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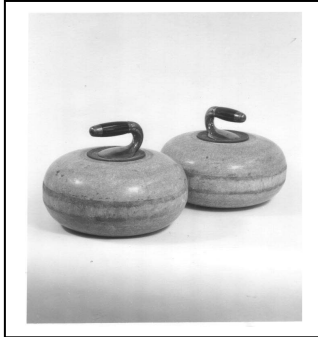
Monthly Newsletter

High Park Club - 100 Indian Road

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Message from the President

January 2008



High Park Club 100 - *It's Our Club*

As you know, the club's renewal project kicked off this past summer with the revitalization of the east side facade and signage. This project is picking up steam as we get closer to our centennial year.

As we engage in the process of renovating and refurbishing our wonderful club, your Board of Directors wants to engage the entire club membership in a dialogue about the future. We want your input on changes and upgrades that you would like to see as the club as it approaches its 100th Anniversary. We're looking for your ideas and thoughts on things like: a major bar renovation, main floor washrooms, better women's locker-room facilities and other things that will enhance the special feel and atmosphere that differentiates the High Park Club from other clubs.

A survey will be distributed shortly. It's designed to gather input from members, get your reactions to initial plans, and solicit new ideas. We want you to be involved and will be communicating with you frequently as the project proceeds. We would also like to know if any of you would like to volunteer your talents and time in any way to the project. For example, we're looking for architects, engineers, interior designers, electricians, plumbers. If you're interested please identify yourselves to Abbie. Stay tuned for some exciting changes!

On the other side of the glass we'll continue to improve ice conditions with upgrades to the ice plant. We want to assure that we get the most out of the new rocks that will arrive in time for the start of the 2008/09 season.

The President's Levy (I'm told the original name was President's Bowl, which I prefer because it has historical connotations to the traditional Punch Bowl that the President brings to the event - and yes it had a good punch!) was a hit after another successful New Years Bash. Past Presidents slugged it out on sheet 4 while the Vice President, Neill MacMillan, kicked the stones out of the President's team on sheet 3. Say good-bye to any rumour that the next President of High Park Club is the first non-curler - Neill made a perfect take out, drew around a guard to the 4 foot and hit and rolled behind a guard - all

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in a four-end game. He "lead" his team to victory! He certainly will remember "his very first end"! I would like to thank my fellow Board teammates for being so generous.

Curlers are entering the second half of the season with competitive sections starting their 3rd series and social sections playing on new teams. New curlers have enjoyed their first half season at the club and the best is yet to come! The club will play host to three competitive bonspiels and other mixed social in-house spiels. So please check out the draw room and web site to see how you can participate.

Good Luck and Good Curling!

Michael Adams

Day Men's Section

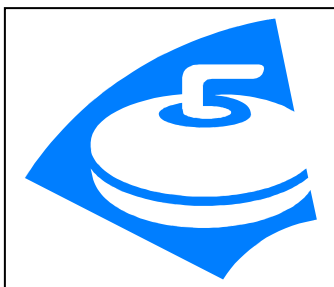
The Day Men wound up the first half of the 2007/2008 season on December 19th with 6 ends of skins and a chili lunch provided by James Cockhill. We had a full house and I believe that everyone had a good time. I have a few people to thank for our final 2007 day and they are: Howard Stanfield, Dan Yamasaki and James Cockhill - thanks for all of your help. Also I need to thank Donald Duench, Siegfried Langer, Duncan MacKillop, Dave Reid and Lyman Young for the prizes that they donated.



In October, we were issued a challenge to raise \$250 for The Rock Fund - our section did meet the challenge and the \$250 was given to Abbie on December 27th.

On a final note, one of our members Gerry Beuk is ailing and I want to take this opportunity on behalf of our entire section to wish him all the best and we want to see him back out on the ice.

Ken Brock



Men's Section

It's hard to believe that both Mondays and Thursdays have completed two series - and that we are virtually half way through our season. Nonetheless that is the case and we have more LCBO vouchers to give out to the following

(just what we all need after the holiday period):

Mondays

"A" winners: Tom Dearie, Cam Beatty, Mike Sphuniarsky, Adam di Carlo

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"B" winners: Doug Norman, Brian MacDonald, Gary Parkinson, Liam Smythe

"C" winners: Dave Wright, Stu Ferry, Ron Courtney, Glen Gray

"D" winners: Doug Pengelly, Michael Blakely, Denis Horgan, Marv Lipson
Tied with Andy Lank, George Ross, Peter Huczek, John Millar

Thursdays

"A" winners: Steve McKerihen, Chris Czulo, Chris Ewing and Chris Kott (the "Chris's")

"B" winners: Dan Yamasaki, Don Stevens, Rob Bryan, Gerry Vandergrift (*via the shootout after a three way tie with teams Dearie and Cauley*)

"C" winners: Al Larden, Joe Coneybeare, Alex Killoch, Rob Gray

"D" winners: Gary Parkinson, Sheldon Bell, Jeremy Jobin, Jean-Paul Kyer, James Cockhill

We are almost back to a regular Monday and Thursday schedule but remember that if you feel the need to attempt to postpone a game for any reason you will find finding ice for any makeup game to be a difficult proposition. There is often one Sunday afternoon sheet available but you will otherwise find yourself playing at a strange hour!

Congratulations to two teams who made it through zones: Roy Arndt, together with Paul Attard, Ryan Gain and Mike Adams (playing lead!), won the Holiday Inn (now called the Fairfield Marriott Challenge) "A" side and now progress straight to the provincials. The slightly older team of Dan Yamasaki, Howard Stanfield, Jim Riffel and Stu Ferry won the zone Masters' "B" side and move on to the regions in Bobcaygeon later this month.

Remember that players must be registered on a team before the end of this month to be eligible to play on their play-off team.

A Happy New Year to all and may those rocks have a reliable rotation as they curl down the ice!

Howard Stanfield

Visit the High Park Club website and check out our new photo section!

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Mixed Competitive Section

December was definitely a time of giving for the Mixed Committee. Thanks to the generosity of the members of the section, the committee collected 38 bottles of wine to raffle. The committee was able to raise \$560 for the club's new rock fund and award cases of wine to Hayley Newlands, Jeni Mah and Steve Craig. Andrew Nash and Deb Hogendoorn were winners of the early bird draw. Many thanks to Jodi McCutcheon for the great idea and her help throughout the raffle.

Congratulations to the winners of the second series and LCBO gift certificates:

A: Howard Stanfield, Kelly Cochrane, Clare Johnston, Karen Cochrane

B: Kevin Sims, Julie French, Michael Blakely, Ruthanne Corman

C: Jean Riffel, Jim Riffel, Carolyn Larden, Gerry Beuk, Annette Haley

D: Jerry Slavik, Eady Curtis, Andrew Nash

January brings with it the Men's TCA spiel and often many conflicts on Tuesday night. Be sure to check the ice schedule on our website and contact the office as you make plans for missed games. The last date of this series, and thus the last chance to make up a game, is February 12th.

The Prime Time Spiel is in need of sponsors; specifically, items for eighty grab bags. If you or your company can make a donation, please contact Nadine O'Gorman or any member of the committee.

We wish you health and good luck in the new year.

Anne Lumsden

**Did you know – that the High Park Curling Club has a group on Facebook!
Look up the High Park Curling Club and join up!**

Day Women's Section

We are nearing the end of the first draw and it seems that we lead even busier lives than before. This first half has been an interesting draw with only 5 teams and only 2 sheets being used each week. The plus side of our small numbers is that we have had a chance to get to know each other better and we often sit together

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for an hour after our games. We have had a couple of new curlers and a couple of "old" curlers join us again. We are really enjoying a return to the challenge of 8 end games as we had slipped into too many 6 end games!

This is a call to female curlers to join us for our second draw which starts January 17th. Already I know that we will lose a couple of women that are headed back to working on Thursdays, and there are the travelers among us who miss a few games... We have not yet decided on the format but we just might move to a pick up game making teams as people arrive to see if we can encourage more people to come out when they can. If you missed out on a second section because it was full, come out and join us on Thursdays - or if you have a friend that might be available please let them know. We are starting at 12:45 now to make sure we play 8 ends. If you would like more information please feel free to call me at 416-763-2854

Roseann Barry

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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