

# The Sweeping Times

Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the President

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The Holiday Season is in the air and as I write this letter the Charlie Brown Christmas theme song is playing on my phone (on hold.. making flight plans to escape the cold!). I'm sure Charlie would love to visit our pro shop and upgrade his broom and shoes. So how about you! Please have a look at what Abbie has lined up this season in her list of specials. While you're checking out the specials please think about donating to the Daily Bread Food

Bank via the bins set up at the club. For your convenience we've set up some pre-packed packages of assorted food at the bar which you can purchase and deposit in the bins.

The Board has set up a new committee to take the last few months of research done by the Capital Projects Committee to the planning and implementation stage. You will be invited to speak your mind about some past renovation designs so we can gauge your expectations and ideas for a new Master Plan. We'll keep you posted and look forward to your input. Special thanks to Karen Hajdur, Al White, Neil McMillan, George Ross and Jim Cochrane for helping us get to this point. We will all have a chance to play a roll in developing the plan.

The Curling Committee has had its first meeting and Zack reports that it went great. Each curling section has a representative on the committee, which reports directly to the Board. One of the most interesting developments that came out of the first meeting is the desire to expand the committee running the Grand Mixed Bonspiel to include other section members. A progressive development for one of the great bonspiels at the club that has the largest crossover of women and men curlers. See what happens when great minds come together! I encourage you to get to know your section committees and volunteer to help them enhance your experience at the club.

Roy has been hard at work trying to find the "sweet spot" of the ice plant and he assures us that ice conditions will continue to gradually improve as he develops a better feel for the plant and the new controls at his fingertips. Roy and Abbie are accessible at the club day and night so I encourage you to speak with them directly about anything on your mind. They're email addresses are also listed on the web site. Roy is determined "to make High Park Club ice one of the best in the city". The Board is also backing this goal through encouragement, research, funding and fund raising for upgrades and maintenance.

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Fundraising for new rocks is going extremely well. Members have devised creative ways to get to their goal, so please show your support and participate in whatever way you can. One of my favourite ideas is the Mixed Section's bottle of wine drive - contribute a bottle to the prize table (I think they have over 30 bottles so far) and buy tickets to win the grand prize - lots of wine for the holidays! Great idea Jodi and well executed by the committee. All proceeds are going to the Rock Fund.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Speaking of New Year, the club is hosting its annual New Years Eve party. See the notices around the club for more details. It's sure to be lots of fun.

Finally I would like to thank all those who helped to make the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pat Monkman's membership at High Park Club a fabulous and memorable time for all. I'll end with my favourite quote from Pat's speech that night. "I moved to Toronto and looked for a curling club. Then I looked for a home." He has been commuting to the club from Mississauga ever since!

**Michael Adams**

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## 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 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 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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

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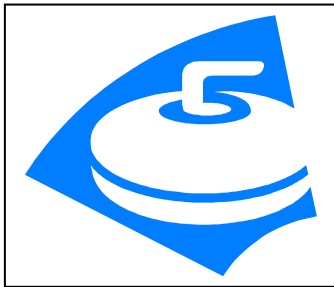
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the end of each draw and steaks for the participants of the finals night. It's never too early to begin setting aside a space in your freezer in anticipation of those winnings.

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 Kostecky who won the lottery held to fill the twenty-fourth place and we wish you well this season.

**Anne Lumsden**



## Men's Section

After yet another mild and lengthy fall season we are suddenly descended upon by winter. At least one person is happy - Roy Arndt, and now he can get down to ice-making without fear of losing ice around the edges of the arena.

The first series is done and dusted and there were surprises on both nights when the aggregate points were calculated. Congratulations to our first series' winners:

**Mondays "B"**: the Tom Dearie team on one side and a tie between The Rajan Burman and Dave Reid teams on the other side.

**"C"**: the Aaron Lindfield team and the Gerry Gorman team

**Thursdays "B"**: the Steve McKerihen team on one side and a tie between the Mike Adams/Roy Arndt and the Bill McDonald (Colin McMichael) team on the other.

**"C"**: the Gary Nuttall team and the Steve Bishop team.

The early season highlight was the tribute night on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November for **Patrick Monkman**, entering his **50<sup>th</sup> year of curling at High Park**. Not only would we like to repeat our congratulations to Pat but we would also like to thank Al White for all the work he did in putting this night together. It was terrific and a good time was had by all.

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Please make sure that you read the dates for the Third Series very carefully when it is published just before Christmas. Mondays are playing on both a Thursday (December 27<sup>th</sup>) and a Sunday (January 13<sup>th</sup>) before things get back to normal while Thursdays miss out on both Christmas week and Energizer week.

Don't forget to sign up for the Energizer. High Park is always well represented and the spiel is better value in terms of giveaways and prizes than it has ever been.

This spiel is not for cash-spiel type teams and the fact that you're playing regular club teams in different clubs around the city adds to its appeal.

Is it me or is it running straight outside the 4' when we keep the weight up?

**Howard Stanfield**

## Mixed Competitive Section

Congratulations to the winners of the first draw:

- A** Rajan Burman, Hayley Newlands, Ross Turney and Heather Patterson
- B** Joe Coneybeare, Genia Vanderkruk, Keith Fisher and Lynn Clark
- C** Kevin Sims, Julie French, Michael Blakely and Ruthanne Corman
- D** Rocco Colangelo, Wendy Murray, Marvin Lipson and Joanne Williamson



The raffle for a case of wine will be held on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, just in time for the holidays. Information about tickets and the early bird draw can be found on flyers around the club.

Thank you to those who have already donated a bottle or two to the cause; the more cases we can raffle, the merrier. All contributions can be left at the bar or with a member of the Mixed Committee. Many thanks to Jodi McCutcheon for suggesting this way of raising money for the rock fund and for doing so much to organize the event.

There will be no curling on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Instead, a chance to sit around the fire and tell stories of the shot that could have been...

*Happy Holidays*

**Anne Lumsden**

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## Friday Night Mixed Section

The grand council wishes to thank all those involved in our recent Hairspray bonspiel! The event, a one day, four end social bonspiel, was a tremendous success. Congratulations to Jeff Hart's rink of Kelly Williams, Beverly Knight and Ken Giffen for coming out on top. Things went smoothly thanks to our organizing committee: Clark Evans, Dennis Horgan, Angela Koob, Shawn Launder, Michael LeBlanc, Sam Montesano, Wally Orlowski, Doug Pengelly, Sarah Pengelly, Lynne Reid, Judy Vineyard, Jennifer Webster, Ted Wilson and Lynn Xu.

Special Thanks go to our sponsors for making this spiel possible: Buddha Dog, Canadian Tire, Cherry Bomb Coffee, Colgate-Palmolive, The Cut Above, The Dizzy, First Choice Haircutters, Loon's, RPM Spinning and Gravity Studio.

Christmas food drive: Our second annual food drive is under way, with a donation box located conveniently near the bar. We hope to outdo last year's record of 537 pounds. Cash or cheque donations are also welcomed, and can be left with Abbie or the bartender. Tax receipts are available with prior arrangements.

Back by popular demand, Dec 21st, our last night of curling in the fall series will officially be pyjama night. In the theme of "**Waiting up for Santa**", curlers are encouraged to come dressed for between the sheets, knowing Santa will be coming down their chimneys soon. It is also "get baked night" where people can bring in baked goods to share.

The race for the cup of glory is heating up. Draw B has been dominated by a smiling Michael Leblanc squad, who have sailed through the first half. Once again, Ken Sutton could be the spoiler on the last day. On draw A Bruce Pratt is hot on the tail of the dominating Ed Vanderkruk rink. In a head to head match Dec 7th, nerves may be a factor, but stoically, Ed isn't talking. Both teams face their stiffest competition in the weeks leading up to pyjama night. It's anybody's guess who will prevail (and who will come apart like a cheap toy Christmas day). Special guest, Zach Levinski will be on hand to give the winners a cup.

**Friday December 28th** will not be a regular league game, but will be open as a fun night. Continuing on last years success, we are welcoming club members from all sections to come out, bring a family member or friend, and enjoy a fun night at the club. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board and in the draw room. The new series starts up promptly January 4th, and back by popular demand will be our Re-gifting Night. Bring an unwanted gift you received (wrapped of course), and

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get a chance to trade it for something a bit more sporting. Everybody wins, and hilarity always ensues!

## **Oreo report:**

As tipped off in last month's teaser, Zach and Jody have a new addition to their family; a shiny new pug named Wilbur. He got his name when Zach thought he looked like a little pig. At first Oreo didn't quite know what to think of Zach's hairless little dog, but has been coming round well, and playing nicely with his new buddy. Jody was later quoted as saying "I have always wanted a pug, and knew everything would work out alright".

## **Doug Pengelly**

### Managers Review

It is the month of December and the Pro-Shop is open for business! If you are looking for the perfect Christmas gift for the curler in your family check us out - almost everything is on sale - stock is limited and is while quantities last. Any bar staff can open the pro-shop for you.

With the upcoming of many zone and regional playdowns I would like to wish all our members good luck and good curling.

The *New Years Eve party* is going to be a smash so please sign up with Virginia Mugford and bring in the New Year with the High Park Club. Guests are welcomed and you can bring your children, however please note babysitters will not be provided but your children are welcome to join you at the club. Numbers are limited so sign up early - the cost is **\$20.00 per person**.

If you haven't already please get your **TCA Grand Slam tickets** right away. This is a great opportunity for all High Park members to get tickets to such a great event. Ticket prices go up after Jan 12th, 2008.

Just a reminder all bill payments must be made by the last day of each month, any payment thereafter is charged an interest of 1.5%. Bill payments can be made online through your online banking or by cheque. The ice schedule is now posted online. If you go on the High Park Club website under curling you can now view the ice schedule and practice ice that is available. We have very limited time and try to update the schedule as often as possible.

*Happy Holidays from all the staff at High Park Club.*

**Abbie Darnley**

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## **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.



*Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to  
Everyone!*

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