



Carleton Heights Curling Club Newsletter

December 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO ALL CURLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS,
FILLED WITH PEACE AND GOODWILL
AND SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR
A HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR IN 2008**

From The Executive of the Carleton Heights Curling Club

The year, 2007, our fifty-second year in operation, was indeed memorable in the history of the Club. We inducted three new Life Members at our Annual Meeting in April 2007: Gord Lennox, former Club President and Club founder; Tom Pakenham, former President, Club founder and 25 year plus member; and Tedde Barker, Club founder and still active competitive curler. Thanks to a Trillium Foundation grant and the past good management of the Club's finances, we installed a new ice plant and made many associated improvements e.g. additional insulation, without incurring any debt. We were very sorry to see our sister Club at Hylands close in the fall of 2006, but we were indeed fortunate to welcome many new members from there into our ranks in 2007. New members bring new life and vitality to our Club and ensure our viability in the future.

It is important as we look back on the past year to recognize that our Club has grown and prospered due to the efforts, commitment and dedication of many, many people. Thank you to the many curlers, including our Junior and Little Rocks, for your participation and support. There are not enough words to express my gratitude to our excellent, hard working Manager Don Richardson and his topnotch staff. My thanks as well to Richard Haliburton, our fine Icemaker, and his staff for all their efforts. A huge, huge vote a thanks to our Ice Plant Implementation Team: Brian Overton, Brian Prosser, Don Richardson and Patrick Dawson. These four talented individuals were involved in every step of the project from start to finish. Not only did they do a great job but they saved the Club thousands of dollars.

The Club co-hosted the very successful OVCA Junior SuperSpiel once again this November. I am pleased to share with you a part of a letter I received from Doug Kreviazuk, Chair, OVCA Junior SuperSpiel: "Carleton Heights has partnered with the Junior SuperSpiel for several years: for that we are extremely grateful. As always, the quality of your host facilities, your ice, as well as the helpfulness of all club volunteers has been exceptional. As President of Carleton Heights Curling Club, you have every right to be proud of your club."



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As we move on into 2008, we have every reason to be optimistic, the Club is on a sound financial footing, we have great members and our ice is being utilized to the maximum. However, we must remember that, like some of us, the Club's infrastructure is aging. It is important that we plan for future repairs and improvements. With that in mind, we can start building our reserve funds to off set major expenses down the road. It would not be prudent to leave a legacy of crippling debt.

I am very proud of Carleton Heights Curling Club and proud to be your President.

Helen Blenkarn, President

THIS YEAR AT CHCC

December 8 - Curling Clinic
December 12 - Day Men's Metro
December 13 - Day Ladies Christmas Lunch
December 14 - Day Men's Fun Spiel
December 14 - Friday Mixed Christmas Party
December 19 - Business Women's Christmas Party
December 20 - Day Men's Friendly vs. Navan
January 17,18,19 - OVCA Mixed Bonspiel
January 24 - Day Men's Invitational Bonspiel
February 7 - 9 Crystal Heart Bonspiel
February 6 - Day Ladies Invitational Bonspiel
February 16 - Bantam Bonspiel
February 27 - Day Ladies vs. Day Men Challenge

March 3, 4 - Ottawa Ladies Inter-Club Bonspiel
March 5 - Day Men's Metro
March 11 -16 - Men's City of Ottawa
March 14 - George Caskey Trophy - Day Ladies vs. Business Women
March 25,27 - LCA MacDonald-Paterson-Roy
March 29 - Bonspiel for Breast Cancer Research
April 5 - 23 - Club Championship Bonspiel
*April 15 - Day Ladies Closing Dinner
*April 16 - Business Women's Closing Dinner
*April 18 - Day Men's Closing Party
*April 18 - Friday Mixed Closing Dinner
April 27 - Bartenders Spiel
April 24 - Open Leagues Closing BBQ

* Date not yet finalized

CARLETON HEIGHTS ROCKS ON

With more Day Men, Day Ladies and Mixed curlers this year we are busier than ever. I often get the question "When are you open?" The Club is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until the last curler leaves, generally around midnight or 1 am. The bar opens every day at 11 a.m. Saturdays are used by rentals. After Christmas there are only two Saturdays available February 2 & 23 and the 23 is on hold for a potential rental. There are some other Saturday nights available as well. If you know of anyone looking for ice time get them to call or email me.



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Congratulations to Christian Tolusso, Ritchie Gillan, Alex Young and Kevin Rathwell for advancing to the Junior Men's Provincials. We will be watching Team Tolusso with great pride.

My staff and I, Diana Young, Angus MacLennan, Angela Fransky, Sandra Lusk, Jennifer Martin and Wayne Moore wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

Don Richardson, Club Manager

RENTAL LEAGUES AND BONSPIELS

The following rental leagues are part of our curling family:

Carleton Tavern - Sunday morning
Canada Patent Office - Sunday night
Bill's League - Monday evening
DARA - Tuesday night
Hylands Senior Mixed - Tuesday & Thursday Afternoon
DND - Wednesday evening
Nortel - Wednesday night
Corporate League - Thursday evening
Les Balayeux - Friday evening

SATURDAY BONSPIELS

January 12 - OSSTCA
January 26 - SCRA
March 1 - DSS

March 8 - DARA
March 24 - Christopher Leadership
April 19 - Les Balayeux
April 26 - DARA

PRO SHOP CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Pro Shop equipment makes great Christmas gifts and we will supply the gifts tags. If you cannot find what you want ask the bartender for a gift certificate.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST-PRESIDENT

I may be calling on you; this is why.

Over the past year the club has benefited greatly from the contributions of many volunteers and not a little bit from the Trillium Foundation grant that allowed us to upgrade the insulation and brine piping in the ice-shed this summer. Money is nice when it comes to the health of the club, but it isn't much use without people to manage it and make the most use out of it. Many a club has been ruined by mismanagement despite a healthy cash flow.

We at Carleton Heights are blessed with a number of people who give generously of their time when it comes to making sure that the club is viable and, what is more important, enjoyable. If you've ever been annoyed by telethons and phone solicitors you'll understand what I mean when I say the



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club is enjoyable. The danger, I suppose, is that we assume that the club just runs itself and that it will always be enjoyable. I would like to take this time to thank a number of people who made my term as President a pleasant experience (I highly recommend it to those who have a sincere interest in the club's future).

Most immediately is the club's executive whose individual contributions to the many and varied positions make the management of our club a very interesting and rewarding experience - they're a great bunch of individuals who all believe that CHCC is a worthwhile place to be many nights each week. Next on my list of notables are Don Richardson and his staff. Don volunteers his time beyond his regular duties as our competent and friendly manager because he is also a club member and believes that the club has a personality in the community. If he is right, and I know he is, the personality of our club is that of a welcoming and cheerful person - and we all have a part in maintaining that reputation. Thanks Don. Angela Fransky (who works with Don and always knows what my favourite after-curling beverage is) has also been visible at events sponsored by the club when she could reasonably have been elsewhere. Thanks Angela and Sandra.

One of the more thankless jobs, that of House Chair, is competently overseen by Byron Scrim who, mostly when nobody is

looking, eliminates all of the little (and some not so little) maintenance issues that crop up in a building that is, like each of us, getting older every day. Thanks Byron. While Byron is busy with the warm side of the club we should all be thankful that Brian Overton is looking after the cold side.

As Ice Chair, Brian hears a lot of opinion. He sorts out the wild fantasies from valid concerns and relays those concerns, and some of the frustrations (but, oddly, not much praise), to Richard Haliburton, our competent icemaker. This duo of dedicated gentlemen ensures that, despite a wide range of expertise among the curlers, the ice is ready for each and every draw, each and every night, in each and every season, year after year. Thanks Brian. Thanks Richard. Thanks Phil.

Paul Douglas, who recently handed over the treasurer's role after many years of dedicated work, deserves a hearty thank you from all club members for his stewardship of the money we, sometimes reluctantly, handed over for the opportunity to complain about how bad the ice was when we lost and how brilliant our strategy was when we won. Paul, and now Nancy Nicks, make sure that we save enough, spend as wisely as possible and have the resources available for the things we really need, when we need them. This is not easy when there is a large group wanting to spend the limited resources available. Thanks Paul, and thanks Nancy.



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And not last, and certainly not least, is Leona Duncan (as Membership Coordinator) and Darren Helmer (as Little Rocks Coordinator) who together make sure that our current members are accounted for, listed in our directory, that this newsletter is published and our membership registration process is organized - and that our future members are able to curl. Many thanks to you both, Leona and Darren.

There are others, I figure, whose efforts have escaped my notice but who, nonetheless, deserve mention. That I have not mentioned their contribution is not a comment on the quality of their work, or their official capacity on any committee - for there are many who volunteer their time effectively and generously without being officially responsible for a duty - rather, it is a function of my limited observational aptitude. To all of the many volunteers at Carleton Heights Curling Club I'd just like to say thanks and "well done!"

Oh! and Season's Greetings!

Patrick Dawson, Past-President

MATCH CHAIR REPORT

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CLOSING BONSPIEL, April 9-25, 2007

Congratulations to Christian Toluoso and his team of Ritchie Gillan, Alex Young and Kevin

Rathwell, the winners of the 2007 Club Championship! Their worthy opponents in the final match-up were Maurice Forgues, Mark Forgues, Phil Bellissimo and Richard Haliburton.

Other event winners were teams skipped by Jeff Foss, Jim Ross, and by Don Richardson. 27 teams participated; all ably coordinated by Bob Matheson.

Fine ice conditions, good food, generous money prizes for the finalists, and a wide distribution of the sponsors' 40 door prizes seemed to please Club members, especially the 80 or so who attended on Championship night.

Sponsors generously donating door prizes included: Asham Curling Supplies; Advanced Massage Therapy Clinic (Angela Warren, Therapist); Carafe Wine Makers; Capital Cleaning Solutions; Carleton Golf & Yacht Club; Colio Estates Wines; Hair World Ltd. & Esthetics (1642 Merivale Rd.); Horse & Buggy Brands; Heritage Breweries; Khalil Barbershop (1430 Prince of Wales); Labatt Breweries Canada; Lightning Brand Beverages; Molson Breweries; Old Grandad's; Royal Lepage Team Realty (Sharon Richardson, Realtor); Spic & Span Carpet Cleaning, and Tannis Trading.



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THE JACK YOUNG OPENING FUN BONSPIEL, Sept 17 & 20, 2007

This is the bonspiel that starts the new season at Carleton Heights. Yes, there were those brave and willing enough, in mid September, to abandon their summer activities and admit that curling is now their sport of choice. At least 33 members readily accept the open invitation to participate in the Jack Young Memorial Draw. Too bad, that the rest of you missed a fine time!

We met old and new friends, and rapidly reacquainted ourselves with the vagaries of new ice and aching body parts. We also ate well and applauded the presentation, by Cathy Young, of The Jack Young Memorial Plaque, to the winning team of Bob Matheson and his part-time players Dale Campbell, Ed Flindall, Darren Helmer, Richard Huyda, Anne Prosser and Shirley Young .

The CHCC CHRISTMAS TURKEY SPIEL, Saturday, Dec 15, 2007

By the time you read this, you'll probably know whether or not this event took place. It was thought that Club members might enjoy a good old-fashioned one-day two game double knockout Spiel with real turkeys as prizes and buffet lunch. The notices are posted. Hopefully, Club teams will sign up; we need 8, and can have 16. The price is right; \$100 per team. It remains to be seen

whether the timing and anticipated interest is also right.

Richard Huyda, Match Chair

DAY MEN

As we approach the halfway mark of the 2007-2008 curling calendar, the CHCC Day Men's division is enjoying a fine year. Membership has surpassed 100 curlers for the first time in recent memory, bolstered by many former Hylands Day men who joined last year, and an additional 10 new members this year.

Our open curling format runs for now on five weekly draws - two each on Mondays and Wednesdays, and one on Friday mornings. Bob Matheson capably handles the Match Chair duties in this regard. Friday afternoons are reserved for our fixed leagues, co-ordinated by John Hunton, with the President's Cup competition winding up December 7th, and the Ed Flowers Trophy beginning in the New Year. Wednesday mornings after Christmas also will see the launch of the Day Men / Day Ladies Mixed league, coordinated by Len Baird, and scheduled to run for six weeks.

Interspersed with our regular curling, of course, are the Senior Men Metro games, ably coordinated by Maurice Forgues. We have 34 such games this year, and appear to



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be at least breaking even in the win/loss column so far.

As coordinator of "Friendlies", Rick Cardiff (the Chief Friend!) ensures that we have a good time at our friendly competitions with other clubs. We have had a "home and home" series already with Navy, and plans are in the works to play at Navan and Richmond.

The Day Men hosted the first half of the Annual Day Men/Day Ladies Challenge on the morning of November 28th, with 64 curlers participating in two four end draws, topped off with a great lunch. The scores were of minor importance compared to the great food and good times shared by all. Thanks go to Bob Walsh for putting the events of the day together, and to the guys in the kitchen - Dave Scott, Eddie Flindall, and Bob Warmington (and, as always, Don Richardson). It will be the ladies turn to host part two on February 27th.

January 24th will be devoted to the CHCC Day Men's Invitational Bonspiel. In keeping with established tradition, we are looking forward to another popular and successful event on that day.

Doug Stafford, Day Men

THURSDAY OPEN LEAGUE

The Thursday Open League has just completed Round #1 of the schedule.

Congratulations to the Ed Warren team in winning Round #1 and finishing with a flourish.

Congratulations to the Richardson, Ferguson and Ouellet teams on their promotions to Division 1.

We wish to welcome the Kathryne Jessup team (Tracey Neville, Christine Bourque and Erin Todd) and the Eric Bradbury team (Jim Johnson, Dave McIntosh and Richard Davis) to the CHCC Thursday Open League. We also wish to welcome the following individual players from various teams to the league: Rick Stewart, Nancy Wickham, David Long, Sergio Toluoso and Tom Clarke. It is good to have 'new blood' in the league.

Brian Prosser, Thursday Open Coordinator

JUNIOR PROGRAM

The Junior boys team of Christian Toluoso (skip), Ritchie Gillan, Alex Young and Kevin Rathwell recently won the regional Junior boys competition and are off to the provincial championships in early January. Congratulations to team Toluoso, and to all of the Carleton Heights teams that competed in the Junior zones on the November 17-18 weekend. We fielded 5 teams in total, 3 girls teams and 2 boys teams, and all represented the club exceptionally well. Congratulations also to the girls team skipped by Amber Moulton who made it to



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the regionals the following weekend. In addition to these Carleton Heights teams, there were a number of our registered curlers who also competed on teams for other clubs. All in all, a very busy and successful beginning to our competitive season.

Our Sunday Junior program is once again busting at the seams. At last count, we have 56 registered curlers making our program one of the largest in the area, if not the province. This makes for a full house on Sunday afternoons, even with many of our competitive curlers out bonspielling around the province each weekend. Many thanks to our cadre of coaches for their time and assistance in making each Sunday session fun and rewarding for every one of our curlers. As always, anyone interested in becoming a coach, either to help out on Sundays or to coach a competitive team, please contact myself or Mike Moore through the club.

Finally, thanks to all of the volunteers and timers who helped out during the OVCA Junior Superspiel on the November 2-4 weekend. All of the curlers and coaches were very appreciative and impressed with the effort and organization displayed throughout the bonspiel. For those who took in some of the curling, you were treated to some of the finest Junior curlers in the world. We had national teams from Switzerland, Scotland and the United States, provincial champions from every

province from Newfoundland and Labrador to Manitoba as well as several local teams. Plans are already under way for next year's Superspiel with Carleton Heights being the host club for the finals.

Dan Cogliati, Junior Program Coordinator

GOLF TOURNAMENT - JUNE 9, 2008

Kevin Ferguson and Carolyn Daniels are working together on the 2008 Carleton Heights Golf Tournament. Manderley on the Green has been booked for Monday, June 9, 2008 with a shotgun start at 1:00 and Hip of Beef Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The minimum entry at Manderley for a shotgun start is 72 Golfers and this number is achievable based on past experience. The notice to enter will be posted at the Club in the New Year. If you require any additional information, please contact either Carolyn or Kevin.