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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are coming to the end of our curling season and I am pleased to say that it has been a good one. This was our first year with a pebble nipper and there is no doubt that it has improved the consistency of our ice. Thanks to the efforts of our iceman Jim for making our curling experience so positive.

Congratulations to those folks who have won their section schedules and will be competing for the Club Championship on Championship Day.

We have had some significant "Out of Club" successes this year. Congratulations to the Women's Team Skipped by Mary Gellard, who participated in the Provincials Seniors. Congratulations to Pat Seawright's team who made it to the Master Women Regional playoffs. Congratulations to Fran Allan's team, which tied for first in the Ladies Master Provincial round robin but lost a heartbreaker in the tiebreaker. To all of these teams, you have done us proud and we thank you for representing us so well!

There are still three major events coming up that require your participation. Please mark your calendars. The first event is the Annual Auction on April 5th. This is a fun event and a major fundraiser for the Club. Thanks are extended to Pat McDougall, Andrea Kerr and Carroll Chilton for managing this important event. Saturday, April 12th will be Championship Day. The top two teams from each section will compete for the honour to play. Everyone is invited to attend this final curling event. There will be three draws with the first at about 1:30 PM and the last at 7:00 PM. Finally, we have the Annual General Meeting at 7:30 on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to attend this meeting to both express your thoughts and vote for the new Directors of your Club.

A new President will be elected as part of the AGM so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for the support I have received throughout this year. We are very fortunate to have so many volunteers willing to contribute their time so that we can all benefit from the effectively run

sections, bonspiels and special events. You all have contributed to make this a better club!

Good luck with the remainder of the season and have a safe and happy summer!

**HARRY SEAR  
PRESIDENT**

### **AFTERNOON MEN'S**

With our season winding down, the competition for Championship Day positions is fierce... both on the ice and behind the glass.

Winners of the February 19 Spiel were: (Section A) Glenn Allan, Thom Leslie, Les Gagnon, and Fred Hemburrow, (Section B) Ross Baker, John Aiken, Wally Kiernan and John Irwin. Runners up were: (Section A) Don Allison, Ray Hanton, Don Dougall and Bill Aikenhead, (Section B) Perry Stover, Roger Moore, Roye Burnfield and Ron Parent.

Winners of the March 12 Spiel were: (Section A) Don Allison,

Peter Dernick, Edgar Mills and Walter Muirhead, (Section B) Del Hicke, Murray Roberts, Fred Hemburrow, and Elmer Harding. Runners up were: (Section A) Igors Svistunenko, Bob Taylor, Bev Gill and Walter Walker, (Section B) Garnett Graham, Perry Stover, Peter Wong and Norm Kettlewell.

Thanks to all the 'helpers' who attend, organize, and clean up after each session. I hope you'll be back next year. Good curling to all, good golfing for the summer and remain healthy to return in the fall.

## IAN MUNRO CHAIR

### LADIES' SECTION

As I write this report, it seems unreal that we have only two games left in the third schedule yet it is still snowing outside. Thanks to our 3<sup>rd</sup> schedule sponsors Connie Taylor and Unionville Broadloom.

The **Eleanor Crossen Bonspiel** was very successful. A special thanks goes to the committee of Dawn Webb, Janet Stover, Ina Grant and Cathy Dowling. Beautiful roses were presented to all of the curlers who played in the finals. Ken Prentice (Eleanor's nephew) presented the trophy to the winning team of Evelyn Reid, Cath Gostlin, Janice Warwick and Marilyn Jeffrey. The runners-up were

Blanche Leslie, Robbyn Greene, Cathy Desson and Janet Roblin.

The **Bea Kulmala Bonspiel** was held February 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the committee Elly Stam, Marg Currie, Wendy Sear, Wendy Parent and Marg Tonkin for a fantastic bonspiel. Mike (Bea's son) and Mary Kulmala as well as Eric and Cathy Alexander (Bea's daughter) were available to present the trophy to the winning team of Connie McDermott, Dawn Webb, Pat McDougall and Maureen Ramsden. Runners-up were: Alice McLean, Shelly Nielsen and Judy O'Brien.

Thanks to Sandra Davies and her committee for running **Friendly Day** with Richmond Hill and Newmarket Curling Clubs. Once again Unionville is the keeper of the "pig" for another year.

The **Town + Country BMW Bonspiel** two day invitational bonspiel was held March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Judy Young, Donna Svistunenko and their huge committee did an outstanding job. Thanks to all of the 24 teams from the 3<sup>rd</sup> schedule for the creative gift baskets for the raffle. The variety and presentation was impressive!! Thank you also to Lorene Reid, Connie McDermott, Janet Stover and Marilyn Craig for opening their homes for Home Hosting. The wonderful food and warm hospitality help make this event so successful. Judy

O'Brien and her team of singers as well as Dave Parsons on the keyboard, did a great job entertaining the ladies. The winning team kept the event very exciting by managing to pull off an 8 ender in their third game. Bonnie Cochrane presented the trophy and the pins to the winning team skipped by Joanne Cringan from the Bayview C.C. The runners-up were Mary Kulmala, Laura Ferguson, Gail Closs and Robbyn Greene of Unionville C.C. We would like to thank Jim Cochrane, President of Town + Country BMW for his continued generous sponsorship of this event.

On Friday March 7 UCC hosted a very successful city wide 40<sup>th</sup> annual Past Presidents'

Bonspiel. This bonspiel, along with the current Toronto & District Energizer Ladies Bonspiel, was initiated by our own members. Look how they have grown. Helen Jewett and Lois Roberts were on the founding committee and they presented a "stroll down memory lane". As this was an anniversary year, an engraved UCC wine goblet was given to each attendee. Thank you to Linda McKendry and her committee of Past Presidents for all their efforts. The club looked stunning with spring flowers everywhere.

Special thanks to Connie McDermott, Sandra Davies (and myself) for making all the stained glass pins for all of the curlers at Friendly Day and the

Town + Country BMW  
bonspiel.

### **Masters Provincial Finalists**

We are very proud of Fran Allan, Janet Stover, Kathy Cassin and Lynne Wasylyk for their achievements at the provincials. Well done Ladies!!

Our **Annual Card Night** is Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

Our Annual **Golf Day** will be held Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Unionville Golf Centre.

I would like to say **THANK YOU** to my executive for their efforts in making our section run smoothly.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their season of curling and I hope you will **all** return next year.

**LAURA FERGUSON**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

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

After a long cold winter, I am sure everyone is looking forward to spring. However, it does mean the end of the curling

season which never seems to be long enough.

Congratulations to the second draw winning teams: Tuesday night: Paula Jesty, Heather Reid, Terry Halliday, and Lynda Lane. Wednesday night: Joanne Drystek, Kristin Turko, Halinka Johnston and Erin Burton. Thursday night: Nancy Smith, Christine Couperthwaite, Joyce MacDonald and Lariza Mercurio.

We held our annual invitational Curl For Heart bonspiel on February 22, and were able to fill 2 full draws. Approximately \$1,300.00 from the spiel will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. After a full day of curling, we were treated to an excellent 'heart healthy' meal, thanks to Pat for her hard work. The Village Wellness Centre provided a masseuse and, needless to say, she was kept busy all day. The \$10.00 per person for the massage was also donated to the Heart and Stroke fund. The committee chaired by Brenda Cousineau did an excellent job, even kicking in to help Pat serve the dinner when some of her servers couldn't make it through the blizzard that was raging outside. Thanks to Brenda, Elaine Laking, Gail Brown, Mari Stoneman, Carroll Chilton, Joan McFarlane, Risa Powell, Sherry Coombs, Diane Dobson and Paula Shaw for an outstanding day! Congratulations to the winning team (from Unionville Business Women) skipped by Marilyn

Lowe, Vice Nancy Smith, Second Eloise Fisher and Lead Andrea Halbert.

Our annual Day Ladies/Business Womens bonspiel was held March 5 and 6. Teams are made up of ladies from both divisions and it is an excellent opportunity for us to get together. We curl 6 ends and then sit down to enjoy sandwiches and dessert. A great night! Thanks to Robyn Scott of the Business Women and Robbyn Greene of the Day Ladies for organizing the 2 nights' activities.

During the week of March break we are having 'Crazy Bird' nights instead of regular league curling due to the amount of people on vacation. This is a good opportunity for leads and seconds to see what it is like holding the broom at the other end of the ice!

Our playoffs will be the week of March 31 with the 2 top teams going to the Club Championship Day.

Good luck to all teams in the playoffs and we hope to see some real good curling on Championship Day!

**MARION McMAHON**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**MIXED CURLING**

The curling season is winding down quickly for UCC Mixed Curlers and what a year it has been. The Life's a Twist Spiel proved very popular, with many members dancing late into the night to 50's and 60's tunes after a great day of curling. After all the points were counted the winners were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** - George Otani, Barb Otani, George Irwin, Julie Irwin

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - Sara Harvey, Don Garland, Paula Jesty, Arcy Malvar

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** - John Nicol, Deb Nicol, Sean Gates, Brenda Mintz

**4<sup>th</sup> place** - Kent Tomasik, Lynn Brown, Brian Brewer, Lyn Brewer

**5<sup>th</sup> place** - Dennis Akerley, Ray Mount, Paul Brittain, Elaine Laking

**6<sup>th</sup> place** - Pete Mitchell, Louise Ferri, Helen Mitchell, Steve Kotyck

Playoffs are just around the corner. Look for the playoff teams posted in the club lounge.

As always, the Mixed Committee is looking for fresh faces with new ideas to keep the Great Spirit of Mixed Curling at Unionville going strong. If you are interested please, please let us know.

On behalf of the Mixed Committee, we wish you all the best for the remainder of the curling season and through the

playoffs. May everyone have a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

**MIKE McCORMICK  
CHAIRMAN**

**INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR SECTION**

Our intermediate/junior group continues with much enthusiasm. Our curlers continue to arrive weekly settle into their games and enjoy the competition. The "mystery end" where there are prizes weekly to the team who has taken that end continues to be a big hit. As we have a smaller number of curlers this year we have adopted a format in which the curlers play on different teams each session earning individual points for wins and losses. This structure will culminate in an in-house play down to determine our overall winners who will move forward to the club championship. They seem to enjoy this approach.

We have hosted two Bonspiels so far. The first, the "Seawright Spiel" with the generous sponsorship of Pat Seawright, was played in January. All the curlers enjoyed the competition, and the camaraderie. Winning this spiel was Spencer Griffith at Skip with Harrison Griffith and Andrew Irwin rounding out the team. Our club spiel which took place in March was a tight contest throughout with a team

skipped by James Hellyer with Brad Ansell at Vice, Leslie Cosburn at second and Ben Cullen at lead prevailing in the end.

Our skills instruction continues with a good number of our curlers taking part weekly in the development programme developed by Curl Ontario.

Congratulations go out to our Junior boy's team skipped by Stephen Jones, with Spencer Griffiths at vice, James Hellyer at second and Andrew Lowe at lead who recently won the zone championships in the Gore schoolboy play downs. The team moved on to the regionals but unfortunately were not as successful finishing the day with a one and two record. This team also enjoyed playing in the Toronto and area Junior loop with some positive results. Congratulations also, to our mixed bantam team which played in the GTA league finishing with a six and four overall record. At their championship day the team won the consolation final in their pool. Skipping duties were shared by Matthew Lowe and Patricia Malvar with Harrison Griffiths at second and Pedro Malvar at lead.

Our season is coming to a close with just a couple of weeks until playoffs leading to our final games at club championship day. I would like to acknowledge the support of Murray and Lois Roberts who

sponsor the trophies for this exciting day for our curlers.

All in all we have had a successful season with a number of new curlers joining the group.

**KEVIN LOWE  
CHAIRMAN**

### **LITTLE ROCK SECTION**

As the end of the curling season comes upon us, we look back through the year and realize it has been a terrific one. Our numbers were higher than they have been in a long time, and even though we had a few members drop out, they were quickly replaced by other eager curlers.

We recently held our annual **Lois and Murray Roberts Teddy Bear Spiel** in which 31 young curlers participated. This is a popular spiel as each curler receives a Teddy Bear, regardless of what position they finish in. Thank you to Lois and Murray for once again sponsoring the Teddy Bear Spiel.

We would like to thank all the parents who faithfully helped on the ice every Sunday without being asked. Also, thanks to Lesley Dominico who organized the snack schedule. We also appreciate the help the non-curling parents gave us during the bonspiels by passing out the pizza and treats and also for helping to clean up.

Thanks to all our club members who purchased lottery tickets in

December to assist our section with our new Lite Rocks.

We are looking forward to another great year next curling season. Have a HOT and safe summer

### Teddy Bear Bonspiel Results

#### 1<sup>st</sup> **Grizzly Bears**

Nicholas Richard, Megan Cowie, Stacy Rice, James Nelson.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> **Brown Bears**

Erin Osaka, Gillian Dominico, Courtney Robinson, Scott Chillingworth.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> **Koala Bears**

Christopher Gemmell, Brandon Dyck, Jessica Upton, Katrin Iacono.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> **Black Bears**

Alex Elliott, Kevin Downs, Carly Nicholson, Taylor Ruppert.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> **Little Pooh Bears**

Brian Belman, Scott Dillen, Kendra Pierce.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> **Polar Bears**

Barrett Cribbey, Nicole Atallah, Allahnah Karmali, Taegan Ruppert.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> **Panda Bears**

Allyson Cowie, Stephanie Gemmell, Curtis Nelson, Brenna Osaka.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> **Teddy Bears**

Cameron Downs, Hannah Iacono, Brianne Ing, Sean Hargrave.

**CATHY WANLIN  
ROBYN SCOTT  
CO-CHAIR**

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

We are all sorry to see curling come to an end but I don't think there is one of us sorry to see all this snow melt!

What a great season of curling both on ice and on TV with only the Worlds from Winnipeg left to watch in mid April.

We will report Championship Day results in our first newsletter next fall.

I'd like to thank all the chair people who sent in their reports for *The Tradition* this past season. With your assistance our little paper is bigger and better. Also a big thanks to Kent, our input technician.

Have a safe and happy summer and see you when we all come back in the fall.

**MARILYN PARSONS  
EDITOR**

**KENT TOMASIK  
INPUT TECHNICIAN**