

Happenings @ ACC

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ACC Calendar

November

7-9 Early Bird in-house bonspiel
15 Super Stick Bonspiel
16 Board Meeting 2PM
28-29 TAM playdown

December

19-20 Governor's playdown

Pick up games & Training (10AM-1PM) — see description pg. 2

22 Nov
29 Nov
6 Dec
13 Dec
27 Dec



New Curler's Corner—Bonspiels???

Welcome new curlers!!!! Check out this area with each issue of 'Happenings' for items of particular interest to newer curlers.

1st—check out info on our new website elsewhere in this issue as well as info on "training" Saturdays.

Now... what's a bonspiel?? It's a curling competition. There are both "in-house" bonspiels and "invitationals". An "in-house" 'spiel is limited to members of the ACC. They are a great way to meet other club members, are fun, give you a chance to experience what a

bonspiel is about, and they're a great value! The "Early Bird" will be held the 1st weekend in November. It's always a lot of fun—Sign up today! Other in-house bonspiels are the All-American (women's), Valentine's (mixed), Horton Bennett (men's) and the Lads & Lassies (mixed). Keep an eye out for sign-ups. New curlers are welcome (AND ENCOURAGED) to participate.

5 and under invitational bonspiels. These bonspiels are invitationals (open to all clubs) held each year and participation is limited to those

curlers with **5 and fewer years** experience. The Kayser is a mixed bonspiel (2 men, 2 women), the Dykes is for men, the Women's Challenge is—yup, you guessed it—and there's an open (any combo of men and women). Check out gncc.org for dates and info. This year ALL of these are relatively close and you should consider attending. These are curlers you will be participating against for years to come and where friendships are formed. Ask your skips about them (and any other ?? you may have.... that's what they're here for!)

The New Website is here, the new website is here!!!!

Many thanks to Gary Conn (2nd year curler!) who has spearheaded the effort to get our website up and running. [albanycurlingclub.net] or [albanycurlingclub.org]. It's extremely exciting (I know, I have to get out more!) to have a current, useful website....

Take a few minutes to check it out. Starting with the [home page](#) and [about us](#) pages which tell about the ACC.

Check out the [Happenings](#) tab for past issues of our club newsletter (A particularly valuable site!....who's biased??)

The [schedule](#) tab is where the club calendar is located. This is still being updated.

Plan on spending some time exploring [forums](#). There's a lot of valuable information here. Click on the "general forum about curling" moderated by Matt Sundheim. Then check out the "new member booklet". There's all of the info you need with a list of curling terms, "spirit of curling" as well as a schedule of training Saturdays. **Please register** in forums so that we can utilize this as a communication tool and have some valuable dialogue!

Don't remember when your game is? There's a "weekly leagues" post which currently has the schedule for the season for the Tues, Wed, and Thurs evening leagues. I believe the other leagues will be added as Gary gets the schedules.

I won't go through the entire web site, but it is being updated constantly and is a great resource. Refer to it frequently.

Other members that have contributed to the site are Lenore Collins—check out the "training corner" as well as some great links—and Matt Sundheim. Thank you for all of your efforts to make this website a valuable resource for our club (and remember, all of this information is available to you 24-7!).

Training and Pickup Games

New this year to ACC are Saturday AM training and pickup games open not only to club members but the general public, as well (yes, this is a good time to bring friends and family to try curling). Curlers are encouraged

to come at 10, practice for an hour or more – structured practice, with instructors – and then play a pickup game with whomever happens to want to play one. You may bring a team, however if there are too many curlers for the

ice to accommodate "5 and Under" teams and new members will take precedence. Contact Ken or Maureen Rice if you want to bring a team. See the web site and calendar (pg 1) for dates!

Thank you!!

Belated thanks to Pat Frey and Flo Springstead who helped out at "clean-up day" in September and were inadvertently left off the list. Sincerest Apologies!

Thanks to Nancy Drischler for all of the info posted over the fireplace. The club calendar (including local invitational bonspiels and '5 and under' events) is there as well as committee info for all of the ACC bonspiels. If you

haven't signed up to help out on a bonspiel... now's the time!!! Can't commit to an entire w/end right now?... sign up for a piece.. ie. "Saturday dinner", bartending, or Sun breakfast. For all of you who have complained about lack of club info... you have the "fireplace postings", web site, and Happenings. If you don't know what's going on.... you haven't TRIED!!!!

Thanks to Maureen and Ken Rice

for all of their efforts throughout training. But, it doesn't end there... they're also coordinating the Saturday training sessions... (see above)



Meet our new curlers!

Michael Bloom is a professor at U Albany in Epidemiology and Environmental Health. He heard about us @ the Scottish Games (Thanks Margie and Nancy and all of your helpers). He curls on Sundays.

Michael Gies knows lots of ACC curlers: Helen Ryan, Joe Curran and Chuck Bennett. He works at U Albany and curls on Sundays.

Jim Crowley returns after a 2 year absence to attend school—welcome back! He is a US Coast Guard Vet and an HVCC grad in automotive studies. He enjoys cooking, writing, and performing

arts. He curls Sundays and Thursdays. He brings his son Angus with him.

Megan Boyak—works @ GE and learned about ACC from Ed Vilt and Herb Heins. She enjoys rock climbing, running as well as cooking, photography, painting, and sewing. She curls Tuesdays.

Emma Foster specializes in international relations. She joins her cousin Greg Foster. She curls Sunday nights. She enjoys cartooning, canoeing, reading and photography. She studied in France and England.

Adam Dow curls Monday nights. He enjoys hunting and camping. He is originally from Essex, VT and went to SUNY Potsdam. He is a budding mixologist. He learned about curling from friends.

Mike Coleman is a grad student in math at U Albany. He curls on Monday nights. He enjoys cooking, but spends all his spare time studying (?). He was introduced to ACC by Ben Atchison and Rick Neville.

Hopefully I'll get the info on the other new curlers for the next issue.

Happenings

Happenings is the periodic newsletter @ ACC. It is only as good as the info received from the membership. If you have ANY info you think may be of interest to other members of the club PLEASE submit it. Going to an event you want publicized??? Bonspiel? New job? Wedding, baby.... etc. Do you have an event you want publicized??? Submit your items (please include your name in case there are ??)

1) E-mail to Martha (mnaber@nycap.rr.com)

2) Give to Pauline Gaige or Martha
3) Place it in the Happenings envelope posted on the bulletin board

Miss any past issues??? 1) There is a binder by the bulletin board with all of the past issues. 2) Check out the web site which has the most recent issues posted.

Are you connected?? To save mailing costs we are E-mailing issues of Happenings to all members. We will post the membership roster shortly—PLEASE REVIEW all personal info including E-mail and up-

date it as needed so that we can have an accurate list.

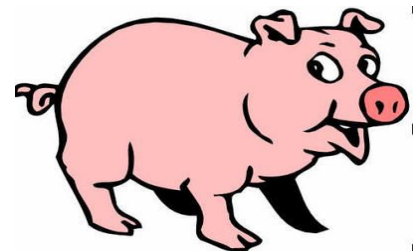
If you don't have an E-mail... don't despair... we will mail out copies to members without E-mail (sorry this hasn't happened already)... but I promise... as soon as we get the updated roster I'll figure out who doesn't have an active E-mail and create a mailing list....

Also—Thanks to all who have submitted items for this and past issues!! Pauline and I (and our readers) appreciate it!

Don't Forget to Feed the Pig!!!

Have you seen the little piggy sitting on the tables... or at the bar (his favorite spot)?? The purpose of this handsome porcine is to support our junior curling programs. If you hog a stone (sweepers didn't sweep hard enough, your skip didn't call the right sweep, hair on the ice, too much

frost... I've used them all!) you owe 25¢ to the pig.—skips \$1. If someone on your team hogs a stone... gently remind them to feed the pig. Dick Peacock is the official "pig" ambassador. It's all in fun and for a good cause!



Open House/Membership Committee/Thanks!!

We started the year with the addition of 12 new members! Soon we will be hanging pictures of their happy faces up in the clubhouse, but don't wait until then to go out and show them what a friendly bunch we are.

While most of our new members found us in the tried and true fashion – newspapers, flyers and buddies of current members – at least 4 found us by virtue of the hard work of Margie Stonner, who organized a gang to sit out the day at the Scottish games and talk up our club, and of Gary Conn, a new member himself who has made us a state of the art (and getting better all the time) website (see pg 2 of this issue).

Thanks, Gary and Margie! Your efforts really help our club.

--**And**, thanks, from the bottom of my heart, to all of you who made the effort to help out with the Open House and training. As always, Marilyn Hietala was indispensable – but Lenore Collins, Steve Ryder and Ken Rice gave brave competition for the “best of Open House” award for good fellowship, excellent training skills, and just good fun – *but!* nobody could possibly outshine Martha Naber, whom we came to consider our “secret weapon” to open the door of the hearts of new members.

In addition, special thanks to:

Deanna Ryder, for making sure I did everything “right.”
Matt Sundheim, Doug Shanley, Kathy Sipzner, Joe Sipzner, Bret Sentiwany, Winn Schwartz, Richard Neville, Joe DeBella, Heather Heins, Lynn Ray, Ben Atchison, Greg Foster, Dave Smith, Ron Brooke, Dorothy Euvrard, Hollis & Linda Felice, Mike & Pat Loudis, Al & Joy Campisano, Sherrie Seeley, Mark Sgarlatta, Pat Frey, Ed & Flo Springstead, Tony & Mary Brankman, Roger & Ethel Cooper.

Of course, thanks to Art Nuss and his band of merry ice men.

Maureen Rice
Chair, Membership Committee

Script books/Curling Rudos

Hopefully many of you received the FYI E-mail I was asked to send out a few weeks ago re: the **Script books**. Bills for the script books are downstairs in the locker rooms. Once your payment has been received a script book will be placed in the holder near the bar. Remember... you **MUST** use the script by the end of this season (4/09)... not only can you use it at the bar

BUT it can also be used for inhouse bonspiels (hint: the early bird is next w/end!) or at the club store.

See attached flyer for **Curler Rudos**. Lenore Collins brought the idea to the membership committee who thought it was a great idea. You don't **HAVE** to participate, but what a great way to show apprecia-

tion to your fellow members... whether for making you laugh, giving you a hand, doing something great on the ice, being a supportive teammate (paying your teammates off when you have an “off” night??)