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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ring out the old, ring in the new! On behalf of the Board of Directors please accept my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year! 2004 was kicked off at the Club with a fabulous New Years Eve dinner and dance organized by Pete and Deborah Liukaitis.

Countless members from all sections have attended both in and out of club bonspiels – results of which are described in the individual chair reports. Of special note is our very own Ontario Special Olympics Team who won the Southeastern Ontario Regional Championship on Saturday, January 17th in Campbellford, Ontario. Congratulations to Brad Ansel, Patrick Cronin, Corey Vitale, Dustin Allen and Greg O'Brien who will be playing in the provincial finals at the Nokia Cup in Owen Sound on February 7th!! All this in the 4th year of curling!!

In the past few weeks several acts of vandalism/theft have occurred in and around the Curling Club. As an added

safety measure new lights have been installed in the parking lot, however, please do not leave valuables in your car. As the dressing rooms have also been targeted, lockers should be utilized!

Please reserve Saturday, April 3rd on your calendars for our annual Silent and Live Auction. Watch for announcements for this always exciting and highly successful event!

Thanks again to all the board members, section chairs and committee members whose hard work and dedication help to keep our club running so smoothly!

JANE MORGAN
PRESIDENT

MEN'S SECTION

Gentlemen,

By now the Toronto Curling Association has held it's annual Energizer Bonspiel and our club did itself proud this year. In the Open Event Duncan McDougall, Al Gates, Steve Rogers and Kim McKenney won the Second Event and John Bell's team of Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill and Paul

Brittain won the Third Event. In the Seniors Division, Ken Bates, Bill Bryans, Dave Busato and Garry Grant won the Main Event, while Dennis Osborne's team were the Runners Up in the Third Event. In the Senators Division Bill Creber, Jim Sharples, Garnett Graham and Harry Sear won the Second Event. Congratulations to all for an amazing showing.

Our annual Dixon Garland Bonspiel is fast approaching so please sign up. Gary Holling and Lorne Franklin are running the event this year. Our second schedules are coming to an end soon and I'll have those winners in the next newsletter.

LORNE FRANKLIN
CHAIRMAN

AFTERNOON MEN'S

Despite our increased ice time, we continue to have a significant demand, which has resulted in large number of draw-outs. Consequently, we have abandoned our Wednesday morning restriction of 4-man teams. This has helped alleviate

the situation and we seem to be getting a more balanced attendance at all sessions.

At our **Christmas Turkey Spiel** all participants received either a turkey or a ham. We had a few extras which were given to, and gratefully received by, our local Salvation Army. **Winners** were: (Draw #1) Don Allison, Bob Taylor, Don Attridge, Fred Hemburrow, Bev McCauley and Bernie Wilock, (Draw #2) Gord Barry, Roger Moore, Jack Silverthorn and Ron Parent. **Runners Up** were: (Draw #1) Don Garland, Garth Carroll, Jim Bald, Ken Harris, George McPhee and Norm Smith, (Draw #2) Garnett Graham, Ian Munro, Joe MacDonald and Bill Burrows.

Winners of the January 14th Spiel were: (Draw #1) Joe Murray, Roye Burnfield, Jim Bald, Bart Strype and Bill Collett, (Draw #2) Del Hicke, John De Bruijn, Ed Mazur, Wally Kiernan and Norm Smith. **Runners Up** were: (Draw #1) Bill Wright, Ed Seal, Don Dougall, Walter Walker and Fred Sheehy, (Draw #2) Gord Barry, John Grant, Larry Squire, Jack Silverthorn and Roger Lee.

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

**IAN MUNRO
CHAIR**

LADIES' SECTION

Well here it is a New Year already! Our curling section is as busy as ever!

The Mollie Hood Bonspiel was held on Dec. 2, 2003. Mollie has sponsored this terrific event for many years. We really appreciate her generosity. Thanks to Blanche Leslie, Carole Murray and Joyce Sherman for a great day. The winners were Mary Kulmala, Chris Wightman, Kathy Desson and Pat Morris.

We held the finals for our first schedule on Dec. 9th. The winners of the Grandma's Treasures Trophy were Pat Maybury, Maureen Dudley, Lorene Reid and Marilyn Jeffery. The winners of the ReMax Sylvia Houghton Trophy were Kathy Cassin, Evelyn Reid, Betti-Ann Lavitt and Janet Arthur.

The Christmas Bonspiel is one of our most popular Bonspiels – partly because of the sister team format. The winners were Lois Dickson, Lennie Reynolds, Chris Trought and Julie Irwin on one team and Connie McDermott, Barb Otani, Mary Aitken and Jane Elliot on their sister team. Thanks to Maureen Dudley and her committee and to Richardson's Tartans for their support.

Our Christmas Luncheon was well attended and enjoyed by

all! Thanks to Connie Van Parys and her committee of workers.

We sent two teams to the Provincial Seniors this year. They were Mary Gellard's team of Gail Beveridge, Pat Graham and Terri Savoury and Andrea Kerr's team of Fran Allan, Janet Stover and Barb Otani.

Mary and team were finalists. They did a great job and represented our club admirably. Congratulations on a great run!

Also, we are happy to report that Pat Seawright, skip, Lois Roberts, Carole Murray and Blanche Leslie won zones at the Master Women's playdowns. They advance to regions in Fenelon Falls January 24-26. Good luck girls.

Our One Day bonspiel – The Miles Hectares Bonspiel, generously sponsored by Joyce Miles, was held on January 9. It was a terrific day – thanks to the organization of Donna Svistunenko and her committee. The winners were Bette Zahayko's team from the East York Curling Club.

As you can see, we keep very busy and look forward to many more great events this year.

**ROBBYN GREENE
CHAIRPERSON**

BUSINESS WOMEN'S SECTION

How time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe that our second schedule is almost over. We have just started to draw the teams for the last schedule. Once again, we have more curlers than we do ice time and some curlers will be drawn out. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to be drawn out. On behalf of us all, I thank Cathy Meanchoff and the ice committee for keeping things running so smoothly.

Our annual Christmas dinner held on Dec. 8th was well attended and enjoyed by all. Patti Seto and the social committee organized a fabulous dinner. We all welcomed the return of the dessert buffet. The prizes for the first and second place teams of the first schedule were given out. Thanks to Mary Thomas and Kathy Moran for the beautiful selection of prizes.

The Guest Day Spiel will be held on Jan 24. The sign-up sheet is filled. Over 40 guests and members have signed up. Wendy McLean and the bonspiel committee have been busy organizing the day and I'm sure everyone will have a wonderful time. This has always been a good way to introduce curling to our friends and we hope that some of them will come back and join the club next year.

The fourth annual Curl for Heart Invitational Bonspiel is being organized by Angie Singleton and her bonspiel committee. The one day event will be held on Saturday Feb. 21st. The bonspiel is already filled with 3 teams on the waiting list at last count. All the teams entered in the Curl for Heart Bonspiel are from outside clubs. The Unionville teams waited a little too long to get their entries in. Thanks to Angie and all the other Business Ladies that promoted the Curl for Heart when they attended bonspiels at other clubs. As in past years, \$10.00 from every curler along with a portion of the proceeds from the day will be donated to the Heart and Stoke Foundation. Again, 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 continue to encourage everyone, to get involved by attending the Business Ladies events throughout the year or coming out to help at the events. If you would like to help on a committee this year or next, please talk to anyone on the executive.

I hope everyone is having a great season and good curling to everyone!

**NANCY SMITH
CHAIRPERSON**

MIXED CURLING

The Mixed Draw Season is continuing in full swing with the first draw completed and the second draw well under way. The winners from each of the five divisions in the first draw will advance to the playdowns at the end of the curling year. The first schedule winners were:

A Division - Connie McDermott, Phil Policelli, Ed Robinson, Arlene Robinson

B Division - Dennis Akerley, Kathy Desson, Elaine Laking, Roger Moore

C Division - David Busato, Laurie Noorden, Dawn Busato, Linda McKellar

D Division - George Otani, Marlene Heffron, Sandy Whalen, Dennis Heffron

E Division - Ken Long, Gail Kitagawa, Joan Izzett, Glen Shevlin

As usual, for the second draw new teams have been set up to ensure that we get as much mingling of players as possible.

The Mixed Team Entry has also finished their first draw with the team of John Nicol, Deb Nicol, Neil Smith and Nancy Smith coming out on top.

As this newsletter is being put together, Kelly Tooley and Mike McCormick are busy organizing the annual one-day Clinic/Spiel for Saturday January 17. It will be an opportunity for curlers of all levels to hone their skills and enjoy a mini-spiel at the same time.

The Life's a Valentine bonspiel will be held on Friday February 13th and Saturday February 14th. What a great idea for Valentine's day! Not only do you get to enjoy two days of curling, but you also get a dinner and dance with your favourite valentine. (A super solution to that problem of trying to figure out where you can get a dinner reservation.) Once again this bonspiel aims to introduce the fun and excitement of bonspiels to new curlers in a relaxing atmosphere. Watch for details and sign-up sheets in the club lounge coming soon.

The Closing Mixed Skins spiel will be held Tuesday March 23rd to Saturday March 27th. This bonspiel is always very popular and gives curlers a chance to compete in the "skins" format that we all watch on TV. Watch for the sign up sheets to be posted and sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Each year the Mixed Committee has people retiring and new members joining. It helps not only spread the workload, but also gets new and fresh ideas coming forward. If you are interested in joining the committee, don't be shy – we welcome all interested parties. Talk to one of this year's members to learn more about what is involved.

ROY LOBBAN
MIXED COMMITTEE

JUNIOR / BANTAM SECTION

The Junior/Bantam program is off to a rock'n good start! I'm very impressed with this group of juniors and bantams. A really nice mix of experienced curlers willing to lend a hand to guide some new curlers and some younger curlers who have moved up from the Little Rock program. They show a lot of enthusiasm. And, of course, every curler is interested in having some fun!

We have 31 curlers ranging in age from 10 – 18 years old with 12 girls, 19 boys and 7 families with two siblings participating. We have 6 new curlers and 4 experienced curlers who have joined Unionville from other clubs.

The program got underway after Thanksgiving and before you know it, we had our first bonspiel: The Seawright Junior Mixed Bonspiel. Thanks to Pat Seawright who, once again, sponsored this terrific event. While conflicts with the Santa Claus Parade, our first significant snowfall of the year and a Saturday schedule versus our regular Sunday affected the number of participants, 16 enthusiastic curlers had a great day! Using a Deck of Cards theme and a two game total points format, the

Winners:

Hearts Team Ben Kinsella (Skip), Craig Trought (Vice),

Leslie Cosburn (Second) and Derrick Chow (Lead).

Runners-up:

Clubs Team Tristan Bergauer-Free (Skip), Cameron Downs (Vice), Nicole Atallah (Second), Scott Morrison (Lead).

Consolation:

Spades Team: Harrison Griffiths (Skip), Alexandra Trought (Vice), Nicholas Richard (Second), Kevin Downs (Lead)

Consolation Runners-up:

Diamonds Team: Adam Tonon (Skip), Melissa Wilson (Vice), Alex Elliott (second) and Chris Atallah (Lead).

On Sunday, December 14th the Junior/Bantams were treated to a surprise visit from Unionville's own 1994 World Jr. Women's Championship Team member, Sandy Graham! Sandy talked to the curlers about the wonderful experience curling has brought to her life including friendships, travel, life-long lessons, the spirit of sport, value of an education, fun and winning. It was great for our Juniors to hear from a UCC Junior program alumni and we would welcome the opportunity to hear from others.

I want to thank my Co-Coordinator for the Junior Program, Greg Elliott, for his invaluable assistance; Kent Tomasik, Marilyn and Kevin Lowe, John Nicol and Peter Mitchell for providing advice and guidance; Jim Kinzinger for great ice; and Wendy

Griffiths for scheduling our snack program. Thank you.

We have another bonspiel coming up on Sunday, February 29th but, sadly, we lack a sponsor. If any member is interested in sponsoring this event, donating some prizes (or both!), please let Kent know or give me a call, Your help would be really appreciated and I can guarantee you, your help will support some future champions and great leaders!

Neil Downs
Chair

Unionville Curling Club Web Site

(www.unionvillecurlingclub.com)

Are you aware that the club has an Internet web page? It is fast becoming an integral part of the communication for our club, for those who know about it. We have now added schedules, weekly standings, team and spare lists as well as electronic copies of the tradition current and past issues, which you can access from home or work.

The sign of a good web page is how fresh it is. Ours is updated weekly with results, pictures and event details (or as soon as I get them) for all sections. In addition, we have links to UCC achievements as well as other Curling resources and sites like the TCA, CCA and the ever

popular "In the Hack" curler's forum www.inthehack.com.

I need your help in keeping it up to date. If you have information/results/photos or fun stuff to share send it to webmaster@unionvillecurlingclub.com or give it to Kent.

Jim Dibblee
UCC Webmaster

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Someone in our club has a wonderful opportunity for a rewarding experience! Neil Downs chair of our Junior Section is looking for a sponsor for the Sunday February 29th Bonspiel. How about 2, 3 or 4 people or even some prizes? Get your name in lights!

The TCA Energizer Mixed Spiel is coming up. This is a great event, dinner and dance, plus prizes galore. You don't need to be a competitive team – just a team looking for fun. There is a senior and open section. Sign up forms are on the Mixed Board or call me.

Just drop your Melitta Coffee and filter UPC symbols into the box beside the office. Each one is worth .50 cents for our Junior Program.

UCC won 3rd prize, a gift certificate for \$300 at Goldline, in the TCA Lottery draw at the Energizer Junior Bonspiel over Christmas.

How's your car battery holding up in this weather? Remember to support a curling sponsor.... Energizer available only at Walmart.

Good Curling!
MARILYN PARSONS
EDITOR

KENT TOMASIK
INPUT TECHNICIAN