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Monthly Newsletter

High Park Club - 100 Indian Road
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May 2004

President's Message

Congratulations to the teams that persevered during the recent curling playoffs: Women's Champions of Team Hogendoorn, Men's Champions of Team McMichael, Mixed Champions of Team Stanfield, and Sunday Open Champions of Team Safranka.

The month of May allows a chance to make changes during the short break in the club's operations; curling has ended, tennis doesn't usually start until the end of the month, and members are still in the city not having yet left for cottages or vacations. So, over the next few weeks we have a few volunteer activities at the club where we need your support. Our annual Volunteers Day is scheduled for Sat, May 29th (or Sun, May 30th in the event of rain on the Saturday). Planned activities include outdoor painting, gardening and some general clean up of our grounds. The day starts at 10:00 am, so please come on down and provide a few hours of support. Other activities we would like to complete in the month of May include the renovations of the men's locker rooms and the refinishing of the floors of the dining room and the women's locker room. Please contact the club if you would like to assist in these tasks and either Jim Cochrane or I will contact you.

There are some other changes planned for this summer at the club. A new point of sale system for the bar, including an electronic chitting system, will be implemented – Alex Killoch is leading this initiative and will describe more as the implementation proceeds. Also, we will try to fix the electrical problem that we had this past winter in the ice area that led to so many black outs of sheet one and the scoreboard.

Thurs, May 13th is High Park's Volunteer Appreciation night where the Board thanks the members and staff who have contributed so wonderfully of their time. Invitations have been sent to those whose names were collected, however, our process of collecting names is fallible and we may not have received all names. A tremendous number of people volunteered this year – if you volunteered and did not received an invite, please accept my apology and do show up on the 13th (7:00 pm start).

Each year the Toronto Curling Association recognizes an individual for his or her contributions to curling in the Toronto area. Prior winners of this award include Team Harris and Team Middaugh. I am proud to tell you that this year's winner is our own Howard Stanfield. Howard was recognized for his dedication to high school curling over the past twenty years, including currently chairing the Gore Mutual School competition, and for the leadership he has provided to High Park over the past several years. Thank you very much Howard for all that you have done and continue to do for Toronto curling and the High Park Club.

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Hardwood Floor Rejuvenation

Are you experienced at refinishing hardwood floors? Or perhaps you have floor sanders available to you? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please contact Blair Clemes or Alex Killoch. We plan to refinish the floors of the dining room and the women's locker room this month. All assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Day

Over the past few years we have had a terrific response to our volunteer days. On these days groups of volunteers have livened up the club by painting its exterior, planting its gardens or fixing any number of items. This year's volunteer day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 29th**, starting at 10:00 am. See you there.

Volunteer Appreciation

This year's Volunteer Appreciation Day is scheduled for **Thursday, May 13th**. While we will certainly try to send invitations to all the worthy members who volunteered for various activities around the club, we don't always get all names. So if you do not receive an invite yet did volunteer your time please drop by the club on May 13th at 7:00 pm!

To All Members

If you would like to have something appear in the monthly newsletter please remember to send all submissions to the Editor at: marina.Frykowski@oma.org or contact a member of your Section Committee.



High Park Golf Tournament

Friday, **June 11th** at the Deerfield Golf Club
Cost: \$90.00 per person (carts not included in price)

First tee time: 11:00 AM

Dinner and prizes for everyone!

Sign up as a team or as an individual.

For more info contact Chris or Dan in the office.

Like to curl year round?

Sorry, you can't!

But there is **Lawn Bowling**.

Same idea as Curling, but...

Bowls, NOT rocks.

Grass, NOT ice.

West Toronto Lawn Bowling Club

invites

High Park Curlers

to an afternoon of instruction and playing bowls

Sat, June 5, 2004 at 1:00 pm

Rain date June 12 (a vicissitude of playing outdoors)

Baird Park (Keele & Humberside, south of Annette)

For more info, contact Elaine Freedman at 416 762-8361 or efree@worldhouse.com

Men's Section

Congratulations to the 2003-04 Men's Club Champions – Colin McMichael, Ryan Gain, Jeff Berg, Chris Ewing and fifth Andrew Ostapiuk who defeated defending Champions, Tom Dearie, Cam Beatty, Kevin Sims, and Adam DiCarlo.

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The other finalist teams were:

	Winner	Runner Up
B Event	Peter Cauley	John Ferren
C Event	Dan Yamasaki	Mike Adams
D Event	Al Larden	Chrys Czulo
Trophy Event	Bob Rae	Kevin McDonald

Congratulations to the Sad Sack Winners, Zach Levinsky and his team, Steve Bishop, Doug Garrie, and Chris Trella.

The Men's Committee continued its tradition of recognizing outstanding contributions to the club and to its curling reputation. This year, two new plaques were awarded at the Men's Final festivities. This year's Wall of Fame recipients are **Sue Mooij**, a tireless volunteer and multiple winner of the Women's Club championships and **Kelly Cochrane**, a High Park curler since she was a little rocker and who has represented Ontario at the Canadian Juniors. Congratulations, Kelly and Sue. Please take a moment to read their bios when you are next at the club.

I would like to thank all the members of the Men's Committee who helped make sure that our events were a success. Specifically, I want to mention Mike Adams, John Baty, Ken Brock, Kevin McDonald, Sean Purvis, and Howard Stanfield on this year's Committee and Ron Dash and Frank Pavlich who continued to support the cause even though they officially left the committee. It's members like these who make the High Park Club a great place to curl! Enjoy your summer, all.

Eric Ziezold

Day Women

Our closing dinner was a huge success, thanks to Susan McCoy and her committee, and of course James and his staff. The winners of the first draw

were Julie French, Nancy Ashurst, Pat Zelikovitz, and Ursula Doyle. The winners of the second draw were Linda Brown, Pat Bowness and Marlie Singer. Another big thank-you to Janice Williams for her wonderful prizes.

Elaine Freedman will be taking over as Chair of the Section, with our gratitude going to Teresa Selander for a job well done. We appreciate all of those who have volunteered for positions for the upcoming year, with a minimum of arm-twisting!!

Special thanks to Bob Matthews for his donation of a basket of beauty products, which provided a fun raffle won by Janice Williams. Proceeds from the raffle will be put to good use in the section!!

Have a great summer everyone. Keep in mind the Day Mixed Section on Tues mornings in the Fall!!

Linda Mears

Women's Section

Firstly, thanks to everyone who brought food and helped out at the women's finals on April 14th. Everything was delicious and we had a great turnout even though the Leafs were playing.

Congratulations to all the teams who played in the finals, there were some great shots and it was hard to catch them all at once. Kudos to the Hogendoorn, Killoch, Riffel, Goll and Duller teams for winning their events.

A fantastic closing dinner on the 28th. We had a great turnout of 80 women.

Congratulations to Sue Mooij on her induction to the High Park Wall of Fame. The club is definitely a better place for all her work over the years.

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A reminder that the club is looking for volunteers on May 29th to help with general spring clean up. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board near the bar.

On behalf of everyone I want to thank:

- Chris & Dan for all their help in the office this year
- the icemakers for keeping everything running smoothly
- Ian, Denise and all the bar staff for keeping us hydrated
- James, Sean and his crew for keeping us nourished (a wonderful closing dinner as well)
- Ken Brock for having the trophies engraved within moments from the winners being declared
- Karen, Annette, Judy, Jen, Jennifer, Ann, Joan and Pat for all their help this year.
- everyone who helped out this year with the bonspiel, finals, closing dinner, etc
- Carolyn for giving me feedback from time to time

Finally, survey results from the dinner. There were a total of 69 papers turned in.

#1 Would you prefer to start the season after the Thanksgiving weekend?
Yes = 47, No = 17, either = 5

#2 Should teams be skip entry?
Yes = 62, no = 3, either = 4

#3 Should we continue with flights?
Yes = 64, no = 4, either = 1

#4 Do you want to continue with byes?
Yes = 55, no = 13, either = 1

#5 Should everyone receive a prize?
Yes = 39, no = 8, either = 3, blank = 19

I would guess that 19 of you were surprised to know that we had a fifth question. Unfortunately this one rolled over to the back side of the page, sorry for the confusion.

Also, 9 people commented that they would like to see more than two flights. With 20 teams it is difficult to make a draw with more than 2 flights. If we can get 21 or

more then we will definitely move toward 3 or 4 flights. Bring your friends to the open house on September 16th and let's see what we can do. Hope everyone has a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone next season. A sign up sheet will be posted in the draw room in early July.

Sharon Zelinski

Members' Survey Results

A summary of the results of the recent members survey:

- 135 people completed the survey
- Most respondents, 88%, recognize and appreciate the changes at the bar
- 36% of respondents are against adding an automatic gratuity to the bar, while a similar number are against monthly food minimums
- Over half the respondents stated that they would like greater use of email for communication from the club
- Most respondents, 75%, think that advertising on the curling walls is effective, while 52% stated that in ice advertising would be effective.
- Respondents overwhelmingly prefer cash or chitting at the bar (over 90%)
- Most respondents joined High Park for the social atmosphere (75%) and the location (70%), while people remain at the club for the same reasons (90% and 65%, respectively)
- In terms of our next major capital project, 48% of respondents said to reconfigure the main floor, 33% said to improve the rink lighting and ceiling, while 10% said to resurface the parking lot

Thank you all!

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