

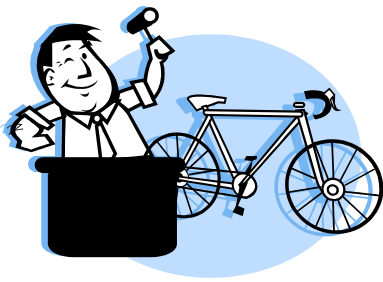
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## Where Friendship is a **TRADITION**

### President's Message

The 2007 / 2008 curling season is drawing to a close and the start of the playoffs are just around the corner. I would like to update you on some of the recent events that have taken place. The Board hosted the 3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on Sunday March 9th with 64 volunteer members taking part in the festivities. The theme was the Brier and members were assigned to represent a province with fellow curlers from various sections. It was a great day of curling, trivia and dinner and I would like to once again thank all of you who give your time to Unionville Curling Club. Thank you to Andrea Halbert and the Board for their hard work.



The Annual Live and Silent Auction was held on Saturday March 29th. This event is UCCs largest fundraiser each year. It was a great night with a crowded house of members spending over \$11,800. Thank you to all those who donated items and came out to support the event. A special thank you to Ted McDermott, Tina Svistunenko and Al Gates for acting as auctioneers and to Stephen and Meagan Orr for preparing the food for the evening. I would also like to thank Eve and Jen for bartending and Craig Harvey for all his work leading up to the event. I would like to thank the Board for all of their work particularly Cath Gostlin and Kent Tomasik who organized the night.

Championship day will be held on Saturday April 12th. This is a fun-filled day of great curling starting in the early afternoon straight through to the evening. If you have become one of the many who will be observers that day, please come out to watch cheer on what is always a great finale. A schedule of events is posted in the lounge..

The last official function of the year is the Annual General Meeting. Remember to mark Monday June 9th (7:30 p.m) in your calendars and come out and support the official business of the Club



Good Luck to all of those in the play-offs and on behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in October 2008.

Dustin Krill, President

## Little Rocks Section

The annual Little Rock Teddy Bear Bonspiel was a huge success! Each of the nineteen participants took home a trophy, candy bag, toy, and of course a stuffed teddy bear. The pizza lunch was delicious! The games were action packed, with two games needing a draw to the button to decide the winner! The team of Chantelle Campbell (Skip), Cannes Choy, Emmerson Steffler, Sarah Wallace, and Maegan Daffern took home top honours. Thank you to Lois and Murray Roberts for their sponsorship and to the volunteers for their dedication.

Brian Daffern, Chairperson

## Junior / Bantam Section

### Unionville sends Bantam Boys and Girls to Zones

Uxbridge Curling Club was the sight for Zone 6 Bantam Boys and Girls competitions this year. Unionville Curling Club was well represented by three teams. The first boys team consisted of Scott Morrison, Alex Elliott, Chris Gemmell and Scott Dillen, and the second team for the boys was comprised of Curtis and James Nelson, Nathan Carwana and Bryan Mason. The girls team was skipped by Samantha Elliott, with Emily Chan playing Vice, Stephanie Gemmell (second) and Kendra Pierce (Lead). Both of the boys teams and the girls team demonstrated the fine traditions of Unionville Curling Club with very sportsman like conduct. The Boys teams were joined by volunteers Greg Nelson, Dave Mason, Alex Dillen, Greg Elliott and Brian Gemmell while the Girls were coached by Ruth Gemmell. Many thanks to all who participated. Congratulations Curlers!

### Annual Family Day another success

What has become an annual event here at Unionville Curling Club, "Family Fun Day" was held on Sunday, February 10th, where our Bantam and Junior Curlers invited family members to come out and try their hand at this great game. We had another exceptional turn out with over 30 "new" curlers joining their sons, daughters, brothers or sisters out on the ice. In the tradition of fellowship enjoyed by curlers after the game where we talk about the great shots and almost great ones, families brought "Potluck Snacks". Coffee and Soft Drinks were provided.

Successful Fundraising by Juniors at The Energizer and Curl for Heart Saturday January 5th saw Junior Curlers preparing and serving Lunch to participants of the TCA Energizer Bonspiel. This activity raised money which in part helped to fund some of the prizes at the February Bantam/Junior Spiel. Thanks to Samantha and Alex Elliott, Alex and Craig Trought, Emily Chan, Nathan Carwana, and Nicholas Richard. The Curl for Heart event allowed us to add funds to go toward section activities. Besides bonspiel prizes, team jackets are budgeted for purchase for use out at of club events.

P.S. This activity was used to count toward community service hours for High School.

### February 17<sup>th</sup> in club Junior/Bantam Spiel results

Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> was the date of our second bonspiel which enjoyed the participation of 44 curlers from this section. Harrison Griffiths skipped the winning team. Stephanie Gemmell viced, Samantha Leung played second, and Sarah Mason threw lead rocks. Second place went to Craig Trought and his team of Michael Zuliani, and Phil Hau. Third place was held down by Ben Kinsella, Jonathan Bridson, Steven Chung, and Michael Norton. Fourth went to Derrick Chow, Grant Stott, Jeremy Scott, Robert Colonna. 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, and to Alex Dillen and Greg Elliott who ran the draw to the button competition. Support from Sponsors like Toshiba Canada (Howard and Jill Morrison), Industrial Electrical Contractors (Wendy & Ron Griffiths), Craig Harvey and Paula Jesty, Tim and Melinda Stott, Tom Stack, Glenn and Elaine Nelson, Upper Crust Bakery, Campbell Soups, Reliable Food Supplies provided for an absolutely fabulous prize table. Thank you all.

Thank you to all the curlers, parents, club members and board for helping to make this season a great success and for their support over the past four years.

Rob & Chris Trought  
Co-chairs Junior and Bantam Section

## Day Ladies Section

The day ladies second schedule has come to a close and the winners of the trophies are as follow.

### **HUDSON PLUMBING**

Carolyn Nicolson

Janice Warwick

Diane Joans

Cathy Dowling

### **CONNIE MCDERMOTT**

Karen Blackman

Laura Ferguson

Pauline Wozniak

Mae Nolan

### **UNIONVILLE ARMS**

Pat Seawright

Robbyn Greene

Donna Svistunenکو

Laurie Magee

### ***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS.***

December was a busy month. Our **CHRISTMAS BONSPIEL** was held on two consecutive Thursdays. The committee worked very hard to make this spiel a great success. Thank you to Jennifer Cosburn and her very capable committee.

Our **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** which was held on December 18<sup>th</sup> gave us an opportunity to give back to our community by being part of sponsoring a family in need. Thank you to Jane Elliott for all her hard work.

Our **REFRESHER CLINIC** held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, was well attended by 18 curlers and five instructors. Time was spent on the ice with instruction, plus strategy sessions off ice led by Mary Gellard. Thank you to Marilyn Parsons for her on going commitment to all of our clinics.

The **MILES HECTARES** spiel was held January 11<sup>th</sup>. This spiel is one of our most popular. It was completely full with a waiting list. The committee worked endlessly to make sure everyone had a great time not only on the ice but off. The winner of the trophy was Jan Cawardine, Marguerite Hacala, Judy MacLellan and Vera Richardson from Leaside. As always, we thank Joyce Miles for her generosity. Joyce was present to enjoy a lunch and present the trophy.

A **GUEST DAY** was held on January 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Business Ladies. Twenty Nine quests attended. Eight signed a sheet expressing an interest in joining next year; half of those expressed interest in our section. The day ladies are thankful for the opportunity to work with the business ladies to try and get our membership up.

The **ELEANOR CROSSEN** spiel was held on three consecutive Thursdays in January, it had two draws at 9am and 11am, both with good attendance. We would like to express our appreciation to the Crossen family for their sponsorship and support. As usual, the committee worked hard to make the last day memorable. Congratulations to the winners.

The **BEA KULMALA** spiel held February 21<sup>st</sup>, is a one day bonspiel held in honour of Bea who was a long standing member of our club. Mike Kulmala and his sister Cathy were there to present the trophy to the winning team. Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this bonspiel. On behalf of the Day Ladies we would like to express our appreciation for their long standing commitment. Thank you to the committee for all the hard work.

The two day **TOWN + COUNTRY BMW** bonspiel was held March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The curling, food and décor at the club were fabulous and showed a lot of creativity. This year home hostessing was brought back and was a huge success thanks to our home hostesses and their committees. Thank you to all the many volunteers and Unionville curlers for their on going dedication to this bonspiel; also to Jim Cochrane and Bonnie Cochrane for there generous sponsorship, year after year. Congratulations to the trophy winners, the St. Catherines team: Marilyn Bodogh, Mary Gellard, Gail Beveridge and Maureen Ramsden.

Our Monday afternoon leads and seconds league is coming to an end, it was well received and gets better ever year. Thank you to Sandy Whalen for all her effort.

**CONTRATULATIONS** to our Unionville team of Sue Beard, Anne Watkin Joan Izzett and Bette Amery winners of the GTA Leads and Seconds Mini Major Finals held at the Oakville Curling Club. Also to Andrea Sum-sion, Louise Ferri, Marg Curtis and Lynn Taylor who came in third.

Ingrid Hollett

Day Ladies Chairperson

## Day Men's Section

We have had an excellent season to date. We have completed our T-50 and our draw teams schedules. We have completed six monthly bonspiels and have our final one on Friday April 11/08.

**Winners** of the March Bonspiel were Kent Tomasik, John de Bruijn, Don Gunning, Rick Proctor, Edgar Mills, and Don Sutherland.

**Runners up** were Chuck Laidley, John Chipperfield, Bob Taylor, Sum Tang, Al Field, and Bev McCauley.

With many of our members heading south for the sunshine, our tag curling has room for more participants. I encourage all men to come and join us on Wednesday and Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. There is also a tag curling at 1:30 pm on Friday April 2, 2008. Thank you to the board of directors for showing your appreciation to all the volunteers and thank you to all those who assist, organize, and clean up after each session.

### MASTERS INVITATIONAL BONSPIELS

#### October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Super Masters (280 years total)

##### Draw 1:

1. B. Harwood – Uxbridge
2. B. Cornish – Port Perry
3. J. Bayes – Bayview
4. L. Christie – H.H. Seniors

##### Draw 2:

1. A. Palmer – Thornhill
2. J. Beuckert – Whitby
3. J. Hall – East York

#### December 10<sup>th</sup> – Masters (60+ Years)

##### Draw 1:

1. B. Cornish – Port Perry
2. D. Hicke – Unionville
3. E. Milne – Unionville
4. R. Grant – Uxbridge

##### Draw 2:

1. R. Raker – Unionville
2. J. McCorkill – Whitby
3. G. Barry – Unionville
4. L. Lyons – Tam Heather

#### February 11<sup>th</sup> – Masters (60+ Years)

##### Draw 1:

1. H. Wilson – Tam Heather
2. J. McCorkill – Whitby
3. A. Palmer – Thornhill
4. J. Fransden – Tam Heather

##### Draw 2:

1. D. Hicke – Unionville
2. G. Nelson – Unionville
3. G. Barry – Unionville
4. J. Bayes – Bayview

John Chipperfield, Chairperson

## Men's Section

We lost a good fellow this past February. Glenn Allan a long standing member of the Club passed away on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Members and family paid their respects. Glenn will be missed.

On a happier note, a rare 8-ender was scored during the second men's draw schedule by John Bayko, Tom Hall, Charles Giliberto and Dan Korey.

#### **Winners of the Dixon-Garland Bonspiel:**

1st Event Winner - Dennis Akerley (Skip), Jeff Stubbs, Jim Lawton, Ray Leroux

2<sup>nd</sup> Event Winner - Murray Walker (Skip), Bruce Band, Keith Clemens, Glen Shevlin

3<sup>rd</sup> Event Winner - Jim Bell (Skip), Greg Bates, Ben Seto, Dave Teoli

4<sup>th</sup> Event Winner - Greg Nelson (Skip), Phil Pollicelli, Ray Eady, Kevin Lowe (Sparing for Rick Proctor)

Shootout Close to Button Winner: Dennis Akerley

#### **Zone Competitions:**

COLTS: Greg Nelson, Fred Berkuizen, Stewart Bond and Mark St. John won Zone 6 B side.

INTERMEDIATES: John Bell, Jim Bell, Doug Gorrill and Gregg Truscott won Zone 6 A side .

FAIRFIELD MARRIOTT CHALLENGE: Tim Morrison, Kevin Roberts, Mike McCormick and Dustin Krill won Zone 6 A side.

The Men's Mid season meeting was held and had some rule changes to be incorporated into the next season.

Steve Rogers  
Chairperson



**Curl for Heart 2008**

The Unionville Business Women's 2008 Curl for Heart Invitation Bonspiel took place on Saturday, February 16th, 2008 in support of the Heart & Stroke Foundation. The teams were piped onto the ice by Bob Stobie.

The winning team was skipped by Charlotte Wolfenberg of Oshawa Curling Club which qualified them to play in the Melitta Sunshine Bonspiel. Second place went to Mary Ellen Samson's team from Dixie; third place went to Leslie Wagner's team from Dixie and fourth place went to Andrea Evans' team from Weston/Thornhill. All of the teams made numerous amazing shots throughout the day making the competition exciting for both players and spectators.

Total revenue for the event was \$4,587.61 from registrations, raffle ticket sales and sponsorships. A total of \$1,540.00 was raised for the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

The Bonspiel would not have been possible without the hard work and efforts by the many volunteers who helped set up on Friday and during the day on Saturday: (Gail Pimm, Priscilla Rushton, Wendy Svistenenko, Heike Marshall, Kim Murray, Marg Osaka, Judy Robertson, Dee Savourin, Margaret McCleod).

I would particularly like to thank Carol Costa, my co-chair, Brenda Cousineau as treasurer and who worked with Norma Evans at the registration table. Also to Sue Edwards and Wendy Bell and team for running the breakfast.

My sincere thanks to Patti Shevlin, who was an invaluable resource for me and was 'by my side' the whole way.

Particular thanks to Patti Shevlin and Barbara Jackson who were the Drawmasters and did an excellent job with no disputed calls and Julie Bolwes for making up the signs and name tags. And special thanks again to Kathy Desson from Markham Cruiseship-centres for once again donating \$300 to support the event.

Thanks to our donors & sponsors who make this event possible:

**Club Members -**

- Kathy Desson – Cruise Ship Centres
- Steve Rogers – MAC Cosmetics
- Virginia Brooker – Hershey Canada
- Judy Martin – Gay Lea Foods
- Debbie Nitsotolis
- Ginny Slike-Jewellery Consultants

**Plus**

- Joe Costa-C & T Reinforcing Steel
- Village Grocer
- Starbucks Coffee
- La Belle Flowers & Gifts Inc.
- Living Waters Restaurant
- Donna Dobbs-Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Anja Duncan-Avon
- Troy Taylor-Pepsi Cola
- Denise Tierney, Carol Smith-Pleasant Healing Studio
- The Heart & Stroke Foundation

Next year's event will be chaired by myself and co-chaired by Carol Costa on Valentine's Day Feb 14 2009.

Debbie Nitsotolis  
Chair, Curl for Heart 2008

## Mixed Section

The season is wrapping up and the last two mixed events have been held. And the winners are...

### Life's A Beijing Olympics (Feb 22 & 23):

**GOLD Medal:** George Otani's team of Matt Giliberto, Patti Shevlin and Brad Ing

**SILVER Medal:** Connie McDermott's team of Tim Beard, Cathy White and Chris May

**BRONZE Medal:** Lynn Brown's team of Sue Beard, Randall Mathieu and Elizabeth Griswold

### SKINS Bonspiel (March 3 to 8)

**A Event:** Rob Retchless team of Sarah Noorden, Louis Noorden and Cathie Anderson

**B Event:** Dennis Akerley team of Peter Wong, Sandy Whalen and Ray Eady

**C Event:** Kent Tomasik team of Alex Dillon, Brian Monti and Kim Murray

**D Event:** George Coombs team of Phil Policelli, Leslee Common and Chuck Stokes

Thank you to the mixed committee for your hard work and dedication.

Doug & Marilyn Fleming, Chairpersons

## Stick Curling

A most sincere thank you to The Board and all 186 curlers who signed the Stick Petition protesting the WCF rule regarding release before either foot has reached the tee line at the delivering end.

Last summer an alert was raised and as a result a petition was sent to all OCA clubs in November. The OCA was aware of the petition and that stick curlers wished to continue to curl with the current OCA and CCA rules that are familiar to us. About 1500 signatures from grass roots curlers was sent to the CCA requesting their support of our position at the WCF meeting. It was noted that the WCF rule could present a safety issue with the aborted delivery. Also 1/3 of all Ontario curlers are seniors and 4000 are stick curlers. This number is growing annually and many clubs cannot afford to lose their seniors. On-

tario stick curlers want to play a traditional 8 end game, on a regular team, in any position, in leagues and bonspiels. Stick curlers can sweep. In other provinces, stick curlers play "scotch doubles" on 2 man teams with little or no sweeping. This reduces the game to a shuffle board format!

A very prompt reply was received from Greg Strem-law, CEO of the CCA, stating that the CCA chose not to adopt the WCF rule and they will maintain the current stick release rule in the 2008/09 season. The CCA appreciated our effort and will provide our position at the upcoming WCF meeting.

So all was not in vain!

Marilyn Parsons

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