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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are well into the curling season and the old club is just humming. It's good to be back! A special welcome to the 57 new members we have this year. A new feature recommended by one of our members; the new members are listed on page 6 of your roster. Our curling season is running well. The new "pebble nipper" has made the ice more consistent and all adult divisions are running at maximum capacity. All sections have had curlers drawn out in the first draw. Not that we want "draw outs" but they will correct themselves before the end of the curling season. The good part is that we are making maximum use of the ice and our financial picture is positive. The only area where we could afford some expansion is in the Afternoon Men's Section where we have allocated additional ice time. This brings up the topic of club expansion. With the growth of Markham it has

been anticipated that we would need two more sheets of ice. A couple of years ago your Board of Directors asked Bob Davies to form a Past Presidents Committee to study this subject. They considered expanding our present location, constructing a new building at our present location and building a new curling club at a different location.

The committee determined that a new building on land donated by the Town would be in the best interest of the Club over the long term but due to lack of any building fund it would be impossible to consider at this time. The cost would be about \$2.2 million. Part of our problem is that we bought our present location from the Town for \$1.00 with the agreement that we would sell it back to them at the same price. In other words, our only equity is in the building.

Now that we have decided to stay in this location, your Board has identified four areas of the Club that need updating: 1. The Ladies' locker room needs a

washroom update and proper lockers. 2. The kitchen needs updating. 3. The dining room should be expanded. 4. Additional lockers are needed in the Men's locker room. Our thought is to implement these changes over the next four years. The objective is to start with the Ladies locker room this summer. The wall between the present locker room and the lounge will have to be removed. The result will be a larger locker room with proper lockers. We also plan to update the washroom.

The holiday season is fast approaching. All the best to you for the holiday and the New Year. Good curling to all!

**HARRY SEAR  
PRESIDENT**

### **MEN'S SECTION**

Gentlemen,  
Welcome back to a new season of curling. I also hope our new members are enjoying the club. By now the first schedule has concluded and the Men's

Late Fall Classic bonspiels is under way.

Here are your schedule winners:

Men's Team Entry

Division A: Dennis Osborne, Frank Szyszka, Brian Gemmell, Bill Wright

Division B: Steve Matthews, Ken Jeffery, Neil Downs, John Mathers

Division C: Jim Dibblee, Ken Lott, Glenn Miller, Bob Ferguson

Division D: Fred Berkhuizen, Bill Mack, George Otani, Norm Craven

Men's Draw

Monday E: Charlie Fisher, Craig Harvey, Ray Lobban, Peter McLaughlin

Monday L: Igors

Svistunenko, Perry Stover, Paul Brittain, Sum Tang

Thursday: Jim Bell, Lorne Franklin, Kevin Lowe, Philip Walke

The sign up sheet for this season's GTA Energizer Tournament will be coming down soon so sign up now if you wish to enter a team. Have a good Holiday and New Year.

### **LORNE FRANKLIN CHAIRMAN**

### **AFTERNOON MEN'S**

For the new season we welcome several new members to the Afternoon Men's section: Harry Bowes, Carl Carter, Bill Collett, Bill Dyer, Chuck Gouett, Moe Jack, Roger Moore, Sam

Murakami, Graham Northcott, Joe O'Hearn, Chuck Pritchett, Norm Smith and Donald Sutherland.

We have increased our ice time and are now curling (some) Monday afternoon, Wednesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons. This should significantly reduce the number of draw-outs and perhaps the number of times we have six-man teams.

We have had two excellent all-day spiels and look forward to our Christmas Turkey Spiel on Wednesday December 11 when there will be turkey or ham prizes for all.

Winners of our October 16 spiel were Don Allison, Ray Hanton, Fred Hemburrow, Jack Silverthorn, Cliff Leedham and Bill Collett. Runners up were Peter Koens, John Grant, Peter Dernick, Bev Gill, Doug Rowe and Walter Muirhead. Winners of the November 13 spiel were (Section A) Don Allison, John De Bruijn, Don Dougall and John Irwin, (Section B) Sam Murakami, Chuck Laidley, Ed Mazur and Chuck Gouett. Runners up were (Section A) Del Hicke, Bob Hammond, Bev Gill and Dennis Dixon, (Section B) Perry Stover, Ron Gordon, Doug Fettes and Earl Payne.

Thanks to all the 'helpers' who attend, organize and clean up after each session. Good curling to all.

### **IAN MUNRO CHAIR**

### **LADIES' SECTION**

Our Ladies Section has 109 members. Welcome to all our new members as well as our returning members.

### **CARD NIGHT**

Our annual card night was held April 25 and was organized by Marcie Dercola and Sharon Murray. Thanks to all the players who made up the 15 tables, our organizers, bakers and prize donators. The evening made a profit of \$680.

### **GOLF DAY**

Our annual golf day was held on June 5. We were unfortunately rained out this year but we still had a great luncheon with wonderful prizes for all participants. We held a putting contest with \$170 being raised for Evergreen Hospice.

### **CLINICS**

Thanks to Robbyn Greene along with Mike McCormick and Nancy Smith for their help with the food. Also thanks to Bonnie Cochrane, Par Maybury and Mary Kulmala who pitched in to help at the last minute due to the one week delay of the Wed. & Thurs. night clinics. The curlers and instructors really appreciate all you do.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

Special thanks to Connie McDermott, Mary Anne McLeod, Robbyn Greene and Vera Wilkins for helping out with Ice Duties this year. Connie, along with Maureen Dudley (Co-Ice) have been working hard to make sure the first schedule is running smoothly. The playoffs are Tuesday December 17 at 9:00 am before our Christmas Luncheon. If you are not in the playoffs please come early to cheer on the finalists and offer some behind the glass tips.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Make sure you don't miss the sign up sheet for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Tuesday December 17. It promises to be a fun filled day with prize presentations, entertainment and a gift exchange.

**MINI CLINICS**

Once again there will be an instructor available after each Tuesday schedule game at 3:15 for anyone interested in some extra help with their delivery. We are fortunate to have these instructors offering their time to help, so don't be shy, come on out!

**TRIZEC HAHN**

We are very fortunate to have the Trizec Hahn Corporation sponsoring our Challenge Team Entry again this year. The committee of Fran Allan, Pat Maybury and

Colleen Hamar have been hard at work organizing another great season of competitive curling for the 13 teams entered.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S SPIEL**

We would like to acknowledge the continued sponsorship of Helen Jewett for providing us with four beautiful figurines for our trophy winners. With Helen's generous donation and the organizational skills of Marj Sayeau, this is an event not to be missed. Many thanks to Helen, Marj land her committee for another successful Past President's Bonspiel. Congratulations to the following winners.

**Main Event:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Linda Payzant, Christine Pierce, Connie Van Parys, Pat Morris  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Connie McDermott, Elly Stam, Andrea Sumsion, Joan Izzett.  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Linda McKendry, Lynne Wasylyk, Betti-Ann Lavitt.  
 4<sup>th</sup>: Mary Gellard, Nancy Brown, Erica Moubayed, Donna Svistunenکو.

**Second Event:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Carole Murray, Mary Anne McLeod, Kathy Desson, Jane Elliott.  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Yvette Stephenson, Donna Fitzpatrick, Shelly Neilsen, Joyce Morgan.

**Third Event**

1<sup>st</sup>: Colleen Hamar, Marg Currie, Mary Aiken, Lynne Irwin.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Laura Ferguson, Connie Taylor, Carolyn Northcott, Laurie MacAllister.

**AN 8 ENDER!!!**

During the second game of the Past President's Bonspiel, the team of Alice McLean, Sandra Davies, Marcie Dercola and Georgia Cameron scored and awesome 8 ender. Way to go ladies!!

**ENERGIZER TORONTO & DISTRICT BONSPIEL**

We are grateful to have a new sponsor this year for this event. The host club was the Weston Country Club. The event was held November 19-21. Unionville had eight teams entered (Three in the Open Event and five in the Senior Event). Three of these teams made it to the finals and won their events. Congratulations to all the finalists!

Senior Main Event Trophy: Pat Seawright, Connie McDermott, Cath Gostlin, Gail Closs.

Senior Consolation: Fran Allan, Janet Stover, Pat Maybury, Dawn Webb.

**Open 4<sup>th</sup> Event:**

Anne Azlen, Elly Stam, Karen Blackman, Chris Wightman.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for this event.

Curlers are not automatically entered in the draw. The first game is on Tuesday December 10.

**Just a reminder**, the first game is one week prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Schedule Finals and Christmas Luncheon.

To all of our generous sponsors who make our curling events throughout the season possible,  
**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

On behalf of the Ladies Executive, I hope you have a great season! Good Curling!

**LAURA FERGUSON  
CHAIRPERSON**

### **BUSINESS WOMEN'S SECTION**

The season got off to a great start on Monday September 23 when we had our Semi-Annual Meeting/Wine & Cheese Party. Many thanks to our Social Chair Jane Ruttan for the delicious food. We have 103 members signed up for Business Women, 13 new members, 6 members transferring from other sections and 84 returning members. For the second year in a row, we have had to draw out six returning members who are now filling in as spares for the first draw.

On Saturday November 2 we held our annual Pasta Spiel. This is an in club

bonspiel and is always popular and a great deal of fun. We curled tow six end games and then indulged in a delicious Italian style lunch. The winning team this year was skipped by Marilyn Lowe, Debbie Hargrave as vice, Paulette Atkins as second and Diane Dobson at lead. Congratulations Ladies. Many thanks to Tina Vincent, In Club Bonspiel Chair and Wendy McLean, Co-Chair and to the last minute helpers for making the event a roaring success.

Future events to look forward to are the Christmas dinner planned for December 9, Guest Day January 11 and the Invitational Curl for Heart bonspiel on February 22. Out of club teams are needed to participate in this spiel and should contact Brenda Cousineau, Invitational Bonspiel Chair or Elaine Laking Co-Chair for details.

Julie Bowles is putting out a Business Women's Newsletter which will keep everyone in the loop as to what is happening in our section. As we all curl on different nights, this is one way of keeping in touch with each other and hearing about any our of club bonspiels, sharing curling tips, curling jokes and snack recipes for our after curling appetizers. Good curling to all!

**MARION McMAHON  
CHAIRPERSON**

### **MIXED CURLING**

Welcome to the 2002/2003 Mixed curling season at Unionville. This year's committee hopes to provide all curlers with some new and exciting changes along with many of the tried and true traditions that have made Mixed curling a strong part of Unionville.

As always, we have a full slate of draw curlers and the first schedule is well on its way. Section winners can look forward to receiving a bottle of Red Rooster wine, supplied by Unionville's own **Brian Monti**. We feel that a higher quality wine is a just reward for your team's efforts over the draw.

The Mixed Team entry section has been brought under the Mixed Curling Umbrella this year with **Neil Smith** as convenor. We have 8 teams playing two 7 game schedules over the year, with the final game being played on Championship Day. If you are interested in this format of curling, please contact Neil.

The "Pot Luck" spiel was once again a huge success. Thanks to new committee members, **Doug and Marilyn Fleming**, along with returning committee members **Al Johnston and Marilyn Parsons** who ran a very smooth Spiel and additional

thanks to the many curlers who lent a helping hand setting up for dinner and assisting with the clean-up. The pride that the curlers take in their club is very encouraging. First up to the table this year was the team of **Ray Lobban, Judy Robertson, Sally Sandiford, and Dave Bell.**

The Nuts and Bolts Bonspiel was held during the first week of November, with a few changes to the schedule and format. Thanks to Committee members **Ray and Bets Lobban and Brian MacMillan** for their effort over this 6 day event. Feedback about the format changes has been very favourable and will likely be carried forward. Thanks to Unisource (Ray Lobban), TSN (Kim McKenney), ATI Technologies (Nympha Lee) and CM Wealth Management (Brian MacMillan) for their contributions to the excellent prize table, assembled by **Norm Craven and Heather Robertson.**

Event Winners and Runners UP were as follows:

**Event A Winner:** Jim Bell, Sam Murakami, Norm Craven, Don Dougall.

**Event A Runner Up:** Kent Tomasik, Wendy Sear, Bets Lobban, Scott Edwards.

**Event B Winner:** Dave Busato, Marilyn Fleming, Jane Policelli, Peter Gates.

**Event B Runner Up:** Christine Pierce, Therese

Temoin Downs, Marilyn Jeffery, Brenda Mintz.

**Event C Winner:** Neil Downs, Doug Gorrill, Alan Sham, Ivan Amery.

**Event C Runner Up:** Harry Sear, Carol Wolfe, Julie Irwin, George Irwin.

**Event D Winner:** Gord Tonkin, Ray Mount, John Ferneley, Jean Yves Lamirande

**Event D Runner Up:** Mike McCormick, Heather Robertson, Paul Brittain, Louise Ferri.

Upcoming events include the Clinic Spiel on Saturday January 25 and the Life's a ?? bonspiels on February 8 & 9. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the club lounge.

Remember that draw schedules, bonspiel results and team pictures are all available on the Club website at [www.unionvillecurlingclub.com](http://www.unionvillecurlingclub.com)

### **MIKE McCORMICK MIXED COMMITTEE**

### **INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR SECTION**

We are off to an enthusiastic start with a somewhat smaller group, thirty curlers in total. We do have a number of new curlers in both age groups. Due to the smaller number of curlers, we have combined the two sections

into a common playing time from 11:00 - 1:00 pm. Curl Canada skills clinics follow the games. The Curl Canada skill series is a big hit with the kids with over twenty participants working on the five skill levels. All of our curlers are quite keen making for some spirited games.

Curling outside the club competitively we currently have two teams. The first, a junior team skipped by Steven Jones with Spencer Griffiths, Andrew Lowe and James Hellyer is playing in the TCA Junior competition. At an interclub bantam mixed level we have one team representing UCC comprised of Matthew Lowe and Patricia Malvar sharing the skip duties with Harrison Griffiths and Pedro Malvar rounding out the team. Both teams have enjoyed some success in early play. All of the curlers seem to be enjoying the first draw with a spiel to come in December prior to opening our second draw in the New Year.

### **KEVIN LOWE CHAIRMAN**

### **LITTLE ROCK SECTION**

Welcome back to all our returning Little Rockers and welcome to the club to 27 new curlers. We are thrilled to have a total of 33 Little Rockers registered this year.

The beginning of the season started with 2 clinics and we are now starting our regular season with a mini round robin. A huge thank you goes out to Kelly Tooley who was our head instructor during the clinics and organized all the children into groups for instruction. Thanks also to Dave Cowie, Greg Elliott, Norm Craven, Alex Dillen, Christine Pierce, Carolyn Nicholson and Ruth and Brian Gemmell who assisted us during the clinic. Apologies go out to any parents we inadvertently missed. With 11 curling "families" registered, we will have many years of experience on the ice. Thank you to all the parents who help out every week. Your assistance is appreciated. Also to Leslie Dominico for organizing the snack schedule and to those who supply the snacks after each game which fosters the tradition of post game socializing. Our first bonspiels will be held on December 1 using the theme of the Olympics. Thank you again to Kelly Tooley who generously volunteered to run the bonspiels. We are looking forward to a great day. The children are enjoying the new Lite Rocks. Thank you again to the Board for generously purchasing them for us. A very special thank you goes out to Bruce Couperthwaite and Les Hillcoff who built and donated

new shelves for the Lite Rocks and also to Jim Kinzinger, our ice maker, who lined them with special fabric to protect them. Good curling and see you on the ice.

**CATHY WANLIN  
ROBYN SCOTT  
CO-CHAIRS**

### **CLINIC REPORT**

Once again this year UCC demonstrated its commitment to curler development with its novice and intermediate clinics that were held as the curling season got underway. Despite a one week delay due to September's exceptionally warm weather, folks were able to adjust their schedules and attendance was high. Each clinic was planned, organized and delivered by our own members. We are fortunate at UVCC to have so many certified instructors who have the skill, interest and commitment to provide this valuable support to new and seasoned curlers alike. Approximately 80 members attended on of two novice clinics under the leadership of Andrea Kerr and Julie Bowles. The instructors working with Andrea on Wednesday and Thursday evenings included Joan Allen, Julie Bowles, Lynn Brown, Laura Ferguson, Lorne Franklin, Blanche Leslie, Connie McDermott,

Marion McMahon, Carolyn Nicholson and Kelly Tooley. The Saturday instructors included Mary Ann Artkin, Julie Bowles, Paul Couperthwaite, Lorne Franklin, Kevin Lowe, Marilyn Lowe, Peter Mitchell, Jane Morgan and Kelly Tooley. Demonstrations were provided by Hollie Nicol. Off ice instruction was offered at both clinics by Art Leganchuk, a former member of UCC. Great improvement was noted in the skill levels of the participants on completion of the six hour clinics. It is so very important that our new and beginning curlers are taught the proper mechanics, theory and etiquette of the game and these clinics served to do just that. A small and intimate group of about 20 members participated in the intermediate clinic, which provided a review of the mechanics of sweeping and delivery and challenged the participants to hone their individual skill. Looks of satisfaction were evident as the curlers identified and corrected some of their bad habits. Deb Nicol, who ably chaired this clinic, had a strong cohort of Level 2 and Level 3 instructors to work with. They included Andrea Kerr, John Nicol, Marilyn Parsons and Mary Gellard.. A very big "thank you" is extended to all of our instructors who were involved in the year's clinics. We have

more comfortable and confident curlers as a result of their efforts. Thanks are also extended to Robbyn Greene, Nancy Smith and Mike McCormick who organized all of the wonderful snacks and meals. These clinics were a great team effort!

## **MARILYN LOWE CLINIC COORDINATOR**

### **NEW MEMBER SURVEY**

At the end of last season, a survey was sent to all curlers who were new to Unionville Curling Club asking them to provide us with information about how satisfied they were to have joined our club. The response rate of 43% was excellent.

Overwhelmingly our new curlers are pleased to be a part of UCC, having appreciated the warm welcomes and ongoing support they received. A sampling of questions and responses is included here.

. If you were new to the sport of curling, you undoubtedly attended one of our clinics. Please rate the value of the clinics. Excellent 12, Good 5, NA 8. *"Even better than excellent; without the clinics I would have been clueless"*

. Did you find that you were provided with adequate information to understand

the workings of the section(s) you joined?

Yes 23

No 0

NA 2

*"Members were helpful"*  
*"Big sister welcomed and introduced me to other members"*

*"Booklet, hand out instructions, schedule, clinics, etc were all great for this"*

. What was your major source of learning about the game of curling over the past season?

Clinics 10

Skip 4

Playing the game 20

TSN 3

Other 2

*"The whole team helped"*

*"The Tuesday afternoon help was excellent"*

*"I always ask if I don't understand"*

*"Feedback from some of the skips was good"*

. Please comment on any other aspects of your membership at UCC this past year.

*"This was my first year curling and it was great.*

*Very social atmosphere, good people, good lounge."*

*"My only negative is the basic problem of too many curlers for the number of sheets (Aft. Men's Section).*

*If you could only get more sheets or expand the time for seniors."*

*"Very friendly club, especially for members new to the game and new to Canada."*

*"It is obvious there is limited opportunity to get to skip level. Perhaps some clinics for non-skips to help us better understand the strategy of the game could at least help us be more engaged in this interesting area."*

*"It was great. I'm coming back."*

## **MARILYN LOWE PAST PRESIDENT**

### **STRATHCONA CUP**

### **SCOTTISH TOUR OF CANADA**

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) has invited the Royal Caledonia Curling club of Scotland (RCCC) to assemble a Men's Curling Tour of Canada in January 2003 to compete for the Strathcona Cup, one of the oldest curling competitions in existence. The Scots have accepted this invitation and will be touring Canada from January 8<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. This also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first visit of Scottish curlers to North America.

The competition is for the Strathcona Cup, donated by Lord Strathcona in 1909. The winner of the Cup is the country scoring the most points during the month long tour. The competition is usually held at five year intervals alternating between Scotland and Canada. The

last Scottish Tour of Canada occurred in 1993 and the most recent Canadian Tour of Scotland took place in 1998.

Three Unionville teams and one from the Richmond Hill Curling Club will be hosting four of the touring Scottish teams at the Unionville Curling Club on Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be arriving at the club around 2:00pm and following a warm welcome and introductions the games will proceed. All members are welcome to attend, greet our guests and watch the games.

### **CLUB WEBSITE**

[www.unionvillecurling.com](http://www.unionvillecurling.com)

Have you checked out our website lately! We are always trying to keep things fresh by posting the latest results and photos as we get them, as well as displaying your section's special events details. All the old Tradition Newsletters are available on-line. Some changes have been made this year to post the Team Lists, Schedules and Division/Team Standings (updated weekly). In addition, we have posted the Spare Lists. Note: The spare list contains phone numbers and is not available to the general public and can only be accessed from a secure area using a UserID and Password. Check with your

section Chair to see if you are using this facility or contact me directly.

If you have any items, News, Events, Results or Pictures send them to your Operating Committee or send them directly to [webmaster@unionvillecurlingclub.com](mailto:webmaster@unionvillecurlingclub.com) or if you have suggestions to improve what we've got, send them to me as well.

**JIM DIBBLEE  
WEBMASTER**

### **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

#### **T.C.A. NEWS**

The T.C.A. Energizer Toronto & District Bonspiel had 57 teams and the new Energizer Business Women's Bonspiel had 16 teams. This is 23 more teams than last year. The prize tables were fabulous. The T.C.A. Energizer Men's Bonspiel sign up sheets are up. So, come on guys, let's see you support this great event.

Melitta supports Junior Curling. Our new sponsor, Melitta, for the Sunshine Spiel has provided all the clubs with boxes to collect UPC symbols from their coffee and filter packages. Every symbol earns our club 50 cents to go to our Junior

Program to be paid at the end of March.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### **SENIOR REGIONAL WINNERS**

Mary Gellard, Gail Beveridge, Pat Graham and Terri Savoury. Good luck at the Provincials.

Enjoy the camaraderie of our club as we celebrate the Christmas season with all our various spiels, lunches, dinners and parties.

Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy Holiday!

**MARILYN PARSONS  
EDITOR**

**KENT TOMASIK  
INPUT TECHNICIAN**