



## *President's Notes*

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I recently had the opportunity to have a “get-to-know-you-better” interview with our Club Manager, Kathy Brown, and this is what I found out:

### **Can you tell us a little about yourself?**

I was brought up in a curling family. Both of my parents curled and 5 of my 7 siblings are curlers. I grew up in the Cannington/Beaverton area and now live in Sutton.

After graduating from University of Waterloo, my working career mostly involved administration, then I had an opportunity to interview for a job that involved me in the sport that I love....I got it and I'm loving it.

I've curled competitively my entire curling career. Some highlights are: runner-up in Junior Provincials, participated in 3 Provincial Mixed Championships with my brother, 10 Scott Tournament of Hearts Provincial Championship appearances with a best finish of 3<sup>rd</sup> and still trying for the big one.

There seems to be an assumption that because I'm a good curler, I'm a good golfer, I'm not, but I would like to be better.

### **So, you have curled for how long?**

I started curling in Cannington in Grade 6 when straw brooms were still used. I have not stopped for 30 years, though my equipment has changed a bit.

### **What is your best memory re: curling?**

I can't pin it down to one best memory, but a few are: winning the TCA Junior Bonspiel and winning a trip to Switzerland to curl for 10 days, all expenses paid I must add; winning the TCA Sunshine Spiel with good friends and winning a trip to Florida, all expenses paid again; curling and killing myself laughing with my best friends; curling competitively or “just for fun” with my brothers and sisters and finally, all the great people I've met throughout my curling career, curlers and volunteers alike.

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*Wishing you  
a Safe and  
Happy  
Holiday*



## ***WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR HOUSE***



**New Year's Eve "British Invasion" Party** at the York Curling Club on December 31st. For only \$20 enjoy a spectacular "Pasta Grill" dinner cooked to your specifications and enjoy the sounds of British Invasion music. Bring guests. Tickets available at the bar or through Doug & Linda Mannell. Further details on downstairs board at the club.

**Battle of the Sexes**, Saturday, January 6, 2007 - it's gearing up to be some kind of rumble. Be sure to secure your spot with payment taken on a first come first in basis at the bar. Further details on downstairs board at the club.

The annual **YCC Men's Day Spiel** will run on Saturday, January 13th. Two guests per team are welcome and members are encouraged to bring out friends and relatives who have never played the game before. This fun-oriented spiel has three 6 end games, a pizza dinner and prizes from Kloster's Butcher Shop. Sign-up form is on the downstairs board. For more information, contact Darren McIlwraith @ 905-898-7181 or mcilwraith@rogers.com.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
**WWW.YORK.CURLINGCLUB.CA**  
TO SEE PICTURES OF THE  
**CBC COMMERCIAL FILMING OF**  
**"LITTLE MOSQUE ON THE PRAIRIE"**  
THAT TOOK PLACE AT OUR CLUB  
BEING AIRED

DECEMBER 13 THROUGH DECEMBER 25.  
THANK YOU TO OUR WEBMASTER, BOB JACKSON,  
FOR CAPTURING THIS AND ALL OF THE OTHER  
YCC EVENTS.



## *President's Notes (cont'd)*

### **What do you think is the most important aspect of the sport?**

Again, hard to pin it down to the most important. I would have to start with the people we meet and the laughs we share. There is also remembering that whatever level we play the sport at – social, club competitive, representing our club, representing our province or country, most of us still get out of bed the next day and go to work or take care of our family – it's a great game to be enjoyed. I also think growing the sport through our junior programs, introducing it to adults and making opportunities to let everyone experience it is important to the expansion of our sport. And finally, keeping it a "gentleman's sport" by teaching the etiquette and rules so we can continue to police ourselves.

### **As our Club Manager, can you describe what you feel are the most important responsibilities?**

Most important, I feel, is listening to and learning from the members and Board of Directors. It's also important to be that person that members can come to for information or to find out how to get information. Since revenue is needed for the operation of any club, keeping our revenue generating areas, such as rentals, at their maximum ranks up there too.

### **What is the most surprising or interesting thing you have learned over the last 2 years as our Club Manager?**

It's not a surprise but I think it's interesting for members to know how much work goes on behind the scenes by both volunteers and staff to make the running of a club with close to 600 members look easy.

I have been a member and have volunteered at other clubs to organize many individual events, organize leagues, and curled in a lot of curling clubs across our country. I have found without a doubt that it's the volunteers that make it work and keep the staff happy.

### **What extra benefits can you offer our membership?**

Besides providing an in-house Pro Shop to help members outfit, replace or update their curling equipment, I am also starting instructional clinics after the holidays for individuals, groups and teams.

### **What is your favourite beverage of choice after a good curling game?**

Red wine or rum and diet coke (short glass!)

### **What's it like working with John Munsie?**

I'm sure this is how you're testing my diplomacy. So I'll just say, he's the best Bar Chair I've ever worked with. Now just don't ask me how many Bar Chairs I've worked with!

Thanks for the interview Rob.

## **A POINT OF ETIQUETTE**

### **Reminder of positioning for non-delivering team**

If your role is as a sweeper during the oppositions delivery, you are to be between the hog lines, along the side and standing still. If you are delivering the next rock you may stand on the backboards, quietly and not moving during the oppositions delivery. When the opposition is in the hack ready to throw do not slide through to the backboards. Please be mindful not to distract the opposition.

## **"HOLIDAY GREETINGS"**

During the Holiday Season, more than ever, my thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made my continued success possible. In this spirit I say humbly and simply, thank you, and best wishes for the holiday season. Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
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P.S. An extra special thanks to Richard Quick for giving us such fine ice, thank you Richard.



## ***BRAGGING RIGHTS & CONGRATULATIONS***

### **Ontario Curling Association**

Master Women Zone 7 "A" Winners: Sharon Downer, Skip; Sandy Booth, Vice; Marg Cyr, Second; Jean Shields, Lead.  
Master Men Zone 7 "A" Winners: Bob Booth, Skip; Silvio Vian, Vice; Mike Shields, Second; Dave Purvis, Lead.

Alanna Cornish, playing second for her Junior Girl's team was the "B" Winner in her Zone playdowns.

Gen Bernier, playing second for her Bantam Girl's team was the "A" Winner in her Zone playdowns.

### **York Curling Club Bonspiels**

12th Annual Heritage Mixed Spiel—Winners: Jill King, Rick Charles, Jim Rabinyk, Jim Liddy  
Ladies Invitation Bonspiel—Winners: Heather Marshall, Julie Graham, Jennifer Graham

### **Toronto Curling Association**

Energizer Senior Women's—3rd Event Winner: Sharon Downer, Skip; Sandy Booth, Vice; Pauline Sheridan, Second; Marg Cyr, Lead.

*What do the Glenn Howard  
& Anette Norberg Teams  
have in common?*

*They sweep with a  
Pink BalancePlus Brush  
in support of  
Breast Cancer Research  
...and you can too!*

*Only 100 of these unique "pink"  
brushes were sold by BalancePlus  
and we have one, donated to the club  
by Kathy Brown, Club Manager  
and is on display in the Pro Shop  
Show Case.*

*The draw will be held on Feb. 14th  
and the money raised will go to  
Breast Cancer Research.  
Tickets are at the bar,  
1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10*

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