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President's Message

Welcome curlers, both new and returning, to the 2005/2006 season. This year is off to a spirited beginning thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Club Manager (Craig Harvey) and numerous volunteers. Over the summer Craig worked tirelessly on many different projects, both inside and on the outside grounds, making our club look better than ever. The membership thank you Craig for all your hard work.

Our new season began with three rounds of Open Houses, held in September. The Board elected to add a third night this year which proved to be highly successful with a record number of visitors. I would like to welcome our 44 new members to UCC.

This year was significantly easier for our ice maker Jim Kinzinger. With no major and unexpected maintenance problems, the ice was made and ready for the season to begin. We are fortunate to curl on some of the best ice in the GTA...thank you Jim for continuing to do a great job.

Have you visited the UCC Website? Our site has been rated one of the best in the curling club circle. Many thanks go out to Jim Dibblee (Member) who designed and continues to maintain the website.

A special welcome is extended to Carolyn Stone and Jennifer Near, our newest editions to bar services. Carolyn and Jen will be helping out Eve Ertel, our long-standing, dedicated bartender who has taken good care of us over the last thirty years.

The UCC Tradition Newsletter is produced to keep both seasoned and new curlers apprised of the many events that occur within the club. On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership at large, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marilyn Parsons for her many years of dedication and tireless efforts in producing the Tradition. Marilyn has done a fantastic job over the last 18 years, and having decided to pass on the torch, her shoes will be hard to fill...thank you Marilyn. Taking on the role of editor is Andrea Halbert, who currently produces the Business Women's Newsletter (Hack & Yak).

There are more than 100 members who give their time to not only keep our club running, but more importantly, make it an enthusiastic and enjoyable place to curl and belong. Thank you to all those who belong to committees, help run bonspiels, sections, and other club events. We are a member run club, and your help and support is always appreciated.

Last but not least, the UCC New Year's Eve Party is back. As some of our veteran members know, past parties have proven to be a fantastic time. Support your club—bring your significant other, friends and family alike to what is sure to be a wonderful evening. Details and sign-up sheets are posted in the main lounge.

Wishing you Happy Holidays...

Jim Bell, President



Novice & Intermediate Clinics

As is the tradition at UCC, the curling season was kicked off with the annual Novice and Intermediate Skills Analysis clinics which were held at the end of September. The clinics provide an opportunity for new curlers to learn the basics of the game, second and third year curlers can brush up on what they have already learned, and more advanced curlers can work on the fine points of their delivery and sweeping.

Once again this year, we had an enthusiastic turnout of participants. Forty-eight curlers took part in the Novice clinics, and thirteen turned out for the Intermediate Skills Analysis day. The format of the Novice clinic was revised to provide more ice time for the curlers. Curlers watched video segments demonstrating the stages of delivery, then moved to the ice where, with the assistance of their instructors, they had the opportunity to practice what they had just learned.

Unionville is well known for our commitment to holding these annual clinics, which are possible only because of the dedication of our certified instructors. I would like to express my thanks to the following people who began meeting and planning the clinics in the heat of the summer when most people were still on the

golf courses or ball diamonds:

- Andrea Halbert – Clinic Vice Chair;
- Laura Ferguson, Brian Monti, Kelly Tooley and Gayle Coleman – Novice Coordinators;
- Kelly Tooley – Intermediate Skill Analysis Coordinator

Most importantly, I would like to thank all of the instructors who gave up their personal time, other activities, and perhaps even a weekend at the cottage to help at one or more of the clinics. Our club is very fortunate to have a great group of dedicated instructors, without whose help, we would not be able to offer such high quality clinics at the beginning of each season. The instructors are always available for tips and advice, so don't be afraid to ask for some help from the instructors in your section throughout the season.

I hope that the clinics were a valuable learning experience and that everyone enjoys a great season of curling.

Julie Bowles, UCC Clinics Chair 2005-06

Business Women's Section

We are off to a very good start this season with a total enrollment of 109 curlers. Even though we can only accommodate 96, our brilliant ice committee has come up with the resolution of position-sharing. This way no one curler has to sit out an entire draw and they are also the first to be called if a spare is needed. So far everything seems to be working well with this system.

The opening wine & cheese / semi-annual meeting was well attended, and Craig reported that the women enjoyed the new varieties of Red Wine. Maybe a little too much eh Craig?

Our next event was the pasta spiel held on November 19th. Always well attended by all three nights of curlers to mix & mingle! A BIG thank you to Kristin

Turko and Linda Levesque for a great day and of course great food by Pasta Vita!

We will be hosting our Christmas dinner on Monday December 12th at which time the winners of the first draw will be announced. At this time the ladies also bring in donations for the Yellow Brick House which will be delivered before Christmas. A basket has been placed in the ladies lounge for advance donations.

Wishing you all peace and joy during this Christmas season and good health and happiness for the New Year.

Salute! Angela Singleton

Day Ladies Section

The Ladies section of the club is 104 members strong, with seven new members. Four of the members are new to Unionville Curling Club and three current members have transferred from the Business Women's section. We had a number of members who left our section at the end of last year and are therefore happy that we were able to hold our numbers at the level they were at the beginning of last year. We also had six members join us last year during the second and third schedules. The Open House events held in September were helpful for recruiting purposes and were attended by Laura Ferguson and Shelly Nielsen from the Board and Nancy Ridgeway who is in charge of Membership for our section. The Day Ladies Executive is keen to increase promotion of our Club, and in particular our Section, to potential new members and is working with Craig Harvey to implement some new ideas.

Our curling season is well underway and committee volunteers have been busy at work now for months. Firstly, we thank our House Committee led by Joan Izzett and Anne Watkin for their efforts in cleaning the trophy cabinet. Polishing trophies takes hours of time and we truly appreciate the end result. Thank you also to Jennifer Cosburn and Julie Irwin for providing the dinner for the instructors and participants of the Novice Clinics held in September.

We have just completed our first schedule and the draw winners are as follows:

Re/Max Classic Properties Draw:
Andrea Kerr, Maureen Dudley, Marg Curtis
and Pat Cadaret

Greenleaf Holdings Draw:
Connie McDermott, Ann Agnew, Andrea Sumsion
and Laurie Handley

Tech Data Canada Inc. Draw:
Anne Azlen, Marg Currie, Marilyn Craig
and Janet Arthur

Our Past President's Bonspiel held on four Thursdays in October and November was very successful again this year thanks to Marj Sayeau and her committee. Helen Jewett kindly donated four beautiful figurines for the trophy winners. Congratulations to the following winners:

Main Event

Pat Seawright
Barb Otani
Claire Colangelo
Donna Svistunencko

Runners Up

Anne Azlen
Sue Smith
Connie Van Parys
Sandy Whalen

Second Event

Fran Allen
Marg Curtis
Marilyn Craig
Betty Amery

Third Event

Janet Stover
Chris Trought
Janice Warwick
Lynn Taylor

We had nine teams entered into the Toronto and District Energizer bonspiel on November 15th – 17th with a fabulous result for our club. We had four event winners or runners up:

In the Open Competition the third event winners were Anne Azlen, Elly Stam, Maureen Ramsden and Andrea Sumsion. The fourth event winners were Mary Gellard, Gail Beveridge, Vera Wilkins and Terri Savoury.

In the Senior Event the team of Andrea Kerr, Chris Trought, Barb Otani and Carolyn Northcott were runners up in the main event and the third event winners were Fran Allen, Janet Stover, Dawn Webb and Lynn Holt. Congratulations to these teams.

Shelly Nielsen, Chairperson

Day Men's Section

This season, with a slight increase in membership, we welcome several new members to the (newly named) Day Men's Section: Sonny Bessant, Wayne Brennan, Bill Carnaghan, John Chipperfield, Dave Ingalls, Tom Keith, Jeff Loach, Randy MacDonald, Mike Moyer, and Jake Rousseau. We also welcome several "evening" men who are now participating with us for the first time.

With the consolidation of all weekday daytime men's club activities into one Section, called Day Men's, we now have Tag Curling on (some) Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and afternoons, and Friday mornings. We have a new Draw Team event on Fridays at noon, and the T-50 (formerly T-55) Challenge Team event on Friday afternoons. We hold monthly all-day in-house bonspiels on the mid-Wednesday of each month and host three Open Senior and Masters Bonspiels throughout the season. We, along with seven other Clubs, also participate in, and host three times during the season, the Toronto District Senior Men's Curling Association.

We have had two excellent all-day spiels with lunch and prizes, and look forward to our Christmas Turkey Spiel on Wednesday, December 14 when there will be turkey or ham prizes for all.

October 12th Spiel

Winners: Kent Tomasik (skip), Dennis Madokoro, Edgar Mills, and Norm Smith.

Runners Up: Roger Moore (skip), Bernie Wilock, Doug Rowe, Bill Collett, and Bill Carnaghan.

November 16th Spiel

Winners: (Draw #1) Joe Murray (skip), Les Dickson, Rick Dennis, Bill Carnaghan and Tom Keith; (Draw #2) Ross Baker (skip), Roger Moore, Bart Strype, Roger Lee, and Dave Ingalls.

Runners Up: (Draw #1) Don Boynton (skip), Dennis Madokoro, Ken Tranter, Norm Smith, and Don Sutherland; (Draw #2) Stan Hodge (skip), Ian Munro, Ed Seal, Dave Reid, and Elmer Harding.

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

Ian Munro, Chair

Mixed Section

The Mixed curling season began with a new event (and hopefully tradition!!), the Mixed Mingler in September. It was a great opportunity for new members to meet some of our returning members and for everyone to catch up on their golf seasons and cottage stories!! New "recorded" Mixed Rules and Regulations were shared with the members present and discussions were held around these new rules.

Our season began on September 30th, with many curlers arriving at the club in their t-shirts and shorts, with their golf clubs still sticking out of their trunks.

Thanks to Craig and Jim for getting the ice ready for us to begin!

In October, we ran our traditional favourite Pot Luck Bonspiel. 14 teams played two games, followed by a delicious plentiful pot luck dinner. Norm Craven's team of Jim Lawton, Natalie Giliberto, and Dave Teoli compiled the most points during the two games. They were rewarded with the first trip to the buffet table, although none of the teams could be disappointed at the spread of food that was to be feasted on that evening!! This bonspiel was well attended by new and returning curlers. I would like to extend my heartfelt

Mixed Section (continued)

thanks to Karen & Dirk Mooney and Jackie & Jim Lawton for organizing this bonspiel.

During the week of November 1st to 5th, the Mixed Committee hosted the Nuts & Bolts Bonspiel. This bonspiel was open to all members of the club and curlers from every section of the club participated. The bonspiel filled quickly with 96 curlers, who formed the 24 teams prior to their first draw, with the traditional drawing of the nuts and bolts. Teams competed throughout the week, with the bonspiel culminating on November 5th with a ten-end final. Congratulations to all of the participants for helping to make this a successful bonspiel. My special thanks to Dennis Akerley and Elaine Laking for their dedication and hard work to this bonspiel. Thanks as well to all of the Mixed committee members and other club members who helped throughout the week.

The winners were:

A Event Winners: Marilyn Lowe (SKIP), Simon Lau, Sum Tang, Matt Giliberto
A Event Runners-Up: Alan Sham (SKIP), Angela Singleton, Mike Mallinos, Anne Leroux
B Event Winners: John Bell (SKIP), Kelly Tooley, Peggy Adams, Lisa Bruce
B Event Runners-Up: Jim Bell (SKIP), Norm Craven, Stephen Lam, David Austin
C Event Winners: Stan Hodge (SKIP), George Coombs, Ed Robinson, Sherri Hassard
C Event Runners-Up: Don Boynton (SKIP), Wendy Svistunenکو, Jane Policelli, Ray Leroux
D Event Winners: Brian Browne (SKIP), Roger Moore, Jim Lawton, Doug Milne
D Event Runners-Up: Andrea Kerr (SKIP), Sandy Swailes, Doug Fleming, Louis Noorden

It seems hard to believe that we've already completed our first draw. Our first draw ended on November 18th and the second draw will begin on December 3rd. Congratulations to the following draw winners:

A Draw: Bill Mack, Louise Ferri, Eloise Fisher, and Bob Penner

B Draw: George Otani, Barb Otani, Kathy Greig, and Keith Cromwell

C Draw: Dwayne Vincent, Kathy Desson, Dave Blancard, and Anna Misciagna

D Draw: Evelyn Reid, Shelley Gram, Bill Reid, and Wendy Bell

E Draw: Ron Morgan, Jane Morgan, Peggy Adams, and Charles Giliberto

The team of Igors Svistunenکو, George Irwin, Julie Irwin, and Donna Svistunenکو have also qualified for the playoffs as their team has the highest number of points in the first draw from the teams who did not win their draw.

Congratulations to the team of John Bell (Skip), Kelly Tooley, Doug Gorrill, and Andrea Halbert who successfully defended their title at the 8th Annual Oscar Parker Cash Bonspiel in Oshawa. The team played on November 19th, winning the final game against a familiar face from Unionville, Alan Sham, who was playing with a team of curlers from Tam Heather Curling Club. Congratulations to both teams for a very successful outing!!

At this time I would like to send out my appreciations to the Mixed Committee consisting of Dennis Akerley, Norm & Cheryl Craven, Doug & Marilyn Fleming, Andrea Halbert, Elaine Laking, Jim & Jackie Lawton, Dirk & Karen Mooney, and Mike & Heather McCormick. Their dedication, hard work, and support during this first draw has been amazing.

Happy Holidays to everyone and see you on the ice!!

Kelly Tooley

Men's Section

The Men's Section kicked off its season with the traditional Stag Night prior to the first games. New members were welcomed as well as some returning members. The membership in this section remains quite strong with 177 members. The Team Entry section has a full complement as new teams were formed to replace departed and disbanded teams.

Winners from the first schedule of Team Entry are:

Division A: John Bell (skip), Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill, and Jim Kinzinger
Division B: Bill Harbaruk, (skip), Alex Borland, George Coombs, and Patrick Rioux
Division C: Dustin Krill (skip), Gary Crosby, Paul Mount, and John Trought
Division D: Bryan Emery (skip), Dwayne Vincent, Scott Edwards, and Dave Blancard

Winners from the first schedule of Draw are:

Monday Early: Igors Svistunenکو (skip), Dave Owens, Ray Mount, and Jeff Maple
Monday Late: Rob Schlee (skip), Doug Whalen, Rob Retchless, and Louis Noordon
Thursday: Ken Bates (skip), George Coombs, Norm Craven, and Robert Preston

At the time of writing, the Fall Classic Bonspiel is in full swing and appears to be another successful week of events. Thank you to Kevin Roberts and his committee. Special thanks to sponsors Pet Value (member: Dave Bayliss) and Superior Water (member: Jim Bell) for their continued support of the club and its events.

There will be a Men's Section General meeting held on Monday, December 19, at 8:30 pm. An agenda will be posted and any additions can be submitted to Fred Berkhuisen at:

menschair@unionvillecurlingclub.com.

January will be a busy time as 3 major bonspiels, the Unionville Open, the Dixon Garland, and the Toronto Curling Association Energizer, will all get underway. Sign up sheets for the Open and Energizer have all ready been posted. We are still looking for committee members for the Dixon Garland.

Fred Berkhuisen, Chair

Special Olympics Section

The Unionville Sweep roared into action for the start of their 6th season on Nov. 14. 11 curlers returned this year to hit the ice on our regular Monday evening time slot.

Two teams will be entered in the Region 6 playdowns in Barrie on Saturday December 10th. Corey Vitale, Patrick Cronin, Dustin Allen and Greg O'Brien comprise one team and Tristan Nevill, Carole Witte, Carol Bernier and Liz Jordan make up the second team. Dominic Gigante, Elysia Fernandes and Derek Tam will be cheering them on.

Our Unionville Club will be hosting The Central Ontario Playdowns on Sunday January 15th 2006. 8 teams from all over Ontario will represent their regions in an effort to qualify for the Kia Cup being played in Guelph in February 2006.

Volunteers this year include Laura Ferguson, Gayle Coleman, Peter Mitchell, Andrea Kerr, Cathie Bak and Terry Halliday.



Jane Morgan, Chair

Bantam / 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. The turn out has been good usually allowing us to arrange games on all four sheets with a display of curling which seems to be beyond the years of these young curlers. The 2004-2005 Club Championship Day was held on a sunny Saturday back in April where our Bantam and Junior teams put on a spectacular display of curling skill. The incredible shot making lead to comments from behind the glass like "Wow", and "I'm glad that we didn't have to face these curlers", and illustrated the new curling talent that is being developed in the Bantam and Junior Section at the club.

Winning for the Bantam Section was skip Craig Trought, Emily Chan playing vice, Scott Morrison as second and Christopher Gemmell playing the lead position. Runners-up were skip Alex Elliott, Derek Chow as vice, Stephanie Gemmell playing second and Carly Nicholson as lead. Representing the Juniors, Cassandra Warne and her rink of Daniel Ng, Chris Atallah, and Christopher Pownall took this years honours. The runners up were skip Andrew Lowe, and his teammates Alex Trought, Laura Kraft and Natalie Weir. Congratulations Curlers!

Our first bonspiel was held on Sunday November 27th and was generously sponsored once again by Pat Seawright. We also had the financial support of Peggy Lawrie (honorary member), and Craig Harvey, with food donations from Reliable Food Supplies, Campbell's Soup, Upper Crust Bakery and Ellen Halbert. People who volunteered to help run the bonspiel included: Chris Trought (co-chair of section), Wendy Griffiths, Greg Elliott, Jill Morrison, Ron Griffiths and Marilyn Lowe.

Laura Kraft and her team (Derrick Chow & Chris Pownall) finished first, with Craig Trought and his team (Ben Kinsella, Carly Nicholson, James Nelson) in second and Alex Trought (Alex Elliot, Stephanie Gemmell, Curtis Nelson) finishing third. Many thanks to Pat Seawright for sponsoring this fun event for our Juniors and Bantams.

Our next bonspiel will be held on Sunday March 4th.

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/Junior Program. We have also undertaken to do some fundraising through events like the "Western Bonspiel" and the Men's Energizer Event by allowing our Junior Curlers an opportunity to sell a reasonably priced lunch (soup, sandwich and dessert item) to visiting curlers.

Sunday October 23rd was "Bring a Friend Day" a fun day where members of our Bantam and Junior curlers introduced some of their friends to experience curling first hand by playing the game. Sunday November 6th saw curlers resume the Skills Development Program. We have continued with the badge program, sponsored by the Ontario Curling Association, running from 1:15 to 2:00. This program recognizes five levels of skill development: red, blue, bronze, silver and gold. Participants receive a badge and certificate in recognition of their accomplishments.

The red badge program is an excellent way of polishing novice curlers' abilities in order to enhance their enjoyment of the game. The subsequent levels progressively provide excellent training to hone those skills, right up to the level which is a highly challenging test of our most experienced curlers' grasp of fundamentals. There is no charge for participating in this program. Coaches (i.e., instructor volunteers (thanks to Jill Morrison and Kevin Lowe)) from the club provided on-ice instruction to help with the practicing and testing of required skills.

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 more information.

Good Curling! Rob Trought, Chair

From the Editor's Desk



UCC's New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance is back!

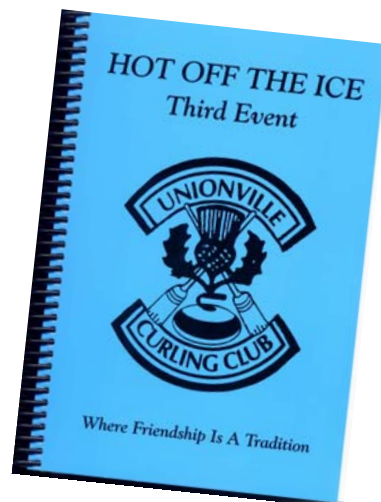
Have you made plans yet for the big event? In years past the UCC New Year's Eve Party has been an event to remember. Let's bring back the tradition and make it better than ever. Support your Club and invite friends and family alike to celebrate the start of 2006.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the central board in the main lounge. Tickets are \$120/person (includes appetizers, wine with dinner, champagne and party favours) Dinner will be provided by Appetizers & More Catering, one of Markham's top caterers. Contact Andrea Halbert with any questions at exec@unionvillecurlingclub.com.

Hot Off The Ice—Third Event UCC Cookbook

Have you purchased your UCC Cookbook yet??? These would make great Holiday Gifts. The Day Ladies have done a fantastic job putting together the third edition of the ever popular UCC cookbooks. Special thanks go out to Pat Maybury, Laura Ferguson and Sandra Davies.

Cookbooks are being sold for \$13/book or 3 for \$35. If interested in purchasing a cookbook please contact one of the above named Day Ladies.



Wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday Season!



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