

Happenings @ ACC

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- ♦ Feed the pig... I've seen so many hogged stoned the little rockers should be fully funded by now!!! 25c/\$1 for skips.

Late breaking news..... !!!!501(c)3 is APPROVED!!!!

For new curlers and those who may live under a rock... this changes our status to nonprofit organization. This will allow us to fundraise as a nonprofit allowing donations to be tax deductible. See pg 3 of this issue for details of some of the fund raising events planned. Thanks are due to many individuals who put in a lot of work getting this done—we'll give them their due next issue.

Upcoming Events

Invitational Bonspiels being hosted by ACC

- * Feb 21-24 **Dutch Shoe**
- * Mar 3-9 **GNCC Seniors**
- * Mar 13-16 **Gordon International** (w/Schenectady)

In-house bonspiels

- * Feb 14-17 **Valentines**
- * Mar 20-23 **Horton Bennett** (men's)
- * Mar 27-30 **Lads and Lassies** — FINAL BONSPIEL OF THE YEAR

Friendly

- * Feb 29-Mar 1 **Albany-Schenectady Challenge**



New Curlers Corner

As you read this the Valentine's bonspiel will have just ended. BUT, don't despair you still have an opportunity to participate in an in-house bonspiel this year. The Horton Bennett (men's) and Lads and Lassies—last and best(?) bonspiels are on the horizon. New curlers, if you haven't used it yet, you have a coupon for a free bonspiel com-

ing your way. If you have used it already, remember you can use your red coupons for in-house bonspiel \$\$\$. Come on!!!!

This is a great way to be introduced to bonspiels so you're ready to head to a 5 and under next year!!! The men's certainly won't be closer than Schenectady next year, but the Women's

challenge has GOT to be closer than Potomac, Belfast, and Chesapeake (location the last 3 years)!!!! See Dykes curlers in this issue and Women's challenge in the next issue... not everyone ages out this year... feel free to ask any questions and seek opportunities for next year.

In-house Bonspiels

Governor's Bowl playdowns:

Five rinks participated in this year's playdown for a chance to represent Albany in the 43rd Governor's Bowl. The winning rink (Albany #1) was: Brian Costello, Keefe Davis, Lou Horton, Steve Ryder. The runners-up (Albany #2) was: Dan Curran, David Ryan, Jr, Brian Moon, Kevin Ryan. Thanks to Ed Springstead (who also skipped Albany #3) for chairing this year's playdown.

43rd Governor's Bowl

This year's Governor's Bowl was won by a rink from Ardsley (containing 2 ACC curlers—Ken Rice and Ed Springstead). For the 1st time in many years Albany had rinks in both the A and B even finals. Albany #1 rink skipped by Brian Costello was the R-up in the A event. Albany #2 (Curran) was B event runner up. Great showing by the Albany teams (and individuals)!!!

I would like to thank the members (OVER 70!!!!) who helped make this year's Governor's Bowl so successful. They were: The Abelseth's (Jim, Mel, and Chris), Mary Arthur, Wendy Berger, Jon Bernstein, Yvonne Blodeau, Tony Brankman, Loretta Buchanan, Art Buell, Ciara Cabesas, the Clines (Austin and Marilyn), Marcia Codling, Brian Costello, Roberta Crain, Dan Curran, Jeannette Davidson, Emma Davis (a non-member), Keefe Davis, Jeff Diste-fano, Nancy Drischler, the Eggers

(Mark and Kathy), Dick Ellis, the Felice's (Hollis and Linda), Arthur Ferguson, Greg Foster, Pat Frey, Pauline Gaige, Cynthia Galivan, Lisa Gallant, Gayle Guzik, Doug Hadley, Joy Harding, Al Hofaker, Lou Horton, Bud Hovey, Beth Jaeger, Dan Keller, Betty Kelly, the Loudis' (Mike and Pat), Maureen Lynch, Donna Magee, Ral Mazza, Brian Moon, Ed Muller, Ro Mulligan, Martha Naber, Maureen Neal, Mike O'Neil, Dick Peacock, Mickey Quinn, Lynn Ray, Ken Rice, the Ryans (Gladys, Dave, Kevin), Steve Ryder, Sherrie Seeley, Mark Sgarlata, Bruce Shultes, the Spoths (Chris and Flo), Margie Stonner, Matt Sundheim, Jerry Wendel.

I would also like to thank Karl Klin-genberger and Jack LaReau for coming out of semi-retirement to help. Many, many, many thanks to the ice team of Jim Ramundo & Art Nuss who put in a ton of time for this year's great ice!!!! My final thanks to my co-chairs Marilyn Hietala and my wife Ethel. Our club could not have this successful spiel without all of your many hours of work. Thank you, again!!

Submitted by,

Roger Cooper
Editor's note: A super special thanks to Roger Cooper who has chaired this spiel for the past 2 years and helped make it a successful bonspiel to which many teams return year after year! I would like to add that through the

encouragement of Roger and the committee the # of helpers was phenomenal (I should know I had to type all the names in!!!—and apologize for any misspellings). Great work to Roger and his committee. Martha

The Capitol

This is the name of the D (or 4th) event in the Governor's Bonspiel. We have no sponsor for this event. Could someone donate a nice (fabulous would be better) trophy and pins or just the pins. We would name the event after them if a trophy was included.

For example:

- A event- 'Governor's Bowl'
Pins sponsored by Ed Springstead
 - B event- 'Bob Hietala Memorial Trophy'
Trophy and pins sponsored by Marilyn Hietala
 - C event- 'Fort Orange Cup'
Pins sponsored by Lois and Vince Spataro
 - D event—currently the 'Capitol'
** No sponsor **
- Remember this is now a tax deductible contribution.
If you are interested in sponsoring the Capitol—see Roger Cooper

Welcome New Curler/Congratulations

There is one more new curler who joined the club at the ½ way point of the season. **Sean Phelan** had seen curling on TV and wanted to give it a try. He curls on Wed nights. Martha works with his fi-

ancée and arranged for him to come out and give it a shot (SHHHHHH! we'll work on her for next year...)

Congratulations to **Matt Sundheim**. He has become a Level 1 registered trainer and qualifies to be certified (just has to submit paperwork).

Capital Improvement Committee

Now that 501(c)3 has been approved we'll be going ahead with fundraising activities for capital improvements (expansion and/or renovation). There are a lot of activities being planned so keep your eyes open.

The 1st activity planned is the sale of Hoffman Car Wash coupons. The tickets for exterior car wash

are \$8 (the ACC realizes 50% profit on all tickets sold). This will only be a successful fundraiser if EVERYONE participates. Wendy Berger is spearheading this effort. She has representatives from most leagues... For tickets see: Wendy Berger, Pauline Gaige, Steve Magee, Winn Schwartz, Jerry Wendel. If each member of the club sells ONLY 10 tickets we

would make ~\$6000!!

This fundraising activity will be a barometer as to the level of participation of the general membership and serve as a bellwether to the success of our capital improvement initiative. Let's make it successful!

Away Bonspiels

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Empire

Three Albany teams made the very long journey to the Empire women's bonspiel in Schenectady in January. Nancy Drischler, Joy Campisano, Yvonne Blodeau, Andra Sheinkopf (women's challenge team) made up 1 rink; Flo Springstead, Gladys Ryan, Cynthia Gallivan and Gloria Martino also made the journey and last, but not least the Berger rink—Wendy Berger, Donna Horoschak (Potomac CC), Ruth Horton and Pat Frey also participated and were B-event runners-up. Congratulations!!

101st year anniversary Schenectady open bonspiel Feb 1-3rd

Three Albany teams again travelled to Schenectady for their open bonspiel. Bret Sentiwany, Ed Vilt, Lynn Ray, Yvonne Blodeau were winners of the B event. Ed Springstead, Flo Springstead, Roberta Crain, Lou Horton (throwing skip rocks); Lisa Gallant, Doug Arthur, Mary Arthur, Emily Arthur also participated as did Andra Sheinkopf who curled with a Schenectady team.

Dykes

The Dykes (men's 5 and under)

was co-hosted by Schenectady and Albany this year. One men's team from Albany participated. Ron Brooke, Bill Koniowka, Ed Vilt, and Matt Sundheim.

Did you attend a bonspiel this year??? Don't see your name listed??? Please let us know. People in the club are interested in who went where even if you didn't place (we love you just the way you are!!).

What's Happening????

Take a look around the club. Someone is doing a great job posting info around the club to keep us informed... stroll with me, if you will.... Above the fireplace see committee sign-ups for bonspiels (in-house and invitational)—just put your name on the list to help out. Also see a listing of invitational bonspiels as well as the mixed doubles sign-up.

Now walk across to the piano—see the beautiful display for the Dutch Shoe invitational. If you want to

sign up for just 1 thing or many the opportunity is there. Your help is needed.

Now just up the wall a piece, check out the bulletin board. There is a suggestion box where you can ask questions or make suggestions to the board. Their responses are posted. Read what other people have suggested and feel free to make comments or suggestions to the board. "They're listening" (a la Frasier Crane) See the envelope for submissions

for the next newsletter—it can be anything... committee fy's, personal info (new dog/child/grandchild?), help wanted, bonspiel info... There are also copies of the club by-laws, please take a copy.

Don't claim ignorance that you don't know what's going on in the club... open your eyes, look around, ask your skip, read the newsletter, ask board members (officers are in the front of the roster)... PARTICIPATE!!!!