



**Pictured: Hilda Towerzey**

Hilda Towerzey started curling and piping around the same time, in 1968. She started curling at the Civic Cal where her father in law was a life time member (Reg Towerzey). Her first few piping gigs for curling happened at The Thistle Curling Club where she piped in some head tables. She got this gig because her parents were members there.

Hilda curled in a junior league at the Civic Cal and through her school Daniel McIntyre at the Thistle Curling Club. From there she joined the business girl's league at the Thistle Curling Club and then moved on to the Deer Lodge daytime ladies league. Currently she is a member at The Assiniboine Curling Club where she started curling in the mid 1970's. She has curled in a mixed league, business ladies and now daytime ladies.

Her piping for Manitoba Curling started in 1970-1971, the two years where Don Duguid was a big winner. From there she continued to pipe at the airport for arriving winners, head tables at curling clubs, social send offs for provincials and curler that were getting married. She started with a uniform that her mother put together for her because at the time she was not a member of a pipe band. Later on as she became a member she started using the uniform provided to her.

Some highlights in her piping career are going to the 2008 World Curling Championship in Grand Forks with two other pipers having not been asked previous, they showed up and were offered two draws. She also piped in Jennifer Jones's team after they won their Olympic gold medal and for Kerry Burtynk's retirement at the MTS centre.

Hilda has had many great memories curling and piping for Manitoba Curling that it's impossible to list them all. She hopes to continue to have many more, so come on Manitoba, let's keep winning!

