

Happenings @ ACC

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Happy Holidays

Welcome back!! I hope everyone had a happy healthy holiday season. Now it's time to get into some serious curling!!! There are lots of events on tap over the next few months so keep your eye on postings around the club as well as in the newsletter. Stay involved.... and GOOD CURLING!!!

Upcoming Events

Invitational Bonspiels being hosted by ACC

- * Jan 24-27 **Governor's Bonspiel**
- * Feb 7-10 **Dykes (w/ Schenectady)**
- * Feb 21-24 **Dutch Shoe**

In-house bonspiels

- * Jan 4-5 **All-American**
- * Jan 11-12 **Governor's and Dutch Shoe play-downs** (2 Albany teams will be accepted in the main draws)—see sign-up sheet on BB in men's and ladies LR respectively—by Jan 9th.
- * Feb 14-17 **Valentines**

*** NOTE THE "NEW BULLETIN BOARD" OVER THE FIREPLACE SHOWCASING UPCOMING BONSPIELS—check your calendars NOW.... sign up to help out on a bonspiel. This is your chance to participate even if you didn't commit at the beginning of the year. Come on!!! The committees will always welcome more helpers. Remember... many hands make light work!!!!

Dutch Shoe Raffle Baskets

We are looking for donations for the raffle baskets for the Dutch Shoe Bonspiel in February. See the list posted by the fireplace. Pick up 1 or 2 items, put it in Donna or Steve Magee's locker and your name will be posted on the BB

New Curlers Corner

See above for the upcoming 2 in-house bonspiels: All-American (women) and the Valentine's (mixed). In-house bonspiels are a great way to meet other people from the club and they are a ton of fun!!!! You usually get at least 2-3 games in for the w/end (and as many as

4-5) as well as great food. In addition, new curlers are ALWAYS WELCOME!!!! Don't feel intimidated because you aren't sure of yourself yet... no one EXPECTS you to and teams are picked to be fair.

Do you want to participate in

an away bonspiel??? Don't have a team?? See the fireplace which lists away bonspiels. There's a space to put your name... or to see if anyone else has signed up for the bonspiel you're interested in.... (this is for ALL curlers—not just new curlers)

ACC Updates

Club store—will everyone who has a key to the club store and is NOT listed below please return their key to Pat Lanphear as soon as possible.

The following list of individuals are those who have keys and which curling nights they represent.

Art Nuss—Mon & Wed evenings
Flo Springstead—Tues evenings
Roger Cooper—Thurs & Sun eves
Pat Lanphear—Wed & Thurs AM's
Any questions or assistance required please call Pat @ 456-4969 or E-mail @pmlanphe@nycap.rr.com.

For anyone who needs something from the club store (pins, sliders, grippers...) just find the person from your night that has the keys and they'll fix you up. Support your store!! Remember you can use your red coupons for stuff from the store!!!

In-house Bonspiels

ACC Stickspiel

The ACC stickspiel was held on Nov 17th. Participants were Mary Brankman, Roger Cooper, Rennie Crain, Art Ferguson, Pat Frey, Joy Harding, Mickey Quinn, Andra Sheinkopf, Bruce Shultes, Vince Spataro, Chris and Paul Spoth, and Margie Stonner (sorry if this is not a complete list). 4 teams played @ 1000 then they broke for a light lunch. Some were unable to play in the afternoon so only 2 teams played after lunch. The club realized over \$80 and everyone enjoyed themselves so much that they are looking forward to doing it again!! Thanks to the committee of Art Ferguson, Roger Cooper, the Spoths, Andra Scheinkopf, and Mary Brankman.

Earlybird

The earlybird was held 11/29-12/1. There were a total of 12 teams

participating. The event began on Thursday evening with a delicious dinner and 1st draws. The event continued on Friday with more draws and another delicious dinner. Saturday brought a full day of curling followed by Hors D'Oeuvres and dinner. The culmination was the presentation of the Haggis (if you don't know what this is it's better NOT to know—see picture) as well as excellent music and the final events were piped onto the ice. 1st event winners were the Cline rink (Austin Cline, Martha Naber, Art Ferguson, Ken Rice); 1st event r-up was the Hadley rink (Doug Hadley, Roberta Crain, Matt Sundheim, Yvonne Bilodeau). 2nd event winners were; Roger Cooper, Gladys Ryan, Bill Koniowka, Nancy Drischler and runners up were Cynthia Galivan, Jim Ramundo, Marilyn Hietala, and Al Campisano.

Many thanks go to the committee chaired by Dick Powell. Members include: Wendy Berger, Pat Lanphear, Jim Ramundo, Pat Frey, Chuck Bennett, Pauline Gaige, Mary Brankman, Mickey Quinn, and Roberta Crain. Ice—Roger Cooper, Art Nuss, Jim Ramundo, Dick Powell. Pin sponsors were: Roberta Crain, Johanna Kawola, Gloria Martino, Danielle Powell, Richard Powell. The pictures for this issue were supplied by Hollis Felice. The food, entertainment, camaraderie, and curling were 1st rate!!!! Thanks!!

Afternote—The early bird is the 1st large inhouse bonspiel of the year. It's a great way to start off the year and it's my personal favorite for in-house spiels. Wouldn't it be great to have a full complement of teams in 2009????



Welcome New Curlers

Continued from last issue....

John MacDonald, Wayne D'Arcy, and Matt Baltich returned to ACC this year after a break from curling. Welcome back!!

New curlers: **Kurt Carter**—re-

cruited by Jeff Distefano and curls on Monday nights. **Joseph Di-Bella**—came to the open house in the spring and fall and has wanted to curl for years. He curls Wed nights. **Jesse George** and **Jon Bernstein** were both recruited by

and work with Dan Curran and they curl Monday nights. **Richard Neville** came to open house and is a grad student at SUNY. Ben Atchison introduced him to the club.

Away Bonspiels, Pie Sale, Little Rockers....

Away Bonspiels

Achilles

Austin Cline, Art Nuss, Mike O'Neil, Dick Powell; Dan Curran, Lou Horton, Brian Moon, Jeff Distefano

Gordon Emmett

4 Albany teams attended the G-E in Schenectady: Austin Cline, Art Nuss, Dick Ellis, Hollis Felice; Bruce Shultes, Roger Cooper, Art Ferguson, Mike O'Neil; Mark Sgarlatta, Ed Springstead, Jim Ramundo, Jeff Distefano, Tony Brankman; Last but not least **congratulations** to the Davis rink—Keefe Davis, Lou Horton, Bret Sentiwany and Brian Moon who won the 2nd event (the Emmett)—it has been years since Albany has won an event at the G-E. Congrats to all teams.

10 and under-Schenectady

2 Albany teams "traveled" to Schenectady for the 10 and under event. There were a total of 20 teams. Congratulations to **1st event winners**: Dan Keller, Lou Horton, Bret Sentiwany and Steve Ryder. Kayser team Ron Brooke, Bill Koniowka, Ed Vilt, Matt Sundheim also participated.

Pie Sale

Our pie sale was again a huge success. Total profits were \$790. Many thanks go to Hannaford and Deli Warehouse for their contributions of supplies and also to Chuck and Marcia Scott (Pauline's friends) for their donation of apples.

Many hands again made the job so much easier. Our apple peelers;

Art Ferguson, Charlie Csiza and Red Brownell. The pie crust makers, apple slicers and pie fillers; Pat Frey, Mickey Quinn, Joy Harding, Pat Lanphear, Maureen Neal, Flo Springstead, Margie Stonner, Chris Abelseth, Dorothy Euvrard and Art Ferguson's wife, Jane. Thanks also to our top pie sellers... Doug Hadley (for the 2nd straight year), Art Nuss and Martha Naber.

Little Rockers

Brian Moon is once again heading up the little rocker program with the help of Dan Curran, Steve Ryder, and Heather Heins. There are a total of 15 curlers. They are using medium size rocks and can get them the length of the ice!!!! They hope to do a bonspiel this year.

Thanks and Congrats

Thanks to Hollis Felice who loaned me his copy of Microsoft Publisher. The format of this issue is slightly different as the versions are incompatible... but we'll get you the Happenings from the club one way or another!!

Congratulations to Brian Costello's sister (Caitlin Maroldo) who curls for Rochester and was the national recipient of the Ann Brown Sportsmanship Award given to a competitor who is judged to best embody the USCA *Spirit of Curling*. She

also came in 3rd place at the women's nationals.