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Dear Members,

I want to start by thanking everyone who participated in our successful registration drive – to date we have 196 registered curlers, 62 new members and an active Little Rock/Junior section. Members are reminded to let their drawmasters know their intentions for the second draws beginning in January and for those who paid the \$99 special, the balance of \$151 is due January 1, 2010. Please pay your drawmaster. We encourage any new members to bring friends, neighbours or co workers out to curl in January and they will be eligible for the introductory rate as well. As a reminder, any former members who want to join in the second half, they can do so at 60% of the regular curling fee.

What's been happening at your club since we opened October 18th?

All the Leagues are running well. **Daytimers**, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:15. Teams continue to be made up as the curlers arrive and most days we have a full roster. Remember these leagues are open to all members regardless of age. Thanks to Marie Walker, Richard Coombes and Ian Gibson who take on the Drawmaster roles.

The **Men's Leagues** continue on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:30. Play has been enthusiastic and anyone wanting to sign up for the second draw should contact Robert Menzies at webmaster@suttoncurlingclub.ca

The **Team Entry** on Tuesday night has 10 teams this year and welcomes the addition of Walter Traczuk's Stick team – hard to beat those guys with their extenders! Contact Kevin Kell if you have a team for the second draw.

Wednesday Night Women have a new drawmaster – Linda Colwill who has seen an exciting start to the season. 9 teams and many new curlers, all who are quickly picking up the basics and having lots of fun.

Friday Night Mixed is running on high thanks to Tom and Bonnie Glover. 17 teams all enjoying 6 ends at 6:45 and 8:30. The new members are picking up the game quickly and meeting all our long time members. A great Halloween Party was held on October 30 with amazing costumes and terrific food. We are planning another fun Christmas Event on December 18, details to be announced. This group is taking full advantage of the new bar installed over the summer.

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on October 6. There were only 22 members in attendance, not enough for a quorum so the meeting has been rescheduled for **Friday, January 8 at 8pm**. This is your club and it is important that the Executive hears your voice in order to make timely decisions. The agenda and minutes will be available prior to the meeting.

Lynda Howe and her team of skilled instructors held a terrific **Instructional Clinic** on October 18. The new members were able to grasp the basics of delivery, sweeping, rules of the game and etiquette.

The **Sticks and Stones** was held October 24 at the Briars and the Curling Club and everyone enjoyed a good day of golf and curling.

The annual **Scotiabank Mixed Bonspiel** was held November 21 and saw Sutton host 16 teams, many from out of town. The day was a roaring success. Thanks to John and Jude Wood and all their helpers who made it all happen. We are participating in a new organization with several local clubs to assist in filling bonspiels. The list of our commitments is posted at the club and you can obtain more information from Bonnie Glover.

We hosted a **Sponsor's Appreciation Night** on December 4 to acknowledge the great community support we receive through ice and wall advertising.

Coming Events: Mark these on your calendar:

December 18, 6:45 and 8:30 – Mixed League Christmas Celebration. Format and details to follow.

Club Closure – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – December 23 to January 2, 2010

January 3, 2010 – Curling Leagues Resume

January 8, 2010 – 8pm. Annual General Meeting

January 9, 2010 – Refresher Curling Clinic: Calling all Leads and Seconds
Lynda Howe

January 10, 2010 – Little Rock Junior Bonspiel – Andrew Sibbald

January 12 – 15, 2010 – Ontario Curling Association Competition. We are hosting the Tim Horton's Master Men and Women Zone Competition. Open to all curlers 60 years and older, also open to stick curlers. This will be a good event and we encourage all our members to participate

Ladies Ice Cube Invitational Bonspiel – January 30, 2010. Contact Linda Colwill. This event is filling up fast and promises to be better than ever.

As the Christmas season approaches we encourage members who need a venue to host a staff party, lunch, appreciation event to contact any Board member. The rental rates are posted on the website and we would welcome all enquiries.

The **Pro Shop** continues to stock all curling supplies and orders can be placed for items not in stock. Remember Christmas gifts from the Sutton Curling Club look great under the tree. Contact Lynda Howe for prices and availability.

We will be distributing tickets for our annual *Fund Raising Raffle* in the next week.

First prize is \$3000 worth of groceries from **SOBEYS** – John Wood will be contacting all members to participate.

And finally who wouldn't want a **HUGE BASKET** full of **Christmas Cheer?**

Members are asked to donate a bottle from the LCBO to the big basket, tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the draw will be made December 18. If you donate a bottle, you get a free ticket so hurry on over to the LCBO. There are lots of great Christmas items to choose from.

The Board of Directors continues to manage the club and hold monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at the Club at 5:30. If you want an item placed on the agenda, don't hesitate to call the club, contact a board member or send us an email.

Check out the website www.suttoncurlingclub.ca for more information.

Remember, together we all make it happen!

See you on the Ice! Good Curling! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Barry Dell, President, Sutton Curling Club.