

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I would like to extend a **WARM WELCOME** to all of our returning members and our new members for our 2007-2008 season. We have lots happening this year! Our season starts Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>/ 2007 and will continue through to March 22<sup>nd</sup>/2008. Although we may face some financial contract challenges in the 2008-2009 curling season we have secured a 1 year extension to our existing contract with the Keystone Centre. To put rumors to bed, once and for all, the new General Manager – Mr. Dan Robertson has emphatically indicated that he recognizes the value added to the Keystone Centre with the home of the Brandon Curling Club. This recognition is also high when they consider the volunteerism of our members when the Keystone is hosting major curling events. **The KEYSTONE DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE US - END OF STORY !!!!**

**Did you know we have close to 600 members curling out of OUR CLUB? I didn't !**

This NEWSLETTER will be published in paper form with copies distributed on the main floor and upstairs lounge for your viewing (for part of this season). Then, to save costs, **future Newsletters will appear on our bulletin board, and, will also be available on our website.**

**WHAT'S NEW AND EXCITING ??**

**CLUB Manager**

We have hired a new **CLUB MANAGER**. Meet **ANN STOESZ** - (pronounced S-T-A-C-E).

Ann was hired in September and has been very busy with getting to know her duties. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge in clerical/computer skills. ANN is also employed with the Brandon Police Service and coordinates the PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS Unit. She will be at the club most weekdays/evenings and some weekends depending on the weekend events. Although Ann works through the days and will not be in the BCC office every day, she will be responding to voicemails/emails/ member questions through most lunch hours and after 4:00 PM each weekday. She will have a notice on the Manager's door when she will be in/out.

**WEBSITE**

The Brandon Curling Club has our new website. It is [www.brandoncurlingclub.com](http://www.brandoncurlingclub.com) . A big "Thank You" to **Donna Mitchell** for all her hard work this past year with Steven Lindenberg (the website designer). Geordie Hargreaves will now work to add some feature links and other cosmetic features... check it out... but bear with us as we will be adding information to the website this year..... Each member will be given a business type card which will have the Brandon Curling Club's contact information on the front, with a **password and P.I.N.** number on the back of this card. This will allow members entry into the restricted area to obtain information such as contact numbers/email addresses of other members, as well as – schedules, lists of spares etc. This should be very helpful in that if a team needs to contact another team or needs a spare, the website will have this information. This will eliminate the need to attend/phone the club for the information.

PLEASE BEAR WITH US WHILE WE DEVELOP THIS SITE FURTHER !

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

Although not new for this year, I felt it is important to give emphasis to advertise our email address. It is [brandoncurls@wcgwave.ca](mailto:brandoncurls@wcgwave.ca) . This address will appear on the contact cards you receive upon registering. **This email capability will allow you to correspond more easily with the Club Manager – ANN to voice your questions / comments / concerns / recommendations. The board will review any major concerns.**

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES**

We have some new faces/names on the 2007-2008 Board. I wish to thank the 2006-2007 Board for their tireless work in the past years. Although they have left the positions on the Board, most will still be working behind the scenes within our Club.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BRANDON CURLING CLUB**

Harley Bryson	President	Heather Andrews	Vice President
Gord Campbell	Past President	Tim McFadden	Treasurer
Gloria McMillan	Ray Smart	Barb Andrews	Bert Dupasquier
Sharon Shannon	Geordie Hargreaves	Lloyd McCabe	Nancy Cornish

**ICE MAKERS**

Thanks for a great start-up job to:

Dale Beaver - Head Ice maker  
Joe Rabichuk  
Ron Mosson  
Cale Dunbar

**CLOTHING**

CLOTHING SAMPLES WILL BE DISPLAYED WITH CLUB LOGOS FOR ORDERS BY END OF OCTOBER....WATCH FOR THEM!!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The NEIL ANDREWS LEGENDS CLASSIC** (formerly the Guild Classic) Oct 18-21 at BCC. 5 Senior teams are still needed to fill the 30 team round robin format. Entry fees are \$500.00 team. The Classic features a skill competition with the winner receiving \$500.00. Each win is \$125.00. The top 6 rinks and 2 wildcards will enter playoffs for a larger amount of winnings offered.

Contact Darryl Andrews at Guild (729-4949).

**VOLUNTEERS are also needed for admission and 50/50. There will be sign up sheets at the rink.**

**All PROCEEDS ARE TURNED OVER TO THE BRANDON CURLING CLUB !!!**

**SAFEWAY CHAMPIONSHIPS (Keystone Centre – February 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008)**

You can help our club raise money by purchasing your tickets for this event. There is incentive to buy your tickets early into our season, but... hold off until we have more information. We are awaiting the arrival of vouchers for club members to turn in at the Keystone. Each curling club in Brandon will have different colored vouchers to turn in. The club that turns in the most vouchers will receive a Safeway Hamper to raffle off within the club. STAY TUNED FOR INFO AT THE CLUB.

**TIM HORTON'S BRIER (March 08 – 16, 2008 / Winnipeg)**

You can also help our club raise money if you are buying tickets to the Tim Horton's Brier. You quote our club code (posted on bulletin boards). Our club will receive recognition funding for the sales... again more info to follow on our bulletin board at the club.

**BRANDON MEN'S BONSPIEL (December 06 – 09, 2007)**

Information is posted on the bulletin board in the club.... Please enter early this year.

**IN CLOSING, I WISH TO STATE TWO THINGS THAT CLEARLY STAND OUT TO ME ALREADY. Although not totally new observations by myself or most members, they do need to be stated to help keep our club - The Brandon Curling Club alive and strong -**

- 1. We, the Board, the league reps, and other behind the scenes members have much work to do. We cannot do it alone. I would ask each member to consider taking an extra thought of volunteering to help in different area/upcoming events.**
- 2. THE FUTURE OF OUR SURVIVAL LIES IN OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS. WE NEED TO FOCUS ON RECRUITING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BRANDON COMMUNITY TO CURL..... AND ALSO TO TAKE THE TORCH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN OUR BOARD DUTIES.**

**GOOD LUCK AND GOOD CURLING THIS SEASON !!!!!**

*Harley Bryson*