

## Where Friendship is a **TRADITION**

### President's Message

It is hard to believe that we are more than two-thirds of the way through the 2005-2006 curling season. Unionville Curling Club has been well represented in competitive play this past year and at this time I would like to congratulate all our teams who have achieved great success....Well Done!!

On January 15th, UCC hosted the Special Olympics Southcentral Regional Playdowns. The Club was well represented with two UCC teams giving their all. I was invited to speak and introduce all the teams for the Championship game, and was amazed at the spirit of the group. Congratulations to Jane Morgan and her committee for running a fabulous event that was truly a successful day.

The Board of Directors hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Night on Sunday February 12th. More than 60 members participated in the event and a good time was had by all. In keeping with the Olympic theme, participants, in a blind draw, chose a country that they would represent in the scheduled curling game. Teams were made of six to eight people, rotating every two ends. Not only did members enjoy curling with other section volunteers, but their skills were put to the test learning how to throw with the stick in a couple of the ends. Trivia kept those watching entertained, and we finished the night off with dinner, speeches and awards. It was a very successful night and I would like to personally thank all the members of our Club who continuously give their time to make UCC a Club members should be proud to be a part of. An extra special thank you to the Board for assisting

in hosting a very successful event. I hope the tradition will continue on for years to come.

The Live and Silent Auction is coming up on Saturday March 25th, 2006. This is the Club's major fundraiser. Profits from the auction go towards major purchases or repairs for the Club and general maintenance to the interior and exterior. This night has continually proven to be a great event filled with laughter and camaraderie. Our own home-grown auctioneers add to the event auctioning off the larger items. For those who have never attended the auction, it is time to join in on the fun. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. and members and guests alike are all welcome. Complimentary beer and wine, as well as hors d'oeuvres will also be organized by the Board. If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, a sign-up sheet is posted on the central board in the main lounge.

Championship Day will be held on Saturday April 8th, 2006. Be sure to come out and cheer on your fellow members as they compete on our final curling night.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday June 12th, 2006. Member participation is important so please remember to reserve this night on your calendar.

Jim Bell, President



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## Little Rocks Section

The Little Rocks have a membership of eleven (11) this year. The Little Rockers have been very consistent coming out every week and are *very* enthusiastic. This year, we have put a lot of emphasis on improving skills. Every week, we spend half of the session doing drills and the other half using those drills in game situations. I want to thank Joanne Drystek and Louise Ferri for their help every week instructing the Little Rockers. There has been a significant improvement in their technique.

The Teddy Bear Bonspiel is scheduled for February 19th. Each team is given a name of a bear. I would like to acknowledge Lois



and Murray Roberts for their continued support of this bonspiel. Thank you, Lois and Murray!

We have had a tremendous amount of assistance on the ice from the curling parents. Each sheet has had two or three parents showing the Little Rockers how to throw, sweep and skip. A huge thank you to all those parents.

We are hoping for an equally successful remainder of the year.

Alex Dillen, Chairperson

## Bantam / Junior Section

Dalewood Golf and Curling Club near Port Hope was the sight for Zone 6 Bantam Boys and Girls competitions this year. UCC was well represented by Matthew Lowe (skip), Harrison Griffiths (Vice), Daniel Ng (second) and Craig Trought (Lead) for the boys. The girl's team was skipped by Cassandra Warne, with Alex Trought, Laura Kraft and Marissa Tsoi.

The Boys had an early start at 8 am on Saturday January 14th while the girls' first game was at 5 pm. Competition took the form of double knock out. Both the boys and girls teams demonstrated the fine traditions of UCC with very sportsman-like conduct and even some friendly card games with other clubs' participants between games to fill the long day.

The Boys team was coached by Marilyn Lowe and the girls were coached by Rob Trought. Many thanks to Ron and Wendy Griffiths, Marilyn Lowe and Doug Warne for volunteering to help at this out-of-club event. Congratulations Curlers!

Our next out-of-club event will be the Mixed Bantam Zone Competition, to be held at Oshawa Golf and Curling Club February 25<sup>th</sup>. Unionville will be proudly represented by Matthew Lowe, Cassandra Warne, Alex Trought and Harrison Griffiths. This will be Matt's last year to enter as a Bantam.

Saturday January 7th saw Junior Curlers preparing and serving lunch to participants of the TCA Men's Energizer Bonspiel. This activity raised money which in part will help to fund some of the prizes at the March Bantam/Junior Spiel.

Thanks to Samantha Elliott, Natalie Weir, Alex Trought, Craig Trought, Christopher Pownall, Scott Morrison, Laura Kraft, Adam Tonan and Derrick Chow. P.S. This activity was used to count toward community service hours for High School.

Our next bonspiel will be held on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. We are hopeful that we can count on the resourcefulness of our adult members to help us find some sponsors. We really need you to help recognize our Bantam and Juniors. While the Bantams and Juniors have undertaken to do some fundraising through events like the "Western Bonspiel" and the Men's Energizer Event by having our Junior Curlers sell lunch that they prepared, there is a need for any assistance you can offer through prize or cash donations to help this great group of young curlers.

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.

## Day Ladies Section

We are now two-thirds through yet another busy curling season. The Day Ladies section completed its second schedule of curling on January 31, 2006 and the winners are as follows:

### Unionville Arms Trophy

Janet Stover, Chris Trought, Laurie Magee, Julie Irwin

### Hudson Plumbing Trophy

Blanche Leslie, Sandra Davies,  
Carolyn Northcott and Nancy Ridgway

### Connie McDermott Trophy

Carolyn Nicholson, Karen Blackman/Helen Mitchell,  
Betti-Ann Lavitt and Susan Beard

Congratulations to all our winners. Our third schedule starts February 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Eleanon Crosson bonspiel was held on 4 consecutive Thursdays throughout January, ending February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year the committee ran the spiel as a points spiel for the first three weeks, then ended with win-loss games to determine the winners. All involved thought it was a fun format and that it was run smoothly. The winner were as follows:

#### First Place:

Carolyn Nicholson, Pat McDougall, Laurie Magee and Sandi Whalen

#### Second Place:

Pat Seawright, Lorene Reid, Connie Van Parys and Laurie Handley

#### Third Place:

Lois Roberts, Cathy Gostlin, Jane Policelli and Joanne Welsh.

Our Team Entry League is going strong with 14 teams entered. We are currently well into our second of three schedules this year. The two top point earners at the end of the third schedule will curl on Championship night in the Spring. At the end of our first schedule Mary Gellard's team of Gail Beveridge, Vera Wilkins and Teri Savoury, as well

as Pat Seawright's team of Connie McDermott, Gail Closs and Cathy Costlin were the top two teams. Moving up from the "B" flight to "A" were Anne Azlen's team of Ellie Stam, Maureen Ramsden and Andrea Sumsion, and Christine Pierce's team of Linda McKendry, Carolyn Nicholson and Sharon Murray.

The Miles' Hectares Farm Open one day Bonspiel took place Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the weather everyone arrived in good time. The trophy was won by the Leaside rink of Bernice Collins, Vickie Gervais, Marguerite Hacala and Vera Richardson. The winner of the second draw was the Avonlea team of Jan Carwardine, Virginia Hughes, Jennifer Andrews and Joan Alkerton. Joyce Miles joined us for the afternoon and presented the trophy to the winners. Nancy Young Elliot entertained us with a story and a poem that her father wrote when her mother took up curling. The theme this year was the harvest time, with a life size farmer provided by Linda Band.

Our two day bonspiel will take place March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to hosting another successful bonspiel.

We have had a number of competitive successes for our Day Ladies curlers this year. The team of Fran Allan, Carole Murray, Janet Stover and Dawn Webb represented us well in Brantford in the Senior Provincial finals. Every game but one was decided on the last rock. Christine Pierce's team of Kristin Turko (BW), Shelly Nielsen and Carolyn Nicholson won the "C" flight at the Best Western Provincial finals. And last, but not least, Pat Seawright, Connie McDermott, Barb Otani and Ellie Stam won the "A" side of the Regional Masters at York Curling Club. They will go to Port Perry February 15-18 for the Provincials finals. Good luck Pat and team!!

These teams have represented our club well and we are proud of their accomplishments.

Shelly Nielsen, Chairperson

## Day Men's Section

We have had an excellent first half of the season, welcoming several new members and providing good competitive opportunities for all. We have had good attendance and with very few draw-outs so far this season. Our Friday noon-time Draw Team event has been quite successful in its first schedule. The Friday T-50 Challenge has also been extremely popular and we are encouraging new teams to challenge for entry into this event for next season.

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 for their Christmas baskets.

**Winners** were: (Draw #1) Sam Murakami, John Fisher, Bernie Wilock, Ron Smith, and Bill Bowie, (Draw #2) Peter Koens, Doug Fettes, Ed Seal, Jeff Loach, and Bill Dyer.

**Runners up** were: (Draw #1) Gord Barry, Bill Lee, Edgar Mills, George McPhee, and Bill Balfour, (Draw #2) Glenn Nelson, Roger Moore, Bob Hammond, Ron Parent, and Mike Moyer.

**Winners** of the January 18<sup>th</sup> Spiel were: (Draw #1) Kent Tomasik, Bruce Couperthwaite, Edgar Mills, and Fred Sheehy (Draw #2) Chuck Laidley, Ian Munro, Bill Dyer, and Elmer Harding.

**Runners up** were: (Draw #1) Joe O'Hearn, Bill Lee, Wilf Schultz, Don McNicol, and Tom Keith, (Draw #2) Don Allison, John Grant, Dave Reid, and Ken Tranter.

**Winners** of the Draw Teams first schedule were: Craig Harvey (skip), Dennis Madokoro, John Chipperfield, and Mike Moyer.

**Runners up** were: Eric Milne (skip), Jim Bald, Rick Dennis, and Bill Bowie.

**Winners** of the T-50 Team Challenge first schedule were: Duncan McDougall (skip), Fraser McTavish, Ron Thiel, and George Otani.

**Runners up** were: Ross Baker (skip), Sam Murakami, Joe O'Hearn, and Bill Lee.

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

Ian Munro, Chairperson

## Mixed Section

It's hard to believe that the 2005-2006 curling season is more than two-thirds complete. The Mixed curlers have been enjoying the second schedule with teams battling on the ice to obtain a playoff spot by winning their draw.

Six teams have already qualified from the first schedule and five more teams qualified in January for the playoffs that will be played in April. Congratulations to the following teams who won their draw, as well as captured a coveted playoff spot for the Mixed Playoffs:

**Draw A:** Lorne Jessop (SKIP), Carol Wolfe, Peter Gates, and Sue Gates

**Draw B:** Kent Tomasik (SKIP), Cath Gostlin, Barry and Carolyn Hoover

**Draw C:** Igors Svistunenko (SKIP), Shelley Gram, Dirk Mooney, and Donna Svistunenko

**Draw D:** Tina Vincent (SKIP), Wendy Svistunenko, Stephen Lam, and Marie Scott

**Draw E:** Don Boynton, Eloise Fisher, Laurie Magee, and Bob Penner

## Mixed Section (continued...)

The Mixed Wild Western Open Bonspiel was held on November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Twelve teams from Unionville, Scarboro, Whitby, Coldwater, Uxbridge, and Richmond Hill participated in this two-day bonspiel.



The Skins Bonspiel will run from Tuesday, March 7 to Saturday, March 11. It is open to all curlers in the club and will follow the skins format. Please do not hesitate in signing up if you are interested, as this final week-long event of the year always fills quickly.

Teams played three eight-end games, with platters of hot food and homemade desserts served after their Friday evening games. Saturday's events included Chuck Wagon Races (organized by Unionville's Bantam & Junior curlers), 2 games, and dinner followed by a dance. Club member Randall Mathieu and his band, The Too Drunk to Fish Band, entertained the curlers late into the night on Saturday.

Thank you to the entire Mixed Committee who continue to work hard and provide their support to all Mixed events. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Mixed Committee for next year should approach a committee member to express your interest. It really is a lot of fun and we should all take the opportunity at some point to give back to the club, as we are a member run club.

Congratulations to the team of Gregg Truscott, Louise Germain, Tom Roblin, and Linda Sellers from Scarboro Golf & Country Club for winning the bonspiel.

Good Curling and see you out on the ice!!

Kelly Tooley  
Mixed Chairperson

Special thanks to our sponsors (Andrea Halbert—SENES Consultants, Jim Bell – Superior Water, and Virginia Brooker – Hershey's Canada) for their support towards this bonspiel. Thank you to all of the club members who helped throughout the weekend and helped to make this bonspiel a success!!! We hope to see more out-of-club teams and Unionville curlers out at this event next year!!

The Life's a Luau bonspiel is quickly approaching on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006. This traditional "Life's a ...." Bonspiel is a favourite among mixed curlers as it allows the opportunity for our newer curlers to experience the environment and excitement of a weekend bonspiel in the comfort of their home club. All members are invited to 'hula' on over to the club on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> to watch some fabulous curling!!



## Men's Section

A very busy period is complete for the Men's section. Since the last newsletter, we have completed 2 in-club spiels, the Unionville Open, the TCA Energizer, as well as the second schedule of in-club competitions.

Congratulations to the following winners of the second schedule events:

***Team Entry A Division:***

**John Bell, Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill, and Jim Kinzinger.**

***Team Entry B Division:***

**Gord Barry, Lorne Franklin, Phillip Blachier, and Dave Ovens.**

***Team Entry C Division:***

**Alan Sham, Brad Roberts, Rob Retchless, and Stephen Kitagawa.**

***Team Entry D Division:***

**Jeff Stubbs, Paul Couperthwaite, Bryce Warwick, and Greg Wilson.**

**Monday Early Draw:**

Ken Lott, John Fenerley, Rick Proctor, and Ray Eady.

**Monday Late Draw:**

Ken Long, Greg Elliott, Dave Bell, and Louis Noorden.

**Thursday Draw:**

Joe O'Hearn, Ray Lobban, Norm Craven, and Robert Preston.

The Fall Classic Bonspiel was won by the team of; Brian Browne, Stan Hodge, Dave Rannie and Stephen Orr. Thank you to Kevin Roberts and his committee for a successful event.

The Dixon-Garland Bonspiel just finished with a well attended final night on Feb. 4th. Carl Glatt and his committee made some changes to this traditional

event that were well received from all participants. Thank to Don Garland for his contribution as title sponsor that makes this event the crown jewel of the men's section. Ian Munro power swept his way in the draw-to-the-button competition for the free membership. The champions for the year are Ken Bates, Kim McKenney, Keith Clemens, and Sonny Bessant.

The Men's Open had a healthy contingent from the host club that featured an all Unionville final. Congratulations to the team of Jim Bell, Dennis Akerley, Greg Bates, and Kent Tomasik for winning the main event. Bruce Band and committee kept all participants well fed and lubricated due to the continued support of sponsors The Meat Shoppe and the Unionville Arms.

The TCC Energizer was well supported by the members of Unionville, that was led my the Consolation Winner in the Open Event by Gord Barry's team of Lorne Franklin, Phillip Blachier, and Dave Ovens.

Fred Berkhuisen, Chair

## Business Women's Section

The Business Women's Christmas dinner was a smash!

We had a record 73 Ladies in attendance. Marlene Heffron & Ginny Slike and their wonderful committee hosted the party. All enjoyed great food, wine and laughter. The Yellow Brick House was thrilled with an abundance of gifts that were so generously donated by all the ladies in our section.

The first draw prizes were presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team of each night as well as the runners-up. Check the web site for all results.

The second draw results are also posted now and these teams will be presented with their prizes on their respective nights, the first week of February. That will also be the beginning of our third schedule.

The position sharing strategy has been working wonderfully. A lot of hard work by Andrea Halbert and Joanne Drystek has kept everything running smoothly. Our numbers are down for this last draw due to illness and voluntary draw outs, which should make things easier.

Get well wishes to Jill King, thoughts & prayers to Lynda Lane (for her daughter's speedy recovery) and condolences to Pauline Wozniak on the passing of her husband. Are thoughts are with you all.

On Jan 21, we held a guest day! The Ladies were invited to bring their friends and family to try out the great sport of Curling. Mini clinics and food were provided at a cost of \$20 each. Fortunately we had 32 in attendance, which gave us enough participants to have a four end game. Maybe we will open this day to friends and family of both sexes! This could possibly help support the other sections of our club. Thanks again to Kristin (Lindsay & Maryanne) & Linda for all the hard work that went into this day. A big thank you to Craig who helped out with the instruction on ice. Pretty brave guy to be the only male. (or should I say lucky?)

Our next event is The Curl for Heart open invitational. Heather Reid & Patti Shevlin are working hard at getting sponsor's and teams for this annual event. We hope to raise a good chunk of money for the Heart & Stroke Foundation as well as for our own Club.



Doreen Small & Joan Allen have the best job on the executive. They get to go shopping for all the prizes for these events, and then Gail Browne gives them back all the money they spent. Hmmm! Gotta love that deal! Needless to say they are doing a splendid job at keeping within our budget.

That's all to report to date!

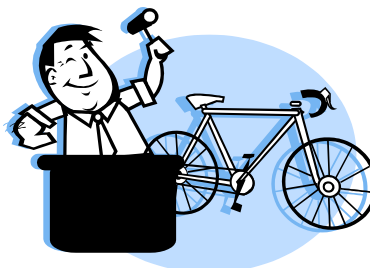
Good curling and keep smiling!  
Angela Singleton - Chair, Business Women

## From the Editor's Desk

### UCC's Live & Silent Auction

The annual UCC Live & Silent Auction Fundraiser is being held on Saturday March 25th, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Members and guests alike are all welcome to attend and participate in this night full of fun and laughs.

Proceeds from the auction are put towards major equipment purchases and/or interior and exterior facility maintenance. The success of the event gives UCC the opportunity to continue to offer exceptional programs for Little Rockers, Juniors and Adults all throughout our community.



Auction Item Donations are appreciated. If you are able to donate, please register your item on the sign-up sheet posted on the centre board in the main lounge area.

Please contact Laura Ferguson or Andrea Halbert (Event Coordinators) with any questions.

### UCC Championship Day

Championship Day is Saturday April 8th, 2006. Congratulations to all those who have already qualified for the play-off season. Even if you will not be participating in a final event on Championship day, please come out and cheer on your fellow Club Members for the final event of the year.



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