



**YORK CURLING CLUB**

## President's Message

Seasons Greetings to all!

The start of the curling season has come and gone. We are now into the holiday season with a few stops and starts in our regular league play. Please note all dates that your specific league will not be curling and when they will start again in 2005.

There have been some very successful bonspiels within the last three months. I would like to thank the Carrigans/Christians for the Putt and Sweep, Jodi Brash for the Ladies' Open Spiel, Terry Robertson for the Senior's Spiel, and Dan and Sharon Cleutinx for the Heritage Spiel. With assistance from all the volunteers who helped out, a wonderful job was done in hosting these events. Thanks again.

A special congratulations goes out to the Filman rink who won the Senior Ladies TCA Energizer bonspiel.

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Keep your eye open for the Men's inhouse spiel in early January. Come out and watch

the OCA Bantam Spiel January 22 and 23, 2005, and the Colts and Trophy Regionals in mid-February.

In early February, a dedicated group of YCC men are organizing a Superbowl party. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the bar. Come on out and friends are welcome (no curling will be taking place.)

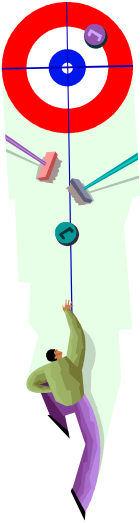
We are always looking for assistance in keeping this club operating. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time to the club, please contact one of the board members listed on the back of the YCC curling calendar or on our website. It can be as simple as helping out with a bonspiel or even becoming a board member. We appreciate all the help we receive.

Thank you all for the good curling we have had in the 2004 season, and I look forward to 2005 with much anticipation.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

**Rob Bell**

<p><b>Men's Day</b> <b>Saturday, January 8, 2005</b> <i>See back page for details</i></p>
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## In the House

Digital TV  
York Curling Club will be bringing in digital TV service to provide coverage of curling events not available on regular channels. Keep an eye out for schedules after Christmas. Feel free to drop by the club to view some exciting curling and enjoy a beverage from the bar.

The Silent Auction is back! Mark your calendars (April 30) for this exciting, end-of-the-year celebration. Please be generous, and start thinking

about what you can donate to this major fundraiser. Contact Sharon and Gerry

Downer to arrange donations.

It's Your Club - Get Involved!

Are you interested in volunteering at the club? There are always lots of opportunities available:

- ▶ help at bonspiels
  - ▶ participate in our fundraising initiatives
  - ▶ join a committee
  - ▶ use your skills to improve our facility
- Interested? Talk to a club director.

Please note the corrected Club Calendar sheets are available at the Bar.

Check in the new year at the Bar for a Club Suggestion Box for members to communicate with the board on all topics.

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## Ladies "Fire and Ice" Bonspiel

The ladies annual invitational bonspiel was held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and was a great success. There was a good mix of both returning teams and new teams, which we were pleased to welcome. However, at the end of the day the top place went to our very own home rink of Trish Campbell, Lise Carriere, Karen Atkinson and Trina Sweezie. Second place went to the Alliston rink skipped by Shelly Cunningham and third place went to the Peterborough rink of Lisa

Payne.

A successful bonspiel depends, of course, on a host of volunteers. Special thanks are extended to Deb Gahwiler and her team for eye-opener preparation; Karen Morrison and her team for lunch preparation; our drawmasters Lisa Rolfe and Leanne Warner; the registration team of Corrine Bertolo and Kara-Lyn DeWilde; and the overall support of Cory Philip, Paulet Slyfield, Mary deMercado, Kerry Isnor, Nelda Hennigar and Susan Boyne. Many others

dropped in or pitched in over the course of the day ... thanks to all!

A huge thanks to the Bell family who once again sponsored the event and donated the first place prizes. Big thanks to all our draw prize donors!

Congratulations to Jodi Brash who chaired the bonspiel for the first time this year! She certainly did a fantastic job! Jodi is already making plans for next year's event. If you are interested in joining her committee please let her know!

# Some Tips to Remember!

*Curling is a game of "rules" and "unwritten rules"...a way of keeping the historic dignity of the game. A few points to remember:*

- ▶ You are required to wear curling shoes or clean footwear that is designated for curling only.
- ▶ It is the responsibility of each player to arrange for a spare and advise his/her skip.
- ▶ A team with only three players must have the lead and second throw three rocks each.
- ▶ Once you have thrown your rock, do not rest your hand, knee or elbow on the ice, as it interferes with the ice surface (flat spot) for the remainder of the game. For further information on this, be sure to chat with our ice maker, Richard Quick.
- ▶ To expedite play, players shall not set up rocks for the opposing team. Players should be in the hack and ready to throw by the time the opponent's rock has come to rest. The front end should set up their own skip's rocks.
- ▶ Do not gather around the hack or house when your opponent is preparing to make a shot. When you are a sweeper, your position is on the side lines between the hog lines.
- ▶ Once the game has started, in no way disturb a curler in the hack. Keep your distance, be silent and motionless. This will make it easier for him/her to concentrate on the shot.
- ▶ Do not walk or run across the ice when a player is in the hack, and do not get in the road of opposing sweepers. After

sweeping a rock, walk back down the edge of the sheet in single file.

- ▶ No end should start 1 hour and 50 minutes after the start of the game.
- ▶ At the end of the game, whether you win or lose, give each of your opponents a handshake, thank them for the game and arrange to meet in the lounge for drinks. Etiquette suggests that the winning team offers to buy their opposing team the first drink. Then the opposing team reciprocates.
- ▶ Above all...have FUN!



## Scotland Visits York!

York Tuesday Day Ladies were pleased to host a group of Scottish curlers (Freda Dickson, Margaret Stewart, Helen Sence, Maureen Borland, Maria Tait and Liz Ross) on November 30th. Our ladies hosted a wonderful pot luck lunch for their guests who then joined us for our regular league play that day. A great time was had by all and new curling friendships were made.

Before our visitors left they extended a hearty invitation to join them at their club in Aberdeen in the future.

A big thank you to Lise Carriere for organizing the day and making our new Scottish friends feel very welcome!



## BRAGGING RIGHTS!

2004 Energizer Toronto &  
District Ladies' Bonspiel

Congratulations to Aileen  
Filman and her team of  
Sharon Downer, Sandi Booth

and Judy Sheridan who won the seniors division of this prestigious event on November 18<sup>th</sup>! Aileen defeated five teams over three days to take the top spot! These included two Richmond Hill teams, two Avonlea teams and a team from Oshawa. Way to go ladies!

Also competing in the Energizer in the senior event was the Kitty Mitchell team of Nelda Hennigar, Karen Smith and Susan Boyne. Playing in the open event were the Jody Merrifield team of Bernadette Wheeler, Erica Buhlman and Mary deMercado and the Lisa Rolfe team of Ruth Morrison, Monika Rhodes and Brenda Kolmatiski. York Curling Club was well represented in this event and all these teams put in a good showing!

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

Keep current with the York Curling Club website.

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

### NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for future newsletters, please contact Linda Potter at 905-830-0604 or email [dpott@rogers.com](mailto:dpott@rogers.com)

## Coming UP

York Curling Club Men's Day  
Saturday, January 8, 2005  
Fun \$\$\$Spiel and Card Night.  
Euchre, Poker, Pizza and wings  
after curling. \$120 per team -  
sign up as a team or individual;  
3 six-end games guaranteed  
(sign-up form is in basement  
hallway).

House of York Spiel - Mixed  
Saturday March 5, 2005  
Organized by Steve & Cory  
Randell

Rose Bonspiel - Senior Mixed  
Saturday March 12, 2005  
Contact Rae Watters

Ice Break Little Rocks  
Tuesday March 15, 2005

Wine & Wing Spiel - Mixed  
Saturday March 19, 2005 7  
p.m. Contact Sandy & Brian  
Richards



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