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**Where Friendship is a
TRADITION**

President's Message

Welcome curlers to the 2008-2009 curling season. As the pleasant weather continues to embrace us, it's difficult for some to put away the sticks and bring out the brooms. However, a new curling season has begun and let the fun begin.

I have the pleasure to introduce Mr. Fred Berkhuisen, our new Club Manager. Fred has been quite busy since taking on his new responsibilities and I trust that you will get to know him sometime during the curling year. If it's curling information, shoes, brooms, gloves, pants or perhaps a new curling jacket, Fred is your man to get in touch with.

The Board of Directors has had a busy summer as well and I would like to thank each and everyone for the contributions they have given to operate the club through the summer months and prepare for this new curling season. Our staff members are an important ingredient to the success of our club. Thank you to Jim Kinzinger and your staff for excellent ice conditions again this year, and to Ev and her staff for maintaining our excellent bar. And as the season is now in full swing, I'd like to thank all the Section Heads and Committee Members for your involvement in making this club what it is. For without your involvement, there would be little or no activity. We are a member run club and your participation is appreciated. Please contact any of the Section Heads or Committee Members to find out how you can get involved this year.

There have been a few cosmetic changes made to the club for this year - new carpet has been installed in the main lounge and on the stairs and landing area leading out to the ice level; new windows in the dining lounge; new kitchen taps; repairs to the chimney as well as minor repairs to the interior structure of the building. A number of changes have also been made to the way we dispense information to the membership. Our web site is in the processes of being updated and you have already noticed a change with our membership application. These changes will allow our Section Heads to receive information quickly and distribute information to their members in a timely manner.

The Beginner/Novice and Skills Curling Clinics were a great success again this year. We are fortunate to have dedicated instructors to take on this vital role. Thanks to the organizers, and to everyone who participated and a special thank you to the instructors that made this event a great success.

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Lastly, I want to bring to your attention our rules regarding cell phones and entrance and exit from the ice surface. For the enjoyment of all curlers, please turn your cell phones either off or on vibrate and if you must answer a call, please do so away from the spectator area. If clean ice and ideal ice conditions are to be maintained, it is essential that we all follow the rule of never entering the exit doors after leaving the ice surface.

Have a great year of curling



Dennis Akerley, President

Little Rocks Section

The Little Rockers are eager to start their season on October 19th. We will build upon the success of last year by continuing to offer quality instruction, games, snacks, a bonspiel, and a whole lot of fun!

Thank you to the many volunteers that work both on and off the ice. They help the section run smoothly and allow for small group instruction. Thank you to the Executive who continue to support the Little Rock program by arranging for training and by purchasing little rock brooms.

On October 4th, and 5th Steve Orr and I attended the level one "Club Coach" course, held at High Park Curling Club. The course was very informative and confirmed that the Little Rock program is on the right track.

We are looking forward to a fun and safe season!



Brian Daffern, Chairperson

Junior / Bantam Section

The Bantam/Junior curling division will start up again on Sunday October 19th, and just like last year the Juniors will start at 11:00 to 12:45 (approx) and the Bantams will start at 1:15 to 3:00. We will juggle these times a little bit as the year goes on and we start the curling badge training program.

Bianca and I look forward to working with all of you this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris and Rob Trought for all of their great work over the years, they have been a big help to us as we

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get started on our new role. I know that Chris and Rob would also like to join us in congratulating the section winners from last year's club championships. It was way back in April but a great day was had by all and the curling was outstanding.

Here is a list of the winners and finalists for both the Bantam and Junior groups:

Club Champions Junior: Alex Trought, Ben Kinsella, Jonathan Bridson, and Anthony Damtsis

Runners Up Junior: Daniel Ng, Christopher Pownall, Dustin Pun, and Arthur Ng

Club Champions Bantam: Brandon Kahn, Anthony Duen, Robert Colonna, and Corey Maikawa

Runners up Bantam: Bryan Mason, Samantha Leung, Rowhan Lahure, and Aiden Alderdice

The 2008/2009 season is shaping up very nicely, there are a number of Bantam curlers from last year who will be moving up to the Junior level and it also looks like we have a number of new faces joining the program. That is great to see. We are always looking for new curlers and we still have room if you know anyone who wants to join us on Sundays.

Please feel free to contact me at david40@sympatico.ca, or at our home number: 905-472-4396, if you have any questions about the program. We are also always looking for volunteers to assist with the program if you would like to help out please give a shout or just come see me at the Sunday curling. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Dave Mason, Chairperson

Day Ladies Section

A warm welcome to a new season to all curlers and a very special welcome to our ten new Day Lady curlers. Regrettably several of the Day Lady curlers have for various reasons had to relinquish their active memberships or switch to Associate status. Our active membership now stands at 91 curlers and we are especially excited to welcome new curlers, Peggy Garach, Connie Graham, Susan Hall, Louise Hill, Tina Leon, Mary Lou Webb, Cheryl Pitchford, Jane Morgan, Janet Arthur and Maureen Burke.

The current curling season kicked off with our **Wine and Cheese** evening and 65 Day Lady curlers enjoyed an evening of renewing old acquaintances and meeting our new curlers. A random draw literally drawn out of a hat(s) and ably coordinated by Ice Chair Louise Ferri determined the team make-ups for our first schedule, which runs from October 14, 2008 to December 9, 2008.

The **Club-wide Instructional Clinics** held in late September and early October were attended by several Day Lady curlers. Lynn Taylor and her Committee were part of the group who assisted with the feeding of the curlers at these Clinics. Well done Lynn.

Our **Opening Luncheon** was held on October 7th. House Committee Co-Chairs Joan Izzett and Anne Watkin once again provided beautifully decorated tables and a well-planned menu and everyone enjoyed a delightful lunch and afternoon.

On October 9th a **Refresher Clinic** ably run by Marilyn Parsons and her group of qualified instructors was well-attended by many enthusiastic Day Lady curlers.

In June Entertainment Chair Sandy Whalen organized a superb **golf day** at Rolling Hills followed by a delicious dinner at the Willow Springs Winery and

Vineyard. Sandy and her enthusiastic committee took this event to a whole new level and her efforts were enjoyed and appreciated by all the golfers.

Last season's scheduled curling concluded in April, 2008 and the winners were presented with their prizes at our **Closing Luncheon** on April 15, 2008.

Supreme Lighting Trophy

Mary Gellard
Betti-Ann Lavitt
Marg Curtis
Gail Gayman

Temptation Trophy – Dr. David Dudley

Vera Wilkins
Sheila Wellwood
Maureen Ramsden
Vlasta Sloggett

Mary Gellard Trophy

Chris Wightman
Chris Trought
Lorene Reid
Sandra Hume

Championship Night in April included a game with Carole Murray, Skip; Chris Trought; Joan Issett and Sue Beard emerging as the All Star Winners. Also on that night the winners of the Team Entry second schedule, Pat Seawright, Skip; Connie McDermott; Gail Closs and Cathy Gostlin played the Grand Aggregate winner, Team Kerr for the Club Championship with Andrea Kerr, Skip; Chris Wightman; Chris Trought and Betti-Ann Lavitt (spare Fran Allan, lead) emerging as the 2008 Champions

Team Entry was sponsored this year by Wizard Sports Group, Bob Nicholson. Winners of the 1st and 2nd Schedule were awarded prizes at the Team Entry

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Fun Day on April 10th.

1st Schedule:

“A” winners – Mary Gellard, Gail Beveridge, Kim Griffin and Vera Wilkins

“B” winners – Ingrid Hollett, Lorene Reid, Maureen Ramsden and Connie VanParys

2nd Schedule:

“A” winners – Pat Seawright, Connie McDermott, Gail Closs and Cathy Gostlin

“B” winners – Pat Maybury, Dawn Webb, Gail Browne and Jane Elliott

An **amendment to Rule #9** has been passed allowing for three spares and in extenuating circumstances .four spares for our Schedule games. Hopefully this will accommodate the many members of the Day Ladies section who take extended holidays during the winter months. They will still be able to sign up for schedule curling because they will have the option of getting a spare for the weeks that they are absent without jeopardizing their team’s status or need to default a game.

We have many exciting upcoming events in the Day Ladies calendar. The **Past President’s Bonspeil** chaired by Marj Sayeau commences on October 16th and runs for the next four Thursdays. The **Mollie Hood Bonspeil** will be held on November 25th and our two-day **Christmas Speil** is scheduled for December 11th and 18th. The **Revera** sponsored Toronto and District Ladies Bonspeil will be held on the 11th, 12th and 13th. Unionville Curling Club will be hosting on the first day of the Revera. This is the 50th Anniversary of this Bonspeil and Unionville Curling Club was instrumental in the founding of the Speil. Helen Jewett who was part of the first Executive and Lois Roberts who curled in the first Bonspeil will be actively participating in this 50th Anniversary Event. We are hopeful that we will have a good representation of teams from UCC competing in this milestone Anniversary event.



Good Curling everyone.

Jane Elliott, 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: Ross Anderson, Ron Beveridge, John Fearn, Bob Graham, David McGinnis, Ronald Russell and Robert Woods. We also welcome several “evening” men who are now participating with us for the first time.

We now have Tag Curling on 12 Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Friday mornings. Our successful Draw Team event is on Fridays at 11:30 am 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 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.

Our first all-day spiel with lunch and prizes is October 22nd, our second one is on Wednesday, November 19th and look forward to our Christmas Turkey Spiel on Wednesday, December 17th 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.

John Chipperfield, Chairperson



Men's Section

Welcome to the next season of Men's curling. We had a great turnout for the Men's Stag Night and got to meet some old friends and new curlers as well.

Our Men's Team Entry lost a few curlers over the summer. We are currently running with a 10 team 'C' division. Kevin Roberts has been replaced by Lorne Franklin for the Men's Team Entry division and Kent Tomasik has returned to coordinate the Men' Draw division.

A **ruling** that was passed at last season's annual meeting about 3 teams moving up or down was **overturned** at the Men's Stag night. The current rule of 2 teams moving up or down shall remain.

The ice has remained steady for the first few weeks, thanks to Jim Kinzinger and staff. Jim Bell has volunteered to Sponsor the Fall Classic Bonspiel this year for the beginning of December.

The winners last season were:

Team Entry: Greg Nelson, Glenn Nelson, Ross Baker, and Bill Lee

Draw: John Bell, Dave Rannie, Allan Wilkie, and Ray Eady

Good Luck to all teams, and keep the spirit alive,
HURRY HARD!!!

Steve Rogers, Chairperson

Special Olympics Section

**" Let me win . But if I cannot win , let me be brave
in the attempt "**

Welcome athletes and volunteers to our 8th year of Special Olympics curling. The upcoming season should prove to be very exciting with the addition of 4 new curlers who will join our regular crew of 9 .

Weekly sessions for the **Unionville Sweep** will begin on Monday, October 27th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, and will continue most Mondays through to

Special Olympics (cont.)

March. Welcome once again and good curling to all !

Jane Morgan, Chairperson

Business Women's Section

Welcome back curlers! A special welcome to all our new members and to those joining us from other sections. We are beginning the season with 85 registered curlers, with 84 playing in the first draw. Some curlers will be playing on two nights to fill in the gaps and our thanks to those players. If you know of any other women who might be interested, please let them know, we still have space.

2008 Champions: Sara Harvey, Barbara Pentecost, Joey Davidson and Anne Leroux.

Runners-up: Karen Rowsell, Dee Savourin, Brenda McAuley and Heike Marshall. Congratulations!

This year the club is hosting the **Business Women's Energizer** on Friday, November 7. **Guest Day** is Saturday November 22. It is in cooperation with the Day Ladies' Section and we still need volunteers to organize this important event. If you are interested, please contact Patti Shevlin as soon as possible.

This year, our section has created a **new sub-committee**, the Player Positioning Committee. This committee has been responsible for revisiting our current player ratings and rules, and making adjustments where appropriate. The committee will be organizing some section clinics and "fun" nights to help to improve the players' understanding of the game, on-ice skills, and strategy. We will be posting a **Tip of the Week** on the bulletin board in the Ladies' Locker Room.

Please remember to watch the bulletin board for important announcements, team standings and event sign-up sheets.

Good Curling.
Patti Shevlin for Tina Svistunenko, Chairperson

Mixed Section

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our New mixed members! UCC hosted **3 Open Houses** this year which were very successful in that Membership is full again this year (165 curlers) with over a dozen + new curlers joining the Mixed Division of UCC.

Last year's 3rd Draw Winners:

Section A: Phil Policelli, Brian Lueng, Jane Alexander and Gail Pimm

Section B: Kent Tomasik, Cathy Gostlin, Matt Giliberto and Donna Metcalf

Section C: Don Garland, Carol Wolfe, Karen Hill and Brad Ing

Section D: John Heath, Jackie Lawton, Kim Parker and Jim White

Section E: Brian Monti, Dave Blancard, Anna Misciagna and Carol Kitchen

2008 Mixed Curling Club Champions:

Skip – Ev Reid (sparing for her Scott McPherson)

Vice – Sue Beard

2nd - Matt Giliberto

Lead – Bill Reid

Congratulations on a very exciting game that included one 8 ender!

A big **Thank You** to Doug & Marilyn Fleming ! We would like to thank Doug & Marilyn for doing

such a great job over the past few years as Mixed Chairperson(s)! They will be staying on the committee to help with transitioning the new Chairperson(s) in ! The following is a list of your Mixed Committee. We are always looking for new members, good ideas & feedback.

Mixed Committee Members:

Karen & Dirk Mooney – Chairpersons

Doug & Marilyn Fleming – Past Chairpersons

Doug & Carol Wolfe

Heather McCormick – Drawmaster

Dave & Wendy Bell

Ray & Anne Leroux (welcome)

Barry & Carolyn Hoover (welcome)

Jim & Jackie Lawton

Upcoming Bonspiels to Remember:

- **Potluck Bonspiel**, Saturday, October 25th (Mixed Members Only), Organizers – Carol & Doug Wolfe and Dave & Wendy Bell

- **Nuts 'n' Bolts** – Nov. 11 – 15th - (Open to all Members), Organizers – Dave & Wendy Bell, and Doug & Marilyn Fleming



Karen Mooney,
Chairperson

Editor: Brian Monti

Open Team Entry Section

The open curling group got off to an enjoyable start last week. The first games saw some strong play which should make for a competitive and entertaining season. This year there were initially seven teams but an additional team has come forward to round the numbers to eight teams making for a more balanced schedule. Games are played on Thursday evenings alternating between the 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. time slots.

Kevin Lowe, Chairperson

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