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Monthly Newsletter
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Message from the President

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I'm honoured to serve as President of High Park Club this season, especially given that it is my 20th year as a member. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to welcome new and returning members to the best club in the city. The Board has worked hard with Management since the end of the last curling season to ensure that 2007/08 is thoroughly enjoyed by all. Overall, club membership numbers and finances are continuing the upward trend, this not only takes professional management but a committed and loyal membership base. Thank you for continuing to support your club.

Club Manager, Abbie Darnley, has worked hard over the summer ensuring that tennis members are happy and enjoying the best courts and service possible (mother nature played a small roll), and preparing the club for another new and exciting year of curling. You'll notice newly painted interior walls, spruced up trophies, newly framed photographs, resealed parking lot, re-pointed bricks and replaced trim on the east façade and new street facing signage among other upgrades and improvements. A great deal of this was made possible with the help of volunteers. Please participate in any way you can, it shows! We have many more projects coming up so please check the boards for sign up sheets and other ways in which you can help.

One of the top mandates of the Board is to provide curling members with the best possible curling experience - quality on-ice conditions helps to ensure this. We interviewed several candidates in the spring and hired a new icemaker; Roy Arndt, to make High Park Club curling ice the best it possibly can. Please welcome Roy to our club. We also performed some major upgrades to the ice plant and refurbished

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the running service of the rocks to help achieve this goal. You'll also notice that we have removable hacks, which allows for more effective ice maintenance and

ultimately reduces the number of picked rocks due to debris on the ice. We're also anticipating the arrival of new rocks next season, so please support the *Rock Fund* in whatever way you can.

The Board and management recognize that communication with members is extremely important. The web site is the most useful tool for keeping you informed of future events at the Club and curling news from across Canada. You'll also find Member contact information is now updatable by each member via the web site directory. Please check to make sure your contact information is up to date. Your personal information is protected and viewed by members only.

I would like to thank the late Tony Koechli, who passed away on September 26th, for giving me more strength and determination to be the best possible High Park Club President I can be. His acceptance speech in April at the club personifies what we all aspire to be and was one of the most moving experiences of my life. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, friend and member of the High Park Club. He will be missed, but never forgotten. God bless Tony and his amazing family. I dedicate my term as President and this curling season at High Park Club in his memory.

To combine quotes from our members in the now famous curling promotion TV commercial, get out and go curling.... have fun between the sheets.

Michael Adams



Men's Section

The men's section will look a little different in the upcoming season as compared to last year. The committee looks largely the same although Mr. Berg has retired to concentrate on more important issues and Mike LeBlanc has joined as Monday Draw-master (replacing James Pitts who we thank for services rendered). John Ferren continues as Thursday Draw-master so John and Mike are the guys you need to talk to about scheduling issues.

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Neither Monday nor Thursday will have any new teams this season - 25 teams with returning members signed up for Monday alongside 2 new teams while 25 teams with returning status plus 1 new team signed up for Thursdays. In that, the vast majority had at least three returning team members, there is a strong message here - make sure you understand the signup rules before you sign up a reformed team!

There is one way in which each section member can really help us out. Please get your contact information updated (if necessary) on the club website as we are concentrating our energies on using both e-mail and the club website for whatever information we need to get to you.

Finally we'd like to welcome our new icemaker, Roy Arndt, not only as the icemaker but also as a Thursday competitor ... show us how to do it properly, Roy!
Good luck to all in this coming season and, most of all, enjoy!

Howard Stanfield

Day Men's Section

Wednesday October 10th was the start of our 5th season for Day Men. Our section now has a total of 55 men who will curl 90% of the season. We also have 4 gentlemen who wish to pay \$10 a game when they are able to make it. There were 11 departures this season for various reasons and 9 new members have come aboard; they are Douglas Ayres, Al Cotton, Edward Dowhaniuk, Donald Duench, Stu Ferry, Patrick Higdon, Lorne McDonald, Philip Playfair and Les Stroeder. The 2007/2008 Day Men's Section Executives are:

Chair/Treasurer/Drawmaster: Ken Brock

West End Seniors: George Ross

Senior Bonspiel: Al White, George Ross & Joe Coneybeare

Member at large: Howard Stanfield

Ken Brock

Sweeping Times is the voice of all members so if you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter whether it be an announcement, a joke, curling and/or tennis accomplishments, etc please feel free to forward it to either your section representative or directly to me; the editor at: marina_frykowski@oma.org or you can call me at the numbers listed in the club directory or on the website.

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Tuesday Mixed Competitive Section

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We hope everyone had a fabulous summer and that you are enjoying success in the new season. Perhaps our new icemaker, Roy Arndt has contributed to your wins. Welcome Roy!

We welcome our new President and Vice-President, Mike Adams and Neill MacMillan. The re-pointed bricks and the new signage out front are the first of many projects that they will undertake this year and we wish them well.

Among the organizational changes to the club is the creation of a Curling Committee; Kelly Cochrane will be the Tues. Mixed section's representative. With Zach Levinsky at its helm, we're sure that this committee will provide an effective means of communication between all the sections.

This year's Mixed committee, under the chair of Nadine O'Gorman, is: Kelly Cochrane, Anne Lumsden, Jeni Mah and Lisa Rawlings. These five women would certainly appreciate your help throughout the year but particularly as they plan for the Prime Time Spiel on the 29th and 30th of March.

The committee is pleased to announce that the prize fund of \$30 will not see an increase this year. The fund is used to purchase prizes (LCBO gift certificates) at the end of each draw and steaks for the participants of the finals night. It's never too early to begin setting aside a space in your freezer in anticipation of those winnings.

Since Christmas and New Years are on Tuesdays this year, the section will miss those games but the schedule does accommodate the losses.

The last piece of business would be a reminder that each team is responsible for posting the results of their shoot out on a card made available in the draw room. The card is to be completed before the end of that draw and it will be used in the event that a tie needs to be broken by the draw master, Lisa Rawlings, at the end of the series. Please leave completed cards in the Tues. Mixed committee's mailbox beside the bar.

Finally, a welcome to the newest rink in our section skipped by Andre Kostecki. Congratulations on winning the lottery held to fill the twenty-fourth place and we wish you well this season.

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