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ACC Calendar

April

25 11:30AM Whisks luncheon—Wolferts Roost
All ladies welcome
Please RSVP Loretta Buchanan

28 Board Meeting

30 7PM ***** ANNUAL MEETING *****



The annual meeting of ACC will be held April 30th @ 7PM. There will be a couple of items that the membership will be voting on. 1) By-Law changes 2) A paid ICE person if no one volunteers. 3) There will be the new slate for the up coming board of directors, president, treasurer etc.

Mark this date on your calendars and plan on attending. It is extremely important that a majority of members attend.

New Curler's Corner

Congratulations to the Women's 5 and Under team who competed at Ardsley this month. The team (Marilyn Goldstein, Pat Frey, Joy Campisano, and Megan Boyak) finished as runners-up in the A-event!!! This is the best showing by an Albany women's team in over 5 years!! They lost in the finals to Green Mountain in the 9th end. Honorable mention goes to Kathy Sipzner who broke her arm saving a bottle of ??? a couple weeks prior.... and to Joy

Campisano for filling in so capably. We expect good things next year as Marilyn, Kathy, and Megan return. Thanks goes to Roger Cooper who helped coach the "kids" as well as making a spot in the Sunday league so they could play together as a team.

The Annual meeting of ACC will be coming up this

month. I encourage all new curlers to attend. It's important to see what's going on. It's YOUR CLUB... learn how it runs.

Also, the whisks luncheon will be held April 25th. This is where decisions affecting women's curling takes place. If you didn't get an invitation (or haven't replied yet) please contact Loretta Buchanan.

Letter from the President

From The Desk of the President

It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to my tenure as President. During my term we have accomplished much, from the 501C3 Status, to starting out on an ambitious expansion of the club, to helping shape league play, and expansion of the bar to name a few. I have had a lot of help from my board of directors without whom I sure we wouldn't have been able to do much of anything. Thank you so much to all of the board members past and present, I would also like to say thank you to all the committee people and volunteers without whom we would not have a Curling Club.

As we look ahead there is still much work needed to be done, we will be presenting at this year's annual meeting some items for the

membership to vote on, the biggest will be the replacement of our outgoing ICE MAN Art Nuss who has dedicated 20 years as Albany Curling Club's Ice chairman. The board has been on a search for the last 3 years to find a replacement for this position. We have been unsuccessful in finding someone to volunteer their time and make the commitment to the position. The membership will be asked one more time for a volunteer for the position, if we fail to find a volunteer we will be forced to offer the job as paid position. We have already secured a commitment from one of our members for this and it would require each member to pay approximately \$40 additional for the year. This decision will be put to the membership for a vote on April 30th. The other items will be changes to our By-Laws to bring

them in to compliance with the way we describe our curling categories. We will also be asking for volunteers to help put away and categorize all of our memorabilia as we will be breaking ground on the expansion of the warm room and locker rooms. All items currently in the warm room will have to be taken down stored temporarily (most likely in the ice shed) while construction is underway. I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting which is Thursday April 30th at 7pm. I hope to see everyone there as we undertake a renewal of the Albany Curling Club.

Thanks again to everyone who helped me be successful! See you on Thursday night.

Your President,
David Ryan

Misc.

Golf anyone??

The "Curlers and Friends" women's golf League is looking for some new members. We golf on Fridays 4:30/5PM at Evergreen golf course. Contact Flo Springstead, Gladys Ryan or Gayle Guzik if interested.

Brian Costello's sister Caitlin Maroldo playing vice for the Patti Lank rink made it to the finals of the US Olympic Trials before succumbing to Debbie McCormick's rink. Although disappointed that they won't make the Olympic Team even making the finals is a huge accomplishment!

Greetings from Scotland from Ben Atchison—I wanted to let you all know that my fiancée and I were in Scotland last week and had a chance

to stop by the Edinburgh CC.

It was a nice facility...7 sheets! I did not get a chance to go out on the ice, as we were heading north that day. But it looked like it would have been good curling, and the people there were very friendly. Attached are three photos from the club. I also added two random photos from the rest of our trip (they are a bit large, sorry).

I hope the last few months have been fun. Please extend my greetings to the rest of the club and let Ed Muller know that we have had our fill of Franziskaner.

Nancy Drischler is in Moncton New Brunswick for the men's World Championships this week. Normally

Brunswickers serve as volunteers, however, since her grandparents were members at Heather in St. Andrews and Carlton in Saint John, and her uncle lives in Moncton where she can stay, they have allowed her to be a volunteer.

Margie Stonner just got out of the hospital as did her husband (came thru bypass with flying colors) Margie, we're thinking of you and wishing you and Fred well!

THE ART OF ICEMAKING

The "art" of icemaking was uniquely displayed on Friday, February 27, 2009 for 65 members of the Albany Curling Club during a surprise reception honoring Art Nuss for his 20 years of dedicated icemaking. Art was indeed truly surprised. Members provided many delicious hors d'oeuvres and Bud Hovey and Mary Brank-

man took wonderful pictures during the evening. Margie Stonner narrated a skit on the "art" of icemaking performed by Art's helpers - Pat Lanphear (Art), Clara Cabesas (Austin Cline), Chris Abelseth (Mel Abelseth), Loretta Buchanan (Lou Euvrard) and Nancy Drischler (Ed Springstead). The Club presented Art with a GPS

which he will enjoy for many years.

Check out the video on Youtube. (search—"Lenox78" or use www.youtube.com/watch?v=YewD0dDFiJM). The commentary was as funny as the skit.

Happenings

There will be at least one more issue this season after the annual board meeting. I would like to announce league champions, Lads & Lassies info (I was there Sat night and it was HOPPING!),

away bonspiels, TAM info.... Also, do you have any summer events you want advertised??? Just drop me a line (mnaber@nycap.rr.com).

I have tried to update the E-mail list w/ new curlers info... if you haven't gotten any E-mails please E-mail me your correct info. Thanks! Martha

Away Bonspiels/League Results

Gordon-Emmet GNCC Men's Championship

The Costello rink (Costello, Keller, Sentiwany, Moon) travelled to Schenectady for the Gordon-Emmett. They were runners-up of the A event. Congratulations.

Ken and Maureen Rice, Greg Foster and Margie Stonner went to the Mixed Valentines bonspiel in Norfolk Ct. We played Plainfield, Nutmeg, had a great game Saturday night with Norfolk and won over Utica, 3rd event Sunday morning. Piper, a wee Dram and all hail and farewell. Loads of fun. Our trophy was a pewter goblet engraved 2009.—Margie

Marie Cobb

2 Albany rinks traveled to Utica for the Marie Cobb mixed. The Costello (Costello, Naber, Sentiwany, Collins) and Koniowka

rinks (Koniowka, Berger, Conn, Sheinkopf) played well, but didn't come home w/ any hardware. They really have to come up with a "closed the bar every night" or "burned up the dance floor" awards... if so the Albany teams would have been in the running.

Ross Tarlton International Bonspiel was hosted by Broomstones, The Country Club, and Cape Cod in November. Bruce Shultes, Roger Cooper, and Dick Peacock represented ACC.

Gordon International Bonspiel

The rink of Ed Springstead, Art Nuss, Mike O'Neil, and Dick Powell traveled to Montreal to participate in the Gordon International March 19-21 (details are limited at this time, but pictures were sent—see attached)

League Results

Thursday morning mixed --

Mike O'Neil, Winn Schwartz, Vince Spataro, and Loretta Buchanan won the first half.

Roger Cooper, Clara Cabesas, Bill Day, and Rance McKenna won the second half. The Cooper rink defeated the O'Neil rink to win the Ryan Medal.

Sunday

The Lenore Collins (Collins, Seeley, Leeson x2) rink prevailed over the Roger Cooper rink. It came down to a make-up game to determine the champion. Congratulations to Lenore's team!

TAM

The TAM was held March 5-8. A total of 10 teams participated in the Olympic Theme bonspiel. A-event winners were the Sentiwany rink (Sentiwany, Costello, Naber, Wank) defeating a team from Ardsley CC. 2nd event winners were the O'Neil rink (O'Neil, A. Campisano, Geis, Sheinkopf) defeating a Utica rink with B. Leeson and a cadre of Albany subs.

A handsome "Olympic torch" trophy was crafted by Greg and Emma Foster. It is displayed in the warm room. There were some creative "Olympic flags" created throughout the weekend and displayed proudly in our Olympic village. The bonspiel was chaired by Lenore Collins with the solid support of vice/co chairs Winn Schwartz and Dorothy Euvrard

PS. As usual the food was great and the bonspiel ran smoothly thanks to the volunteers. Unfortunately I didn't get a list to thank you all by name for this issue. So THANKS!!!! (Hopefully I will get a list of volunteers so you will get your kudos "personally" next issue)

Senior Mixed

The results are in...and our curlers still rule the rocks in the GNCC Senior Mixed Championships which took place in our club over the post-St. Patrick's Day weekend.

Our own Beth Jaeger did the honors of handing out the prizes for the GNCC, fighting off advances of Groucho Marx with aplomb and making everyone smile.

Team Felice took the A Event, managing to wrest the Cooper Cup from last year's champions, (you guessed it) the Coopers. Led by the intrepid Linda, and viced by chef Hollis, Andra Sheinkopf and Ray Hickey rounded out the fabulous team which also took breath away with their impersonations of famous people at the Mystery Dinner Saturday night.

While team Felice took the ice by storm, team Cooper was only undone by their prowess, and took the B event. In so doing, they completed their round of prizes in this spiel, having

won all four events in the past four years! This team also brought life and fun to the Mystery Dinner, with Roger scampering amongst the crowd as Groucho Marx and Ethel proving you don't have to be a lawyer to speak legalese, and Johanna Kawola took a well deserved prize for best costume due to sheer elegance.

Team Shultes made spirited attempt, winning "most loved in all the spiel" for their fun-loving approach to the ice. Team Shultes also made a powerful statement at the Mystery Dinner, with Joy Harding (vice) winning best costume for her insouciant impersonation of Dame Agatha Christie (Dame Aggie never looked so good) while Mike Gies "kicked butt" with his impersonation of Bruce Lee. Pat Frey looked better than Judy Garland could have hoped for, and we're sure she's singing songs of praise from beyond.

Go, ACC, go! A good time was had by all.

A "miracle *not* on ice" was ac-

complished by the spiel committee, garnering roughly \$1,600 profit for our club. Great thanks to committee members Maureen Rice (Chair), Marilyn Hietala (Vice Chair), Ken Rice, and others *not* too numerous to mention, those being Lou Euvrard, Chris Spoth, Pat Loudis, Bea Ordon, Helen Ryan, Greg and Emma Foster, Yvonne Bilodeau, Joy Campisano, Jeannette Davidson, Gloria Martino, Paul Spoth, Nancy Drischler, Loretta Buchanan, Art Ferguson, Bruce Shultes, Roger Cooper, Pat Frey, Ray Hickey, and Hollis Felice. Special award of honor going to Lou Euvrard, who scraped and polished the ice for the spiel while training Ray Hickey for the job, to Ken Rice for scraping by his lonesome, and to Marilyn Hietala for her unstoppable support of all spiel activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Rice, Chair
GNCC Senior Mixed Championships 2009

Roller Derby comes to ACC!!!

The Albany All Stars Roller Derby club came to ACC in March coordinated by Rick Neville.

There were approx 25 to 30 Roller Derby members that came to the club. Most of those went out on the ice and gave the game a try. We at ACC were quite impressed with the variety of attire and colors displayed! They were friendly and seemed

to enjoy themselves....

The club made \$86.20 from the Roller Derby crew and another \$60.80 from club members who came to support this event. So \$157.00 of revenue was generated for the our club.

I'd like to thank all those from our club that helped make this a successful endeavor: Jackie and Jay Watsky, Bret Sentiwany,

Ed Muller, Martha Naber, Hollis Felice, Matt Sundhiem, Mark Sgarlatta, Mary Brankman, Bruce Shultes, Dick Powell, Mike Colman, Lynn Ray, Melissa Wank, Jerry Wendel. Thanks!!!!

Little Rockers/Juniors

Little Rockers Travel to Schenectady

On Sunday, March 15th, two teams of **Albany Little Rockers** traveled to the Schenectady Curling Club for the 2nd Annual Albany-Schenectady Friendly between the two youth programs. Each team played a four end game against a Schenectady team. In one game, the Albany team skipped by Sean Gordon won by a score of 5-1. On Sean's team, Sarah Moon played vice, Jason Moon played second and Grace Templeton was the lead. In the other game: the Albany team skipped by Angus Crowley also triumphed 5-3. Angus' vice was Elyssa Davis and his second was Brendan Moon. A good time was certainly enjoyed by the Little Rockers and they were universally sad to see the curling season end. Many thanks go out to all the coaches who helped me (Brian Moon) and the Little Rockers this season Dan Curran, Heather Heins, Chris Gordon, John Crowley.

Albany juniors Kyle Reedy, Victoria Schnurr, Joe Shanley and Joey Sipzner went to the Schenectady Junior Bonspiel in early March, playing on three different teams with friends from other clubs. Later in March, nearly all the Albany juniors teamed up for friendly games with Schenectady in joint practices. We're looking forward to continuing to build on the juniors program in the next year. If you know of any middle school or high school youth who might be interested in trying curling next fall, contact Doug Shanley or Kathy Sipzner - at the beginning of next season, we'll send you a friendly reminder to bring them in.

The last **junior bonspiel** of the year is a Bantam (for ages 10-16) at Broomstones, on the last weekend of March, to end the season.

If you've seen any juniors wearing their new *ACC hoodies*, you know they look great and want one for yourself - sorry, you have to be a junior (or coach!).

Boyscout Troop 162 visited the club on February 21st. All 15 scouts and parents came fully prepared - carrying clean shoes, presigned releases, and the \$7 fee - great scouts! They all had a good time, and we have some new contacts for our fall membership drive. A big thank you to Adam Dow (who also brought brownies!!), Roger Cooper, Joe Shanley, Doug Shanley, and Joey Sipzner for their help at this event. If you know of additional boyscout or girlsout troops who would like to visit the club, please let me know - we're looking for new juniors (and parents!), and we'll try to get them scheduled for a visit in the fall. - Kathy Sipzner

Board of Director Minutes 2/15/09

ALBANY CURLING CLUB
Board of Director's Meeting

The meeting was opened at 2:10 p.m. by President David Ryan.

Present were: David Ryan, President; Nancy Drischler, V. P. Women's Curling; Mike Loudis, Treasurer; Dorothy Euvrard, Secretary; Directors: Dan Curran, Pat Lanphear, Roberta Crain and Jeff DiStefano;

Guests: Pat Frey, Whisk Chair and Dick Powell, House Chairman.

Excused: Sherry Seeley and Jerry Wendel

Absent: Kevin Risko

House Chairman Dick Powell was present to update the Board improvements and repairs have been done since he started the job and his future plans and recommendations. He also presented a job description and that of his committee.

Minutes of last meeting: A motion was made by Roberta Crain and seconded by Nancy Drischler to accept the minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

David reported that the **State Liquor Authority** is still seeking our maximum occupancy but the Town still has not responded. He will call once again.

Dorothy reported that she had worked with Joe Hart on **By-**

laws revisions and he is planning to present them to the Board at the March meeting.

The Tam Playdowns were held February 6 and 7 with 4 teams participating. Dorothy and Pat Lanphear co-chaired it.

The Valentine's Bonspiel was held this week end with 8 teams participating. Nancy Drischler chaired it. (attached)

The Governor's Bowl report was presented. They had 16 teams and a profit of \$5,305. (attached)

Dan reported that he has completed updating the laptop for the Treasurer and turned it over to her today.

Nancy reported that she still has not heard from the Girl Scouts so will assume that they are not interested in attending.

Retirement reception for Art Nuss as Ice Chairman on February 27 is coming along nicely. A Garmin GPS system is being purchased by the club as our way of saying thanks for the many long years of dedication to the club.

Outstanding Dues – Dorothy gave a report of dues still unpaid. One member who opted for the Budget Payment Method has made only one payment to date (5 payments are due). He has been contacted several times. In addition, Roberta re-

ports that the same person has 7 bar books outstanding and has purchased no script books. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that he should be told that if we don't have payment by Monday, he will not be able to curl.

Treasurer's Report - Wendy reported that with the limited hours and limited access by internet or telephone, it has become increasingly difficult to deal with Citizen's bank. It was unanimously agreed that we should change our account to Bank of America. A motion was made by Dan Curran and seconded by Jeff DiStefano to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. **The next meeting will be held on March 15,2009 at 3 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Euvrard
Secretary