



## YORK CURLING CLUB

### President's Message

The board continues to keep busy trying to keep on top of all the maintenance items that creep up. We have paid off our outstanding debt from the renovation, but we are constantly looking ahead to other projects that will need attention. To help with future capital costs, the board is drafting an application to submit to a government fund, called the Trillium fund. This fund is for infrastructure repair and replacement. Hopefully, we can receive some funds to help offset some of the bigger capital costs that are coming our way.

I would like make everyone aware of our Comments box. It is located beside the phone and members are invited to submit thoughts, compliments or concerns.

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These will be brought forth by the president at all board meetings. We will respond to

those who wish, as long as your name is on the note.

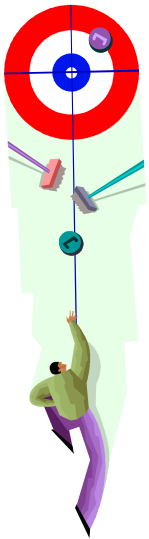
Since the last newsletter, we have had a number of successful events. York Curling Club hosted the OCA's Bantam spiel, and the Trophy and Colts bonspiels. Both had wonderful attendance and congratulations to Mike Shields, our OCA representative for ensuring these events were top notch. Thanks to Darren McIlwraith for the Men's In-house bonspiel and the Men's organizing committee for the Superbowl party. Both events were fabulous and a mark to build on.

As you plan for your summer events, remember that the club is available to members for rental. All those get-togethers you need to organize could be held in the cool lounge of the York Curling Club! Interested parties please contact Sandy Richards.

Continued good curling to all!

*Rob Bell*





## In the House

### Team Entry League Play Offs - Monday Ladies' and Tuesday Men's

At the end of each curling season there is a playoff for a spot in the Monday night Ladies' league and the Tuesday night Men's League, for the following season. Two spots are available in each league. These playoffs take place over the final few weeks of the season with exact dates and times TBD. The

format is a double knock-out with the

number of games dependent on the number of teams entered. The only requirement is that your team be comprised of four existing YCC members. If you're interested in entering a team please contact with team information:

#### **Ladies' - Karen Morrison**

([karenmorrison@rogers.com](mailto:karenmorrison@rogers.com) or 905-895-4420);

#### **Men's - Darren McIlwraith**

([mcilwraith@rogers.com](mailto:mcilwraith@rogers.com) or 905-898-7181).

Entries must be received by March 7.

## Guess Who's Turning 50?

Ever notice how you fall apart when you reach that magic number?

The place where we spend so much time needs your help and support.

Please participate in the

### **SILENT/LIVE AUCTION**

on April 30th.

Here's how you can help:

Donations for the Auction: *items, services, personal expertise, etc.*

Your participation.

This is the most important fundraising event for the year - if you are able to support your Club please contact Sharon Downer at 905-898-2376 or any Board Member.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Dirty Ice:** I have had more than a few people of late ask me what all the dirt is around the hacks. Much to their amazement, it is mostly from deteriorating grippers. The next question I ask is how old is the gripper that you use. The standard response has been "I don't know, I bought it when I started curling". For some that means more than five years. I know that people become attached to these things for some reason; as an example a curler from another club left his here a few weeks back and actually showed up recently to collect it. It was at least ten years old and had a rim of salt on the sole of which a margarita would be proud. The school of thought on grippers is - if you curl more than once a week you should replace your gripper every year. If you curl only once a week then you can get away with two years. For those of you that like clean ice, give it some thought. You may also want to consider washing your gripper, every ten games, inside and out with warm water and a soft nylon brush. Another culprit can sometimes be the toe of your curling shoe getting damaged as you come out of the hack. A piece of tape can help this problem. These measures will, I am sure, decrease the dirt we see out on the sheets.

**Clean Carpets:** Keeping the carpets clean out in the ice shed is critical to keeping our playing surface in good shape. The logic is if you track dirt onto the carpet, it will eventually make it to the ice. If you must speak to someone during their game,

please take your shoes off or put on your curling shoes before entering the ice shed. If you think this is being a little picky ask John Munsie how dirty the backboards were at Christmas when he cleaned them. The other step we can all take to help keep dirt off the ice is using the main stair to access the basement and change rooms, not the centre stairs. Many people enter the club room first to see the scores of the games in progress, and then proceed down the centre stairs with their wet and dirty outside boots on. Please think twice about this practice.

It's your club and your ice -help keep it clean. Thanks,

**Richard**

## **Closing Spiel**

**Tuesday April 12 to  
Saturday April 16**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$40.00 includes lunch  
and dinner on Saturday

Four draws Tuesday to Saturday

All teams guaranteed 3 games

**SIGN-UP:** Starts Monday March 14  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening until  
spiel is full (120 curlers)

Cheque or cash **MUST** be submitted  
at time of sign-up

**THEME: Pyjama Party**

*Get those comfy or sexy PJ's ready!*



## BRAGGING RIGHTS!

The team of Aileen Filman, Gerri Matheson, Sandy Richards, and Jean Shields came third in the Alliston Bonspiel on January 22, 2005.

Congratulations ladies!

Congratulations to Gary and Shannon MacKay on the arrival of their son Justin Thomas on January 13, 2005. After a short time in The Hospital for Sick Children and Southlake Regional Health Centre, he is now home and doing very well.

[www.york.curlingclub.ca](http://www.york.curlingclub.ca)

It's the place to go to stay up-to-date with what's happening at your club.

If you have any suggestions or questions please pass them along to any Board Member.

### NEWSLETTER

The last newsletter for this season will be published at the end of March. If you have an article of interest, please contact Linda Potter at 905-830-0604 or by email [dpott@rogers.com](mailto:dpott@rogers.com) prior to March 20.

## Coming UP

### **Bring a Friend Spiel**

Friday March 18, 2005. Introduce your friends or family to the sport of curling!

### **Wine & Wing Spiel - Mixed**

Saturday March 19, 2005 7 p.m.  
Contact Sandy & Brian Richards

### **Ladies' Golf Day**

Saturday May 28 at Mill Run Golf and Country Club. For more information, contact Jill Inwood at 905-953-8143.

### **Men's General Meeting**

Thursday March 31, 2005 9 p.m.

### **Ladies General Meeting & Potluck**

Wednesday April 20, 2005 7 p.m.

### **Silent Auction Event**

Saturday April 30, 2005

### **Shareholders Meeting**

June 15, 2005 7:30 p.m.



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