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President's Message: Happy New Year!

Fellow curlers: The Board of Directors and staff at Unionville Curling Club wish you and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Congratulations to all first section winners and good luck to all in the second. Curling is back in full swing after the Christmas break and many of our curlers are involved in outside bonspiels. The largest of these is the TCA Men's Energizer – good luck to all who have entered either the open, senior or senator events. Check your calendar for other TCA and OCA events and give them a try.

On our tables in the lounge area is a reminder of the Toronto Grand Slam of Curling Event. The second round of ticket sales has been launched and you can see Fred for tickets. The event takes place October 21-25, 2009.

Fred has been quite busy with our pro shop and invites anyone requiring new equipment to come in and check out his available inventory.

Please remember to follow our rules of entering and leaving the ice surface. This is particularly important at this time of the year as salt and dirt is brought into the club.

Great curling

Dennis Akerley, President



Little Rocks Section

The Little Rockers must have been good. Not only did Santa bring a gift for each curler, but he also brought new rocks! Thank you to the executive for helping Santa! The "Lite Rocks", which are full diameter, but half the weight of regular stones, are very much appreciated since the Little Rock program continues to grow. We are looking forward to our annual bonspiel in February. Twenty nine curlers will enjoy pizza, prizes and trophies. It will be a great day!



Brian Daffern, Chairperson

Junior / Bantam Section

The Junior and Bantam divisions have had a great start to the season, we have now completed the first 9 weeks of the schedule and have seen great turnout and participation from all curlers. We have 30 curlers in the Junior group and 16 curlers registered in the Bantams, each week the curling just gets better and better.

The first bonspiel of the year was held on Sunday November 30th- the Seawright Bonspiel is a real favourite of all the curlers and we had great participation, there were 42 curlers from both the Junior and Bantam divisions. The winning team was skipped by Samantha Elliott, and included Philip Hau and Gary Chung. The runners-up were skipped by Curtis Nelson, along with Steven Chung and Jonathan Yiu. The winner of the Draw to the Button contest was James Koo.

Bianca and I would like to thank the sponsors and volunteers who helped out to make this day a great success. First of all the sponsors, a big thanks to Pat Seawright for the wonderful support of this event. The kids really enjoy the day and thank you for lending your name and support to this event. We also had great support from Ed Robinson and CTV Globe Media who helped out with some terrific prizes. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the day move so smoothly, Rob and Chris Trought, Alex Dillen, Sally Chan and all of the other parents who always help out when needed.

Our next bonspiel will be on March 1st, and the curlers are already looking forward to this event.

We will have two boys teams entered in the OCA Bantam Zones taking place on Jan 3rd and 4th. This event was held here at Unionville CC so hopefully you had a chance to come out to cheer the curlers.

Thanks to all for your continued support. Please contact me at david40@sympatico.ca if you have any questions about the program.

Best wishes for the new year



Dave Mason, Chairperson

Special Olympics Section

The Unionville Sweep - our Special Olympics curlers enjoyed a fun-filled first schedule. We were fortunate to have three new curlers join our section this year - Bill Clews, Bill Slater, and Allison Vigeon. Through weekly practices, skills have continued to develop and action packed games have ensued.

Recently a raffle was held to draw for a pair of tickets to an NFL game being played in Toronto. These tickets were generously donated by Bob and Carolyn Nicholson. **\$1635 was raised** and all proceeds will be used to enhance our Special Olympics Section. New jackets have already been purchased for our new curlers and several other initiatives will be implemented in the near future.

Sincere thanks to all those who supported the raffle, and especially the Day Ladies Section for their thoughtful initiative.

We look forward with great enthusiasm to the second draw.



Jane Morgan, Chairperson



Day Ladies Section

The fall season has been an active and busy one for the Day Ladies Section. The **Past President's Bonspiel**, run on four consecutive Thursdays and concluded on November 6th, was coordinated by Marj Sayeau. We thank our very generous sponsors, Tech Data, Jennifer Cosburn and Shelley Nielsen and Marj Sayeau who once again donated the very special pins and Helen Jewett who provided the beautiful Royal Doulton figurines. Congratulations to winners: Shelley Nielsen (Skip), Ann Agnew, Louise Ferri and Diane Jones.

The **First Schedule** has concluded and the trophy winners are:

RE/MAX Classic Properties Trophy

Carole Murray (Skip)
Gail Beveridge
Diane Jones
Janet Arthur

Tech Data Canada Inc. Trophy

Janet Stover (Skip)
Ingrid Hollett
Mary Aiken
Susan Smith

Greeneleaf Holdings Trophy

Mary Gellard (Skip)
Jane Morgan
Susan Beard
Marg Curtis

The **50th Anniversary Toronto and District Ladies Bonspiel** was held on November 11th – 13th. Unionville Curling Club acted as a host Club on the first day of competition. Thanks to Lynn Taylor and her committee who did a most commendable job acting as gracious hostesses. Unionville was well represented with 10 teams entered in this year's Bonspiel, six teams in the Open Event and four teams in the Senior Event.

Three of our teams participated in the Senior Event finals on November 13th at St. Georges Golf and Country Club:

Senior Third Event Winner was Pat Seawright's team with Fran Allan, Helen Jewett and Lois Roberts.

Senior Fourth Event Winner was Connie McDermott's team of Gail Closs, Barb Otani and Cath Gostlin.

Runner-up in the Consolation Main Event was Gail Beveridge's team with Jane Morgan, Gayle Coleman and Laurie Magee.

The **Victory Dinner** at St. George's included a great celebration of the 50th Anniversary of this bonspiel. Unionville Curling Club was publicly honoured as the founding club of the bonspiel. Helen Jewett and Lois Roberts were introduced and recognized for their participation in the first bonspiel 50 years ago and in this year's bonspiel and they had an opportunity to share their reflections. Not only that but this year they were on the team that won the Senior Third Event. Well done ladies!

The **Mollie Hood Bonspiel** held on November 25th. Carole Murray headed up the Committee who did a great job to make it a most enjoyable day for everyone. Unfortunately Mollie was not able to attend again this year but several of her friends came out to support her and to cheer on the curlers. We congratulate the winners: Andrea Kerr (Skip), Chris Trought, Sue Beard, and Connie Graham.

A most generous offer was made by Carolyn and Bob Nicholson and their Wizard Sports Group in the form of two VIP tickets for the NFL game played at the Rogers Centre on Sunday, December 7th. It was suggested that the Day Ladies Section hold a raffle with all proceeds going to our Special Olympic Section. The time line was extremely short and we thank Dennis Akerley and the UCC Board who very quickly gave Board approval so that we could immediately get the ball rolling on this project. A decision

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was made to offer the raffle tickets over two days to the general UCC membership so that we could generate as many sales as possible. A huge thank you to Andrea Halbert, Brian Monti and Fred Berkhuisen who helped sell tickets to the Men's Sections and to the Business Ladies. We were overwhelmed by the generous response of the UCC curlers and the **total of \$1635.00 raised** far exceeded our expectations.

At the draw on Thursday, December 4th Carolyn Nicholson had some surprises for us. Bob Nicholson was able to upgrade the tickets and after we completed the draw Carolyn informed us that the original pair were still available. That meant that we drew again and had two lucky winners, Ray Eady (Men's) and Kathy Desson (Business Ladies). Jane Morgan from the Special Olympics Section explained that the monies raised will be used to buy equipment such as jackets and bags for the new SO members and they can now plan a Bonspiel in the near future involving other SO teams. We extend our grateful thanks to Carolyn and Bob Nicholson for their most generous donation helping us to raise these funds for a most worthy cause.

With sadness we report that **Mary McTavish passed away** on December 14, 2009. Mary was a long-time curler and an Honorary Member of Unionville Curling Club. In 1966 Mary was a member of a Unionville Curling Club Team who won the Women's Worlds Curling Championship. This was a great source of pride for Mary for the rest of her life and we were all proud of her accomplishment.

Eighty active Day Ladies, Associates and Honorary members enjoyed a delicious **Christmas Luncheon** on December 16th, Santa and his favourite elf paid a visit and then we were treated to imported entertainment in the form of a Grade One/Two choir from nearby Parkview Public School. The accompanist for the choir was Emily Jewett, daughter-in-law of our own Helen Jewett. The **Day Ladies Charitable Christmas Drive** resulted in several loads of food items being donated to the Markham Food Bank. The **Christmas Spiel** ran on two consecutive Thursdays under the able direction of Janet Stover and her committee. This was a festive way to conclude our fall curling season.

Winners:

Shelly Nielsen-Skip
Chris Trought
Connie Van Parys
Tina Leon

With sister team of:

Gail Beveridge-Skip
Maureen Ramsden
Marcie Dercola

Runners-up:

Carole Murry-Skip
Fran Allan
Joan Izzett
Mary Lou Webb

With sister team of:

Mary Kulmala-Skip
Sue Beard
Wanda Mara

The Day Ladies curlers have also enjoyed **Thursday Mini-Spiels** such as the Tag Spiel and the Skins Cash Spiel. All the curlers are looking forward to the start of our Second Schedule, a **Refresher Clinic** on January 15th, and our popular **Miles Hectare Open Bonspiel** to be held on January 9th.



Jane Elliott, 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 this season. Our Friday noontime Draw Team event has again been quite successful. The Friday T-50 Challenge remains extremely popular.

In October, two teams went to a one day **Uxbridge Spiel**. The team of Don Allison, Sam Murakami,

Ross Baker, and Kent Tomasik finished first and the team of Charlie Fisher, Eric Milne, Bill Lee, and John Chipperfield finished second. Congratulations to both.

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

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Christmas baskets. The winners and runners-up:

Winners: (Draw #1) Kent Tomasik, George Otani, Rick Dennis, Don McNicoll, and Keith Gruben

Winners: (Draw #2) Gord Barry, Bill Lee, Dave Parsons, Jack McBride, and Fred Sheehy.

Runners-up: (Draw #1) Sam Murakami, Igors Svistunenko, Randy State, Wilf Schultz, and Ian Newton

Runners-up: (Draw #2) Eric Milne, Peter Wong, Bernie Wilcox, Jeff Loach, and Ron Russell.

The results of the **Draw Team's** first schedule:

Playoff Winners: Peter Wong, Rick Dennis, Ray Eady, and Bill Dyer.

Second Section Winners: Harold Jamison, Doug Fettes, Roger Lee, and Al Field.

The results of the **T-50 Team Challenge** first schedule :

Winners: Carl Glatt, Brian Gemmell, Jim Musgrave, and Bill Wright

Runners-up: Ken Long, Sylvio Roy, John de Bruijn , and Ian Munro.

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



John Chipperfield

Men's Section (cont.)

Superior Water (Jim Bell) sponsored this year's **Fall Classic**. Competition was good throughout the spiel. Food was also great. The overall winners were:

Winners: John Bell, Mark St. John, Don Seaton and Charles Beach.

I would like to thank Jim and his staff for putting on a great spiel.

Some Rules Clarifications:

Question: (Bell Rule) When does the next end start?

Answer: The next end starts when the score of the previous end score has been determined.

Question: Who can spare for the Men's Team/ Draw entries?

Answer: Only men who have paid for the Men's Team/ Draw entry division.

These definitions will be added to the rules in the coming seasons.



Steve Rogers, Chairperson

Men's Section

Not much happening after the first schedule completed. Here are the **winner**s for the first schedule:

Men's Draw Division:

Monday Early -	Greg Nelson
Monday Late -	Brian MacMillan
Thursday -	Jim Bell

Team Entry:

A Division -	John Bell
B Division -	Gord Barry
C Division -	Ken Lott

Stick Curling

Stick curling is growing in Ontario as several stick clinics have been held in the GTA, Kingston, Huntsville & Haliburton CC. Stick curlers want the latest in rules & delivery methods. Two teams have secured a place in the Provincial finals in Peterborough and the race is on for the remaining six places. Two UCC teams, one ladies and one mens are entered in the Jan. qualifiers. One spiel has a waiting list. Good Luck to our teams!

Marilyn Parsons, Chairperson

Mixed Section

From your **Mixed Committee** – Wow, where does the time go! We have finished the 1st Draw and started the 2nd Draw. So we would like to update you on the winners of Draw 1 and the results of the two bonspiels run to date. Draw 2 results will be covered in the next Tradition.

Draw 1 Winners: (Congratulations to all)

Section A: Kent Tomasik, Catherine Gostlin, Claire Colangelo, and Kim Murray

Section B: Norm Craven, Cheryl Craven, Karen Mooney, and John Montgomery

Section C: Mike McCormick, Matt Giliberto, Donna Duncan, and Mark Till

Section D: Connie McDermott, Shelley Gram, Kim Stokes, and Don Kitchen

Section E: Dave Blancard, Brian Leung, Wendy Bell, and Cathie Anderson

Bonspiels:

Potluck – Run by Doug and Carol Wolfe, Dave and Wendy Bell (great turn out and great food).

1st Place

Kent Tomasik, Marlene Heffron, Cathy White, and Lou Brault.

2nd place – (3 way tie)

Don Boynton, Diane Whittaker, Paul Anderson, and Alison Skeels,

Christine Pierce, Charles Gillberto, Donna Svis-tunenکو, and Bruce Linkletter,

Brian Monti, Judy Robertson, David Wadsworth, and Peggy Garach.

Nuts & Bolts – Run by Doug and Marilyn Fleming, assisting Dave and Wendy Bell. (great success with some amazing curling). **Winners** by event were:

A- Event: Kent Tomasik, Rob Trought, Dee Savournin, Julia Thompson (very exciting, went into a 9th end with Kent's last shot counting).

B- Event: Murray Walker, Sarah Noorden, Jane Policelli, and Stewart Loheed

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C- Event: Christine Pierce, Kelly Tooley, Barry Hoover, and Laurie Meyers

D-Event: Dustin Krill, Sue Beard, Bert Bergen, and Brent Manual

Games A, B and C were tied going into the 8th end – real nail biters and a great crowd of support behind the glass, cheering and applauding the teams after great shots were made!

Up-coming Bonspiels to watch for! **Life's a "....."** will be announced and posted on the Bulletin Board in mid-January. This bonspiel is scheduled as a one day event to be held on Saturday February 7th, 2009, so mark your calendars!



Karen Mooney, Chairperson

Business Women's Section

The Business Women's season is well on its way. We have just completed our first draw and the winners were announced at our annual Christmas Dinner.

Tuesday Night

Kim Brown, Wendy Svistunenکو, Lisa Bruce, and Dayle Hawkins

Wednesday Night

Doreen Small, Gail Kitigawa, Anne Leroux, and Cathy White

Thursday Night

Kristin Turko (for Jill King), Kathy Moran, Patti Shevlin, Priscilla Rushton

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This year the business women are dedicating one night of each draw to a **fun format**. This draw saw the Skips and Vices switching positions, which was a great success. It gave Vices experience at being in the house, and also gave the Skips the opportunity to work with the Leads and Seconds a little more closely. This coming draw will see a Crazy Birds format to allow all the players to get the chance to Skip. Thank you goes to Kelly Tooley and Andrea Halbert for also organizing an off ice question and answer period with a fun twist.

Our **Christmas Dinner** was well attended and top prize for a Christmas costume went to Angela Singleton. Our turkey dinner was great and thank you to Paula Wilson, Cathy White, and all the helpers for making the night a great success.

Coming up for the Business Women is the annual **Curl for Heart** on February 14th, which is always a success each year in both fun and fund raising for a great cause. We already have teams signed up and look forward to having another great year.

May we have a fun filled New Year with two more draws of great curling!



Tina Svistunenko, Chairperson

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**Happy New Year Great Curling
in 2009!**