

Happenings @ ACC

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ACC Calendar

November

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Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

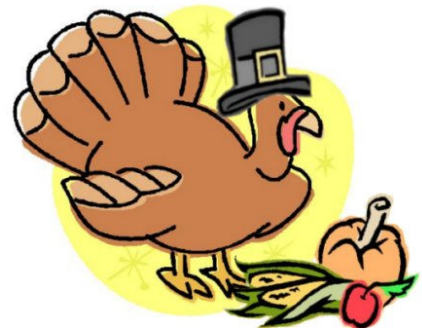
December (tentative dates)

4th / 5th

Governor's Playdown

18 / 19

Capital Bonspiel



New Curler's Corner

Welcome to the Albany Curling Club. Check out this section for items which are of particular interest to new curlers.

1st and foremost—get involved in the club. It's your club too!

1) Participate in an in-house bonspiel (open to all members of the Albany Curling Club). They're a lot of fun, a great value, and a fantastic way to meet other members of the club in a friendly, but competitive atmosphere. New curlers are always welcome and encouraged!

2) Your green coupon books can be used to pay for an in-house bonspiel (as well as at the bar—:)). They must be used by the end of this curling season.

3) Help out at a bonspiel. Extra hands are always needed and it's another way to meet members of the club.

4) If you have ANY questions about any of the aforementioned... ask your skip. Part of their responsibility is helping out new curlers.

5) 5 and under bonspiels (invitational—open to all clubs). These bonspiels are limited to those members with 5 and fewer years of experience. It allows you to participate in an event with curlers of similar experience. They are tons of fun and you get to meet people you will be curling against for years to come. Once your 5 years are up... it's over :(

6) Check out the website (see Pg 3 for additional information) to keep abreast of what's happening.

Letter from the Treasurer

I hope the membership agrees that the almost completed Phase I renovations have had a huge impact on making our club more pleasant and functional for curling.

We owe a lot of thanks to all the people who volunteered their time and energy working on the project, as well as those whose generous donations to the 2008 Capital Campaign Fund pledge drive allowed us to finance the work.

Unfortunately these funds have been exhausted, forcing the

club to take out a low interest loan from one of our members so that the work may be completed. As the end of the year approaches, I respectfully ask our members to please keep the club in mind when considering your gift giving to non-profit organizations. This request goes out to members who may have already generously donated last year, and to those who could not donate during the pledge drive. Your tax-deductible donations may also be directed towards purchasing furniture for the newly renovated areas. These items include:

- * 9 tables for the warm room @\$60 apiece
- * 90 stacking chairs for the warm room @\$10 each
- * 2 lateral file cabinets @\$200 each

Any donation you are able to make at this time, no matter what amount, will be gratefully appreciated. Please see myself Dick Powell if you have any further questions.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Wendy Berger, ACC Treasurer

President's message—New activities planned for ACC!!!!

I spoke with ACC president Dick Powell who had a whole list of activities being planned for this coming year, some of which are listed below.... Keep your eyes open for additional details in the upcoming weeks/months.

Tai Chi

Classes planned for the warm room. Times and dates TBD, but it should be starting in the next month or so. The plan is to have weekly classes held at a cost of ~ \$80/10week session

Landscaping

Tony Brankman (master gardener) will be leading a group who will look at doing landscaping around the club. This will include flowers, trees, shrubs, fence building etc. and include building a nature trail in the 4.5 acres surrounding

the club. If interested contact Tony Brankman.

Open House/Cocktail Party

There will be an open house in the coming weeks which will include an invitation to Schenectady CC to check out our renovations. SCC helped us out during renovations when power was lost while a Level 1 training class was being held. The class was held @ ACC with on-ice activities moved to SCC in the afternoon.

Joint Marketing with SCC

ACC is joining with SCC to co-market curling to a wider audience. There will be a booth in Saratoga 11/21 @ the winter sports show. ACC and SCC will share a booth, but each will also have their own information prominently displayed. There will be a

video, curling demonstration, and members to answer questions.

Dual Membership now offered

A dual membership is now being offered between ACC and SCC. Primary membership fees will remain the same, but fees at the secondary club will be at a reduced rate (\$205). As a secondary member you will be able to participate in 1 league as well as all bonspiels. You would be a non-voting member of the secondary club and you would not be eligible to skip. Either ACC or SCC can be primary or secondary clubs. (Dick Powell maintains secondary membership @ SCC and Lou Horton maintains secondary membership @ ACC)

ACC Website—albanycurlingclub.net (or .org)

Albany Curling Club has an excellent website. Albanycurlingclub.net or (.org). Member Gary Conn has done a remarkable job getting this website up and running and keeping it current. Refer to it frequently to keep abreast of what's happening around the club!

Just a few examples of what you can find on the site....

- ◆ Club directory—members

contact information

- ◆ Club calendar—find out when bonspiels, activities or meetings are scheduled
- ◆ League schedules—currently Mon, Wed, and Thurs evening schedules are available.
- ◆ Did you know you could pay your bill on-line via paypal??? See the membership area.
- ◆ Check out the Gallery tab for all sorts of pictures of

our ongoing renovations and bonspiels

- ◆ Happenings—past issues are posted. Check out the news, bonspiel results, etc.

Suggestion—register for forums where the directory and league schedules are located. Just create a user ID and password and you're ready to Rock and Roll!!!

Early Bird Bonspiel

The Early Bird bonspiel was held November 5th thru 7th. An excellent bonspiel was put on by the committee!!!! It was disappointing that only enough members participated to comprise 8 teams. This is the fewest # of teams in the Early Bird since I have been a member of the club.

Competition began Friday evening preceded by a delicious light dinner. There was fierce curling all day Saturday which concluded with the championship games at 3PM.

Following the games there were hors d'oeuvres, presentation of pins and address to the haggis! (for those of you who don't know what haggis is... it's better not to know— but, if your curiosity gets the better of you... google it!). The pipers salute was spearheaded by Dick Powell's son Rick Powell.

Dinner Saturday night featured conbread stuffed game hens orchestrated by Paulette Jakob (Dick Powell's mother-in-law) and an army of volunteers. Dessert was apple pie a la mode.

There was a silent auction of various items (coins, book, various curling items, pins...) proceeds of which will benefit the club.

Winners of the 1st event: Robert Crain, Bill Koniowka, Lenore Collins, Ed Muller

1st event R-up: Flo Springstead, Mike O'Neil, Joy Campisano and lead by committee (Pat Frey, Red Brownell, and Gary Conn)

2nd event winners: Martha Naber, Art Nuss (& Wendy Berger), Pat Loudis and Jim Crowley

2nd event R-up: Joy Harding, Jim Ramundo, Loretta Buchanan, John Berigan (new curler!!!!—) and Jerry Wendel.

Congratulations to all!

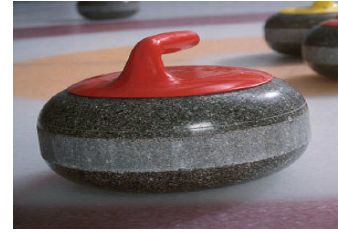
All of the participants were treated to a terrific bonspiel! The food was delicious, curling competitive, and fellowship superb. Those who were unable to participate missed an excellent bonspiel.

Many thanks to the committee chaired by our president Dick Powell. An enormous amount of work was provided by the committee including: Pat Frey, Wendy Berger, Yvonne Bilo-deau (no I don't want a Guinness!!!!), Austin Cline, Joy Harding, Joe Hart, Art Nuss, Jim Ramundo, Sherrie Seeley, Greg Foster and Nancy Drischler. THANK YOU!!!!

Away bonspiels

The 5 and under rink skipped by Marilyn Goldstein travelled to Schenectady to curl with the “big girls” at the Carosella bonspiel in November (M. Goldstein, K Sipzner, M. Boyak, E Foster). They are working on improving upon

their A-event runners-up status in the women’s challenge from last year. They finished as runners up in the B event at the Carosella. Congratulations!



Happenings

Do you have any news to share??? Going to an away bonspiel?? Travelling? Baby? Club activity?

We need your help!!! This newsletter is only as good as the information we receive. So PLEASE drop me a line if you have any news items to share. Either put it in my locker or e-

mail me (mnaber@nycap.rr.com). Thank you!!

Newsletters will come out as frequently as needed depending on information received. ETA of next issue... Jan 2010!

Also, check out the Happenings tab on the web site for past issues.

Good Curling!!! Martha

PS. If anyone would like to be an associate editor to help collect info... I would appreciate the help!

Juniors

The ACC Juniors were off to a great start as soon as the ice was in – we’ve got a terrific crew of enthusiastic and energetic curlers. The Juniors, who are in middle school and high school, practice on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 (unless there’s a bonspiel at the club, when the practice time is

moved). Kyle Reedy, Victoria Schnurr, Deanna Ryder, Joe Sipzner, Kaitlyn Hess, Angus Crowley, and Tyler Hess are all back on the ice. They’re joined by new curlers Matt Gu, Caragh Lenox, Asaph Ko, Bowen Zhang, and Anna Ko.

A big thank you goes out to Joe

Sipzner for his active recruiting efforts, both during our open houses and at his school. Another big thank you goes out to Emma Foster and Greg Foster for coming in to the club on Saturday afternoons and being a terrific help.