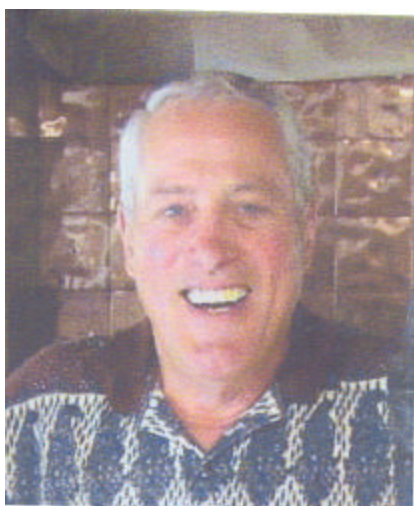


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# Where Friendship is a TRADITION

## In memory of our friend Harry Sear



October 4th 1935—October 6th 2006

Harry Sear, a long time member of UCC, passed away on Friday October 6th, 2006. Harry had been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) a couple of years ago and eventually succumbed to his illness.

Harry contributed in many ways to the Club, including serving on the Board of Directors from 2000 until 2004. He served as Club president for the 2002 – 2003 season. In addition to participating in several curling sections of the Club, Harry was one of the key individuals behind the very successful Special Olympics program at UCC.

While it is sad when we lose a member of our close community, UCC and its members are fortunate to have known Harry and to have had him as a friend.

Our condolences go out to Harry's wife, Wendy, and his entire family.

Mike McCormick, President

The Unionville Sweep Curling Team were blessed to have had Harry Sear as a volunteer coach for many years. His warm approach and tireless commitment to the program was responsible for the great success that this special group of athletes has enjoyed. A well respected coach, a good friend and always there for us were just a few of the accolades voiced by the athletes about Harry. Although we all miss Harry, we are grateful for the many wonderful memories we have of him.

Jane Morgan, Past-President

Having served as a board member with Harry, one quickly learned the enthusiasm that he had for UCC. Harry was very dedicated in preserving the heritage of the Club, while embracing new ideas to make UCC the best curling club for all its members.

Harry's biggest passion while serving on the Board was for UCC to invest in a defibrillator. The board is happy to announce that a defibrillator has been purchased and would like to dedicate it in memory of Harry.

We are proud and lucky to have had Harry bless our lives. A man who truly exemplified the UCC motto...where friendship is a tradition.

Jim Bell, Past-President

## President's Message

Welcome one and all to the 2006/2007 curling season at Unionville Curling Club. And what a start it has been. Our membership numbers are up over last year and our Club is as strong as ever. I am especially pleased to report that we are seeing growth again in our Little Rock, Bantam and Junior programs. These curlers are the future of our sport. I am also pleased to announce that we have several teams competing in outside bonspiels and on the Ontario Curling Tour and World Curling Tour. Unionville is once again strong all the way from the newest of curlers through to the elite of Tour players.

On the financial side, again the story is positive. Along with strong membership, we have seen steady growth in our other revenue streams; the bar and the pro-shop. On behalf of Craig and the Board, I would like to thank all those members who choose to make their curling equipment purchases at the Club.

The capital fund continues to grow and the Board is committed in maintaining growth of this important fund to ensure the long term health of UCC. While many clubs have had to enter into partnerships with various levels of government, UCC's strong independent financial position allows the members to con-

trol the future of our curling club.

In terms of major expenses, the condenser component of the ice plant was replaced over the summer. The Board elected to purchase an upgraded condenser that will help Jim make ice early and late in the season, when the outside temperatures are warm. With the purchase of the condenser, all of the major mechanical components of the Club have now been upgraded or replaced and we should be set for several years to come.

Finally, I would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our many members who volunteer their time to make Unionville Curling Club a special place to curl and socialize. I encourage everyone to get involved. If you are interested in joining a committee to help run an event, please speak to your Section head or an existing committee member. The more you put into your Club, the more you will get out of it.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish all members of UCC and their families Happy Holidays and all the best for 2007.

Mike McCormick, 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. 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.

UCC 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:

- Lorne Franklin, Kelly Tooley, Cathie Bak and

John and Deb Nicol

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.

A special thank you to our member volunteers who helped in arranging meals for the registrants.

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

Andrea Halbert, UCC Clinic Chair 2006/2007

## Day Ladies Section

As you read this newsletter, we are well into our first schedule of curling. Our total active membership stands at 100, down slightly over last year due, we think, to changing lifestyles of long standing members. However, we are very pleased to welcome six new curlers to our section: Pam Crosby, Pat Edmonds, Sue Gates, Johanne Kelow, Helena Miscampbell, Pat Scott and Vlasta Sloggett.

Lower numbers have meant that it has been difficult to find spares for our draws. We owe a big thank you to both Business Ladies and Mixed Sections for coming to our rescue. Several of these members have offered to curl with us on an as need basis. This has had the added benefit of allowing many of us to get better acquainted.

The Club's September Open Houses were well represented by Nancy Ridgway and her group of volunteers. Many of the potential new curlers met on those nights have in fact been recruited. Well done ladies!

Club wide Instructional Clinics were also offered in September. Ingrid Hollett and her committee joined forces with other sections to ensure everyone was well fed. In our section, a very well attended Refresher Clinic took place on September 25th. Many of our members who are qualified instructors were on hand to give enthusiastic participants a great head start on the season.

Working silently and continuously in the background is our House Committee led by Joan Izzett and Anne Watkin. The gleaming trophies in our extensive trophy case along with the ever changing seasonal décor of our club are due to the hard work of these two women.

November sees the conclusion of our Past Presidents Spiel. This four week event is run very capably by Marj Sayeau and her small committee. Helen Jewett once again very generously donated four beautiful Royal Doulton figurines. Congratulations to this year's winners:

### *Main Event*

Winners: Evelyn Reid, Cath Gostlin, Sharon Murray, Patricia Edmonds

Runners Up: Anne Azlen, Carolyn Nicholson, Joan Izzett, Cathy Dowling

### *Consolation*

Winners: Christine Pierce, Mary Kulmala, Laurie Magee, Laurie Handley

Runners Up: Laura Ferguson (Andrea Kerr), Lois Roberts, Dorothy Boynton, Linda Band

### *2nd Event*

Winners: Fran Allan, Maureen Dudley, Betti-Ann Lavitt, Shirley Edamura

Runners Up: Connie McDermott, Helen Mitchell, Lorene Reid, Linda Moore

### *3rd Event*

Winners: Pat Seawright, Mary Anne McLeod, Carolyn Northcott, Sandy Hume

Runners Up: Carole Murray, Chris Wightman, Louise Ferri, Bette Amery

We have ten teams entered into the Toronto and District Energizer bonspiel which takes place November 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. Four teams are registered in the Senior Event and six in the Open Event. Unionville has traditionally been a great supporter of this District wide spiel and we look forward to hearing how our club places. Rogers Cable will be televising the main event, which is a first - so stay tuned! Good Luck Girls!

Jennifer Cosburn, Chairperson

## Day Men's Section

For the new season, with a slight increase in membership, we welcome several new and some returning members to the Day Men's Section: Carmen Colangelo, Alex Dillen, Al Field, Paul Free, Ron Gordon, Don Gunning, Ron Harris, Jim Musgrave, George Otani, Dave Parsons, Cam Robertson, Ross Scott, Walter Walker and Al Wilkie. We also welcome several "evening" men who are now participating with us for the first time.

We now have Tag Curling on (some) Monday afternoons, (most) Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Friday mornings. Our successful Draw Team event is on Fridays at noon and the T-50 Challenge Team event is 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 twice during the season, the Toronto District Senior Men's Curling Association.

We have already had an excellent all-day spiel with lunch and prizes, our second one is on Wednesday, November 22 and look forward to our Christmas Turkey Spiel on Wednesday December 20th when there will be turkey or ham prizes for all.

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

Ian Munro, Chairperson

## Business Women's Section

Membership in the Business Women's section remains strong again this year. 106 ladies are participating in our Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday early evening draws. Due to the availability of additional weeks of curling this season, we have incorporated an extra game into each of our draws, giving us 8 games instead of 7. These extra games are welcomed since the Business Women's format allows for only one opportunity to curl each week.

We have our regular line-up of special events planned. The annual Guest Day, which gives friends of our members an opportunity to come out and try the sport, will be held in November this year. Our annual Pasta Spiel will be held in January. This is our in-house spiel and this year, the winners will be presented with our brand new custom-designed trophy that can be viewed in the Business Women's trophy case in the Ladies' Lounge.

Our show-case event is our invitational Curl for Heart Bonspiel that will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Curl for Heart, a fund raiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This bonspiel has be-

come a must for many curling teams across the GTA and around the province. Over the years, many thousands of dollars has been raised through the generous donations of the participants.

We are all very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful curling club. Our section's continued strong membership is a reflection of the level of curling, the importance of the friendships that have been developed, and the great operation and management of the club.

Wishing everyone a wonderful season of curling.

Julie Bowles, Chairperson



## Mixed Section

The Mixed division is going strong with 167 curlers enrolled, an increase from last year's enrollment of 152. A special welcome to our 27 new curlers.

On October 21st, the Mixed section held their first bonspiel of the year. Congratulations to:

*1st Place:* Doug Wolfe, Marilyn Fleming, Cheryl Craven and Barry Hoover

*2nd Place (Tie):* Kent Tomasik, Stephen Lam, Patti Shevlin and Marie Scott

*2nd Place (Tie):* Marilyn Lowe, Matt Lowe, Jim Lawton and Anna Misciagna

These teams were awarded first dibs at the dinner table...yet another fabulous selection provided by the curlers. A big thank you to John Heath and Kim Parker for running the event...Job well done.

The second event held the week of November 7th to 11th was the ever popular Nuts & Bolts. The event was a great success thanks to the efforts of Dennis Akerley and Elaine Laking for hosting a great week. Congratulations to:

*A Event Winners:*

Doug Gorrill, Sam Murakami, Steven Kitagawa and Wayne Alexander

*A Event Runners Up:*

Simon Lau, Marilyn Fleming, Roger Moore and Dave Blancard

*B Event Winners:*

Brian McMillan, Sum Tang, Bob Penner and Jim White

*B Event Runners Up:*

Jim Bell, Joanne Drystek, Dave Bell and Bill May

*C Event Winners:*

Peter Mitchell, Barb Otani, Sherri Hassard and Don Kitchen

*C Event Runners Up:*

Doug Whalen, Andrea Halbert, Louis Noorden and Chris May

*D Event Winners:*

Kevin Lowe, George Coombs, Sherry Coombs and Doug Milne

*D Event Runners Up:*

Ron Morgan, Judy Roberston, Barb Jackson and Jim Bowie

Upcoming Mixed events include: Unionville Mixed Invitational scheduled for January 13th, hosted by Kelly Tooley and Andrea Halbert; Life's a "Surprise" on February 9th and 10th, hosted by Dirk & Karen Mooney and Jackie and Jim Lawton; and finally the Skins in March, hosted by Doug and Marilyn Fleming.

One final thank you to the Mixed committee for the endless hours you have volunteered to the Club to make the Mixed section the success that it is:

Dirk and Karen Mooney  
Jim and Jackie Lawton  
Dennis Akerley and Elaine Laking  
John Heath and Kim Parker  
Norm and Cheryl Craven  
Mike and Heather McCormick  
Kelly Tooley  
Andrea Halbert

Doug and Marilyn Fleming, Chairpersons

## Men's Section

The Men's section is off to another strong start. The membership is about even with last year, with full participation in the Team Entry and Draw Sections.

The first bonspiel for the section, the Fall Classic, runs from Nov. 27 – Dec. 1. This is a good opportunity for new members of the section to participate and get exposure to a larger segment of the Men's section. Volunteers are always appreciated.

January will be a busy month as the Toronto Curling Association Energizer Bonspiel takes place the week of Jan. 6 – 13, 2007 at various clubs throughout the GTA. The Unionville Open will take place on Jan.

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The month is capped off with the always popular, Dixon Garland spiel that runs in-club the week of Jan.29<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Look for the Men's Section Annual Meeting coming up on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be to discuss any changes to rules for the section, or any other business that needs to be dealt with. It will take place between 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Draw games will be reduced to 6-end games for that evening in order for those players to participate in the meeting. If you have any topics that you would like put on the agenda, please forward them to me.

Fred Berkhuisen, Chairperson

## Special Olympics Section

Another great year of curling began Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> for our Ontario Special Olympics athletes. We have been invited to participate in a friendly Bonspiel at the Weston Curling Club on November 4<sup>th</sup>. In December both our competitive and recreational teams will compete in the Regional playdowns with the goal of making it to the Regionals. A special welcome goes out to Brian Monti as he joins our team of volunteer coaches.

Jane Morgan



## Bantam / Junior Section

### Club Championship Day Results

The 2005-2006 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”, 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 Alex Elli-

ott, with his team of Emily Chan playing vice, Chris Gemmell as second and Jeffery Vanier playing lead position. Runners-up were Nicholas Richard at skip, Samantha Elliott as vice, Curtis Nelson playing second and Matthew Chan as lead.

Representing the Juniors, Matt Lowe and his rink of Craig Trought, Marissa Tsoi, and Grant Stott took this years honours. The runners up were skipped by Adam Tonan, with Derrick Chow, Ben Kinsella sparing for Melissa Wilson and Matthew Wiles.

Congratulations Curlers!

## Bantam / Junior Section (continued..)

### Curling Awards

This years Club Championship Day was also the time where those curlers who participated in the Curl Ontario Skill Awards program, received their badges in recognition of their accomplishments in completing the requirements of the skill level they were working on.

Successfully completing the *Red Badge* requirements were Grant Stott, Chris Pownall, Scott Morrison and Curtis Nelson

Daniel Ng, Alex Trought, Craig Trought, Derrick Chow completed the *Bronze Badge* skills.

Earning his *Gold Badge* requirements was Matt Lowe, son of Kevin and Marilyn Lowe.

Well Done All!

### Curling Skills Program

Ruth Gemmell and Jill Morrison will be coordinating the Curl Canada Skills program this season. Ruth and Jill are club members and parents of members of our Bantam and Junior section. They have graciously volunteered to handle this key component of our busy program. There is no charge for this activity and it is a great way to enhance young curlers' knowledge and enjoyment of the "roaring game".

Ruth and Jill are arranging for member instructors to come in to train our young curlers and tracking curlers progress toward completing badge requirements during the skills portion of our program. Skills will run between 12:45pm and 1:30pm during our Sunday timeslot.

We are starting our program with the Red Badge with about 23 curlers enrolled. Blue, Bronze and Silver badges run alternate dates due to the large number of participants across the program and the scarce ice

availability. If you are a club instructor please consider volunteering an hour or two this season to make this part of our program successful. There are a total of about 10 dates this season where the skills program will be run. Please get in touch with Ruth or Jill.

### Junior and Bantam numbers swell

Curling interest in the Junior and Bantam program at Unionville Curling Club has seen new member growth. With about 50 Junior and Bantam curlers, up from about 30 last season, in the interest of safety and fun, the section has been divided. With the cooperation of the Board of Directors and the Little Rock Section run by Brian Daffern, the Junior and Bantam section has expanded the time on the ice from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Juniors are now on the ice from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the Bantams from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. with skills in between for both groups.

Curling is a social game as we all know and our curlers enjoy as do the adult members the opportunity to sit together after the game and discuss some of their finer shots. We are fortunate once again to have Wendy Griffiths coordinating this part of our program this year.

### Call for Sponsors

Our two bonspiels this year will be held on November 12th and March 4<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 Junior members.

If anyone has any questions about our program please contact Chris or Rob Trought @ 905-209-0400

Rob & Chris Trought, Chairpersons

## Out-of-Club Success

UCC is proud to acknowledge numerous curling successes to date. Congratulations to:

### Business Women's Energizer

*4th Event Winners:*  
Kelly Tooley  
Gail Kitagawa  
Heather McCormick  
Elaine Laking

### Ladies Open Energizer

*Trophy Winners:*  
Carol Murray  
Heather Nicol  
Deb Nicol  
Jan Warwick

*Trophy Runners Up:*  
Pat Seawright  
Connie McDermott  
Gail Closs  
Cathy Gostlin

### Ontario & World Curling Tour

John Bell, Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill  
*Quarter-final Qualifiers:* Brampton Bacardi  
and  
*2nd Event Winners:* Trenton Curling Classic

Alan Sham, Kevin Ackerman, Jason Chang  
*Semi-final Qualifiers:* Barrie Cashspiel

Brent Palmer, Tim Morrison, Tyler Morgan,  
Rob Gregg, David Kovacs  
*Quarter-final Qualifiers:* Weston Fall Classic  
and  
*Quarter-final Qualifiers:* Golden Horseshoe Classic

### Consolation Runners Up:

Anne Azlen  
Carolyn Nicholson  
Karen Blackman  
Anne Watkin

### 2nd Event Winners:

Mary Kulmala  
Laura Ferguson  
Ann Agnew  
Robbyn Greene

### Ladies Senior Energizer

*Trophy Winners:*  
Mary Gellard  
Gail Beveridge  
Vera Wilkins  
Terry Savoury

*2nd Event Winners:*  
Fran Allan  
Janet Stover  
Barb Otani  
Dawn Webb

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Wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday Season!



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