

The Sweeping Times

Monthly Newsletter

High Park Club - 100 Indian Road

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March 2004

President's Message

The unseasonably warm weather at the end of February has me thinking of spring, the time of year when a man's thoughts turn to ...curling playoffs! Aside from the first rock of the season, playoffs are the best part of the curling season due to the heightened interest in the games and the increased competitiveness of the players. An ongoing tradition at High Park is the Men's Calcutta Night, set for April 1st this year. All are invited to attend and bid for their favourite teams. The Saturday Night Section has already hosted their Calcutta Night and is well into their playoff schedule.

Since some may end their season before the next Sweeping Times is issued I want to take this opportunity to thank the outside leagues that have curled at High Park this year (including the crazy newcomers who are curling Saturday nights at 11:00 pm!). As you have seen over the year, High Park is in a period of change and each of the leagues is an important part of that change. Next year we will continue to improve the services and the facilities that we offer to both members and leagues. I look forward to your return.

Still, there is lots of curling to be done both inside and outside of the club. Congratulations to two High Park teams who are advancing to the next round in the OCA's Intermediate Competitions. In Zone Competition the team of Peter Cauley, Jeff Berg, Steve Webster and Ken Tomihiro won the Men's A side while the team of Jean Riffel, Joan Kerr, Carolyn Larden and Joan Fraser won the Women's B side. Both teams will be playing in the Regionals at the Bayview Curling Club the weekend of March 6th and 7th.

And from the Toronto Curling Association, the new President of the TCA, Michael Rowley, is leading the TCA into a new direction, one that is committed to promoting curling in the GTA. The TCA have a number of initiatives planned and are currently looking for volunteers to assist in developing new marketing programs to attract new entrants to our sport. If you are interested please contact either Chris Ewing or myself.

Best of luck in those playoffs....

Blair Clemes

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JUNIOR NATIONALS

What a special week for everyone involved! Even better that it was in exotic Victoria where the seasonable weather of 10 degrees was a regular phenomenon and the crocus were in full bloom and the daffodils ready to come out ... highly "uncurling" weather. Virtually every game we had was incredibly close and, although we did not come out on top of a number of them, the girls curled well as their statistical averages showed (second overall in team percentages). Oh, for just a handful of shots back!

If I have to carry two sets of memories back, however, they would be, first, of how sociable the girls were and how popular and friendly they were with so many other competitors. Second, it would be how High Park rallied around Kelly and the team. We have to thank so many people who either got their businesses involved in sponsoring the girls or who personally donated cash or prizes for the girls. My favourite moment came in the middle of the week when we returned to the Empress Hotel to find a huge basket of fresh fruit waiting in one of our rooms. When the girls read the card "From Everyone at High Park", Anna remarked "you must have a lot of special people at your club". Proudly, I could tell her that we did indeed have a whole pile of special people. So, thank you all – for your support, your encouragement and your generosity!

Howard (on behalf of Kelly, Anna Piekarski, Jackie Craig, Ainsley Galbraith)

Women's Section

The weather is getting warmer so is a sign that the playoffs must be just around the corner. Just a reminder that there is no curling on Wed March 16th due to ice maintenance and that playoffs start the following Wed the 23rd.

More bonspiel results. Congrats to the Chris Phillips team with Deb O'Reilly, Pat Bowness and Linda Mears on making it to the consolation finals at the Weston Fireside last month. Thanks to Sue Sims for presenting the 3rd event plaque from the Womens' Energizer to the team of Jean Riffel, Joan Kerr, Carolyn Larden and Nancy Ashurst.

Our last Quad club game is at 11:30 on Sun March 28th at Mississauga Golf & Country Club, the sign up sheet is in the draw room. As of the last event, High Park is in first place. Good curling ladies and let's hope for a couple more good games to bring back the trophy.

Be sure to mark April Wednesday 27 for our closing dinner. Details to follow next month.

Good curling and see you next month,

Sharon Zelinski

Dates to Remember

Mar 26	OK Corral Bonspiel
Apr 1	Calcutta Night
Apr 2	Medieval Times Bonspiel
Apr 14	Women's Finals
Apr 23	Mixed Competitive Finals
Apr 17	Men's Finals

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Mixed Competitive Section

BONSPIEL WINNERS

With everything else going on in the New Year I have fallen behind in getting the names of all our bonspiel and OCA successes on our annual "Wall of Fame". However I promise to spend time in March catching up - but I need your help to collect the vital information (event, date, all team members by position). You can either catch me at the club most nights or drop off a note with the appropriate information either at the bar or in the office. Don't be shy - let all of our club accomplishments be up there for everyone to see!

Howard

Men's Section

The annual High Park Club Men's Invitational held on Feb.20/21 was won by the Mike McCutcheon Oakville team. Second place went to the Steve Cartwright team from North Halton. The "Last Troika" winners were Don Burnett, Sheridan Park for the early draw and Bronic Rydlewski, Terrace Alumni for the late draw. The Sharpshooters contest was won by the High Park team skipped by Rob Kavals. Many thanks to Gail Brock, James Cockhill, Sean Purvis, Al White, Blair Clemes, Bill Holmes, Larry Glen, David Glen, Brian Kidd and Dave Northcote. Thanks to all of our sponsors who contributed to the great selection of prizes.

Ken Brock, Bonspiel Coordinator

Congratulations to the third series winners, the Howard Stanfield, Al Larden, Jim Riffel and Zach Levinsky rinks each won their respective flights as well as the bottles of wine.

OK Corral News - the bonspiel currently has a few spots remaining to be filled so a sign up sheet has been posted in the draw room. The sheet will remain posted until Tuesday March 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at which time a draw will be held to fill the remaining spaces. Those teams selected will be notified immediately to verify that they can "ice" a team for the March 26 and 27 dates. There will also be an area for spares, as they are sometimes needed.

As usual the OK Corral Committee needs some help in running the event. In particular we're looking for someone on Friday night to meet and greet the teams as they arrive and sign in. If you're an early riser, the continental breakfast on Saturday morning could use some help. Also, an individual to help with organizing the pictogram game and other general help would be tremendous.

One final item in regard to the OK Corral, if you or your company would like to contribute product or prizes in return for advertising during the bonspiel please contact either Marina Frykowski or Tony Broderick.

Thanks and happy curling!

Tony Broderick

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Surf and Turf

We are looking for a volunteer to organize the Surf and Turf.
Please contact Joan Stafford.

COMING SOON

High Park Golf Tournament

Friday, June 11, 2004

See the poster on the notice board
in the curling lounge

PRIZES FOR EVERYONE

BAR NOTES

Wine Regions of the World

March Features –

South Africa

RED WINES

ROBERT'S ROCK –
Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2003

INDABA Shiraz 2003

WHITE WINES

KWV –
Chardonnay 2003

NEDERBURG –
Sauvignon Blanc 2003

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