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Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the President

April 2008

April marks a month of an exciting amount of activity at the Club. Calcuttas, Grand Mixed Bonspiel, Playoffs, Finals Nights, Last Kick and preparation for the tennis season. You wont find another curling club around with this much energy going into the month of April. I hope you've thoroughly enjoyed your experience so far this season and best of luck in the playoffs! Plug in and enjoy!

The first Volunteer Day of 2008 is scheduled for May 10th with the 11th as the back up rain out date. The theme is "Clean Sweep". The club will be cleaned up, inside and out, by the members that show up. If you don't have the time and still want to contribute, we'll be posting some projects at the club and on our web site, which you can contribute to in other ways. A few members expressed interest in contributing financially toward projects. Stay tuned. We're listening.

I would like to thank our member architects and the Strategic Planning Committee once again for all their hard work preparing for the presentation of sketches and helping fellow members understand future visions of the layout of the club. The wide variety of creative approaches reflected in the sketches inspired many of you to express your own thoughts. That feedback was very important to us so thank you for accepting the challenge.

We learned that most of you understand the necessity for major maintenance of our club and the opportunities it provides when planning for our club's 100th anniversary in 2010-2011 and beyond. You can expect to see gradual changes over the following years, but don't expect to see a newly renovated club when you arrive back for the start of next season. This season we focused on gathering information, member feedback and planning. We're open twelve months a year, which will make some renovations tricky. In addition, the "plan" will have to be fiscally responsible. Putting the club heavily into debt is not an option.

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A large majority of you agreed that our club needs repair, change and upgrades. During the presentations you told us that the office should be moved closer to the Main Entrance. That you wanted to keep the bar and curling lounges separate and distinct and that you wanted new washrooms on the ground floor.

We need to take one more important step with your help. We'll be coming back to you with a small list of questions to clarify issues you raised. I'm avoiding the word "survey" since you've now been involved in two this year. Your answers will help us further clarify your thoughts and opinions. It will be available online and handed out ASAP. Soon we'll be showing you some drawings produced by ERA based on your feedback and the feedback of our member architects. We'll keep you posted so please check your email/mail, the club's web site and the draw room for details.

The final renovation plan is just one component of what will become the club's long-term facility plan. Other components include: an asset replacement schedule, a schedule of energy conservation measures and a reserve fund study. I would like to thank those involved at this stage for trying to stick to the tight time-line and putting so much volunteer effort into the process. Great job Al White, Karen Hajdur and Neil MacMillan and the rest of the Board.

Congratulations to all the curling teams that did so well in spiels and OCA/TCA events. Teams went to the Provincials, won spiels finished in the top of their divisions. See the Wall of Fame for details. They managed to strike a fine balance between social and competitive curling. This is partially a result of the creation of that kind of environment with lots of hard work by the Board, Management, Bar and Ice Staff and Volunteers. Get more involved! It should help your game as well!

Early in March we lost tennis member Bruce Garde to cancer. He played tennis last summer through some back pain caused by the cancer he was unaware of at the time. He endured the pain to play a game he thoroughly enjoyed at a club he cherished with friends he loved. Bruce had a magnetic personality, infectious smile and was a pleasure to play tennis and socialize with on and off the courts. Thank you Bruce for making my first year of lawn tennis so enjoyable. We'll all miss you. God bless you and your family.

Michael Adams
President

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Manager's Corner

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Playoffs have now commenced and we are in the home stretch to the final day of curling for this season. We are starting the month off with our Tennis AGM on Wednesday April 2, 2008 - take a look on the website for additional upcoming events.

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 a cheque.

We have finished selling Grand Slam Tickets and at early counts looks as though over 1500 tickets in the TCA were sold for the 2009 Grand Slam event.

This month the pro-shop will be on our spring **clearance sale**. We will be clearing everything out at rock bottom prices. **High Park Golf Shirts selling 2 for \$30**. 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 up the pro-shop for you we would be more than happy to help you. We have **carbon fiber brooms on for \$125, fiber glass brooms on for \$59, and curling pants on for \$55**. We do have 4 pairs of shoes in the pro shop that we will be selling at clearance prices. Everything is limited in stock and while quantities last.

Championship night is a fantastic event here and even if you are not playing you should come down and enjoy the festivities. We have a piper coming to march everyone on to the ice, it will be one great night of curling and a lot of fun. Hope to see you on the Friday or Saturday of championship weekend (**April 18 - 19th**).

We are selling new rock handles for the new rocks at High Park, they will be here for next season. The cost for the rock handles is \$110. Get your handle early as we only have 80 available. We will also be selling a limited number of our old rocks for \$200 each. If you are interested please see me in the office so I can get you signed up. *Good Curling.*

Abbie Darnley

Mixed Competitive Section

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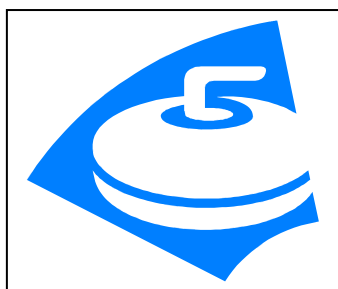
As I write this note the Mixed Committee is in the final days of preparations for the Prime Time Mixed Bonspiel. Many thanks to all our sponsors and to the members and staff of the club who have helped make this event possible. A special thanks to Kelly Scissons for adding so many prizes to the raffle table. The hard work and creative efforts of Kelly Cochrane should not go unnoticed and we wish her well as she prepares for the Grand Mixed Bonspiel in April.

The first round of playoff games is underway and we hope that the season finds you in good form and in good health. If however, luck takes a turn and your team requires a spare for a playoff game, please contact our draw-master: Lisa Rawlings, to confirm your plans.

The Mixed Competitive finals will be played on Friday April 18th at 7pm. As usual, players will gather at 6:30 pm for the coin toss and practice time. The games make a wonderful start to the championship weekend so plan to stop by the club for a pint and join in the armchair skipping behind the glass.

Anne Lumsden

The board of directors would like to thank Marina Frykowski, for all her hard work in putting together the Sweeping Times each month.



Day Men's Section

By the time this article appears in The April Sweeping Times, there will be only two weeks left in The Day Men season: April 2nd (a regular day) and April 9th which will be our grand finale. Our final day will feature two six end games and a lunch provided by James Cockhill. There will be a prize for everyone who attends and the curling starts @ 11:00 am. The cost per curler will be \$10. Also at this time I would like to take this opportunity to say adios to Ralph Davis and wish him all the best. Ralph has left High Park and joined up at Weston in order to get in more daytime curling.

Ken Brock

Upcoming Events

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April 11 th -12 th Grand Mixed Bonspiel
April 18 th - Mixed Competitive Finals
April 19 th - Women's Competitive & Men's Section Finals
April 21 - 26 th , Last Kick Men's Bonspiel
April 27 th - Skating Party

WALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS 2008

Every year the Men's Committee solicits nominations for the Wall of Fame. The inductee is usually someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty around the club or has represented the club with distinction and can be nominated by any club member. The nominations are voted on by the Men's Committee and the inductee usually participates in the proceedings on Finals' Night. If your memory needs refreshing as to who are already inducted into the Wall of Fame take a look at the wall above the television in the bar area. If you have a nomination, please send it to the Men's Chair: Howard Stanfield, at howardstanfield@rogers.com

Sunday Open Section

The Sunday committee would like to congratulate the winners from Series 4:

Flight A: Alex Killoch, Doug Pritchard, Diana Wright, Sarah McQuarrie

Flight B: Genia Vanderkruk, Hayley Newlands, Alan D'Eon, Derek Henderson, and Emily Vanderkruk

Flight C: Rob Madej, Karen Madej, Franco Rovazzi, Donald Yule and Susan Underhill

Flight D: Jerry Slavik, Eady Curtis, Richard Williams, Janice Williams.

We would also like to congratulate the Sunday Open Aggregate Winners for a great season! Congratulations to: Colin McMichael, Joanne McMichael, Martin Schuh and Kathryn Poloczek. Colin's team had an exceptional season losing only one game over the first three series.

Playoff's

Sunday Open playoffs will begin on **March 30th, 2008**. The top 16 ranked teams will play in the Main Event for the Sunday Open Championship and the next 8 teams will play in the Second Event. The playoff board is posted in the draw room.

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The team with the higher ranking going into the playoffs will have choice of hammer or colour in the first end of each playoff game.

Finals night will be **Sunday April 20th**. We plan to run the final games on two draws, with the championship on the late draw. Stay tuned... there may be a bit of an early start to allow for food and prizes. The early draw will include an individual entry skins event, for those players that do not make it all the way to finals night. A sign-up sheet will be posted for the skins event. Leading up to finals night the early draw will continue to start at 5:30 and the late draw will start at 7:30. Draw times for the final night will be determined and communicated to all the Sunday teams.

Jennifer Gray

The annual survey is available online and at the bar. Check the web site for more details. Please take some time to fill it out. *It's Our Club.*

The High Park Club is getting new rocks!

This means we are getting new handles that are now available for purchase.

The price for an engraved handle is \$110. We have a limited number of handles available so purchase yours early. A possible tax receipt is available from the CCA, contact the office for more details if interested.

If you would like to purchase one of our old Rocks & Handles the cost is \$200.
(We can only sell a limited number of rocks, first come first serve.)



New Engraved Rock Handle Price: \$110.00

Old Rock Purchases: \$200

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