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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year to one and all. We are again having a successful season. Our in club spiels have been very successful along with good participation in out of club events. It is always great promotion and informative meeting members of other clubs. Thanks to the participants and congratulations to the winners. Check the section's reports for specifics.

It seems like vandalism and break-ins are a part of our lives, the club is not immune! We are, therefore, installing a security system very similar to your home system.

- Installation Fee  
\$495.00

-Annual monitoring  
approximately \$350.00

The board feels it necessary and reasonable that we collect funds specifically for our "Capital Fund". We will be presenting a by-law at the annual meeting allocating a portion of our annual dues to the capital fund. This is to build funds for a rainy day, expansion or perhaps even re-location. At the present only

the following monies go to the capital fund:

- Initiation fees
- Auction Profit
- In-ice advertising
- Card Nights
- Special Projects  
(Cookbook, Apparel)

### ***Silent and Live Auction***

Please all reserve April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the auction. I'm sure you will find something you either need or like! We, of course, also need donations, so watch for the notice and give generously.

On behalf of the Board, thanks to one and all for your contributions and support.

### **GARNETT GRAHAM PRESIDENT**

### **MEN'S SECTION**

The Men's Program is enjoying a very successful season. All sections are full to overflowing. Once again I have to thank all the guys who volunteer their time to make the Men's Program, a success.

Igor is doing a terrific job as Draw Master for the Draw

Section. In this section the three winning teams were: Monday Early - John Bayko, Bill Lee, Sum Tang, Bruce Wilson; Monday Late -Lorne Jessop, Simon Lau, John Wallace, Ed Masongsong; Thursday - Dennis Osborne, Ron Beveridge, Ian Free, Stephen Orr. Congratulations to all event winners.

Thanks to Lorne the Team Entry Section moves along flawlessly. There is movement up and down as the teams contend for spots in the four divisions. The winners of the first schedule by division were: A Division - John Bell, Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill, Jim Kinzinger; B Division - John Nicol, Normand Robert, Ron Thiel, Neil Smith; C Division - Carl Glatt, Jim Dibblee, Doug Whalen, Rob Chillingworth; D Division - Tom Kalvik, Ray Lobban, Phil Policelli, Larry Ketchabaw. As I write this, the Bell team is out in front, with the Fisher and Nicol teams in hot pursuit of the coveted Grand Agi.

Crazy Birds is enjoying another great season thanks to the efforts of Ross Baker and Gord Barry. The men's program continues to

benefit from the effort made by this section to improve the level of curling. Good work.

The Dixon Garland and Men's Open Spiels are well into their planning stages. Bruce Band and his committee is once again doing a great job with the Open. Thanks again to Don Garland for his continued support of the Men's Program. To the Dixon Garland Committee: Neil Smith, Brian Browne, Dan O'Brian, Graham Northcott and Ron Thiel go our appreciation.

The Men's Fall Classic Spiel came off well. We had a great time largely due to the many helping hands. Thanks to Kim McKenney (drawmaster), Bob Ferguson (food), Paul Brittan (score Keeper), Al Gates, Graham Northcott, Ralph Aselin and everyone else who pitched in to make the event a success. A Winner: Gord Barry, Mike McCormick, Rob Trought, Sum Tang; A Runner up: Doug Gorril, Sam Murakami, Garry Grant, Bill Mack; B Winner: John Bell, Bill Lee Norm Craven Chris Denure; B Runner up: Joe O'Hearn, Glen Allen, Hugh Allison, Dave Blanchard; C Winner: Carl Glatt, Dave Busato, Bob Ferguson, Don Seaton; C Runner up: Alan Sham, Bruce Band, Peter Wong, Ed Masongsong; D Winner Ken: Bates, Garnet Graham, Doug Fleming, Glen Shevlin; D Runner up: Al Gates, Dan O'Brian, Ray Eady, Glen Shick. I would also like to congratulate Mini Putt winner Louis (the

Tiger) Noorden who demonstrated extraordinary skill in scoring a perfect 90.

Congratulations also to Draw to the Button Winner Jim Bell (Free membership). Our thanks go out to Dave Baylis and Jim Bell for their generous sponsorship of this Spiel.

This year we had a record number 22 teams enter the TCA Men's Energizer Spiel. I congratulate you all for an outstanding effort. Once again Unionville Men's teams came through is several events. Congratulations to: Senior Main Event Runner-up - Dennis Osborne, Frank Szyszka, Fraser McTavish, Bill Wright (and Super Sub Lloyd Martin who spared for the week); Senior 2nd Event Winners - Bob Graham, Ron Beveridge, Brian MacMillan, George Otani; Senior 4th Event Winners - Ken Long, Sylvio Roy, John DeBruijn, Ian Munro; Senators Main Event Winners - Ross Baker, Charlie Fisher, Glenn Nelson, Glenn Allan

I'd like to take a moment to impress upon all members the need to get involved with the Club. Sometimes writing things like this and rhyming off thanks to names seems a little hollow. Unionville is a member run Club. If not for our membership donating their time and money, Unionville would be a very different place. I urge you all to get involved and make Unionville Curling Club even better. Please take the time to personally thank the members,

mentioned here, who did get involved and made your curling experience better.

I wish you all good curling in the third and final draw.

**NEIL SMITH  
CHAIR**

### AFTERNOON MEN'S

We have had an excellent first half of the season, welcoming several new members and providing good competitive opportunities for all. While our Friday noon time remains poorly attended, there has been increased utilization and we have applied to the Board for reinstatement of our former afternoon time for next season.

It must be noted that we have two members who have just celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. They might wish to remain anonymous but we know who they are! Their continued excellence and competitiveness in curling demonstrates what a great sport this is for all ages. We wish them many active years to come. Happy birthday gentlemen!

At our Christmas Turkey Spiel all participants received either a turkey or a ham. We had a few donations and extras, which were given to, and gratefully received by, our local Salvation Army. Winners were: (Section A) Joe Murray, John Fisher, Les Hillcoff, Bernie Wilock, and Bill Collett, (Section B) Ross

Baker, Murray Roberts, Ken Elliott, and Norm Kettlewell. Runners up were: (Section A) Sam Murakami, Bob Taylor, Edgar Mills, Brian Wrigglesworth, and Ron Smith, (Section B) Glenn Nelson, Bill Lee, Bill Dyer, Jack Silverthorn, and Bill Burrows.

Winners of the January 12<sup>th</sup> Spiel were: (Section A) Joe Murray, Larry Squire, Ken Harris, and Don Sutherland, (Section B) Eric Milne, Les Dickson, John Aiken, and Roger Lee. Runners up were: (Section A) Igors Svistunenko, Bill Lee, Edgar Mills, Bill Collett, and Bernie Wilock, (Section B) Gord Barry, Ian Munro, Sum Tang, and Bill Dyer.

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

### **IAN MUNRO** **CHAIR**

### **LADIES' SECTION**

Our Annual Christmas luncheon was held on Dec. 14 with 85 attending. In lieu of the gift exchange donations to Evergreen Hospice in Markham were collected. Many thanks to Connie Van Parys and her committee. Also thanks to Dave Parsons for providing background Christmas music, and to Joyce Miles for leading the carol singing.

The Ladies' Section welcomed 3 new members for our second Schedule which began on December 21<sup>st</sup>. They were Toni Dorey, Sandy Hume and Jo-Anne Welsh.

Many thanks to our Sponsors for their support, the Winners of our first Schedule were:

Grandma's Treasures Trophy :

1. Connie McDermott, Carole Murray, Wendy Sear, Carolyn Northcott
2. Linda McKendry, Cathy Gostlin, Marilyn Craig, Gail Coleman
3. Blanche Leslie, Helen Mitchell, Joyce Morgan, Pat Cadaret
4. Mary Gellard, Ingrid Hollet, Marilyn Jeffery, Linda Moore

Greeneleaf Holdings

1. Colleen Hamar, Dorothy Boynton, Mary Aiken, Janet Arthur
2. Lois Dickson, Donna Fitzpatrick, Marg Curtis, Shirley Edamura
3. Gail Beveridge, Marg Currie, Kathy Desson, Edith Baldik
4. Mary Kumala, Pat McDougall, Marcie Dercola, Cathy Dowling

Remax

1. Christine Pierce, Lynne Wasylyk, Sue Smith, Sharon Murray
2. Fran Allen, Karen Blackman, Betti-Ann Lavitt, Maureen Ramsden
3. Pat Seawright, Lennie Reynolds, Ina Grant, Diane Jones

4. Marilyn Parsons, Terry Savoury, Judy O'Brien, Donna Svistenenko

At the time of writing we have 2 games left in our second schedule. Sign up for the third schedule, starting Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 2005, is well under way. The last game of the Eleanor Crossen Bonspiel is on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Winners of both will be posted in the next edition of "Tradition"

The Miles' Hectares Farm Open Bonspiel took place Friday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. The Trophy winners, from the Granite Club were Sharon Smith, Joan Hamilton, Joan Arnott and Marilyn Rae. The Winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw were from Oshawa Golf skipped by Donna Mackenzie. "Country Roses" was the theme of the day with half the prizes Royal Albert Country Rose dishes and green table covers. Floral arrangements and our own china cups and saucers were decorations. Congratulations to the committee of Donna Svistunenko, Jennifer Cosburn Janice Warwick and Lois Roberts for a successful bonspiel. \$650 was raised through a raffle of a china figurine which was won by Linda McMaster from UCC.

Congratulations Master Zone Winners: Fran Allan, Janet Stover, Andrea Kerr and Lynn Wasyluk. Good luck at regions.

A new Digital Camera was purchased for our Section thanks to the generosity of our

members during two 50/50 draws. Winners of the draws were Marg Currie and Shelley Neilson.

Final Notes for your calendars: The Closing Luncheon for the Ladies' Section will be held at the Club on April 12, 2005. The Annual Card night will be held April 21, 2005.

**JUDY O'BRIEN**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

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

The second schedule is well under way and the Ice Committee is ready to make the final draw. We are short players but, as usual the members spare to help fill the draw. Sometimes we may have too many skips etc., so it is sometimes necessary to drop a player down a position for a schedule. This is not reflective on anyone's ability and it is a good opportunity to refresh different skills. Thank you for helping out. Congratulations to the winners of our first draw:

Tuesday: Tina Vincent, Lindsay Turko, Bette Amery, Debbie Nitsotolis

Wednesday: Hollie Nicol, Bev Styba, Marlene Heffron, Karen Mooney

Thursday: Marilyn Lowe, Maureen Fleming, Joan McFarlane, Brenda Cousineau

Our Christmas dinner was catered by The Meat Shoppe

this year due to Pat having a conflicting event. With our blinking lights ablaze, we celebrated Christmas together. Many thanks to Joyce McKay and her committee for the great evening.

Guest Day was held on Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to introduce their friends to the game of curling and hopefully some may join us. The day included a mini clinic, 2 short games and lunch. Again Erinn Burton provided a great day of fun, food and prizes for 15 members and their guests.

The Curl for Heart Bonspiel (Open Invitational) is being played on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Moran and her committee only have a couple of spaces left so talk it up when you are visiting others clubs. A donation is made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help that day please contact Kathy.

Andrea Halbert is getting ready to publish the next issue of Hack & Yack. Please submit any Bonspiel results, jokes, etc. as soon as possible.

Once again, your executive is always there to help with problems and accept compliments for all their efforts. Remember SWEEP, SWEEP HARDER!!!

**VIRGINIA BROOKER**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

### **MIXED CURLING**

The beginning of this season was a whirlwind for the Mixed section, especially for its committee members. After running three big events ( Pot Luck Bonspiel, Nuts & Bolts, Mixed Wild Western Open Bonspiel), things have slowed down for us and we've been concentrating on our regular draw curling. We are just about to wrap up our second draw, with the third one beginning in mid-February.

Our first draw winners included:

Draw A: Kelly Tooley (Skip), George Irwin, Julie Irwin, and Keith Carlson

Draw B: Lorne Jessop (Skip), Heather McCormick, Pete Liukaitis, and Deborah Liukaitis

Draw C: Ron Morgan (Skip), Jane Morgan, Marilyn I. Parsons, and Richard Beeny

Draw D: Pam Martin (Skip), Brian Monti, Jim Lawton, and Jackie Lawton

Draw E: Graham Adams (Skip), Sandy Swailes, David Bell, and Wendy Bell

These teams have qualified for playoffs at the end of the season.

We have had a number of teams participating in out-of-club bonspiels and events. These teams have been very successful and had lots of fun. We encourage new and experienced curlers to take

advantage of these great events and when you return let us know how you did. It is always great to hear of Unionville teams who are out on the 'bonspiel circuit' proudly representing our club.

Over the next two months the Mixed section will be running the Life's A Disco Bonspiel and the Skins Bonspiel. The Life's A Disco will be on February 11 and 12. We STRONGLY encourage new curlers to sign up for this fabulous bonspiel. Be sure to take a look at the poster posted in the lounge!!! If you can't join us for the curling, be sure to sign up for the dinner and dance - don't forget your Disco outfits!!! The Mixed committee is also looking forward to running the Skins Bonspiel again this year. This bonspiel is open to ALL club members and will run from Tuesday, March 8 until Saturday, March 12. This is a fabulous bonspiel and we look forward to seeing club members from all sections participate.

For now, a huge thank-you to all the Mixed Committee members for everything that you do and I'll see you out on the ice!!!! Good Curling!!!

**KELLY TOOLEY  
CHAIR**

### JUNIOR SECTION

Bantam and Junior curling is alive and well with our numbers remaining fairly stable at 29 curlers who come out after Crazy birds on Sunday mornings. Turn out has been very good usually allowing us to put games on all four sheets with a display of curling which seems to be beyond the years of these young curlers.

Our first bonspiel was held on Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup> and was generously sponsored once again by Pat Seawright. The spiel consisted of 2 games, 6 ends each with a meal break between games. We had 8 teams participating with some excellent curling. Finishing in first place was skip Ben Kinsella, with Alex Elliott, Christopher Atallah and Natalie Weir (a new member). First runner up was a team skipped by a new member to the club, Cassandra Warne along with team mates Craig Trought and Nicole Atallah. Third place was won by Alex Trought playing with Laura Kraft, Stephanie Gemmell and Carly Nicholson. Fourth place was held down by Matthew Lowe playing with Melissa Wilson and Scott Morrison.

Many thanks to Pat Seawright for sponsoring this fun event for our Juniors and Bantams.

Our next bonspiel will be held on Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that we can count on

the resourcefulness of our adult members to help us find some sponsors who could help with either cash donations or prize donations. We really need you to help recognize our Bantam and Juniors.

Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> promises to be fun with a repeat of 'Family Day'; a day where family members of our Bantam and Junior curlers come out to experience curling first hand by playing the game.

We have been very fortunate to have the help of Wendy Griffiths who coordinates the snacks our curlers enjoy every week as provided by their parents after our games when we get to recount some fine shots. Thank you Wendy.

We have also enjoyed the support Greg Elliott who helps in organizing teams and oversees play. There is room for more help on the Bantam/Junior committee in a number of roles which can prove to be a very rewarding experience. Please contact Chris or Rob Trought if you would like to find out more.

Good Curling!

**CHRIS & ROB TROUGHT  
CHAIRPERSONS**

### LITTLE ROCK SECTION

**FROM THE EDITOR'S  
DESK**

With all this bitter cold, the curling club is even warm on the ice and certainly warm and friendly in the lounge.

The Ladies are to be commended for publishing a "New Curler Handbook". It is a super tool for our newest members. Good work Maureen Ramsden, Carolyn Northcott and Nancy Ridgway.

Look for "The *Tradition*" on our web site. Jim Dibblee is keeping us up to date!

It's still not too late to sign up for the TCA Energizer Mixed. For a lot of fun, good curling, great prizes and a super party, don't miss this one.

Signs you are having a bad game:

1. *They start pebbling the ice in the forth end.*
2. Your skip keeps saying "Nice try!"
3. Your opposition starts hanging its score on the next sheet.
4. *You score an eight-ender in the second end and you have to throw your last rock to win 9-8.*

Good Luck and Good Curling!

**MARILYN PARSONS  
EDITOR**

**KENT TOMASIK  
INPUT TECHNICIAN**