

Sweeping Times

Newsletter for High Park Members

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December 2025

President's Message

It's hard to believe that that holidays are here and we are winding down the year 2025. The Club looks festive and the leagues are planning all sorts of fun as we wind down and move into 2026.

In my last note, we had communicated about the awarding of the catering contract to Meza Group. They are now up and running and are having a positive impact on the quality and availability of the food. We have heard a lot of positive feedback about the high quality of the food as well as the choices available to the membership. The catering staff are also professional and attentive to the members' needs and it shows in their customer service.

Congratulations to the Meza Group on their contribution to date and we look forward to a long relationship.

At the Board level, we have several initiatives underway. Your new Board has been busy getting up-to-speed and ready to tackle important items on behalf of the members and the Club. One of them involves the development of a new strategic plan. After the Club changed its governance structure from shareholders to members in September, the Board felt it was important to also update the 5-year strategic plan. The goal is to provide a roadmap for achieving our long-term goals by aligning the

Club's mission, vision, and values with defined and actionable steps. It will help us to set priorities, allocate resources, make informed decisions, and measure progress towards that shared vision. This new strategic plan will also enhance our adaptability, help identify opportunities and mitigate potential risks.

We have established a Committee to kick off the strategic planning with Harlan Tufford as Chair and Jen Rosiak supporting. At our November Board meeting, we acknowledged the overall draft work plan and timelines. There are plans to do an environmental scan which includes historical analysis, member engagement preparation and data collection and analysis. The Committee plans to have internal consultation and engagement with the membership in all sections to get their important perspective. Harlan and Jen will have more information as they formulate the next steps. They have a big task ahead and we will be sure to keep you updated on this important initiative in the next Sweeping Times.

You may have noticed a lot of activity around the Club in terms of several improvements. We have just had a timely upgrade to the kitchen, a refresh of the south stairwell and the retaining wall is being enhanced so we can install our new bigger and better shed. We know that this work has impacted the lighting. We are using the tennis court lighting to ensure the safety of



Jennifer Gray
President

our members around the outside of the facility and the parking lot while we finish construction. Once the retaining wall and other construction is completed, we will reinstall the permanent lighting. Thank you for your understanding.

The Capital Committee is also very busy putting their plans in place for the next few years. With an older facility there are ongoing maintenance items to stay on top of but there are also long-term plans we have to consider. The Committee is working on getting an overall assessment of the structure so they can make recommendations that will also coincide with the strategic plan. This will also help us to determine where we may be able to apply for grants to help pay for some of the capital projects. As the plans develop, we will keep you informed about various initiatives.

While we are on the topic of communication, our Communications Director on the

Board, Jen Rosiak, is working on a communications plan at the Club which will outline who is accountable for what type of communication. Jen is working hard on getting this in place and a big contribution has been to get the Sweeping Times on a regular cycle so we can keep you up-to-date on all the latest news and information. A big thank you to Jen for all of her hard work.

On the health and safety front, Rob Bryan has been working with Kevin Scott to do an overall assessment of some of the items that need to be focused on in the near, immediate and longer term. They are working on an overall plan to ensure we are compliant while Erin will be working in the background with Chris Wai on documentation, training and policies.

As we wind down the year and prepare for the holiday break, we look forward to recharging and returning in the new year, ready to take on fresh challenges. As tradition, we will be having the President's Levee which will be held on January 1, 2026 to get the year started off on the right foot. Please register for this exciting event as soon as you can. We hope to see a lot of people out to mingle and meet with other members and the Board. Watch for more information in the High Park events emails.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, we wish you and your loved ones a peaceful holiday season and a prosperous 2026.

~ Jennifer Gray
President, Board of Directors

Men's/CYOR Sections

We had a very exciting Second Series. Here are the following winners:

For Monday, it was:

- A: Team J Gray
- B: Team Levinsky
- C: Team McFarlane
- D: Team Le Blanc
- E: Team Scott

For Thursday:

- A: Team Wai
- B: Team McMichael
- C: Team Hogan
- D: Team Bryan
- E: Team Brown

Thursday Night Standings

Heating Up!

The excitement is building on Thursday nights. Our reigning aggregate champions, Team Wai, are once again leading the pack, but Team Levinsky and Team Singer are hot on their heels, currently tied for second place. Don't look now—but two "B" teams, Lowes and Kavals, are steadily climbing the ranks. Team Wai might want to check that rear-view mirror... every win matters as they try to put some distance between themselves and the challengers.

Monday Night CYOR – A Strong Start

Over on Monday night, Team J. Gray is off to a commanding start at the top of the leaderboard. But they've got some determined pursuers: Teams McCutcheon, Glandfield, and King are tightly packed in second, third, and fourth place—well within striking distance.

As we head into the holiday season, these teams may want to ease up on the rum and eggnog until they lock in a few more wins! Let's see if Santa and the New Year bring them the curling fortune they need to shake up the standings.

Save the Date: 2nd Annual "Taste & Throw" Bonspiel – April 3–4

Mark your calendars! The second annual *Taste & Throw Bonspiel* is coming this April 3–4, following the tremendous success of last year's inaugural event. Teams were wined and dined with delicious dishes from three different countries, and the Hot Shots competition—used to determine team rankings—was a highlight that curlers couldn't stop talking about.

Expect another unforgettable weekend filled with fun curling, fantastic food, prizes, drinks, and great conversation. If you're a foodie who loves to curl, this is the bonspiel you won't want to miss! Please email stu@stusells.ca if you would like to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE

51st Annual

GRAND MIXED

April 17 & 18

Registration open

the last week

of February

Women's Competitive

The 2025/26 curling season is off to a great start for the Wednesday Women's Section. A warm welcome to returning and new members!

Before starting on this season's news, congratulations to Shirley Morrison who was the 2024/25 recipient of the Wednesday Women's Section Kristina Wannan Memorial Award. Shirley initiated the Learn-to-Curl for Indigenous Youth Program and now leads a group of dedicated volunteers to support and expand this program. The club has donated ice time and volunteers provide coaching, cheers, snacks, and fundraising support. Shirley's vision and determination have provided a wonderful opportunity for these young people to explore the sport and for the club to welcome new participants to the curling community.

A big shout out to the Brenna Lantzakis team who represented our Section at the Everest Canadian Club Championship this fall. Thank you, Brenna and team!

We want to extend a very big thank you to Brenna Lantzakis and Kelly Cochrane who have stepped down from their respective positions as Section Chair and Administrative Coordinator of the Wednesday Women's Committee. We also want to thank Alison Paprica who managed our finances as the treasurer last year and has been a member of the Committee for several years. On behalf of our section, thank you all for your hard work over many, many years.

The Women's Committee this year welcomes several new members. The Section Chair is Laura Manderson and Lisa Anderson continues as Drawmaster. Other members of the Committee include Susy Krimbalis, Julie French, Janet Killey, Lisa McKerihan, Lisa Miller-Way, Delanie Prasek, and Jessica Shipmaker.

This year we are back to 25 teams. Congratulations to the winners of **Series 1**!

A: Team McCutcheon and Team Lantzakis were tied! The winner, Team McCutcheon, was determined by that tried and true method, a coin toss.

B: Team Johnston

C: Team Carey

D: Team Mugford

E: Team Morrison

Series 2 has just wrapped up, and congratulations to those winning teams!

A: Team Johnston

B: Team Gilbert

C: Team Nielsen

D: Team Larden

E: Team McLellan

A gentle reminder from our Drawmaster:

Please remember to do your shootouts each series. Often that tiebreaker score is needed. And remember, shootouts can only be completed after late games, so keep that in mind during the series.

Our first social event, the Wednesday Women's Section annual Wine and Cheese mixer took place on Wednesday, November 5. All women club members and alumni were invited. We had a great turnout, and everyone had a fabulous time catching up with old friends and getting to know women

who are involved in other club sections and activities. Our new caterer, Meza Group, provided a wonderful spread of snacks and goodies. Trajectory Beverage Partners were on hand with a great selection of wines for tasting. Thanks to Chris and Nika, and to the bar staff who did their usual great job!



Great food at the Wine and Cheese



And even better company!

It's On! Team Toomsalu is again coordinating the WW's fifth Annual Selfies Challenge. Grab this team building opportunity to have fun and be creative together AND DON'T FORGET - send in those selfies! Prizes and bragging rights are on the line.

Have fun and good curling everyone!

~ **Jan Killey**

Friday Night Social

There are now only 2 weeks left in the 2025 FALL session – and some close races for the top team in all draws.

FSDC (5 pm Draw) League:

Team Bruce Barber currently in Top spot with a 6-1-1 lead , but Team Dennis Horgan is close behind with a 5-2-1 record and 2 games to play!

FSPG (7 & 9 pm Draws) League

We have a VERY tight race down to the final night on Fri Dec 19.

On the 'A' Draw Team Armand Cousineau is in the lead with a 5-2-1 record but FIVE other teams are within 2 points with 2 weeks left to go!

On the 'B' Draw Team Chris Ewing has the lead spot with a 6-1-1 record and with 2 teams 2 points behind and 2 weeks to go.

It is a very close race for TOP spot in all sections of the Friday Social leagues.

It has been a great fall session with some great curling games and events. Here are some pictures from our Fri Oct 31 Halloween event which is always a good time.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or inputs you can talk to any of us on the Fri Night Social Committee.

NEW EVENT BOARD: Will be in the lounge every Friday so people can keep track of what is happening. Make sure to check it out.

A reminder to everyone, that this section is a social league and we are here to have fun and teach the newer curlers how to play the game. We are asking the more experienced players to have patience and help the newly promoted players and any new curlers.

The next Key Friday Night Event date to remember for the 2025 FALL DRAW is:

Friday December 19: Finals Night Season - Potluck treat & the return of the Bake Off challenge. Don't miss it!

Be sure to check out the HPC website for current standings and stay tuned for an exciting finish to the 2025 Fall Draw.

Good Curling to all!

~ Friday Night Social Committee



Saturday Social

Saturday Night Mixed Social finished Series 1 of 3 on November 29th. The winners for the series were:

Draw A: Team Michael Guy-Haddock, with Holly Anderson, Dennis Benoit, and Esther Bowser.

Draw B: Team Dan Chong, with Eric Hrvnak, Susan Sullivan, and Lorraine Csenge.

With the emphasis on “Social” we have changed up the teams for Series 2, which began on December 6th.

On December 20th we will have our Annual December Mini Bonspiel, featuring a Christmas-themed trivia quiz, seasonal music on the ice, and a festive potluck. It’s always a fun evening!

Below are some pictures from our Halloween event in October.

~ Saturday Night Mixed Social Committee



Team Michael Guy-Haddock



Team Dan Chong



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Brian @ Sun Rec

Juniors

We are in the teeth of the season for the Juniors Section. The section has learned a lot so far as we have worked on balance, line of delivery, cadence, timing of shots and weight control for draws. We have just started weight control for hits, which will be our last topic before the holidays.

We're looking forward to our Alumni Game and Holiday Pot Luck scheduled for Dec 17.



Left to right, Madeleine Garrie, Raina Philips, Danika Keeler, Masie Cram and coach Alec Cram

We have some section members compete outside of the club. Madeleine Garrie and her team have already qualified for the U18 Provincials. They are also in the OWG play-downs this weekend and the Runback on the holidays.



Team Gregotski

Congratulations to Team Gregotski (Skip Carter Gregotski, Vice Jackson Gray, Second Xavier Rosiak-Wong, Lead Andrew Mandzak, Alternate Liam Mandzak, Coach Jenn Gray, pictured below) who managed to qualify through the B-side at the Provincial Qualifiers and will also be competing at the U18 Provincials.

Team Shiozaki (Skip Leo Shiozaki, Vice Gavin Anderson, Second Jack Purvis, Lead Kevin Coultes, Alternate Samuel Johnston, Coach Heather Carr) played in the same Provincial Qualifiers but were unfortunately eliminated on the Sunday of the competition. They will be trying to qualify for the Ontario Winter Games shortly.

Both Team Gregotski and Team Shiozaki will also be competing in the Runback Challenge over the holidays.

In addition, Team Vye (Skip Truman Vye, Vice Nathan Lee, Second Ethan Le, Lead Kian Clemes, Coach Blair Clemes) will be competing in the Interclub Bonspiel Series that starts in December.

~ Juniors Committee

U12 Little Rocks

The U12 Little Rocks season is off to a roaring start! Over the past 8 weeks 40 young curlers have been learning the fundamentals and fine tuning their skills. To date the Section has covered everything from the Curling Code of Conduct to grip & release, sweeping, line of delivery and scoring (so many things to remember!! 😊). Various practice games have been had and each of the teams gets to participate in the curling tradition of some social time after each of the practices. A thank you to all the volunteers that have been helping out on and off the ice

with a special shout-out to the Junior curlers who have come out to help with the coaching!

A reminder that on December 21st, the Club will be hosting the 2nd Annual U12 HPC Holiday 'Spiel! This year's event is sold out with teams from HPC, as well as teams joining us from Richmond Hill and Uxbridge Curling Clubs. There will be pizza, prizes and games on top of some fun curling (including 1/2 ice bocci curling for our beginner curlers). This is a great way to kick off the holidays – so come out and support the young curlers!

