

# Happenings @ ACC

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## ACC Calendar

### January 2010

2-3 1:00 - 4:30 *Open House*  
8-10 All American Women's Bonspiel  
14-16 GNCC Women's Playdown  
21-23 Horton Bennett Men's Bonspiel  
28-31 Governor's Men's Invitational

### February

11-14 Valentine's Bonspiel  
25-28 Dutch Shoe Women's Invitational



## New Curler's Corner

Well the curling season is just starting to get heated up. Check out the calendar for upcoming bonspiels. Better yet, check out the web site.

### In-house bonspiels:

The All American women's bonspiel is coming up the 2nd weekend in January and the Horton Bennett men's bonspiel is the 4th weekend. Both bonspiels offer an excellent opportunity to experience a bonspiel in a competitive, but friendly atmosphere. Look for the sign-up sheets in the warm room as the dates approach.

In addition, if you still have green script left you can use it to pay for the in-house spiels :).

### Invitational bonspiels:

ACC also hosts a number of invitational bonspiels (open to other clubs). The Governor's men's spiel is a very competitive (but fun, if the # of bar books sold is any indication???) bonspiel in January. If you're interested in playing look for signs for playdowns—Albany teams "play down" for the right to participate in the bonspiel.

All bonspiels both club and invitational are run by volunteers and they can ALWAYS use a helping hand. Look for sign-ups @ the club. It's a great way to meet people and your help will be appreciated.

Remember if you have any questions about participating in a bonspiel or helping out... just ASK YOUR SKIP!!!!

## Thank You!

### *Governor's Bowl Bonspiel Pins*

Our appreciation and gratitude go out to Vince Spataro for sponsoring the reorder of the Third Event pins for this year's Governor's Bowl Bonspiel. Our thanks also go out to Ron Belden, a curler from Canada who attends the bonspiel most every year, for sponsoring a new Fourth Event pin and to Roger Cooper for designing this pin.

Joy Campisano  
ACC Patron Pin Chairperson

### *December Open House*

ACC held an open house during the Capital Cup on Saturday December 19. Our membership responded in their usual selfless way with many donations for appetizers and desserts. Thank you to Joy Campisano, Florence Springstead, Andra Sheinkopf, Nancy Drischler, Dick Powell, Pat Loudis, Hollis Felice, Wendy Berger, Jerry Wendel, Dorothy Euvrard, Gloria Martino, Mary Brankman and Linda Felice.

These are the people who signed up so if anyone was overlooked apologies are in order. Everything was delicious and appreciated by all.

### *Christmas Basket*

The Christmas raffle basket was won by Betty Kelly. Many thanks to the following donors: Gladys Ryan, Dick Powell, Linda Felice, Pat Frey, Jerry Wendel, Jeanette Davidson, Joy Campisano, Flo Springstead, Roberta Crain, Bill Koniowka, and Pauline Gaige. And last, but most important, thanks to all who bought tickets!! A total of \$857 was raised.

## Capital Cup / Away bonspiels

The 3rd annual Capital Cup was held December 19th and 20th pitting Schenectady CC vs. Albany CC. For the 3rd straight year ACC went home the victor!! A total of 10 SCC and 10 ACC teams participated in this "friendly" bonspiel. Each participant went home with a lovely commemorative pin (in addition to bragging rights!). Brian Moon did a fantastic job organizing (and using his power of persuasion) the event. Unfortunately Brian is still recovering from his Herculean effort so I don't have the names of the people who helped Brian out yet....

A team from Albany traveled to Ontario Province to compete in the Ross Tarlton International bonspiel. The R-T is an annual bonspiel that pits 16 teams each from Ontario Province vs. the GNCC. The winner is determined by the total # of stones won for the entire spiel. Bruce Shultes, Hollis Felice, Roger Cooper, and Dick Powell made the trip. Ontario province prevailed by a total of 12 stones. The GNCC had won the previous 2 competitions (1 year by a single stone!!).

Congratulations to Marilyn Goldstein and her rink (Nancy Drischler, Martha Naber, Kathy Sipzner) for their A- event run-

ners-up showing at the Crystal Snowflake bonspiel at Nutmeg CC in Connecticut in December. The team was nattily attired in blue snowflake theme shirts thanks to Nancy Drischler... Flo, I forgot to tell you EVERYONE was asking about you—they all say "Hi"!!

The Senior Women's Bonspiel was held in Grand Forks, ND in December and was attended by our ACC team of Roberta Crain, Flo Springstead, Cynthia Galivan and Gloria Martino. There were 24 teams and our gals lost in the 2nd-event semifinals on the last stone! Two other teams from the GNCC participated (Ardsley and TCC)

## *New Curlers*

John Berigan from Troy was recruited by Loretta Buchanan. He is a property manager and curls Sundays and Wednesdays. He also participated in the Early Bird!

Martt Kirk started in January 2009. He was introduced to us by Tony Brankman. Matt is an archaeologist. He curls Sundays and Wednesdays.

Joan Ruppenthal was recruited by Lenore Collins.. Her curling schedule is a secret.

Garth Mashmann is an attorney. He's a recent graduate of Syracuse University law school. He came to our open house. He curls Sundays and Thursdays.

Pamela Smith is attending nursing school. She came to the open house with her daughter and the girl scouts and has always wanted to curl. Her mother and grandmother also curled. Her daughter is curling with the juniors. Pam curls Wednesday morning and Thursday nights.

Fabienne Waring curls Tuesday nights. She is Dick Powell's daughter.

Colin McDonough was recruited by Roger Cooper with whom he sings in a choir. He is working on his doctorate in nanotechnology (it's no big deal... Ha Ha Ha!) at SUNY Albany. He curls Monday nights.

Shawn Danz joined the curling club courtesy of Ron Brooke. He curls Monday nights.

## *Youth Curling*

We have 11 active and enthusiastic junior curlers. At the Broomstones Junior Bonspiel recently, ACC's Kyle Reedy and his team were winners of the recreational division, winning all of their four games. Kyle was joined by Kent Suslavich (vice - Nutmeg), Nick Glaser (second - Broomstones), and ACC's Joe Sipzner as lead. The event was sponsored by the USWCA, so look for their team photo in the next USWCA newsletter.

Any of you older folks (older than teens, that is) feel like taking on our teen curlers in a friendly game? We're looking for more in-house playing experience - contact Kathy Sipzner or e-mail albanycurling-

clubjuniors@gmail.com if you'd be interested.

Our teen curlers have busy schedules, but we'll see if they have time to join us for the Valentine's in-house bonspiel - look for their names on the sign-up sheets.

### *Scholarship Fund for Youth Curlers - New!!*

We now have a scholarship fund to assist youth curlers with their dues. Several club members made anonymous donations to start this fund, so that youth who wish to curl but have financial needs can still participate in this terrific sport. Please contact Kathy Sipzner if you would like to make a donation or if you

know of a youth curler or prospective curler who could use some financial help. A big thank you to our donors - curlers are wonderful people!

Kathy Sipzner





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## Albany Curling Club

### Open House

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1:00 to 4:30 pm



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Western near Stuyvesant Plaza

**Fun!**

Wear comfortable clothing and CLEAN-soled athletic shoes.

The Albany Curling Club, curling here in Albany since 1955,  
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game of skill, strategy and good sportsmanship for people of all ages.



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