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Monthly Newsletter
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President's Message

February 2007

It's my pleasure to recognize the accomplishments of some of our own High Park teams in local competitions. Congratulations to the Kelly Cochrane rink for winning the TCA Business Women's Energizer as well as competing in the OCA Regionals. Sue Mooij's rink competed at the OCA Senior Women Regionals, and Heather Carr-Olmstead's rink has advanced to the OCA Trophy Regionals being held Feb 17th. Thanks to all of you for representing High Park so well.

There are many competitions and bonspiels still to come this season, and we'd like to hear about YOUR team's accomplishments. Please let the office know about your successes and we'll post them on our Wall of Fame in the main lounge. Good luck and good curling! Speaking of accomplishments, the Al White rink scored that coveted prize – an Eight-ENDER at Weston earlier this year. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Our Women's Competitive section hosted their annual Fireman's Invitational Spiel and once again not only raised funds for the Ross Tilley Burn Unit but also gave Toronto-area women some real eye candy. It's important for you all to know that this worthy cause has been solidly supported by our Women's Bonspiel for four years in a row now, with total donations exceeding \$13,000.

On January 21st we held our Members' Meeting, and for those of you who couldn't attend we have posted a presentation on the website at www.highparkclub.com. To view it you need to log-in, so if you don't have a log-in# please contact the office. There will be more details on upcoming projects, volunteer opportunities and other important information posted soon in a special corner of our Draw Room. Keep your eyes open for these changes.

Finally, I'd like to make an appeal to all members to take advantage of our Gripper Exchange Program. For all those who purchased a new gripper at the beginning of the season – surprise! – it's most likely worn out now. For slightly more than the cost of a pint of beer you can have a brand new, SAFE and CLEAN gripper to carry you through the second half of the season. Please be safe, keep our ice cleaner, buy a gripper!

See you on the ice,

Karen Hajdur

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Men's Section

Well my good fellows we've now past the halfway point and from herein begins the sprint to Finals Night. It is easy to say in the first two series if things aren't going entirely to plan that "Championships aren't won....". From this point however unless you are one of the few teams (usually four or less) who will spend all three series in A your championship season is now on line. I say this of course because as the old saying goes "You can't win unless you play" and for we at HP that means first and foremost making the playoffs.

Fortunately for all a few years ago we expanded the playoff format so now a full 50% of the league makes it into the playoffs. Before they begin however I would like to remind you that we celebrate the end of the regular season and the beginning of the playoffs with the Skins & Calcutta Night. If you have never been I highly recommend that you take in the festivities. From the Calcutta Cougars, to the Cauley Co. and Adams Family syndicates it is always a night filled with great curling (for dollars!), good natured humour and ribbing at the expense of the playoff teams, and a few friendly wagers on who is going to make it to finals night and win an event. Speaking of which do you know how to tell a true High Park veteran from a newbie? A High Park veteran knows that every season that you make it to finals night, no matter the event and no matter how you do that night, is a successful season.

So gentleman here's to your playoff run: May your hits be true, your draws well swept and every match a friendly.

Jeff Berg

Day Men's Section

Wow! Where has the Day Men's season gone? Including January 31st, we have only 8 more Wednesdays left that will conclude with our finale on April 11th. The details for our final day will be posted on the Club website. Also the Day Men will be hosting the Day Women for a challenge on March 7th and James Cockhill will be providing the post game snacks. The February 15th Senior Men's Bonspiel is filling up fast and Marvin Lipson, John Porter, George Ross, Monica Simmie from Rogers and yours truly have donated prizes.

On a final note, the Al White team that consisted of George Ross, Sandy Burnett and Ken Brock have been honoured for the "**Eight Ender**" we scored at Weston on October 13th, 2006. Each of us received "Eight Ender" pins from the OCA and CCA plus a CCA 8 Ender Certificate with the entire team names on it.

Ken Brock

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Women's Competitive Section

Welcome to the month of love. This year 20 lucky teams will be spending Valentine's Day together!

High Park was well represented at the Trophy event on the weekend of January 27th. Heather Carr's rink made it into the 'A' final, but was unsuccessful in their bid for domination, and eventually played the Mooij foursome in the 'B' final. The game went into an extra end where Heather won by one. The Cochrane rink also participated in the event.

Congratulations to the Killoch rink who were victorious at the last Quad Club event at St. Georges. The next Quad Club is to be held on Sunday, February 4th at Weston, and the final event is on Sunday, March 4th at Mississauga. Sign up sheets and maps are available in the draw room.

Congratulations also go to the Cochrane rink, winner of the Firemen's Spiel. Many of you, as teams, or as individuals have been very active and successful in tournaments and spiels outside of our club. Please let a committee member know so that we may properly congratulate your team on its victories.

Our thanks go to Heather Carr & Julie French for doing such a fabulous job with this year's Firemen's Spiel. It's a tough job, hanging out with those tasty men all day long, but these ladies make it look easy. Thanks as well to all those of you who volunteered your time or prizes. It was all greatly appreciated.

As the season starts to wind to a close, we would like the skips to know that we will be holding another skips meeting prior to the playoffs - date to be announced.

Peace, love and all the good numbers.

Lisa Mathers

Friday Social Mixed Section

Friday night kicked off the new year with a re-gifting party. Not knowing exactly what to expect it went very well, with some surprise gifts that found new, more appreciative homes. Michael Blakely topped out the charts with his "friendship kit" which I am sure he will cherish for years to come.

We are having a hockey night at High Park on March 9th. Dress as your favorite hockey player, whether it be the crisp clean team jersey you got at Christmas, or you dig out that ratty worn-in sweater you discovered at the bottom of your hockey bag. Celebrate the success of Zach Levinsky's new on-line fantasy hockey pool / multi level sports wagering system.

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Energizer update: Several members of our Friday night section competed in the recent Mens Energizer bonspiel. Some, including Paul Tokarchuk even won a few games. Congratulations Paul!

Correction notice: In the last issue of the sweeping times, the line stating: "Mandatory drug tasting" should have stated "Mandatory drug testing". We regret the error and wish to confirm that the Friday night section does not condone or encourage drug use on the ice or behind the shed on the tennis courts either.

Cup of glory update: Our trophy for Friday night is almost finished and will soon be proudly on display at the club.

Grand Mixed Bonspiel planning: We held a planning meeting for the **Grand Mixed "Mardi Gras" bonspiel March 30/31st**, featuring the Cajun Zydeco music of Swamparella. Sign up sheets will go up Feb 23rd, space is limited so avoid disappointment. It is also a great gift for that hard to buy for person.

Oreo update: The milestones are coming in at an alarming rate for little Oreo. He caught his first mouse recently! Naturally he had to share it with Zach to let him know what a wonderful dad he is. Wanting to personalize it a little, he left the mouse (or what was left of it) in Zach's curling shoe. What a pleasant surprise, good boy Oreo!

For those who have been asking, Oreo is not black and white, but rather bright orange, the name originates from Zach's favourite snack food.

Doug Pengally

Manager's Review

Hard to believe its February and the cold weather has just arrived. February is full of events at the club including the Senior Men's Bonspiel on February 15th, 2007 and the Men's Bonspiel on February 16-17th, 2007.

We are hosting a High Park Club "March Break Camp" this year March 12-16th, 2007. The cost is \$160 per camper and they will be doing a variety of events including curling, crafts, games, ice skating and more. Register early to avoid disappointment. As a High Park member you get a discount for each child registered. The age requirements are boys and girls between 6 -11 years old. For more information please contact me in the office, or pick up a flyer. Space is very limited and no curling experience is required to be a part of the camp.

Gripper Program: exchange a worn black one for a new one for just \$8.00!!

Our gripper exchange program is currently going on. Please replace your old worn out grippers as soon as possible. If you give us your worn gripper we will sell you a new one for a cost of \$8 including taxes. (**Applies to black grippers only**). For the average curler you should change your gripper at least once a year.

Good Curling.

Abbie Darnley

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Dates To Remember
High Park Senior Men's Bonspiel – Feb 15th
High Park Men's Bonspiel – Feb 16 – 17th
High Park March Break Camp – March 12 – 16th
Primetime Mixed Bonspiel – March 23 rd – 24th
Grand Mixed Bonspiel – March 30 th – 31st
Calcutta – April (TBA)

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