manager's Review

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year! We are almost in the half way point of the season - hard to believe. I'd like to send a special "thank you" to Sue Mooij and her committee from the Day Women's Section who did a fantastic job decorating the club for the festive season that just past. Your hard work definitely paid off.

You can reach me at 416-536-8054 or by email at either: manager@highparkclub.com or at board@highparkclub.com

Please remember all statements must be paid before the last day of the month to be reflected on the next month's statement. If you have any questions regarding your statements do not hesitate to contact me anytime in the office.

If you have a special event, birthday, anniversary or retirement party coming up. Please keep the High Park Club in mind. We still have good dates available for use of the dining room throughout the spring and summer months.

Good curling.

Abbie Darnley

Day Men's Section

The Day Men held their December wind-up on the 20th and we had 45 curlers show for 40 spots, thus we had 5 man teams playing each other. James Cockhill provided a great variety of snacks and all of us thank James for his efforts. We

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also owe a big thank you to Joe Coneybeare who was instrumental in organizing the snacks with James. With regards to the **High Park Senior Mens' Bonspiel** which will be held on Thursday February 15th, we are still open to prize donations. I personally have donated 7 prizes at the time of this writing and George Ross will be helping out with contributions.

Ken Brock

Mixed Competitive Section

Happy New Year Everyone! We hope you all had a very happy holiday season!

Just a reminder that our annual Mixed Competitive **Prime Time Bonspiel** (Melitta Qualifier) is coming up this March 23rd and 24th. We could use all kinds of help the weekend of the bonspiel so please contact Nadine if you are able to help out.

Also on the bonspiel front, if anyone has a contact or access to prize donations it would be greatly appreciated. If you are currently signed up for spiels anywhere and you think there may be interest in our Mixed Spiel please contact Nadine to grab some entry forms to bring along.

Good luck on the ice and all the best in 2007!

Nadine O'Gorman

Men's Section

Ah yes my friends it's that "Another year already" time once again. A time to ponder the omissions and commissions of the year past and to take heart from the lessons learned therein and by so doing put back into one's step the spring of hope eternal; AKA - the hope of "Doing better next time." (Or at least that is where our team's at having pretty much sucked in the last series-:) Here's a list of the teams from the last series that had no such problems.

Winners from the Second Series

Monday Night:

- A) Rajan Burman, Don Osborne, Keith Fisher, Alex Nikolajevic.
- B) Dave Reid, Ken Tomihiro, Dave Farris, Frank Atkinson.
- C) Mike Leblanc, Chris Upwood, Paul Tokarchuk, Jamie Sneddon.
- C) Matt Olmstead, Ron Olmstead, Pete Higgins Jr., Pete Higgins Sr.

Thursday Night:

- A) Jason White, Ryan Gain, Leonard Firkus, Kevin Sims.
- B) Tom Dearie, Mike Shpuniarsky, Tony Broderick, Adam DiCarlo.
- C) Steve McKerihen, Colin McMichael, Chris Czulo, Chris Kott.
- D) Stu Ferry, Jim Riffel, Mark Champion, Tony Pliszka.

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At the top of the heap on Monday Night's is the Dearie team which is very much no surprise excepting for the fact that they have already lost three games this year. Could it be that this is the year that Tom's team is finally dethroned from the Monday Aggie crown that they have sported so spiffily for the whole of the millennium so far? The "Killer B's" certainly hope so. (The Batty and Burman squads:-)

On Thursday Night heading into the all important to the making of the playoffs 3rd series the top of the mountain features an interesting mix of old and new. The ever-present Cauley foursome is as is their wont at the top but they are joined there by the youngest and possibly best balanced team in the club the Jason White foursome. Nipping at their heels is another mix of old and new. The Adams team, the winner of a couple of Aggie's already this century, and the young (by HP standards anyway :-)) and very talented Freitag rink.

I wish you and yours all of the very best in all of your resolutions and endeavours for and in the New Year. Good curling and bonne chance.

Jeff Berg

Friday Social Mixed Section

To celebrate the holidays, we held a Pyjama party on December 22nd and invited everyone to curl in their pyjamas. After many warnings that certain people didn't wear pyjamas (which they proudly announced), we got a great turnout, and were relieved when nobody tried to curl naked. Good times were had by all, and we have photos to prove it in the draw room. Special thanks to Paul Tokarchuk for making truffles for us to enjoy.

As our first session drew to a close, we had a real barn burner of a race. Teams who had struggled at the beginning really pulled together and caught up. The level of curling has been improving and the second session should be even better than the first. Prizes were awarded for the top 3 teams on each draw:

Draw A

1st: Chris Trella, 2nd: Jeff Hart, 3rd: Jeremy Nelson

Draw B

1st: Zach Levinsky, 2nd: Paul Tokarchuk, 3rd: Ted Wilson

We have been working on a trophy for the Friday Mixed Section. Al White has helped us repurpose an old trophy from 1924, which we will mount and present to winners of each session. We are still working on a title for the trophy, and are seeking suggestions, the Oreo cup, Cup of Glory, and Zach Levinsky Memorial Tankard were on the short list (until someone suggested he had to be dead to be on a memorial tankard!)

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Our Christmas food drive was a great success with over 350 pounds collected for the Daily Bread Food bank. We hope to make this an annual tradition, and do even better next year. Thanks!

A Planning session was held to make plans for the upcoming **Grand Mixed** bonspiel scheduled for March 30/31st. We will meet again Sunday January 14th at 3 pm at the club. The theme of the bonspiel is "Mardi Gras". We are looking for people to help plan prizes, games, entertainment, food, and decorations for the event. We encourage people from all sections to participate in the organization of this event. No experience necessary.

Doug Pengally

Oreo update:

It seems like only last month that Zach Levinsky's cat Oreo was just a cute little kitten - playing with cotton balls and strings of wool. A lot can change in a month to be sure. The other day there was an incident involving tinsel, shortbread and a small baby Jesus ornament. Unfortunately the details of this incident are beyond the bounds of good taste laid out by "The Sweeping Times" editorial board and you will have to ask Zach for the details.

Day Ladies Section

The Day Women completed their first draw in December. Congratulations to Sue Mooij, Roseann Barry, Susan Coates, and Samantha Callow for coming in first place. We started up again in January with a clinic for new and somewhat experienced curlers; thanks to Chris Phillips and Abbie Darnley. Our second draw starts on January 11th. We still have room for more women in the league to play regularly or spare. If you are available on Thursday afternoons to curl from 1 to 3, please contact Draw Master, Elaine Freedman, at 416 762-8361 or elaine@freedmanandsister.com.

Elaine Freedman

Dates To Remember
High Park Members Meeting – Jan 21 st @ 2:00 pm
High Park Senior Men's Bonspiel – Feb 15th
Primetime Mixed Bonspiel – March 23 rd – 24th
Grand Mixed Bonspiel – March 30 th – 31st

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