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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

President's Message

The TCA is promoting a World Curling Tour event scheduled for October 21-25, 2009, which will feature the top Canadian teams playing international Olympic qualifying teams. Our club along with the other TCA member clubs have tickets for sale prior to the launch of public sales, at a substantial discount. Please see the posters around the Club, but act fast as they are only available until March 15th, 2008.



Ticket Information:

Club Member Rate = \$150 until March 15th 2008 (\$250 after March 15th)

50% of ticket cost (\$75) due on March 15th, remainder due by October 15th 2008

Tickets will be issued by Ticketmaster in October

Tickets available from Board Members / Club Manager

Cheques Payable to UCC

Ticket sales are being facilitated by UCC on behalf of its members. The Grand Slam of Curling event is being run by CBC Sports and Insight Sports in conjunction with the Toronto Curling Association

Little Rocks Section

Little Rocks, Rock!

The Little Rock program continues to be very successful. We continue to grow. Our recent "Bring a Friend Day" saw over 30 curlers! As well, we have 10 volunteers helping out in various capacities.

Thank you to all club members who supported the Bantam, Junior and Little Rock fund raiser. Your contributions will help the program grow.

Brian Daffern, Chairperson

Junior / Bantam Section

Things have been busy with the Junior and Bantam Section since the last issue of the Tradition.

Seawright Fall Bonspiel results

Sunday November 18th was the date of our first bonspiel which enjoyed the participation of 48 curlers from this section. Pat Seawright who sponsors the trophy was unable to attend to present the trophy due to illness. Alex Elliott skipped the winning team. This is the second time in Alex's young curling career that he has managed to take the top honours. Jonathon Bridson viced, Michael Marshall played second, and Philip Hau threw lead rocks. Second place went to Chris Gemmell and his team of Stephanie Gemmell, Jeremy Scott and Tyler Carwana. Third place was held down by Scott Morrison, James Nelson, Arthur Ng, and Ryan Thomson.

This points spiel consisted of two 4 end games with a pizza lunch and a draw to the button competition. Many thanks to Sally Lum who organized lunch with the help of Wendy Griffiths, and to Greg Elliott and Glenn Nelson who ran the the draw to the button competition.

Support from Sponsors like Toshiba Canada (Howard and Jill Morrison), Craig Harvey and Paula Jesty, Tim and Melinda Stott and Peggy Lawrie provided for an absolutely fabulous prize table. Thank you all.

Little Rock ` Bantam & Junior "Fun" Raiser Raffle successful

Our first major fundraising initiative to help support the 70 plus curlers who make up these three sections was a huge success. Thank you to all those members who helped with their support with the purchase of a \$5 ticket. We raised \$430 per section which will be used to help fund our bonspiels and to add to the monies we are budgeting to buy club jackets for teams from this section who will represent UCC and compete at out of club events.

First Prize of a "Curl for the Cure" pink broom was won by Ian Free; Second prize of a Tim Horton's coffee maker was won by Joan Allen; Third prize (Estee Lauder Factory Sale Tickets - donated by Steve Rogers) were won by Dennis Madokoro; and the Fourth Prize of an Ivanhoe Cheese Basket with Wine was won by Marilyn Craig. Thank you to our sponsors for the prizes and the volunteers who approached members for ticket sales (Dave Rannie, Ruth & Brian Gemmell, Greg Nelson, Alex Dillen, Ian Munro, Christine Pierce and Wendy Svistunenko).

Thanks to Our Volunteers

The success of our section this year as seen by our 50 plus numbers, is made possible by the work of people like Sally Lum who coordinates the snacks every week which curlers enjoy when they come off the ice. Thanks Sally.

We have 34 curlers who are participating in the skills development program. The work in coordinating both the completion of badge requirements and arranging for club instructors to come out for about 1 hour on Sunday, has been a monster of a challenge and one which Ruth Gemmell with the assistance of Jill Morrison have pulled off in spades! Thank you. A special thank you to all the volunteer instructors who come out to help our youngest members to develop their curling skills.

Good Curling!

Rob & Chris Trought
Junior and Bantam Section Co-Chairs

Day Ladies Section

Our opening luncheon was held October 9th with seventy eight Day Ladies in attendance. Many thanks go out to Joan Izzett and Anne Watkin for all their hard work.

The Day Ladies have been very busy since September. Our first schedule has come to an end, the winners are as follows:

Re/Max Classic Properties Trophy

Andrea Kerr
Gayle Coleman
Laurie Magee
Aileen Damp

Tech Data Canada Inc. Trophy

Connie McDermott
Kim Griffin
Claire Colangelo
Laurie Handley

Greeneleaf Holdings Trophy

Shelly Nielsen
Betti-Ann Lavitt
Andrea Sumsion
Linda Moore

Congratulations and many thanks to our sponsors.

On November 5th UCC hosted **Mini Major** games with draws at 9:00 and 11:00. All three of our Unionville teams were successful that day. Good luck with your up coming games.

The **Past Presidents** bonspiel was held on four consecutive Thursdays with final games played on November 8th. Congratulations to the winners:

Mary Gellard, Marg Currie, Sandy Whalen, Laurie Magee.

The generosity of Marj Sayeau who donated the pins, and Helen Jewitt who once again provided the beautiful Royal Doulton figurines, is much appreciated. As well, without our sponsors Tech Data, Jen-

nifer Cosburn and Shelly Neilson, Marj would not have such a great time shopping for the prizes.

Unionville had nine teams entered in the annual Toronto and District RRG Bonspiel; seven in the open division and two in the seniors. UCC had three event winners. They are as follows.

Open 3rd Event

Mary Gellard
Vera Wilkins
Carolyn Nicholson
Maureen Ramsden

Open 4th Event

Pat Maybury
Dawn Webb
Gail Browne
Jane Elliott

Seniors 4th Event

Fran Allen
Janet Stover
Barb Otani
Laurie Magee

Our **Molly Hood** bonspiel held November 20th was a great success due to the hard work of Blanche Leslie and her committee. Unfortunately Molly was unable to attend that day due to poor health. All of Molly's old friends, who have always come to support her, were there in her absence; we thank them all for coming. The trophy winners are as follows;

Andrea Kerr, Betti-Ann Levitt, and Louise Ferri.
Congratulations!

CHEERS!

Ingrid Hollett
Day Ladies Chairperson

Day Men's Section

We have had an excellent beginning to the season, welcoming several new members and providing good competitive opportunities for all. We have had good attendance and no draw-outs so far this season. Our Friday noontime Draw Team event has again been successful in its first schedule and are in their payoffs now. The Friday T-50 Challenge remains extremely popular. Our Christmas Turkey Spiel was held Wednesday December 19/07.

Winners of the Oct 17/07 Spiel were: Brian Emery, Ray Hanton, Chuck Laidley, Don McNicoll, Mike Moyer, and Bill Aikenhead. **Runners up** were: Gord Barry, Sam Murakami, Bob Taylor, Sum Tang, Ron Parent, and Bill Collett.

Winners of the November 21/07 Spiel were: (Draw #1) Lorne Jessop, Al Johnson, Bruce Couperthwaite, Walter Muirhead, and Fred Sheehy (Draw #2) Bryce

Warwick, Sum Tang, Selby Noel, Keith Gruben. **Runners up** were: (Draw #1) Joe Murray, Peter Koens, Tom Keith, and Norm Smith. (Draw #2) Gord Barry, Ray Hanton, Ed Seal, and Jack McBride.

Winners of the T-50 Team Challenge first schedule were: Joe O'Hearn, Sam Murakami, Ross Baker, and Bill Lee. **Runners up** in a three way tie were: Duncan MacDougall, Fraser McTavish, Ron Theil, and George Otani. Ken Bates, Glenn Nelson, Glenn Allen, Garry Grant; and Lorne McLean, Eric Milne, Brian Emery, and John Fisher.

Best Wishes from all for a speedy recovery to Glenn Allen.

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

John Chipperfield

Men's Section

Stewart Bond Practices with Curling Elite

The highlight of my 07/08 curling season: practicing with Jeff Stoughton at the Winnipeg Granite Curling Club.

This past summer I started working on a systems integration project in Montreal for Air Canada. Knowing Jeff worked for Air Canada in their systems group out of Winnipeg - I was hoping that our paths might cross. Late September I entered a conference room for a workshop and Jeff was there! I had dinner with Jeff that evening and setup some ice time with him when we were going to be in Winnipeg for workshops a few weeks later. Of particular interest for me was looking for some tips on my delivery. If you have seen me slide, you know that I have a Manitoba like tuck and yet I am not from Manitoba. There weren't a lot of 'tips' but we had a lot of fun on the ice.

Jeff lent a corn broom to me the first week I was there and encouraged me to try throwing with it... like many of the Manitoba tuckers do. It took me some time but I got more comfortable with it. On the ice we alternated between hits and draws and I had the pleasure of

holding the broom for him a few times while he threw. Perhaps a cliché, but ... it was like watching poetry in motion.

During the second week I was there, I had more opportunities to practice with him and played 2 ends of 1-on-1. Each person throws all 8 rocks. No sweeping and you are only allowed 2 hits. You can probably guess who won... but I blame him because he didn't give me enough ice for my last rock! I took my own throwing broom with me the second week. I realized how much better the corn broom was for my delivery and asked Jeff where I could buy one. He reached into his broom bag and gave me the one he lent me the week before. I had him sign it and you will now see me throwing with it at UCC.

I also had a chance to meet many of Manitoba's curling elite including Ryan Fry, Rob Gould, Kerry Burtnyk, Jonathan Mead, and another favourite of mine: Connie Laliburte. I always enjoy watching Jeff and admire his on-ice personality. Off-ice he is no different: a great person that is easy to get along with and fun to be around.

Stewart Bond

Men's Section (continued)

Barry Rink Win Sunshine Spiel and Florida Trip

The entry into the Melitta Sunshine Spiel is special in that a team needs to win a bonspiel through the year which is a Melitta Sunshine qualifier. So the competition is between teams which have already won a bonspiel. We had won the Weston Golf & Country Club qualifier. We had to play five games in the Melitta Sunshine bonspiel - early in March.

I have forgotten the names of some of the skips, but I do remember we played and beat the winner of the Energizer - main event (from Leaside) in our second game and then beat D. Cummings of Bayview in the semi-final. I believe the Cummings rink have won the Bayview curling club championship each of the past two years. Really nice people. The final put us against another Leaside team.

This year, 2007-2008, the prize for the Melitta Sunshine spiel is \$4000, so we will be the last team to win an expense paid trip to Florida. (It turns out our prize totalled \$4200.) The airfare, accommodation in a four bedroom home with a pool and the van rental was the prize.

We went to Bradenton, just south of Tampa, Florida, for November 24 to December 1. The weather was 80-85 degrees Fahrenheit, when winter was just starting here at home. Nice every day. We enjoyed a Tampa Bay Lightning hockey game against the New Jersey Devils, fresh fish dinners, deep sea fishing in the Tampa Bay (we all caught fish - Ken and I caught 3 foot mackerels, Alex caught the first and Bill caught the most.)

We visited Les Hillcoff and his wife - they, too, winter in Bradenton - very enjoyable afternoon. The weather is helping Les, and his wife just got fitted for a special set of glasses so she can see to read and watch TV. They'll return to Toronto when our weather gets warmer. We golfed a different course every day. Slope rating between 123 - 128 with the length of the courses 6000 to 6400 yards - for you golfers in the crowd. With the exception of the last day when we played the Legacy course - the cost was around \$32 USD and that included the cart.

We ate breakfast at home every day, made sandwiches for the time when we golfed, returned to our

villa for a cocktail 2-hour daily (we were visited by a great blue heron every day at 5:25 p.m. - he flew in to search for food at the lake behind our villa) and we ate out every evening at a different restaurant.

We gave points for all activities - golf, fishing, cards in the evening - and Bill Lee was the big winner. We all competed hard to win the prize of \$10.00 but Bill had a good last day of golf to pull out the win. Ken, Alex and Bill were wonderful companions. It was a terrific holiday. We would do it again in a heartbeat, given the opportunity.

Team was; Lead: Bill Lee; Second: Alex Dillen; Vice: Ken Lott; Skip: Gordon Barry

Gordon Barry

1st Schedule Team Entry Winners :

A: John Bell, Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill, Bill Wright

B: Carl Glatt, Gary Styba, Doug Whalen, Brian Gemmell

C: Jim Dibblee, Bill Bryans, Kevin Lowe, Dave Rannie

D: Brian MacMillan, Ron Beveridge, Bill Harbaruk, Garnett Graham

2nd Schedule Team Entry Winners :

A: John Bell, Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill, Bill Wright

B: Murray Walker, Ernie MacDonald, Sean Gates, Peter Gates

C: Tim Morrison, Rob Retchless, Bryce Warwick, Ken Wolch

D: Alex Dillen, Igors Svistunenko, Louis Noorden, Scott Greig

1st Schedule Draw Winners:

Monday Early: Dennis Akerley, David Ovens, Louis Noorden, Lou Brault

Monday Late: Rob Schlee, Roger Moore, Don Seaton, Ray Eady

Thursday: John Bell, Ian Free, Gary Davis, Carmen Colangelo

2nd Schedule Draw Winners:

Monday Early: Bill Mack, Bryce Warwick, Peter McLaughlin, Lou Brault

Monday Late: Rob Retchless, Lorne Franklin, Allan Wilkie, Ray Eady

Thursday: Brian MacMillan, Philip Blachier, Dave Teoli, Gary Fletcher

Steve Rogers, Chairperson

Business Women's Section

The Business Women's Section is having a successful year and has just completed two draws. Our annual Pasta Spiel and Guest Day have been held and were a wonderful success. Many thanks to Marg Osaka, Lynne Brunelle and their committee for organizing two great days. Thank you to the Day Ladies for coming out and supporting the Guest Day Event.

We are preparing to host the 8th Annual Curl for Heart Bonspiel on Saturday February 16th, 2008. The bonspiel is full and the committee is working hard in preparation for the event. Thanks to Debbie Nitsotolis and all her volunteers for their dedication to the bonspiel.



Congratulations to Tina Svistunenko, Kelly Tooley, Andrea Halbert and Wendy Svistunenko for the main event semi-final finish in the Business Women's RRG Bonspiel.

Congratulations to Colleen Hamar and Andrea Halbert (with Christine Pierce and Carolyn Nicholson) who were one rock away from going to the Regionals in the Best Western Intermediate Women's Zones. The final game went into extra ends and came down to last shot...

Draw 1 Winners:

Tuesday: Deb Nicol, Kathy Greig, Susan Lutz, Dayle Hawkins

Wednesday: Kristin Turko, Annie Stone, Karen Mooney, Margaret McLeod

Thursday: Colleen Hamar, Robin Scott, Theresa Arbuthnot

Draw 2 Winners:

Tuesday: Karen Rowsell, Wendy Svistunenko, Wendy Bell, Judy Martin

Wednesday: Kristin Turko, Barb Pentecost, Carolyn Hoover, Louise Hill

Thursday: Marilyn Lowe, Alex Trought, Tammy Rice

Wendy Svistunenko, Chairperson

Mixed Section

We are already heading into our third draw, but would like to highlight our past:

Winners of First Schedule:

A: Scott McPherson's team of Susan MacDonald, Neil Fyfe and Cathie Anderson

B: Peter Mitchell's team of Helen Mitchell, Andrew Chan and Michelle Sautner

C: Lynn Brown's team of Colleen Quinn, Ross Bailey and Bruce Linkletter

D: Don Boynton's team of Carol Wolfe, Ray Leroux and Anne Leroux.

E: Brian Millar's team of Charles Giliberto, Natalie Giliberto and Kim Murray.

Winners of the Potluck Spiel (Oct 20) were: Dwayne Vincent, Cathy Gostlin, Anne Leroux and Lou Brault.

Winners of the Nut 'n' Bolts Spiel were:

'A' Event: John Bell, Steve Rogers, Heather McCormick, Stephen Lam

'B' Event: Doug Gorrill, Sarah Noorden, Wendy Svistunenko, Jim White

'C' Event: Mike McCormick, Roger Moore, Marilyn Fleming, Kim Murray

'D' Event: Lorne Jessop, Phil Policelli, Barry Hoover, Jane Alexander

On Nov 15 to 18 Peter Mitchell skipped a team which won the 3rd Event at the 200th Anniversary Bonspiel of the Royal Montreal Curling Club. Congratulations to his team of Helen Mitchell (Vice), Brian Monti (Second) and Louise Ferri (Lead).

The Mixed Open's 'Road to the Superbowl' was held on January 12th and was a very successful day. Thanks to SENES Consultants (Bruce Halbert) for sponsoring and its organizers Kelly Tooley and Andrea Halbert.

The Annual Skins Spiel is being held from March 4 to 8 and is open to all members of the club.

Doug & Marilyn Fleming, Chairpersons



ATTENTION UCC SCRAPBOOKING ENTHUSIASTS!



UCC HAS ACCUMULATED MANY TROPHIES
OVER THE YEARS THROUGH MANY SUCCESSES
BUT IT IS NOW GETTING TO A POINT WHERE WE
NO LONGER HAVE THE ROOM TO
DISPLAY ALL OF OUR TROPHIES

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS MADE A
DECISION TO PRESERVE OUR PAST
ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY SCRAPBOOKING THOSE
TROPHIES THAT ARE NO LONGER USED

THE GENERAL INTENTION IS TO SCRAPBOOK
TROPHIES THAT DATE BACK TO 1999 AND
EARLIER. SOME EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP WITH THIS
TASK. PICTURES OF EACH OLD TROPHY WILL BE
TAKEN AND THE NAME PLATES WILL BE
REMOVED FOR SCRAPBOOKING.

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING
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UCC Pro Shop

UCC has a large selection of curling equipment and clothing apparel at competitive prices.

The Pro Shop carries curling shoes, brooms, grippers, sliders, stop watches, gloves, pants, sweaters and more - Asham, Balance Plus, Goldline, Olsen and Performance products.

Please remember to support the Club when looking to purchase new curling gear. See the Club Manager (Craig Harvey) for the latest products.



OCA Event Accomplishments

Intermediate Men's Zone Winners (A Side) :

John Bell
Jim Bell
Doug Gorrill
Greg Truscott

Good luck at the Regionals March 1st and 2nd
(Thornhill Golf and Country Club)

Scotties Heart Challenge Regional Winners:

Sara Harvey (curling with Janet McGhee)

Pepsi Junior Women Regional Winners: Hollie Nicol (out of Kitchener-Waterloo)

**Dominion of Canada Senior Women
Zone Winners:**
Mary Gellard's Rink

**Best Western Challenge
Zone Winners:**
Christine Pierce's Rink

**Fairfield Marriott Challenge
Zone Winners:**
Tim Morrison's Rink

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