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

May 2007

It seems that it was mere weeks ago that I took on the role of President at our club, and yet I'm now writing my last message for the Sweeping Times. It's been a whirlwind year for me, and I can't believe how many people have stepped up and made a difference in our club through their tireless efforts and positive outlooks. I'm truly grateful to so many ... My special thanks go to our current Board of Directors, our committees, our staff and our various volunteer groups. We have accomplished a lot, and I'm proud of our efforts this year. There are definitely more solid achievements to come, with Michael Adams ably leading the way as incoming President.

The work isn't over just yet for this year; we have many projects on the go during the summer and as always we're looking for volunteers to come forward. Our **Volunteer Day** is coming up on May 26th and it's not too late to sign up. Simply send a quick email stating your willingness to participate to board@highparkclub.com. In addition to some work we're doing ourselves, we are also committed to a complete professional overhaul of our front façade. You'll see the new look by the time our **Surf 'n' Turf Barbeque** takes place on June 20th.

We're also doing some necessary repairs to the steel girders in the ice house. It's a big job, and one that won't be visible to our members, but at least we're ensuring the integrity of our roof structure. There are other changes coming – but I'll keep those as a surprise.

Please note that the HP Survey Results will be available on the website after May 20th on www.highparkclub.com. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We will be changing our direction with regards to our ice next year, and I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Craig Bancroft for his dedication to our club these past three years: on the ice, in the office, and on the greens. I wish Craig great success in his future endeavours.

With all my new-found free time this summer, I'm going to take Rajan up on his offer to teach me tennis. Congratulations to Rajan Burman as the new President of our Tennis Section, and I'm looking forward to playing tennis this summer. Let's meet very soon over a cool drink on our verandah during the coming months! It's been a real pleasure working with all of you this year. Thank you,

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Karen Hajdur



Day Men's Section

On April 11th, the Day Men held their grand finale. The format was two six enders - 43 curled in the first one there were 42 in the second one. Everyone who came went home with a prize and the winning curlers by position were:

Skip: Dan Yamasaki
Vice: Denis McClelland
Second: Sandy Burnett
Lead: (Tie) Ralph Davis and Robbie Brydon

Stuart Sankey from Royal LePage was our primary sponsor - many thanks to Stuart from all of the Day Men. There are quite a few others to thank for the success of our fourth season which was our best one so far and they are: Craig Bancroft, Doris Bitz, Richard Carson, Joe Coneybeare, Brian Goodman, Tony Koechli, Bill McDonald, Lou Nave, Doug Pengelly, Jim Riffel, George Ross, Grant Simmie, Howard Stanfield, Mike Wall, Al White, George Winkler and Dan Yamasaki. James Cockhill as usual did his magic with the lunch which was very good and was enjoyed by all.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a great summer and I will see all of you back on the ice in October. The first day will be Wednesday October 10th for the start of the 2007/2008 season.

Ken Brock

Competitive Women's Section

Well ladies, that's it for the season - the last rocks have been thrown; the last curses have been uttered and the last brooms have been tossed against the backboards in disgust... at least until October!

I would like to congratulate our superstar team of Kelly Cochrane, Doris Bitz, Brenna Cochrane, Karen Hadjur & Lisa Rawlings who were both the Aggregate winners with a fantastic record of 17/3 and were also our Women's Competitive Club Champions this year.

Our Second Event winner was the team of Sue Mooij, Marina Frykowski, Hayley Newlands & Jenn Gray. The Third Event winner was Laurie Safranka, Annette

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Haley, Barb Ewing, Kelly Hoppler & Sophie Nguyen. The Fourth Event winning team was Jean Riffel, Joan Kerr, Carolyn Larden & Pat Rawluk, and the Fifth Event winner was the new team of Charene Gillies, Kate Wash, Judy Nave & Suzanne Guillemette.

Thank you to all the ladies who have graciously volunteered their time and energy to make the season such a success. I couldn't have done it without all of your help. Specifically, I would like to thank the committee of Karen Gigliotti, Heather Carr Olmstead, Jenn Gray, Kelly Cochrane & Julie French. A special thank you also goes out to all of the ladies who came out to help and cheer on the teams on Saturday, April 21st. Thanks especially to Eady Curtis who got the ladies on and off the ice in a timely fashion and to Teresa Selander, Lisa Rawlings & Karen Pivnick who were all a tremendous help, carrying drinks to the ladies.

Please remember to drop by the club after July 1st to sign up your team for next year in the draw room. We are anticipating another full section, so if you are entering a new team, be sure to get your name in early!

With the sun shining and the birds chirping I think it is time to wander outside and enjoy a glass of wine, so I send you all a "cheers" and look forward to seeing you all again in the Fall.

Lisa Mathers

Day Women's Section

The 2006--2007 season ended on the evening of April 19th with the Annual Day Women's dinner and prizes. Sue Mooij managed to complete a hat trick - taking her third team of the season, Elaine Freedman, Ruth McDonald, and Tracy Hodges to win the draw. Congratulations to Sue and the members of all your teams. Thanks to Roseann Barry, Sandy Semple, and Pat Zelikovitz for organizing the dinner, complete with souvenir curling quarters, and to Elaine Freedman for getting all the one-of-a-kind prizes. Thanks to the all the members of the Day Women's committee for helping to make this another great season to all our members for making this a great league.

Most of our members will be returning next year, but there is still space in our league for more women curlers. If you are retiring, are self-employed, work flex hours or are unemployed or going on maternity leave (we have baby sitting), why not join us - we have babysitting available too) and pass on the word to your friends and neighbours. See you all next season.

Elaine Freedman

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Attention All Members

Al White is considering a Volume II to his History of High Park and he is looking for interested volunteers to help with the research and interviewing. If you are interested Al can be contacted at dhr@rogers.com

Mixed Competitive Section

Well, it's time to bid a farewell to our Tuesday nights for the time being. It has been a wonderful season and I hope everyone has enjoyed this year as much as I did.

Congratulations goes out to the McCutcheon Team (Mike McCutcheon, Jodie McCutcheon, Blair Clemes and Jeni Mah), our new Mixed Competitive Champions for winning the playoffs this year. Not only did this team do an amazing job at climbing their way to the top as a new entry but they are always a team that everyone enjoys hanging out with on and off the ice. Also a high five to the Stanfield and Adams Teams as they tied for the winning aggregate spot this year - another fun pairing if there had to be a tie!

Once again, there will be some changes on our Committee this year and we are always looking for newcomers to join us and give some time to a great section at High Park, we are especially interested in someone filling our Draw Master position. Please contact Nadine O'Gorman if you want to discuss any kind of commitment.

Don't be strangers; we hope to see members on Volunteer Day or at the Surf 'n' Turf. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Nadine O'Gorman



Annual High Park Golf Tournament
at Deerfield Golf Club in Oakville
On June 8th,07

Tee times start at 11:00 am
Price: \$95.00 which includes golf, a full buffet dinner,
putting contest and prizes too!
Cart rentals available at \$33.00 - must be booked in
advance

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