



## *President's Message*

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The 2006/2007 season is half way through, time sure is flying. Even though a lot of good events have been completed, and a special thanks to Linda Mannell, our Special Events Chair and all the volunteers who help out with those, there are many more to go.

Upcoming are the OCA Bantam and Junior Mixed Zones on February 24 and 25. Come on out and see the future of curling! The House of York Open Mixed Spiel is March 3, Wine and Wing is March 17, and many, many more events coming up. Ensure you check out the bulletin boards or the website for more information.

The YCC Board is focusing on many items that help operate the club smoothly, but it is not without your input that we come up with what may or may not work. We ask that if you have any kudos or concerns, to please put your suggestions in the box under the bulletin board beside the phone.

In closing, I want to remind the membership that the ice and the equipment to maintain the ice can be very dangerous. Please do not attempt to operate any of the ice equipment without the ice makers approval, as some of that equipment can seriously hurt someone, and as always..."Be careful out there!"

Rob Bell, President

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.YORK.CURLINGCLUB.CA](http://WWW.YORK.CURLINGCLUB.CA)

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### **HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS?**

#### ***Pink BalancePlus Brush***

*in support of  
Breast Cancer  
Research  
Brush 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*



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



### **Bantam & Junior Mixed Zone (O.C.A.) - February 24 & 25**

Come cheer on our YCC team as they set their sights on the Provincials. Volunteers are needed to help in kitchen and some clean up on both Saturday and Sunday. Contact Brent Bertolo.

### **House of York Mixed Spiel - Saturday, March 3**

### **Senior Mixed Rose Spiel - Saturday, March 10**

### **“Icebreak” Little Rock Spiel - Wednesday, March 13**

### **Wine & Wing Spiel - Saturday, March 17**

### **Family Spiel - Saturday, March 24**

**Night of Champions - Thursday, April 5** - Come out and see all the 1st and 2nd place league team winners get piped onto the ice and play off for their respective trophies. Nibbles and goodies will be served and you're in for a great evening with some great curling.

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## **“CURLING MAFIA STYLE”**

AT

**THE CLOSING SPIEL 2007**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10 TO SATURDAY APRIL 14**



**SIGN UP STARTS MONDAY MARCH 12, 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM**

**EACH EVENING UNTIL SPIEL IS FULL (128) CURLERS**

**Volunteers Needed:** As this is one of the most popular events of the year and involves 128 curlers, we are asking for help to share the work. We need some help with the snacks on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Helpers could be people who are curling on the opposite draws or others who are not available for the entire spiel. Since we will be doing the ever popular BBQ on Saturday, we are looking for one or more people who would be willing to oversee the BBQing. As always we will need help on Saturday. If you can lend a hand, please contact Marilyn or Silvio Vian. We appreciate any donations of items that can be used for prizes. Please contact Nelda Hennigar or Sharon Livingstone who are the “Prize Queens”

**\*\*\$40 CHEQUE OR CASH MUST BE SUBMITTED AT TIME OF SIGN UP\*\***

**Prizes for best costumes and surprises in store for everyone**



## ***PUT IT ON ICE***

**You can help keep the ice surface clean and free of debris...  
...Spread the word!**

All members and their guests are asked to ensure that they do not use the central stairs while wearing outdoor boots or shoes. Please leave outdoor boots and shoes in change rooms or on the top landing at the front door. Dirt, sand and ice get deposited on the central stairs and makes its way out onto the back boards and ice surface.

Another reminder is to perform regular maintenance on your curling equipment.

- Clean your **brush head** over a garbage can or in the trays provided on the home end back boards.
- Do not clean your **brush head** while walking on the ice. Debris is left on the ice surface and will be picked up on shoes.
- If your **brush head** is shiny, it is less effective because the material that causes friction is gone and it's likely time for a new one.
- **Gripper (anti-slider)** maintenance is very important. Debris is constantly being picked up on your slider from the back boards and ice surface and then deposited into your slip-on **gripper**. Regularly wash your slip-on (inside and outside) and permanent **gripper** with a mild soap and water. This will improve traction and keep dirt off the playing surface. Be sure to allow plenty of time to dry. The **gripper** will become temporarily rigid and therefore unsafe if frozen.
- Avoid storing shoes in extreme cold temperatures prior to games ie. in trunk of car. **Grippers** are like tires: they wear out and must be maintained and repaired or replaced if they become worn or damaged.
- If you have a permanent crepe **gripper**, do not put a slip-on **gripper** over it. It creates a negative reaction, keep apart. Permanent **grippers** can be replaced at a reasonable cost.

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** Teams wishing to play in either the Men's or Women's competitive leagues next season should lookout for sign-up forms over the next month. Teams wishing to participate in these leagues next season can enter a playdown to be held in the final weeks of the 2007 curling season. Contact Darren McIlwraith (905-898-7181) or Karen Morrison (905-895-4420) for more information.

## IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING....

Still fighting to complete your game within the time limits? Try this!

At the completion of an end, you can save time if **the leads do not clear the rocks**. Leave the clearing to the vices and seconds. The lead who is throwing first rock should get in the hack and prepare to throw, the opposition lead should go to the back board and be ready to throw next.

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

### **York Curling Club Bonspiels**

Battle of the Sexes held January 6th was a huge hit. Thanks to all who participated and the spectators who helped cheer the curlers on. The **Men's Team won** and will carry bragging rights until next year's challenge!

### **Ontario Curling Association**

Alanna Cornish's Bantam Girls' Team won A-side of their Region and advance to the Provincials at Oshawa Curling Club.

Alanna Cornish, Genevieve Bernier and Dana Lythgoe won the B-side of the Gore Schoolgirls Region representing Newmarket High School and are off to the Provincial Championships in Carlton Place.

Mike Aprile will compete at the Ontario Men's Provincial Curling Championship with his team skipped by Wayne Warren in Sarnia.

Brent Marks, Eric Doner, Troy Ford and John Zahnow won B-side of the Colts Zone Playdowns.

### **Out of Town**

Aileen Filman, Sandy Richards, Debbie Gahwiler, Stephanie Hedger won the Fenelon Falls Ladies Spiel.

Linda Mannell, Lisa Rolfe, Lindsay Davies, Reg Robson won their draw at the St. George's "Snowflake" Spiel to qualify them for the Sunshine Spiel.



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### **A Word from the Seniors**

The Seniors enjoyed curling fellowship and food at the annual Christmas Party. Since then many have participated in spiels at home and away including our "Friendly Spiels". Four teams each were hosted by Beaverton on January 12th and Uxbridge on January 16th. We hosted Uxbridge on January 24th and Sutton on February 5th. Mike Kloster was very pleased his meat prizes were so well received. Many seniors also are curling in other events. The Energizer Senators' 2nd Event was won by the team of Byrne Hill, Oliver Bales, Bruce Robertson and John Hamilton and 4th Event runners-up were Rick Charles, Lee Nickerson, Jim Liddy and Jack Hopkins. In Alliston Senior Spiel second place went to Lori Taylor, Lee Nickerson, Jim Craig and Colum Whelan. In Richmond Hills' Woodchuck Spiel the first draw was won by Rick and Shirley Charles, Bill and Ester Nichiporik.

Congratulations to all!