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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Activity and good spirit prevail as the 2003/2004 curling season begins to wind down. Teams continue to celebrate victories both in house and out of club! Congratulations to those curlers who have won their individual sections and who will be competing on Championship Day Sat. April 17! Mark this date on your calendars, as this is a wonderful opportunity for the Club to showcase its ever-increasing talent!

The always popular Club Auction will be held Sat. April 3 – come out and bid on one of the coveted parking spots or any of the fabulous items that have been donated by Club members!

For over 20 years the Club has been fortunate to have been managed by the very talented Kent Tomasik! We thank him for his years of dedication as the premier overseer of the club and wish him well in his new role as retiree! The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Craig Harvey has accepted the position of Club Manager effective August 2004!

I wish to thank all Board members for their support in overcoming the many challenges we faced this year. A special thanks to outgoing Board members Harry Sear, Carroll Chilton and Don Garland for their countless hours of volunteer work in the Club. And last but not least the Annual General Meeting, your opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions and discuss issues, will be held Monday June 14 th at 7:30PM.

JANE MORGAN
PRESIDENT

AFTERNOON MEN'S

With the season winding down, the competition for Championship day positions is quite fierce... on the ice and behind the glass. Starting in February, the Board has allowed us to add an extra session on Friday mornings. Since then, we have not had any draw-outs, so we now seem to have enough ice time to accommodate our membership.

Winners of the February 18th Spiel were: (Section A) Peter Koens, Garth Carroll, Don

Dougall, Ken Tranter, and George McPhee, (Section B) Gord Barry, Ron Gordon, Ken Elliott, and Ben Pawluk. Runners up were: (Section A) Sam Murakami, Ed Seal, Edgar Mills, Bernie Wilock, and Walter Muirhead, (Section B) Joe O'Hearn, Ian Munro, Ed Mazur, and Wally Kiernan.

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

IAN MUNRO
CHAIR

LADIES' SECTION

Well, as usual, the Ladies Section has been very busy this winter. We had a successful Eleanor Crossen bonspiel in January capably run by Nancy Brown, Dawn Webb and their committee. The winners were: Linda Payzant skip, Carolyn Nicholson, Joan Izzett and Jane Elliott.

In February, we held the Bea Kulmala bonspiel, affectionately known as "The Bea". Thanks to Lorene Reid, Ingrid Hollett, Shelly Nielsen, Ruth Oster and Sharon Murray for a terrific

time. The winning rink was Carole Murray skip, Helen Mitchell, Mary Aitken and Sharon Murray.

On March 1 and 2, the Town + Country Bonspiel was held. We thank Jim and Bonnie Cochrane for their sponsorship. Donna Svistunenko, Carolyn Northcott, and their committee did all the hard work. The winner was: Joanne Cringan (Carole Murray's daughter) and her rink from Bayview.

Our Mini Major teams did very well this year. Lorene Reid's team of Ingrid Hollett, Ruth Oster and Maureen Ramsden came second in the finals. Karen Blackman's team were first in their division.

Our second schedule finals were held Tuesday February 3rd. Winners of the Unionville Arms trophy were Alice Mclean, Judy Robertson, Lorene Reid and Shirley Edamura. The winners of the Hudson Plumbing trophy (donated Linda and Jim McKendry) were Gail Beveridge, Shelly Nielsen, Marcie Dercola and Marg Curtis.

The Trizec Hahn Challenge continues to provide competitive curling as well as a learning experience for all curlers. The two "B" side winning teams moving up to "A" side were: Marilyn Parsons skip, Mary Ann McLeod, Maureen Dudley, Sandra Davies and Andrea Kerr skip, Barb Otani, Carolyn

Northcott and Sharon Murray. The Grand Aggregate winners will represent the Ladies' Section on Championship Day Saturday April 17.

See you all at the Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday April 13.

ROBBYN GREENE CHAIRPERSON

BUSINESS WOMEN'S SECTION

Here we are with the third schedule well under way. The last game of the second schedule and the first game of the third schedule were fun nights where we held a skills challenge and a major/minor game. The skills challenge organized by Marilyn Lowe and Andrea Halbert was definitely challenging and a lot of fun.

The major/minor night was organized by Jill King. On this night, the skips and vices played together and the leads and seconds played their own game. The leads and seconds were coached by Jill and her volunteer coaches. These nights are another way to provide training, experience and promote interest in the game for our curlers.

On Saturday Feb. 21st, the Business Women hosted the fourth annual Curl for Heart Bonspiel. The day was organized by Angela Singleton and her committee with 16

teams entered in the event. It was a fun day with lots of great curling, wonderful massages, fabulous prizes and a delicious dinner. The trophy went to the Anderson Rink from the Thornhill Curling Club but the real winner was the Heart and Stroke Foundation receiving a donation of \$1000.00 from the proceeds of the day. Thanks to Angie for organizing the wonderful event.

On March 3rd and 4th we held a St. Patrick's Day bonspiel organized by Mary Thomas, complete with green beer and shamrocks. It was well attend by the business ladies from all three nights. This bonspiel gave the curlers a wonderful opportunity to curl with ladies from the other two nights. It was a fun two evenings with congratulations going to the winning team co-skipped by Sheila Wellwood and Carroll Chilton with Diane English as vice, Marlene Heffron as second and Gail Kitagawa as lead.

Our closing dinner and annual meeting takes place on Monday April 19th. At this time, the new executive will be selected for the next year. If you would like to help on a committee next year, please talk to anyone on the executive.

Again, my thanks and appreciation go out to all the executive members and their committees for everything they do to make Business Ladies Curling so successful.

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

**NANCY SMITH
CHAIRPERSON**

MIXED CURLING

Once again, the curling season is drawing to an end with signs of spring and golf just around the corner. The second Mixed Curling draw is completed, and the third draw is more than half way done.

The winners in the second draw were:

Section A: Igors Svistunenko, Philip Blachier, Donna

Svistunenko, Krista Blachier

Section B: Kent Tomasik, Cathy Gostlin, Marlene Heffron,

Dennis Heffron

Section C: Nancy Smith, Roger Moore, Marg Curtis, Joe Taber

Section D: Ken Long, Gayle Coleman, Marilyn Parsons, Dave Bell

Section E: George Otani, Sandy Swailes, John Styles, Karen Styles

Along with the winning teams in the first and third draws, these teams will be going to the club playoffs starting on Wednesday April 7th. Championship Day will be Saturday April 17th.

On February 13th/14th the club was rocking with the Life's a Twist bonspiel – both on the ice and on the dance floor late into the evening. At the end of a very successful spiel, the teams going to the prize table were:

A Champions: Sara Harvey, Don Garland, Jackie Lawton, Jim Lawton

A Runner Up: Eric Milne, Gail Kitagawa, Phil Policelli, Cheryl Milne

B Champions: Kelly Tooley, Tom Kalvik, Andrea Halbert, Lorne Jessop

B Runner Up: Connie McDermott, George Otani, Steve Kitagawa, Marlene Heffron

C Champions: Kim McKenney, Lynn Brown, Sheri Hassard, Dave Blanchard

C Runner Up: Craig Harvey, Paula Jesty, John Styles, Karen Styles

D Champions: Dave Busato, Gayle Coleman, Paul Brittain, Dawn Busato

D Runner Up: George Coombs, Brian Monti, Louise Ferri, Sherri Coombs

The sign-up sheets for the final Mixed bonspiel of the year have already gone up. The Closing Spiel is open to members from all sections and will be running from Tuesday March 23rd to Saturday March 27th.

On behalf of the Mixed Committee, we wish everyone the best for the remainder of the curling season. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to seeing you all back on the ice next fall.

**RAY LOBBAN
MIXED COMMITTEE**

**JUNIOR / BANTAM
SECTION**

In the last issue of the Tradition, Editor Marilyn Parsons and myself explained that we were looking for a sponsor for our annual Junior/Bantam Bonspiel held in February. Well the Tradition proved to be an effective way to communicate to our members. I am happy to report that we received three sponsors for our bonspiel!

On behalf of the Junior/Bantam curlers I would like to thank the Cosburn Family, Mr. Sum Tang and one of our Honourary Members, Mrs. Peg Lawrie, for their contribution to the February bonspiel. Their support really helped to make the day a success.

24 enthusiastic curlers participated in a two-draw points event, one event for Juniors and another event for the Bantams. Thanks to our sponsors we had a prize for everyone, pizza and pop, snacks and trophies for the winners and runners-up. winners are!

Junior Section

Winners Matthew Lowe (Skip), Scott McNaughton, Leslie Cosburn

Runner Up Andrew Lowe (Skip), Alexandra Trought, Rob Rubbini

Bantam Section

Winners Daniel Ng (Skip), Alex Elliott, Melanie Rubbini

Runner Up Craig Trought, Nicole Atallah, Scott Morrison

On February 1st we held a Parents Day of curling. We had experienced parent curlers and parents who have never curled. No matter what level of experience we were able to have parents enjoy a fun game with their kids. We let the kids skip and vice and the parents did the chores for the kids; we swept! We used a Super Bowl theme and kept the score from the four rinks to make a prediction for the Super Bowl Game. Red rocks for New England and blue rocks for Carolina. The results? Before the Super Bowl game got underway we picked New England by two points. They actually won by three points!

The curlers were also treated to two lessons on the four-rock rule from UCC member, Gord Barry. The first lesson was on the rules and the second lesson was on strategy and it was really appreciated by the curlers. In the strategy session Gord was able to use some video clips from our own UCC Special Olympics entry at the Nokia Briar to provide some real examples. Thanks Gord!

Some of our curlers also participate in events outside the club. For example, UCC entered a team into the OCA

Bantam Mixed Zone Championships. While they didn't proceed to the Regional Playdowns they played extremely well and we're proud of their effort. Congratulations to Andrew Lowe (Skip), Alexandra Trought (Vice), Matthew Lowe (Second), Melissa Wilson (Lead) and coach Marilyn Lowe.

In addition, Alexandra Trought (Markham), Melissa Wilson and Laura Kraft (Markville) recently competed in the York Region Girls High School championships. Although Markham won the competition, skipped by Holly Nicol (former UCC Junior member), the team wasn't able to make the trip to the OFSSA Championships so the second place team from Markville, including Melissa and Laura, will represent York Region. Good luck Melissa and Laura!

Some of our boys also competed in the York Region Boys High School Curling League. Andrew Lowe skipped the Markham team, Spencer Griffiths was vice and Matthew Lowe played second. And although they had a winning season they weren't able to qualify for the playoffs.

In February Andrew Lowe, Matthew Lowe, Harrison Griffiths and Daniel Ng competed in a bonspiel at the Granite Club and had some close games, ending up in 4th

place in the Junior Event, even though they are all Bantam age.

And since we're talking a little bit about alumni, members should know that during the recent Scott Tournament of Hearts, Sherri Cordina (Ontario) and Diane McLean (B.C.) are both former UCC Junior members.

Finally, to wrap things up, the Juniors and Bantams are starting their playoffs March 21st leading up to Championship Day on April 17th. Hope to see you there!

**NEIL DOWNS
CHAIR****LITTLE ROCK SECTION**

It's hard to believe the curling season is almost over. The 2003/04 Little Rock division had the highest enrollment in years, so much so that we had to add another hour on Sunday to accommodate the additional children. In November, we held the Bubble Gum spiel which was attended by 36 children. In February, the Teddy Bear spiel was held for 34 children. Thank you to Lois and Murray Roberts for sponsoring the Teddy Bear spiel once again. They have been very generous for many years.

Thank you to all the parents who help out on the ice every week. Thanks go to Coralie Belman who we could count on to help out at a moments notice, and to Lesley and Rick Dominico for

scheduling the snacks. Thanks u also to Kent, on whose guidance and patience we have depended.

Bubble Gum Bonspiel
Participants:

1st Erin Osaka, Scott Dillen,
Stewart Robinson, Matthew
MacKay

2nd Brian Belman, Hannah
Iacono, Kristen Kodama,
Nathan Carwana

Christopher Gemmell, Brandon
Dyck, Scott Chillingworth,
Taylor Reid, Marina Clyde
Katrin Iacono, Bryan Mason,
Robert Morris, Dylan
Kramarczyk, Aaron Styba,
Stephanie Gemmell, Ryan
Barker, James Nelson, Kevin
Kodama, Amanda Dillen, Jacob
McIsaac, Barrett Cribby, Gillian
Dominico, Claire Iacono, Jacob
Philpott, Arther Ng, Brenna
Osaka, Garrett Ing, Lauren Reid
Danny Chillingworth.

Lois and Murray Roberts Teddy
Bear Bonspiel Participants:

1st Erin Osaka, Nathan Carwana,
Sarah Saftich

2nd Barrett Cribbey, Hannah
Iacono, Tyler Carwana

Curtis Nelson, Gillian
Dominico, Stephanie Gemmell,
Jacob Philpott, Jessica
Upton, Brian Mason, Lauren
Reid, Christopher Gemmell,
Katrin Iacono, Ryan Barker,
Dylan Kramarczyk, Taylor Reid,
Arthur Ng, Brian Belman, Claire
Iacono, Carly Nicholson,

Wesley Taylor, Stewart
Robinson, Sarah Racey, Brenna
Osaka, Kristen Kodama, Aaron
Styba, James Nelson, Cameron
Taylor, Scott Chillingworth,
Amanda Dillen Jacob McIsaac,
Kevin Kodama

Have a great summer and we
hope to see everyone back next
season.

**ROBYN SCOTT, CARIN
HILL
CO - CHAIRS**

**FROM THE EDITOR'S
DESK**

Did you know that 2 of our
former Juniors played at The
Scott in Red Deer? – Diane
McLean was vice for BC and
Sheri Cordinina was lead for
Ontario. Keep your youngsters
curling! Who knows where they
will play. It is good for our
game.

See you all at the Live and
Silent Auction April 3rd and
Championship Day April 17.

A curler is a person who pays
money to go into a giant freezer
in winter, ordered to sweep up
debris while being yelled at –
and loves it!

This will be the last newsletter
by our "Input Technician". It has
been a pleasure for me, in a
number of capacities, to work
with Kent over the years. His
knowledge and experience was
invaluable during the year I was

President. Thanks Kent. I know
all the Boards over the years
have also valued Kent – a man
of few incisive words!

Enjoy retirement, good curling
and good health.

**MARILYN PARSONS
EDITOR**

**KENT TOMASIK
INPUT TECHNICIAN**