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Monthly Newsletter
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President's Message

March 2007

It's hard to believe that the season is quickly heading towards playoffs and final bonspiels, and I wish everyone the best of luck during this final series. March will be busy, with our *Prime Time Bonspiel* coming up March 23-24 and the *Grand Mixed Bonspiel* March 30-31. The theme of the Grand Mixed this year is "Mardi Gras", and I encourage all members to participate or at least come down on the 31st for the big party and dance.

I'd like to thank all those volunteer members who have devoted time and energy into planning events such as these or have spent the season working on our section committees. Each of us owes our wonderful club experience to these people and I would like to ask you to think about how you can become more involved next year. Committees will be starting to recruit new members for next season... ask your section's committee members how you can take part. We also will need an army of volunteers to help with future plans for our club, especially during the coming warm months. This is when the majority of the work gets completed in and around our building. In May we'll be organizing a Volunteer Day to complete various light duty jobs, and for more complex projects we'll be posting information in the Draw Room during March. Let's all work together to make our club the best it can be!

Coming soon in March is our annual Members Survey. Here's your chance to let us know your input and opinions. You'll be able to access the survey through our website www.highparkclub.com and we'll post notices in the clubhouse when the survey's up and running.

Speaking of the warm months, it's time to turn our attention to tennis very soon. High Park's unique *Lawn Tennis Section* welcomes any curlers who would like to try a membership. Ask the office about our special offer for curlers who'd also like to join the tennis section.

Enjoy the rest of the season, and be safe on the ice!

Karen Hajdur

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Mixed Competitive Section

Congratulations to the winners of our last series !

A Flight - The Stanfield Team

B Flight - The Riffel Team

C Flight - The Lumsden Team

D Flight - The Colangelo Team

We would like to extend an invitation for members to come down and join us for our **Prime Time Bonspiel Dance** on Saturday March 23rd @ 9:30 pm.

Thanks to all of you have already donated in some way to the bonspiel. Please speak to Nadine if you know of anyone who may be interested in sponsoring us in any way.

Nadine O'Gorman

Day Men's Section

Heading into the final few Wednesdays of this season, the attendance has been great for Day Men curling. Over the last five weeks we have averaged 38 curlers coming out to play and we had a full house on February 21st for the first time.

The 2007 edition of the H/P Senior Men's Bonspiel was held on Thursday February 15th and the two winners were as follows: Draw "A" - The Goodwillie team from St. George's and Draw "B" - The Mississauga Tadman team. Cudos to Al White, George Ross and Joe Coneybear for running this spiel and special thanks go to Abbie Darnley for all of her hard work tending bar and to Kevin Scott for keeping the ice in good shape for the participants. We also want to recognize Cardinal Funeral Homes (our principle sponsor), Rona, Sport Chek, Golf Town, Famous Players, Pet Valu, The LCBO, Muddy Duck Restaurant and Doug Pengelly for supporting our bonspiel. Lastly but not the least, everyone sends a big thank you to James Cockhill for the hardy lunch that was served.

Ken Brock

Manager's Review

Hard to believe playoffs are just around the corner; and with all this snow tough to believe that the ground hog saw its shadow. Only 2 months to go before we begin to pull out the golf clubs and warm up our tennis arms.

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A large concern for everyone who plays on the ice is ensuring we keep it at its best - with that being said if you haven't already, now is a good time to change or clean your broom head. It is also a great time to take advantage of our gripper exchange program. If you give us your old gripper we will give you a brand new one for only \$8 including tax.

We have a lot of upcoming events in March including the Mixed Primetime spiel and the Grand Mixed. For more

Gripper Exchange Program – new gripper for only \$8.00 plus tax!

information on either spiel check the bulletin board in the curling lounge. If you haven't already received one the 2007 rosters are available for pick up just outside the office.

I am looking forward to a great month of curling and seeing you on the ice.

Good Curling,

Abbie Darnley

Junior Section

The **High Park Bantam Mixed** team of Simon Gooding-Townsend, Katie Vanderkruk, Cris Dias and Livia Coburn competed in the Provincial Zones on February 17th. They were not rewarded for some fine play and unfortunately lost both games, however the team should be *congratulated* for their credible performance against a very strong field. They were a worthy representative of High Park and its junior program.

Gene Hajdur

Women's Competitive Section

It can't possibly be March already! But with the final series beginning, and the last Quad Club of the year approaching, I guess the season is winding down. Or is it winding up as teams are prepping for playoff season? The race is tight for Aggregate Winners, and anything can happen in the playoffs!

Just a quick reminder to all teams, that the last game of the regular season is March 28th, 2007 and playoffs will begin Wed April 4th. The High Park Playoff Day is Saturday, April 21st with the women taking the ice in the afternoon. Even if your team is not participating, we encourage all ladies to come out and cheer!

There will be a very brief skips meeting on Monday, March 19th, 8pm to discuss playoffs, finals dinner and survey questions.

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Our congratulations go out to Sue Mooij's team who won the Intermediate zones in Mississauga on February 10th and are playing in Port Perry the weekend of March 4th at the Regionals for their second year running. We wish Sue, Doris Bitz, Hayley Newlands and Marina Frykowski all the best in their quest for dominance!

If any member of the women's competitive league would like to help out with playoffs, the closing dinner or is interested in becoming a member of the committee, please feel free to speak with any committee member. We could use your help!

Enjoy these last few weeks of curling.

Lisa Mathers

Friday Night Mixed Social Section

As the season heads toward the wire there is a real footrace for the prize table, and the ultimate prize, the cup of glory.

In Draw A: Jeremy Nelson, after stumbling in the first half has put together a first class squad, who has gone 6/0. The only team standing in his way is Karen Hajdur who has really been coming out of her shell, after struggling early. Karen could also feature as a spoiler when she plays Niall Brown on the last game. It is too close to call. Chris Ewing is hot on Jeremy's tail, having suffered his only loss at Jeremy's hands. He could have a little trouble with Scott, Garrie or Hart, but needs Hajdur to clobber Jeremy for a chance to tie for first.

Niall brown had a couple of ties early on and must really step up to the plate against Bishop and Hajdur if he wants to step up to the prize table. Steve Bishop and Mike Leblanc are hot on Niall's heels for the last seat at the table. One false move and they might be in the running. Trella or Scott could hand Mike a bit of a surprise though.

In Draw B: we have one of the tightest races we have seen on the mixed social circuit. Mike Kealey and his squad have steamrolled anyone in their way, to remain undefeated; however it looks like his salad days may be over, as Ted Wilson, Zach Levinsky and Doug Pengelly stand between him and the cup of glory. Bruce Pratt has got to be happy with his performance so far, his one loss coming at the hands of the Kealey powerhouse. Things could get a little tricky with games against Colin Sutherland, and a rejuvenated Marvin Lipson, who has found his mojo.

Colin Sutherland, who has only a loss and a tie faces Pratt, his nemesis, and if the chips fall just right with the Kealey powerhouse running out of gas he has a shot for first. Ted Wilson, the only one of this group who has seen the delights of the

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prize table is getting hungry. On the heels of losses to Sutherland and Pengelly he is looking for some payback. His front end struggled a bit with their big girl weight. They face a showdown with Kealey and will take on a refreshed Lipson on the final game. Doug Pengelly and his team struggled early in a couple of close calls against Paul Tokarchuk and Bruce Pratt, but were able to pick themselves, dust themselves off, and make the shots they needed to make. Sutton the spoiler could throw a few surprises, but the final showdown against the Kealey powerhouse on the last game will be a showcase event. With Pratt playing Sutherland, Pengelly has a chance, but has to be looking over his shoulder at Ted Wilson.

Marvin Lipson and Zach Levinsky will probably come up too short for the prize table, but with nothing to lose can both put their spoiler hats on in games against Pratt, Wilson and Kealey.

Hockey night in High Park is coming March 9th - dress as your favorite hockey player or Toronto Maple Leaf. Prizes for best outfit and other goodies are on the line. March 16th is our last league game of the season, there will be treats and prizes for this session. If you have a bye, we encourage you to come out and celebrate a great season of curling.

The sign up sheets are up for the *Grand Mixed Mardi Gras Bonspiel* on March 30th. There will be prizes for best costumes, you might check out the Cajun Corner on Queen East/Logan, or The Party store near QEW/ Islington for costume ideas. If you aren't curling drop by Saturday night to watch the Cajun Zydeco band: Swamperella.

We have challenged the Friday night Sheridan Park League to a "**Grudge Match**" on Sat Apr 14th. We are looking for 5 teams, a sign up sheet will be posted for anybody interested in playing. Let's show these bristle brush sweeping goons how the game is played! Game on!

Doug Pengelly

Dates To Remember
Primetime Mixed Bonspiel – March 23 rd – 24 th
Grand Mixed Bonspiel – March 30 th – 31 st
Calcutta – April (TBA)

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