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Monthly Newsletter

High Park Club - 100 Indian Road

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Message from the President

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Interested in volunteering and participating in the future of your club? The timing couldn't be better to get involved as we enter the 21st Century with an exciting project "**High Park Club 100 - It's Our Club**". You can join the Board and/or a Committee of the Board, volunteer your labour and/or expertise for posted club projects, help run a section or bonspiel, etc. It all adds up to our collective enjoyment of the experience of being a member of the club. If you're not sure where to start,

please speak to your section heads, a Board member or Club Manager Abbie. Try it! Try it again! You'll enjoy it even more! Three club members volunteered recently to do just that. Special thanks to Rob Adams, Jeff Hanning and Al Larden for their architectural and consulting work. At the request of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board they have been busy over the past few weeks compiling ideas for enhancing and changing the layout of the main floor of the club. Many of their concepts can be traced back to past plans and others more recently through the club survey. We're making constructive use of the hard work of past Boards that produced plans and engineering reports. Conceptual sketches and drawings by our own volunteered architects will be on display at the club starting March 13th.

We'll have architects and members of the Strategic Planning Committee present on March 13th, 14th, 18th and 19th to get your feedback and continue the open dialogue. Please stay tuned to section announcements, postings in the draw-room, curling lounge and the web site. The Master Plan will include the not so exciting, but essential, high priority infrastructure improvements and the more visible and fun stuff like a new or renovated entrance, bar, lounge, office, washrooms, etc. The whole picture is in the process of being broken down into each brush stroke to ensure that the right steps are taken in the right order. Professional architects, consultants and volunteers will continue to be involved throughout the process.

Congratulations to Abbie Darnley and her teammates who represented Canada with a great record in Japan in February. They finished the round robin play tied for first and lost in a close match in the semi finals. In February Sue Mooij and her teammates won the A Side Zone and Region of the Tim Horton's Trophy Event and will compete in the Provincials. **Congratulations** and best of luck Team Mooij!

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The Brier is this month and what better way to enjoy it than in front of our new large flat screen HD TV! You told us that it was one of the items we should improve at the club - we listened. I might be a bit biased here, but thanks to the MZTV Museum of Television for passing on the savings it receives on Panasonic products, picking up the TV set from the warehouse and installing it.

We have some exciting bonspiels coming up at the club. Your participation as curlers, volunteers and sponsors is essential to the success of these spiels and greatly appreciated. Please see your section heads, postings in the draw-room and our web site for more details.

It's with great sadness that I announce the passing on November 13th of tennis member Donald Sorbie. This past summer Don organized the Shrimp Broil at the club and, along with the help of other members of the tennis section, successfully raised funds to purchase a new defibrillator for the club. Our condolences go out to Irene, his wife, and the rest of their family and friends. The porch won't be the same without him.

Michael Adams

Women's Competitive Section

Series 3 action of the Women's Competitive section, saw the teams skipped by Jodi McCutcheon and Helen Killoch move up into the A-flight, in time for the fourth and final series before the playoffs. While some teams' series were as stormy as this winter's weather, the McCutcheon rink proved they had no trouble at all dealing with some tricky ice conditions - they went 5-0! Joan Fraser and Karen Gigliotti's team also improved their records and moved into the B-flight. C-flight action for series 4 will welcome the Shirley Morrison and Nancy MacKneson rinks. The fourth and final series is bound to be exciting as teams try to position themselves on a good footing going into April's playoffs. Good curling to all teams!

Women's Competitive Team bound for Provincials!

A number of curlers from High Park's Women's Competitive section competed recently in the OCA Tim Hortons Trophy Playdown at the Royals Curling club. Kelly Cochrane's team of Kelly Scissons, Lisa Rawlings and Nadine O'Gorman, edged out Heather Carr Olmstead, Kari Mooij, June Shiraishi and Jane Stanfield in the B-side final. **Congratulations** to Skip Sue Mooij, Marina Frykowski, Third, Hayley Newlands, Second, Jenn Gray, Lead, and Jean Riffel (who spared at the Regions) for going undefeated in the event, in both the Zone and the Regional Playdowns! They will be representing High Park at the Trophy Provincials in Bancroft, March 19th-22nd. Way to go, Ladies!

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On Sunday, February 17th, High Park participated in the season's third Quad Club event, held at Weston. The Weston Ladies hosted a fun afternoon of curling, in which High Park dominated, with each of the three participating teams winning their respective games. The Helen Killoch rink of Anne Lumsden, Nancy Holloway and Bozena Kott, (and guest Skip, Sharon Andrews) had the best score of the day, and the combined scores of the three teams launched High Park into first place overall, a big improvement from our third place standing after January's event. Quad Club is an inter-club tournament among the four West Toronto Clubs of St. George's, Weston, Mississauga and High Park. It takes place as a single game event, held on 4 different Sundays throughout the curling season. Each Club takes turns hosting the event which is followed by lunch and a prize presentation. The clubs' cumulative scores are tallied over the course of the season. This is a great way for club curlers to try out the bonspiel format. If you are interested and require more information about Quad Club, please see Heather Carr Olmstead or consult the sign up sheet located in the Draw Room.

Heather Carr Olmstead



Day Men's Section

On Wednesday February 20th, the Day Men hosted 11 members of The Day Women's Section for an afternoon of mixed curling. Roseann Barry sent me a note to say that all of the women had a great time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and we hope to do it again next year. Following are the names of the women who took part: Roseann Barry, Jean Colwell, Eady Curtis, Elaine Freedman, Sue McCoy, Sue Mooij, Delanie Prasek, Jean Riffel, Maureen Rogers, Jane Sutherland and Pat Zelikovitz. Thanks also to Dan Yamasaki for the chips, Duncan MacKillop for the cookies and Al White who filled in for me while I was doing errands for the Senior Bonspiel.

Ken Brock

Upcoming Events
March 28 th -29 th Primetime Mixed Bonspiel
April 3 rd Skins Invitational & Calcutta Night
April 11 th -12 th Grand Mixed Bonspiel

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Men's Section

So here we are a couple of games into the final series of the season already! Is it me or has it gone by particularly fast this year? In the Third series the following teams claimed the honours:

Monday

A: Jim Cochrane, Ted Mooij, Allan Measor, Chris Trella

B: Dave Wright, Stu Ferry, Ron Courtney, Glen Gray

C: Mike LeBlanc, Paul Tokarchuk, Peter Coburn, Jamie Sneddon

D: Pat Monkman, Steve Brokx, Dave Brown, Jerry Slavik

Thursday

A: Roy Arndt, Mike Adams, Paul Attard, Tom Worth, Mike Bilas

B: Colin McMichael, Ryan Gain, Steve Brokx, Rich Brokx, Bill McDonald

C: Rick Lumsden, Clare Johnston, Blair Clemes, Rod Jones

Paul Stenton, Grant Lawson, Bob Martin, Ron Dash, Peter White

D: Jeff Wilker, Rajan Burman, Russ Bremner, Paul Bremner, Brian Cooke

Rob Lubinsky, Rob Holloway, Peter Huczek, John Millar.

Don't forget that our Draw-masters will be actively signing teams up for both the Wildcard and the Sad Sack as we get down to the end of the season. We only have enough ice to have a four team play-down for each night for the last playoff spot (Monday 31st March) and the highest ranked teams below the 11 automatically included will be offered those spots first. Similarly, the lowest 5 ranked teams from each night get the first shot at the sad Sack (12:00 noon on Saturday 19th April). We didn't fill this fun-filled event last year despite the free beer and free lunch. Come on guys - get your act together!

The **Skins Invitational** (a limited number of invites as we bring in club teams from other sections) will take place on Thursday 3rd April at 6:30 p.m. and that is followed by the annual **Calcutta** at 9:00 p.m. Come down and enjoy the festivities!

All of our good wishes go to Gerry Beuk who is facing a little surgery in early March which we all hope leads to his being back on his feet for the golf season and for curling next year. Congratulations to Gerry on maintaining his tea or water diet after games all through this season - a remarkable achievement! How many rotations are you throwing currently?

Howard Stanfield

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Mixed Competitive Section

Set aside the evening of Saturday March 29th and come join the party here at the club. The **Prime Time Spiel** will host a dance that evening and all are welcome.

Congratulations to the winners of the third series:

A: Mike McCutcheon, Jodi McCutcheon, Blair Clemes, Jeni Mah

B: Jean Riffel, Steve McKerihen, Carolyn Larden, George Ross, Annette Haley, Jim Riffel

C: Rob Kavals, Linda Brown, Hugh Brown, Anna Kavals

D: Brian Cooke, Linda Whelan, Gerry Whelan, Ginny Molyneux



Good luck to everyone in this fourth and final series. Please remember to record your shootout results in the draw room before the end of the series.

Anne Lumsden

Sunday Open Section

The committee would like to congratulate the flight winners from Series 3 by awarding each winning team with a \$30 credit on their skip's account.

Flight A: Colin McMichael, Joanne McMichael, Martin Schuh, and Kathryn Poloczek

Flight B: Alex Killoch, Doug Pritchard, Diane Wright, and Sarah McQuarrie

Flight C: Genia VanDerKruk, Hayley Newlands, Alan D'Eon, and Derek Henderson

Flight D: Bob Phillips, Keith McTaggart, Liz Phillips, and Chris Phillips

Section Business:

The Club allocated the Sunday Open league 27 nights of curling. That is enough for four full series and three weeks of playoffs. However, to fit 24 teams into our playoffs and complete them in three weeks, we would need to run a single elimination event, or split the league into three divisions of 8 teams.

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This format was not appealing, as it would result in the playoff Main Event being restricted to the top 8 teams. To ensure that the main event would include 16 teams, the committee decided to shorten Series 4 by one game (each team will play four games, have one bye and randomly miss playing one team in the flight, over the final series) to allow for a 4-week playoffs structure.

Playoffs will start on March 30th and Finals Night will be Sunday, April 20th. We plan to run the finals on the second draw a bit early to allow for food and prizes. The early draw will include an individual entry event, for those teams that do not make it all the way to Finals Night.

Jennifer Gray

Day Women's Section

In mid January the Day Women's section went to a tag system where teams are formed as the curlers arrive. This new format is working out well and we have seen a few new faces as women in other sections have joined us for the occasional Thursday afternoon. We encourage any women to come out and feel free to bring a friend. If you arrive at 12:30 you can be sure to get a game. We have instituted a \$10 fee for non-members of High Park to come out and join us for an afternoon of curling. . Hopefully we may see some new members as a result of this approach.

Last week we played alongside of the men for an afternoon of curling on Wednesday. Since our numbers were light, we decided to play with rather than against. (if you can't beat 'em, join 'em!) . We all had a good game.

We just completed the round robin play for Division "D" of the Mini Majors with one of the High Park teams in second place and headed to the finals at the Oakville Curling Club this Friday. Congratulations to the team of Sandy Semple, Ursula Doyle, Virginia Hume and yours truly. Wish us luck on Friday!

Hope to see some of you on Thursday afternoons.

Roseann Barry

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Manager's Corner

Rumour has it spring is around the corner but we will wait and see. Please be careful in our parking lots - they are very icy and we are working daily to control the surface and make it safe for everyone.

Just a reminder for your bills; fees must be paid by the last day of the month, anything after that is a late payment and interest will be charged. You can use online banking for bill payments, or send us cheque.

You only have 12 days left to buy your **Grand Slam** tickets. If you have not purchased them please do so at the bar before *MARCH 12, 2008*. This is definitely going to be quite the event. The High Park Club will be allocated a complete section just for our members. The cost is *\$150 for one, after March 15 it will be \$250*.

This month the pro-shop will be on our spring clearance sale. We will be clearing everything out at rock bottom prices. Unfortunately we will not be bringing new stuff in so it will be only on in stock merchandise. If you are looking for a good deal or just browsing please ask any staff member to open it up for you we would be more than happy to help you.

As most of you were aware I was in Japan curling for a few days in February. It was an amazing experience and a fantastic country to visit. I appreciate your patience while I was gone and look forward to the upcoming playoffs.

Good Curling.

Abbie Darnley

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