

Happenings @ ACC

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ACC Calendar

Feb

21

Albany-Schenectady "Friendly"

March

6-8

TAM invitational

13-15

Horton Bennett men's in-house

20-22

GNCC Senior mixed

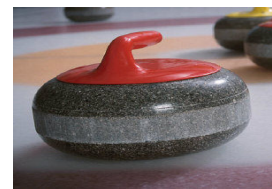
26-29

Lads & Lassies in-house

Pick up games & Training (10AM-1PM)

Sat 2/21

Sat 2/28



New Curler's Corner

Welcome newest curlers!!!! For the 1st time we had a bunch of new curlers join us in January. Welcome aboard!!! Please feel free to ask any current member if you have questions, particularly your skip.

1st a reminder about your script books.... ***The yellow script books are good for this season only***.... BUT, the good news is besides using them at the bar (my particular favorite), you can use them for in-house bonspiels (PSSST...the Lads & Lassies is coming up in March) as well as at the club store. Check out the merchandise. A bunch of members have keys to the store (see the list posted behind the counter), just ask your skip if you need something (gripper, slider, pins, mug,

sweatshirt...) and they can track down someone with a key.

Happenings is the club newsletter published every month or two. Past issues are on the web site (albanycurlingclub.net). There are some articles about the club store, icemaking, the bar, etc. Check them out on-line.

Feel like you want to get a little extra practice in???? We still have a couple training Saturdays left. Come on out!

If you haven't picked up your name tag it is on the counter in the warm room by the bar.

A few hints about curling eti-

quette... Curling is like golf... just when you think you have all the "rules" down someone "gently?" reminds you of the one you DIDN'T know.

If someone is in the hack please don't talk TOO them, AROUND them or ACROSS them so they can concentrate on missing their shot. :)

Also, please don't walk in front of or between them and their skip so they can focus on the broom which they will pray to hit.

Once your team's shot is over please exit the ice promptly to keep the game moving.

January Open House—letter from Membership chair

THANKS to all of you

Yo, the Board's decision to hold a mid-winter Open House was a rousing success! Despite the competition of New Year's Day (come on, you know what I'm talking about) we showed huge crowds how to curl. So we got our picture in the paper... And we have new members to show for it. Virtually all of our leagues gained new members

To ALL of those who helped with the mid-season Open House initiative, THANK YOU.

Dave Ryan – our Pres., who brought out and “joined” a new curler.

Nancy Drischler and Jerry

Wendel: For making room in the schedule for this even-

Marilyn Hietala – for continuously doing whatever needs to be done

Ken Rice – for training assistance, AND for taking newbies on his team (!!!!)

Martha Naber – training assistance, bringing out friends (they joined, of course)

Lenore Collins – support, excellent training assistance, tak-

ing more newbies

Steve & Deanna Ryder – training assistance, smiles, whatever

Kathy Sipzner – for “sanity control,” training assistance, “rock of Gibraltar”

Joe Sipzner – for training assistance, smiles, being there

Bruce Shultes – support. When you can't be there, he is. Smiles. Love. The best

Hollis & Linda Felice – training support, bringing out friends, smiles

Al Campisano – support, un-failing strength, kindness

Bob Briggs – bringing a friend, training assistance

Flo Springstead – training assistance, spunk, love when you need it most

Bret Sentiwany – calm, cool, supportive training assistance

Greg Foster – funny, fun, un-failingly delightful support

Art Nuss – boosterism and ice care...which can't be easy...

Dorothy & Lou Euvrard – calm...smiles...help with the “wicked sticks”...

Mary Arthur – training assistance...there is nobody sweeter.

Look all you want.

Tony & Mary Brankman – to-

tal delight, warm-room boosterism and sheer joy

Mark Sgarlatta – no fair you broke a rib, luv ya that ya came anyway, THANKS

Mike & Pat Loudis – spreading love and joy, warm-room support

Bea Ordon – spunky support, bringing a friend, training

Winn Schwartz – training assistance, support, you name it.

Doug & Joe Shanley – training support, fun, laughter

Juniors (don't know all the names, but showed up and helped out) THANKS. !!!!

THANKS beyond THANKS to all of you who have made the effort to help with the mid-season Open House, to re-draw teams, to take new curlers on your teams, YOU ARE a beacon of the future.

Incidentally, **GIGANTIC thanks to Roger and Ethel Cooper**, who are coaching the five and under teams and doing a fantastic job.

Maureen Rice, Chair, Membership Committee

All American

Congratulations to All-American co-chair Gayle Guzik and asst. Winn Schwartz for a great bonspiel! They took over when Kathy Eggers was unable to be at the club. Eight teams participated in the bonspiel. Wendy Berger's team (Berger, Frey, Galivan, Hess) won 1st event defeating Ethel Co-

per's rink. (Cooper, Seeley, Buchanan, M Arthur) 2nd event was won by Maureen Rice (Rice, Gordon, Crain, Bott) who defeated the Lenore Collin's rink (Collins, Campisano, Ryan, Abelseth). Pins were presented to the teams by the USWCA All-American chair, Gloria Martino. A delicious meal was

cooked and served by Pat and Mike Loudis.

Participating in the bonspiel was Sue Bott-Kaiser a long-time member and senior associate and Emily Arthur and Lisa Gallant, both plate glass members. It was great to see them!

Help Wanted!!!!

Have you enjoyed an in-house or invitational bonspiel at some time? Do you enjoy league play? Drink at the fully stocked bar...take advantage of our quality ice...buy items from the club store....read this newletter?? If you answered "yes" to any of the aforementioned we need YOUR help!!!! This club is run on a volunteer basis and every one of those things has a volunteer contributing NUMEROUS hours (usually with very little fanfare).

The LADS & LASSIES bonspiel is looking for a chairperson. (Nancy Drischler stepped up to run the Valentines which also lacked a chair... "thanks Nancy"). This plea is particularly for those members who curl, but maybe haven't had the time to volunteer in the past... or newer members—this is a great way to meet people while contributing to the club. We need a chair, but certainly the job of chair is easier with lots of volunteers!!!! There is a sign-up list posted

by the fireplace. If you want to volunteer to chair PLEASE contact Nancy Drischler ASAP or if you have any questions.... If we don't get a chair the bonspiel may be in jeopardy and this bonspiel is one of the best in-house spiels of the year as we bid adieu to the club for another season!

I'm sure the TAM and senior mixed could use volunteers as well. Please contact Lenore Collins (TAM) or Maureen Rice (Senior Mixed) to volunteer your services.

Thanks/ Congrats!!

Thanks to everyone who submitted items for this issue—biggest issue ever—thanks to your submissions... With Pauline sunning herself in Florida I've lost my "cub reporter" so all items are greatly appreciated!!!! Keep them coming! Another issue will be coming out in March.

Have you noticed how nicely the club is decorated???? Thanks to Dick Powell our new house chair (see elsewhere in this issue)!!!

As always, curling (and fellowship) is the reason we are all here. We can never thank our ice people enough. Art Nuss and his merry band of ice men (Ed Springstead, Matt Sundheim, Lou Euvrard, Jeff Shelly, Doug Hadley, Mike O'Neil) providing quality ice. This is undoubtedly the largest job @ the club and also least visible (happens in the AM when a lot of people aren't around). Without them we'd be a shuffleboard club :). Thanks guys for all you do!!!!!!

Thanks to Maureen and Ken Rice who continue to provide training on Saturdays.

Congratulations to Brian Costello and Melissa Wank who announced their engagement recently!!!!

Congratulations to the Naber rink (Martha Naber, Hollis & Linda Felice and Jim Crowley) who were winners of the Thursday night mixed league 1st session.

Governors

The 44th annual Governors bonspiel was held in January. Congratulations to Dick Ellis and Marilyn Hietala and their committee for a very successful bonspiel. A total of 16 teams participated. Among them, 3 Albany teams (Alb-1 D. Curran, D. Ryan, B. Moon, K. Ryan; Alb-2 D. Keller, B. Sentiwany, L. Horton, R. Brooke; Alb-3 B. Shultes, A. Nuss, M. O'Neil, D. Powell), 3 Schenectady teams, plus teams from Canada and around the region also participated. Schenectady won the 1st event and IERU. Congrats to the Curran rink for winning the 4th event. A special thanks to all the members who helped out: Thurs dinner: Pauline Gaige, Marilyn Hietala—Fri breakfast: Tony Brankman—Fri lunch: Pat Frey, Joy Harding, Pat Lanphear—Fri. appetizers: Chris

Spoth—Fri dinner: Betty Kelly, Gladys Ryan, Gloria Martino, Marilyn Hietala, Jim, Mel and Chris Abelseth, Clara Cabesas, Lou Horton—Sat. breakfast—Johanna Kawola—Sat lunch: Mary Arthur, Pat Loudis, Wendy Berger, Gloria Martino—Sat appetizers: Jeanette Davidson, Kathy Eggers, Andra Sheinkopf, Ethel Cooper, Marilyn Hietala—Sat. dinner: Hollis and Linda Felice, Melissa Wank—Sun. breakfast: Heather Heins—Sun lunch: Flo Springstead, Pauline Gaige, Maureen Rice, Marilyn Hietala—Bartenders: Jack Lareau (head), Kathy and Mark Eggers, Mark Sgarlatta, Ed Muller, Dick Powell, Ken Rice, John Sacca, Martha Naber, Matt Sundheim, Roberta Crain—Ice: Art Nuss, Lou Euvrard, Mike O'Neil, Roger Cooper—Draw Board/Scheduling: Ed Spring-

stead, Bruce Shultes—Photography/Stats: Bud Hovey—Lead of the Spiel: Bud Hovey, Roger Cooper—50/50 Steve Magee—Decorations: Dick Powell—Speical thanks to Tim Gordon for the proclamation from governor Patterson. It obviously takes a huge amount of effort to run a successful bonspiel....If your name isn't on this list consider volunteering for the Lads & Lassies or one of the other in-house or invitational bonspiels still to be held this year. This bonspiel contributed OVER \$5000 to the club (If I read Dick Ellis' report correctly :)). A HUGE THANKS to the committee for all their hard work!!!!!!

Away bonspiels

The Albany Greeting Company and its CEO, CFO and Board of Directors were the 1st R-Up in the Create a Valentine Contest at the **Queen of Hearts Bonspiel at the Nashua Country Club**. Their black and pink card decorated with purplish hearts and swords was called edgy by the judges of the contest. The winners were presented with silver necklace and heart earrings. The CEO, CFO and Board of directors of Albany Greeting also curled in the bonspiel but did not come home with a winning trophy. The bonspiel is a great women's bonspiel and is held every second year. Competition was terrific (16 teams) food was great and we had a wonderful time. Flo Springstead, Glo-

ria Martino, Ruth Horton and Marilyn Goldstein.

Bret Sentiwany and Martha Naber joined Shannon and Stephanie Magee for the Schenectady Open bonspiel in February. The C-event semifinals was our lot (but at least we didn't have to get up Sunday morning :))

Achilles 10 & Under. The Brooke rink (Ron Brooke, Matt Sundheim, + 2 schenect. Curlers) was runners-up of the 3rd event. Congrats!

Empire State Championship Bonspiel was held at the Rochester Curling Club this year. It was their first time hosting the bonspiel. ACC

was well represented. Flo Springstead, Gladys Ryan, Cynthia Galivan and Gloria Martino were runners up in the 5th Event.

Maureen Rice and Linda Felice brought two new curlers with them, Megan Boyak and Emma Foster. Also curling in the bonspiel was Ruth Horton and Wendy Berger who curled with friends from the Potomac and Lake Placid curling club. Eighteen teams participated in the bonspiel. The banquet was held at the OAK HILL Country Club where the Ryder Cup golf tournament was held. Looking at all the old trophies at the club certainly got the interest of all the golfers and curlers.

Misc./Reminders/E-mails/New Members/Bridge Anyone???

Don't forget to utilize the web site (albanycurlingclub.net). The club roster is there (password = "acc") as well as league schedules, training Saturdays..... I have found myself utilizing it more and more.

Upon e-mailing the request for info

for this newsletter I received a bunch of "rejects" (or your E-mail was full!): Brian Leeson, Joy Harding, Bruce Shultes, Rick Mantey, Ro Mulligan, Bill Dever, Mike Coleman, Mel Abelseth, Roger and Ethel Cooper. Please d-mail me (mnaber@nycap.rr.com). Thanks! It makes communicating club

info that much easier. If anyone else didn't get that E-mail I may not have your correct address... just drop me a line.

If anyone is interested in playing afternoon *bridge* please contact Roger Cooper.

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Welcome new curlers!!!!
(PS. Don't forget to use your coupon books by the end of the season... bar, store, bonspiels)

Board of Director Minutes 12/14/08

The monthly meeting was held on December 14, 2008.

Present were: D. Ryan, President; J. Wendel, Vice President Men's Curling; N. Drischler, Vice President Women's Curling; M. Loudis, Treasurer; D. Euvrard, Secretary; Directors: D. Curran, S. Seeley, W. Berger; P. Frey, ex officio.

Excused were: J. DiStefano, K. Risko and R. Crain.
Absent was: P. Lanphear

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by President Ryan.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. It was pointed out that in the bar report on page 2, it should read "Jerry reported that he will need to order about \$1300.00 more in liquor." A motion was made by Dan Curran and seconded by Jerry Wendel to approve the minutes with the above change.

Motion carried.

It was noted that the new computer is nearly completed.

President's Report

- * Schenectady Curling Club lost power over the weekend during the power outage. They were hosting the 10 and under GNCC bonspiel and requested the use of our ice.
- * The TAM Playdowns were cancelled to accommodate Schenectady. We will be accepting only 16 teams for the Governor's Bowl as we have only 1 registered from the cash tournament.
- * The ice machine is fixed and according to Steve Magee, we should get reimbursed for at least part of the \$170.00 bill. * Gary

Conn, our webmaster has purchased PayPal. This would give members the ability to pay their dues and/or script and bar bills on line. There is a 3% fee which will be charged the payer. It was agreed that we should try it for a year and see if there is enough interest to retain it. Gary will be invited to attend our next board meeting

* The new release forms were received.

* We were approached by STRIDE, an organization for people with disabilities, about the possibility of bringing clients. Kathy Sipzner has agreed to contact them.

* The grease trap needs cleaning but can be done by ourselves rather than hire a plumber. The dishwasher was repaired.

Vice President Men's Curling Report

* Jeff DeStefano repaired the sidewalk at the back door and also fixed the flagpole.

* Roberta Crain has taken over billing for the script books and the bar books and also will be giving them out.

* It was noted that the back door was recently left ajar. It must be checked upon closing.

* All league play has been cancelled the week of training – Jan. 5 through Jan. 9.

* There is a switch at the bottom of the ice machine which was turned off recently. Whenever the machine isn't working, that should be checked first.

* The bar will be sanded and polished soon.

Vice President Women's Curling Report

* The Schenectady Curling Club has agreed to work with us in hosting the Scottish Ladies Tour in 2010.

* Chairpersons are still needed for the Valentine and Lads and Lassies bonspiels.

* A motion was made by Dorothy Euvrard and seconded by Jerry Wendel to appoint David Ryan as Project Manager for the expansion of the Club. In this way there would be continuity in seeing the expansion through. **Motion carried.**

* It was pointed out by Dorothy Euvrard that the Bylaws are in need of updating regarding membership categories. She will contact Joe Hart and work with him on this matter.

* It was reported that Dick Powell expressed an interest in the House Chairman position. President Ryan will contact him.

* Pat Lanphear will be asked to have a list available of those people who have keys to the store.

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2009 at 3 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Euvrard
Secretary

Letter from the New House Chair

House Chair

On January 1, 2009, the ACC appointed Richard (Dick) Powell as house chair. He has agreed to sit in for Chuck Bennett until he returns from sick leave.

Report from the House

If it's broken, please report it!

As a reminder, it is very important that you, as a member of the Club, to report what you believe needs attention. A clipboard will be left in the front office for you to write down what is broken.

Thank you to Pat Fray for reporting left over wood in the ladies ready room. That has been taken away. Thanks also to Ed Muller for reporting that the ceiling light was out by the west-end stairs. This has been fixed. Thanks to Jerry Wendell reattaching hand rail west end of building, polishing our "Call to Curl" bell at the east-end stairs was also accomplished.

Thanks go to Joy Harding for reporting a leak under the sink that has been repaired by Danza Plumbing. This could have caused major problems if it went unreported. Also repaired while the plumber was here ladies room toilets (both had leaks and the paddles were replaced, this should avoid any future toilet plug ups. Also the office is being cleaned and Bonspiel decorations placed in labeled boxes and getting rid of accumulated trash. It surely was a fire and health hazard. Preserving valuable ACC historical records is a priority in the club's office.

Why the new sealed water containers?

It had been pointed out to me that the open pitcher of water at the south end of the ice sheets was exposed to people sneezing over it, brushing swept ice into it, and dust from the air. This made this open pitcher system an extreme health hazard. Schenectady club had similar problems and went with the sealed container that you now see being used.

There was a concern that the plastic may leak through to the water and that mold may develop in the container itself. If there sufficient heat, this may be true. However, this is a very cold room and, if the containers are initially washed with a Clorox rinse and then washed on a weekly basis, this should keep all of us healthy and remove any taste of plastic. This will be done every Monday along with waste baskets and candy dishes.

Help needed

This is to request that people with various areas of expertise – carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, painting, air quality (heating and cooling) – come forward to help supervise the work or to teach volunteers who are willing to help maintain the club. And, curlers who are willing to help and learn a new trade, please also come forward. This includes both men and women. We also need quality tools, if you have any that we can use or that you would like to donate.

Thanks. I look forward to hearing from all.....

Dick