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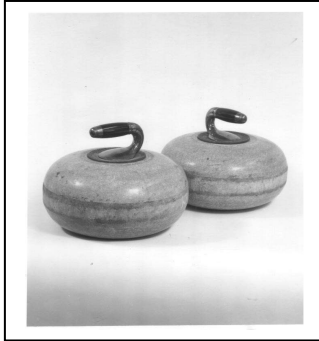
Monthly Newsletter

High Park Club - 100 Indian Road

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Message from the President

November 2007



I have a few major announcements to pass on to you from the Board of Directors this month. First, please join us in celebrating the signing of Abbie Darnley to a 4 year contract in her expanded roll as *General Manager*. Abbie has been extraordinary this past year and has earned the new title and multi-year deal. This will ensure the continued smooth running of our club leading up to and through our Centennial Year. Abbie will also be instrumental in planning for the Centennial and implementing upgrades and changes to our facility over the next few years.

Signs around the club advertise a celebration on Monday November 12th to honour the 50th Anniversary of Pat Monkman's membership at High Park Club. Pat joined the club in 1957 and 7 years later he won the Governor Generals playing second for club member, and Brier skip, Tom Ramsay. Check out the team photograph just outside the office. Pat (playing Vice) won the Club Championship with Tom in 1965 and won again as skip in 1967 (when I was just under a year old - Pat, I had to add that!). Pat is a keen competitor on the ice and a consummate gentleman off the ice. He became President after being a member for 15 years. He was just getting warmed up giving back to the club and a sport he loved. He became Chairman of the Canada Life Bonspiel in 1984, a member of the Silver Broom (1986) and Grand Match (1993) committees and served as Chairman of the High Park Reunion in 1995. He was honoured that same year by the Men's Section as the first inductee into the Wall of Fame. In 2002 Pat was made a Life Member of the club - the first person to receive the honour in more than forty years. Join the celebration of his accomplishments with a presentation from the club on Monday November 12th starting at 8:00pm.

The Toronto Curling Association announced a major international curling event that will take place at the Air Canada Centre in 2009. The top teams that will

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be competing at the 2010 Olympics will be playing at the ACC Centre. Call it a warm up or great PR for curling at the Olympics. Regardless, the full event pass will cost \$250/each, but the TCA has added a positive spin offering the 23 TCA member clubs a chance to buy tickets at a reduced price of \$150/each up to January 2008. To put this into perspective, Scottie tickets are \$350, Brier tickets \$550 and 2010 Olympic tickets are \$910. On top of the reduced rate, \$25 from each ticket sold by our club will be returned to the club and \$25 and another \$25 will go back to the TCA. We will apply all proceeds to the Rock Fund - so please contact Abbie asap to place your order. They will make great presents this holiday season!

A few weeks ago an event was brought to my attention that occurred at Windsor Curling Club in Nova Scotia. A fire destroyed their facilities one year before their 100th Anniversary. A club's worst nightmare! As a small gesture of our support we contributed a couple of brooms to a fund raising drive they were having. The Windsor Curling Club responded thanking the Board and club members for their generous donation and words of encouragement.

Your Board, Management and Section Committees are working hard behind the scenes to make your experience at the Club the best it can possibly be. Please find some time to thank them and state your mind. I also encourage you to get more involved in volunteering at the club.

Michael Adams



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Mixed Competitive Section



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 also 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 Tuesday Mixed section's representative and 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.

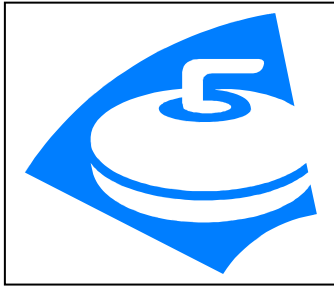
The committee is pleased to announce that the prize fund of \$30 **will not** see an increase this year. The fund is used to purchase prizes (LCBO gift certificates) at the end of each draw and steaks for the participants of the finals night. It's never too early to begin setting aside a space in your 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 is a reminder that each team is responsible for posting the results of their shootout 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 who won the lottery held to fill the twenty-fourth place and we wish you well this season.

Anne Lumsden

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Friday Night Mixed Section

As I curl up with a steaming mug of bubble tea and reflect on the season that has just begun, warm thoughts come to mind. Now that the pesky summer is over, curling is in full swing - we have a few new faces this year and lots of returning curlers. The Friday Night Social Committee has changed its name to the Grand Council to better reflect our members' needs. The Grand Council has planned many events for this season including pumpkin carving (look for our pumpkins around the club!), Christmas decorations night, and pyjama night.

The Grand Council is also organizing a seasonal food drive again this year to support the Daily Break Food Bank. The food drive will start on November 23rd and finish on December 21st. We are also organizing a social bonspiel on November 10th along the theme of Hairspray the Musical! There will be lots of prizes for costumes, curling and other surprises! The format is a one-day mini bonspiel featuring two draws, each playing three 4-end games. This format was chosen to encourage social members to enjoy the bonspiel.

Thanks to Paul Tokarchuk for setting up the unofficial Friday night website. You can find it at <http://friday.unofficialhpcc.net>. Paul has done a great job - the site looks awesome. It is a good source of information about upcoming theme nights and includes lots of photos.

The club is collecting money to purchase new rocks and Friday night has stepped up to the plate and donated \$500 to the cause. Kelly Cochrane is organizing a 50/50 draw and, if you haven't already done so, please consider contacting Kelly to sign up.

We regret to advise that Declan Neary remains on the Injured Reserve List this season, but continues to attend Friday Nights as our poet laureate and to keep expectant Andrea Brown company.

Congratulations to new curlers, Quinn (Clark and Gretchen Evans) and Isobel (Chris Trella and Robin Stewart)! Andrea and Niall Brown are next in the hack.

The Oreo chronicles will begin a new season next issue with the exciting introduction of Wilbur!

Doug Pengelly

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Did you know:

- That you can now request to receive the Sweeping Times by email by just logging in on the web site. Just login, click on Change my Info, then Click Yes on Receive Sweeping Times by email, then save. As long as you have a valid email address - the Sweeping Times will be sent to your inbox every time a new one comes out;
- The main page of the web site is now linked to curling news feeds. The tennis page has news feeds from the world of tennis.
- The member directory on the web site has been updated with all current member information. Please report any discrepancies to the office.

Day Men's Section

At the time of this newsletter, we are now three weeks into our 5th season and the turnout has been wonderful so far. We played on all 5 sheets on the first day and 4 on each of the following two weeks. Since we began, there have been three new members join us and they are Clark Evans, Ron Olmstead and Lyman Young. Welcome Gentlemen and I hope that all of you will enjoy our section.

Ken Brock

Sunday Mixed Section

I would like to welcome back the Sunday night teams. This year we were over-subscribed, with 29 teams vying for 24 spots. It was great to see so many familiar faces coming back for another year. Sunday offers a great combination of competition and collegiality. With so many teams, Sunday will be expanding to a full 24 week regular season schedule, playing right through the holidays.

I would also like to thank the retiring Sunday committee for their hard work over the last several years, and leaving the section so well organized. The new committee consists of our draw-master; Rob Gray, our treasurer; Diane Wright, plus Jennifer Gray and Alex Killoch.

See you on the Ice.

Heather Fraser

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Managers Review

Our first month of curling season is complete, billing is almost finalized and we are well into the long, enjoyable winter months of the curling season. We have many events and bonspiels planned throughout the season so keep up to date on our website as we post upcoming events and functions for our members.

Just a reminder to all members that we do place all statements out for pick-up during the first week of each month, if you could remember to pick up your monthly statement and save us on mailing costs it would be greatly appreciated. In addition we have online banking available, so register High Park Club as one of your billers to make payments simple and easy for you, or send a cheque into the office. All overdue accounts will be charged 1.5% interest monthly.

High Park Club is looking to hire a handy man around the club, approximately 9-15 hours per week fixing odds and ends. If you are interested please contact myself in the office at 416-536-8054 or manager@highparkclub.com

The Pro-Shop is fully stocked and we carry a wide selection of curling gear so if you need to replace a broom head, a gripper, curling shoes or even get a new broom check us out. The Pro-Shop can be opened by any bar or office staff.

On a different note I would like to say a very special thank you to **Don Sorbie** who ran a fundraiser this summer with the help of the Tennis Section to purchase a defibrillator for the club.

The High Park Club now has 5 fully trained staff on a brand new

defibrillator located at

the bar. His extensive work and support was outstanding and I commend him for all his effort put into this fundraiser. Thank you Don.

What does a defibrillator do? Defibrillation is a manoeuvre to stop irregular beating of the heart and to return it to normal rhythm.

I want to wish everyone good luck in any upcoming zones, bonspiels and games.

Good curling.

Abbie Darnley

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Please read the following important announcement:

The Toronto Grand Slam of Curling Event Held October 21-25th, 2009 Air Canada Centre

This event is being advertised well in advance to give you substantial savings cost. The event will showcase 10 of the teams participating in the 2010 Olympic Games. It will give us a preview of what to expect for the upcoming year.

The cost to purchase the ticket after Jan 15th will be \$250.00 - you will be saving up to \$100.00 for the event package. There are 15 draws over a 5 day period.

Help support curling, help support the Toronto Curling Association and help support High Park Club by purchasing your tickets before January 15th, 2008.

To order tickets please see Abbie in the office, these can be chitted, paid by cheque or by cash. Receipts will be issued for each purchase and once the tickets come in they will be handed out.

High Park Club will be assigned a section of the Air Canada Centre for our members, so we can all sit as a club. This is going to be one of the best curling events held in Southern Ontario – so don't miss out on it.



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