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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Activity and spirit abound as you step through the doors of the Unionville Curling Club.

The 2003/2004 curling season is well underway as you read through your latest copy of the Tradition.

Many thanks are extended to Marilyn Parsons who tirelessly works to publish this newsletter 3 times a year. Through Marilyn's efforts, seasoned and new members alike are kept apprised of the many events of the individual sections and general club news.

Our new curling season began with our annual Open House which attracted a record number of visitors and an abundance of new members. Consequently, all sections boast healthy numbers and we continue to make maximum use of our ice time. Our financial position remains positive.

The Ladies washroom has undergone a magnificent facelift thanks to the efforts of Laura

Ferguson, Pat McDougall, Don Garland and Bill Climie.

A special welcome is extended to Janice Sear, our new bartender who is doing a terrific job of keeping our curlers "happy". Our longtime Club Manager Kent Tomasik will be retiring in the coming year- his loyalty and commitment to our club will be missed.

Recently UCC was the proud host of the TCA Toronto & District Energizer Ladies Bonspiel. Fifty-two teams from across the GTA participated in the event chaired by our own Helen Mitchell. Congratulations to the teams from Unionville who participated. (See Ladies report)

As always, we are indebted to the many volunteers whose hard work, dedication and enthusiasm make UCC the vibrant club that it is.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every one.

JANE MORGAN
PRESIDENT

MEN'S SECTION

Welcome to a new season of curling. Our Men' s annual general meeting was well attended. It was a good chance for members to get together and discuss business and socialize too. Our numbers are very strong this year, which is very good for the club. That said, we have had to draw more people from the first draw schedule than originally anticipated and if the numbers stay consistent, we will be dealing with this at the A.G.M. in June. We are doing our best to ensure that everyone in the draw section who plays in Team Entry as well, get 2 schedules of play. Planning is well under way for the annual Unionville Men' s Open at the end of January. Bruce Band is chairing that committee. Our Fall Classic will be under way or completed by press time. Neil Smith and his crew are working hard to ensure a very successful event.

Here are your first schedule winners.

Monday Draws:

Gary Holling, Gary Davis, Rob Chillingworth, Jeffery Maple

Bill Wright, Ken Long, Bruce Strecheniuk, Tom Hall
Thursday:

Doug Gorrill, Harry Sear, Ian Free, Mike Mallinos

Team Entry:

A Div. John Bell, Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill, Jim Kinzinger

B Div. Steve McLeod, Alex Borland, Bruce Band, Brian Monti

C Div. Alan Sham, Tom Kalvik, Phil Policelli, Larry Ketchabaw

D Div. Don Small, Rob Schlee, Don Clarke, John Ferneley
Happy and Safe Holidays to All.

LORNE FRANKLIN CHAIRMAN

AFTERNOON MEN'S

For the new season, with a slight increase in membership, we welcome several new members to the Afternoon Men's section: Bill Balfour, Bill Church, Rick Dennis, Dennis Madokoro, Don McNicol, Cam Silverson, Randy Slate, Bernie Wilock and Brian Wrigglesworth.

We now have ice times on (some) Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings (4-man teams), Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons. This has significantly reduced the number of draw-outs on Wednesdays and also the number of times we have six-man teams.

We have had two excellent all-day spiels with lunch and prizes,

and look forward to our Christmas Turkey Spiel on Wednesday, December 10 when there will be turkey or ham prizes for all.

Winners of our October 15 spiel were (Draw #1) Igrors Svistunenکو, Les Gagnon, Les Hillcoff, and Norm Smith, (Draw #2) Ross Baker, John DeBruijn, Ivan Amery, and Ben Pawluk. **Runners Up** were (Draw #1) Thom Leslie, Ed Seal, Doug Fettes, and Bill Collett, (Draw #2) Peter Koens, Jack Silverthorn, Cliff Leedham, and Ron Parent

Winners of the November 12 spiel were (Draw #1) Sam Murakami, Dennis Madokoro, Roye Burnfield, Fred Hemburrow, and Doug Rowe, (Draw #2) Sylvio Roy, Ian Munro, Selby Noel, and Bill L Burrows. **Runners Up** were (Draw #1) Charlie Fisher, John Grant, Ed Seal, Bev Gill, and Norm Smith, (Draw #2) Ross Baker, Bob Hammond, John Aiken, Joe MacDonald, and Ben Pawluk

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

IAN MUNRO CHAIR

LADIES' SECTION

The Day Ladies Section got off to a great start a week early this year. We decided to start the

same week as the other sections of the club in order to get an extra week of curling.

Our executive is working very hard to provide great curling for our members. First Schedule went very smoothly and the finals will be held the same day as our Christmas Luncheon – December 9th.

Marj Sayeau as usual, ran a fantastic Past President's bonspiel on four consecutive Thursdays. We really have to thank her for all her hard work, as this is consistently one of the most popular bonspiels of the year. Winners were Janet Stover, Gail Closs, Ingrid Hollett and Shirley Edamura. The runners-up were Gail Beveridge, Elly Stam, Joyce Morgan and Maureen Ramsden. Congratulations to all! Marj's committee of helpers was Laura Ferguson, Lois Roberts, Connie McDermott and Robbyn Greene.

Helen Mitchell, Chairperson of the TCA Toronto & District Energizer Ladies Bonspiel November 18- 20 did Unionville proud by hosting a very successful 52 team bonspiel in several clubs across Toronto on the first 2 days and at Unionville the 3rd and final day. The club looked fantastic and Unionville hospitality was evident to all. Jim provided great ice as usual. With a Unionville team in the trophy event final there was standing room only in the lounge and lots of excitement.

The Victory Dinner was held at York Downs, the décor and prize table was stunning.

Congratulations Helen on a big job well done and a special thank you to all your committee.

We entered 10 teams again this year as well as hosted this prestigious event
Results

In the Open Event:

Mary Gellard, Gail Beveridge, Pat Graham and Terri Savoury were runners-up to the trophy
Blanche Leslie, Carole Murray, Alice McLean and Janice Warwick were 5th event winners.

In the Senior Event:

Andrea Kerr, Barb Otani, Carolyn Northcott and Sharon Murray were 2nd event runners – up

Zone Playdowns

Unionville Ladies were successful at Zones at Port Perry November 22-23

“A” side winners – Andrea Kerr, Fran Allan, Carolyn Northcott and Barb Otani

“B” side winners – Mary Gellard, Gail Beveridge, Pat Graham and Terri Savoury

**ROBBYN GREENE
CHAIRPERSON**

BUSINESS WOMEN'S SECTION

The Business Womens division is off to another great start this year with our **Wine and Cheese Semi-Annual Meeting** held on September 22nd. Thanks to Patti Seto, Joyce MacKay and the social committee for organizing the event. This year we have 101 members with 5 members drawn out in the first schedule. The drawn out members are at the top of the spare list and have had no problems getting enough time on the ice.

This year we have introduced **mini-clinics** to replace the clinics held on separate nights. We are devoting 15 to 20 minutes at the end of some regularly scheduled games to on-ice clinics. After other games, we are holding sessions in the lounge to discuss curling etiquette and strategy (both on and off the ice). Thanks to Jill King for organizing the clinics and thanks to the level 1 and level 2 coaches for helping make the clinics a success.

Our first bonspiel of the year, the **Pasta Spiel**, was held on Saturday November 1. This was a great day where we have a lot of fun and a wonderful Lasagne lunch. Thanks to Wendy McLean, Erin Burton and the bonspiel committee for organizing this event. A congratulation to this year's winning team skipped by Gail Browne with Gail Kitagawa as Vice/Second and Elaine Laking as Second/Lead.

Some upcoming events are the **Christmas Dinner** on Monday December the 8th and the **Guest Day Bonspiel** on Saturday January 24th.

Our invitational bonspiel, the **Curl for Heart**, is scheduled for Saturday February 21. To make this bonspiel a success, we need teams from outside the club. If you are attending bonspiels at other clubs, please take some Curl for Heart flyers with you and talk it up with the other teams you meet and invite them back to our club. If you need more information about the Curl for Heart, please contact Angela Singleton.

Thanks once again to Julie Bowles for publishing the Business Ladies' newsletter, the HACK and YAK. It's a great way to keep everyone informed about what is happening in and out of the club. If you have any bonspiel stories, curling news, tips or results, please let Julie know and she can get the information out to the rest of the business ladies.

My thanks and appreciation go out to all the executive members and their committees for everything they do to make Business Ladies Curling what it is. I also take this opportunity to remind you all of the benefits we enjoy because Unionville is a member run club. Together we make things happen!

**NANCY SMITH
CHAIRPERSON**

MIXED CURLING

Welcome to the 2003/2004 Mixed Curling Season. As usual, we have a full slate of draw curlers and the first schedule is quickly nearing completion. All the returning curlers continue to find Mixed Curling a very sociable and enjoyable outing, while new curlers enjoy the opportunity to learn the game in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. For mixed curlers who want a more competitive environment, once again we have a Mixed Team Entry section with **Neil Smith** as the convenor. If you are interested in this format of curling, please contact Neil.

The Mixed Committee continues to change every year with a few people dropping off and a few new ones coming in. If you are interested in joining the committee next year, just talk to any of the committee members. This year, the committee includes: Mike McCormick (Chair), Brian MacMillan (Drawmaster), Neil Smith (Team Entry Convenor), Norm and Cheryl Craven, Ray and Bets Lobban, Marilyn Parsons, Al Johnston, Doug and Marilyn Flemming, Craig Harvey and Kelly Tooley.

Last year we experimented with the introduction of pizza being supplied for curlers playing at 5:30 on Friday. The feedback was very positive, and so pizza

will continue. Of course, regular snacks continue to be supplied after all the other games. The committee members deserve a special thanks for trying to come up with different snacks every week to make the post-game drink more enjoyable.

The Pot Luck spiel in early October was a huge success as always with lots of good food provided by the participants. Thanks to committee members **Al Johnston and Marilyn Parsons** for coordinating a very smooth event and thanks to the many others who lent a hand either setting up or cleaning up after the dinner. This year the team that got to go through the buffet first (by winning the spiel) was made up of Kent Tomasik, Donna Fitzpatrick, George Irwin and Bette Amery.

The Nuts and Bolts Bonspiel held in early November was quickly filled up with a waiting list of curlers to play. A number of the changes that were introduced to this spiel last year had received favorable comments and so were continued. Thanks to **Craig Harvey and Brian MacMillan** for coordinating the event and thanks to all the other members who worked during the bonspiel to ensure everything ran smoothly. Once again **Norm Craven** (*who has a real knack for spending other people's money!*) took the lead in purchasing the food and assembling an excellent prize table. And a special thanks to

the members who worked hard to get the food ready for all the hungry curlers on Friday night - **Cheryl Craven, Sherry Coombs and Laura Ferguson.**

Event winners for the Nuts and Bolts were:

Event A Winner: Kelly Tooley, Ray Mount, Lorne Jessop and Jackie Lawton

Event A Runner-up: Brian Browne, Brian Monti, Scott Edwards and Kim Parker

Event B Winner: Jim Bell, Bill Lee, Peter DaSilva and Wendy DaSilva

Event B Runner-up: Gordon Barry, Gordon Kerr, Heather Bracey and Julie Irwin

Event C Winner: Andrea Kerr, Neil Smith, Sean Gates and Deborah Austin

Event C Runner-up: Sylvio Roy, Joan Allen, Jim Lawton and Paul Watkins

Event D Winner: Steve Mcleod, Stephen Kitagawa, Ann Watkins and Greg Scott

Event D Runner-up: Doug Gorrill, Norm Craven, Peter Gates and Suzanne Matthews

The next two major events will be coming up shortly into the New Year so be watching for notices. The Curling Clinic and Mini-Spiel takes place on Saturday January 17th. It is a great opportunity to enhance your skills. On Friday February 13th and Saturday February 14th we will be holding the "Life's a Valentine" Bonspiel. Make sure to sign up early so you won't have that last minute hassle about where to take that special

valentine for dinner and dancing on the 14th.

Remember that the draw schedules, bonspiel results and team pictures are all available on the Club Website at: www.unionvillecurlingclub.com

**ROY LOBBAN
MIXED COMMITTEE**

LITTLE ROCK SECTION

What an amazing start to the curling season! At present, we have 45 ‘little rockers’ attending on Sunday afternoon. With that many children on the ice at one time, it was chaotic. Therefore, we have extended our time slot to 2 hours. The 20 returning curlers are on the ice at 2:00 p.m., then the 25 new curlers have the ice to themselves at 3:00 p.m. This makes for a more enjoyable experience for all.

We will be holding our first bonspiel November 30, using the Bubble Gum trophy for the first time in many years. The 2nd bonspiel will be held in March 2004. Thank you to Lois and Murray Roberts who sponsor the Teddy Bear Bonspiel annually.

I would like to thank the following curling parents who take turns helping on the ice; Rob and Lisa Chillingworth, Alex Dillen, Ruth and Brian

Gemmell, Dave Mason, Greg Nelson, Carolyn Nicholson, Heather Reid, Don Robinson, Greg Saftich, Beverly Styba, Glenn Taylor and Joe McIssac.

Thank you to Lesley and Rick Dominico for juggling the snack schedule. Thank you to all the parents who faithfully bring their children out every Sunday.

Drop in and watch the fun!

**ROBYN SCOTT
CARIN HILL
CO-CHAIR**

**FROM THE EDITOR’S
DESK**

Did you know that a gripper is only good for 2 years?! After that you leave marks on the ice from the worn rubber.

Do you wipe out the inside of your gripper? – That is where the dirt accumulates.
How old is your gripper?

Good luck to Andrea Kerr, Mary Gellard and teams at Regions in Oakville November 29-30.

News Year’s Eve Mystery Night looks like fun!

A happy and safe holiday season to everyone.

**MARILYN PARSONS
EDITOR**

**KENT TOMASIK
INPUT TECHNICIAN**