



On The Button The Newsletter of the Cape Cod Curling Club

Message from the President:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted me in my duties as President, Vice President and Curling Committee Chair over the past several years. Through your shared participation and help when it was truly needed, the Curling Club had a far more successful year than possible. I would also like to take the chance to thank all who have been working to complete the Expansion Project. The idea of a completed addition by the end of this year is a great achievement that many should be very pleased.

Once again, thank you and good curling-

Frank Geishecker

Reminder - 7th Annual TTT Auction & Raffle is April 11, 2007 at the Annual Dinner !!!

Our TTT Auction at the annual dinner is nearing. If you have already given your donation and/or form to Kim or Matina, thank you. If you plan on donating any of your Time, Talent, or Things and have not yet filled out a form, please contact us to let us know what you will be donating so we may include it in the brochure. You can call or email us. We appreciate everyone's support. We will be trying to send a copy of the brochure to you via email prior to the auction. Thank you again to all who have donated. Looking forward to a fun evening.

Kim & Matina

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Summerspiel - revving up, looking good - Russ Lemcke

We have good news about the summer spiel. Both the men's and women's are full and the mixed will probably be there by the time you read this. It is gratifying to see the continuing popularity. And thanks to you, we have more volunteers than at any time I have been in our club. How great is that! So stand by and expect a call some time in June. And remember, you are urged to come down and watch as you can. Also, most opening cocktail parties are free to the members and you can sign up for dinners even though you are not on a team (charge for that, as one may expect). Thanks much to you all.

**CALL TO MEETING
All Members of the Cape Cod Curling Club
11 April 2007
The Coonamessett Inn
Gifford Street, Falmouth**

Election of Club Officers – the following names will be placed in nomination at the annual meeting:

OFFICERS – 2 Year Term

President Russ Lemcke
Vice President Mary Colacchio
Treasurer John Treanor
Asst. Treasurer Barry Evans
Clerk Barbara Enos

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 3 Year Term

Paul Brennan
Katie Murphy
George Rice

Expansion Progress

The plumbers are making progress; they should be ready to start on the water supply side come the first week of April. The heating and air conditioning ducting should be finished by the end of March and the outside unit has already been put into place at the rear of the new addition..

Tony, Fred and I are meeting this week to award the contracts for excavating the electric trench needed to go around the back of the ice shed, sunna tubes for ramp and underground electrical wiring. This work should start next week weather permitting.

The pictures of the expansion are constantly being updated on the web site – check it out.

We have a signup sheet at the Club for anyone with specific skills they would like to share with us on this project or you may just want to help in some way. Please signup and we will be calling on you for your much needed help. Any one with any questions can call me.

Thank you, John McCarthy

Fund Raising Report

Many thanks to the members and families who have gotten our expansion fund drive off to a GREAT START!!..In the first week, 83 of our club friends have pledged or donated over \$137,320!! There is lots of enthusiasm to get the project done and support it in many ways. If you have not been asked yet, please consider what you can do to help. we are hoping for 100% participation as this new addition will be enjoyed and used by all. If you can help by volunteering your labor or other talents, that is needed also. So let's keep the momentum going. We hope to be using the new kitchen, bar and warm room before the Chris Mix dinner next December....Please remember. our goal is \$160,000...and the only way our all volunteer club will reach that is by your help...Thanks again..

Superspiel 2007

This year's Superspiel was a "Bondspiel" with 007 as the theme. The teams were all very strong with experienced talent and we saw some great curling. The food was stellar, and there was lots of it thanks to Shirley Bruce and Kristen Heisler. In the end the "Dr. No" team won, skipped by Dave Dewees, with Carl Gustofson, Marinna Martini and Maxine Gustofson. They played a great game in the finals against "Die Another Day" Skipped by Sally Ward with Tony Collachio and Karin and Todd Benedict, both new curlers. Another brand new curler upon learning why we were pouring so many shots of Drambuie before the finals exclaimed, "This is such a great sport!"

Payments and meal selection for the annual dinner should be sent to Susan Verner by April 1.

CURLING COMMITTEE – MOST IMPROVED CURLER 2007

The votes are in but you will have to attend the annual dinner/meeting on April 11th to find out who was selected as the most improved male and female curlers this year.

Thornton Cup Championship

The Thornton Cup will be played on Saturday, March 31st at 4:00pm. A dinner will follow and all are invited and encouraged to attend. The event is named in honor of Nina and Dick Thornton, who were early supporters of the Cape Cod Curling Club. During those “lean years” Nina and Dick were part of the core crew that “kept us afloat” Dave Dewees remembered. It might surprise some of you that before the club had the property on Highfield; the Summer Bonspiel was played at the Ice Arena with different non curling events hosted at different member’s homes. The Thornton’s had a Lawn Bowling Green and would host bowling and Jarts at their home. The Curling Committee would like to congratulate all teams competing in the Championship and would like to remind everyone of the people behind the Shield and the vital role so many played in establishing the Club.

SCROD Bonspiel: Our in-house spiel for curlers with 5 years or less experience was successfully run by Phil Baybutt over the weekend of 23-25 March. Phil appreciated the assistance of all the volunteers who helped make this year’s spiel one to talk about till next year. The winners of the SCROD received the Burkett Pin, much sort after by younger club members. In case you missed it, the theme was fish as the prizes and rink names might have led you to notice.

The draw was exhausting with a couple of teams playing back to back games on the Saturday. Luckily the able cooking crew led by Mary Colacchio didn’t serve mashed potatoes or there could have been potatoes on someone’s face if they couldn’t keep their head up off their plate – now come on these are young curlers – they don’t get tired (young in curling years only).

Several of the games went to 9th end tiebreakers. The 1st event final match found Marinna Martini’s rink pitted against Al Duester’s rink. Hard fought through the beginning ends, Al made some super draw shots to keep close to Marinna’s score on the board. However, at the end it was the building expansion fund that benefited the most with \$160 donated by club members and a matching \$160 from Rita Ottaviano who successfully predicted (by square) the number of ends to be won by each rink during the finals match. The spiel results are:

1st Event Winner of the Burkett Pin

DORADO: Marinna Martini, Paula-Jean Ellis, Scott Boutilier, Don Masee

1st Event Finalist

GROWLER: Al Duester, Kathy Colgan, JoAnne Hunter, Bob Henner

2nd Event Winner

AMBERJACK: John McCarthy, Linda McCarthy, Brooke Grant, Natalie Galligan

2nd Event Finalist

GRUNION: Sue Verner, Todd Benedict, Jerry Galick, Joan Tegge

3rd Event Winner

ALBACORE: Paul Brennan, Maxine Gustafson, Dan Deluca, Barbara Thomson

3rd Event Finalist

WAHOO: Bob Enos, Carol Arakelian, Patty Maloney, Kevin Maloney

Away Bongspiels (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CAPE CURLERS ON THE ROAD)

Gordon International – March 15-17 - Cape Cod sent a couple of men's teams to represent the United States (GNCC) at the Gordon International Bongspiel held in Montreal. This competition is based on total rocks scored in the Gordon matches on the Saturday. First three Friendly games are played starting Thursday night and continuing on Friday. When all was done and totaled at the end of the Saturday matches, the US had come in second (short by 61 stones) and our Canadian neighbors from the north came in next to last. The final results were not reflective of what really happened. For those of you who are wondering (and are not familiar with the history of the Gordon International) what this really means, please read the conclusion of this write-up at the end of this newsletter.

Norfolk's Winter Wonderland Ladies Bongspiel turned into Winter Wonderful for Cape Cod as they curled in the First Event on February 25! Mary Colacchio skipped with Cathy Offinger as Vice, Kathy Colgan as Second and Liz Abeltin as Lead. Cape Cod played teams from Ardsley and Norfolk to get into the First Event. Facing the Canadian Club of Boston team, skipped by Judy Melzer of Philadelphia, proved to be a bigger challenge as Cape Cod succumbed to take the runner-up honors! Celebrating their 50th year, Norfolk hosted this Bongspiel with great pride and fanfare! They proudly showed off their freshly renovated bar and kitchen - it was great inspiration for us to see what a positive affect new facilities have on a club!

The Friendly Week-end

Part 1: Curling and “Crudging”

Eleven of us headed North on Saturday, March 3, to Broomstones, for the first stop of a 2-part “Friendly” weekend. Our hosts mixed us in so that we had both Broomstones and Cape Cod players on the same teams --- which always helps to make everyone even more friendly. After playing we had a delicious meal. Speaking for myself (who shall remain nameless), I thought they were going to have to wheel me out, but I, and most of the rest of us managed to get ourselves upstairs for some very competitive games of “crud”. Don't ask; just make sure you go to the next Friendly at Broomstones so you can find out for yourselves. Submitted by one of the “Crudders”

Part 2: Curling in Brookline

14 curlers headed to TCC early Sunday, March 4 for a 10:30 AM game. As it turned out, TCC had 13 curlers (their 14th curler went to Cape Cod by mistake!) –both clubs fielded 4-person and 3-person teams. As Tom Claflin from TCC so eloquently stated, no one posted the 8th end scores, so it appears the overall tally was a tie for the 4 games! Lunch in the Main Clubhouse was served – the fish chowder was outstanding!

Thank you to all the Cape curlers who ventured off-Cape for the 2 Friendlies this week-end. We are especially pleased that so many new curlers experienced a different club, different ice, met new people and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow Cape Cod members.

We have had a great season with our friendlies – we hosted the Archie Bruce (Ardsley) and Nashua and sent Cape Cod Curlers to the Pisces (Nutmeg), Broomstones and TCC!

The Friendlies - Cathy Offinger & Gretchen Partridge

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Junior Bonsel - January 26 thru 28, 2007

Cape Cod Curling Club hosted our 3rd Annual Junior Bonsel in-house for this decade. We had 16 teams competing. We had 14 families sign up to take teams into their homes for housing. 8 of the host families have children in the Youth Curling Program and all of these were also curling in this Bonsel. 6 others who do not have any children in the program also stepped forward to take guest junior curlers.

In addition to the Event Chairs of Mary & Tony Colacchio, there were 22 volunteers signed up to help in categories such as Registration; Ice Workers; Scoring/Rules; Kitchen Aides & Food Servers; Saturday Party Chaperones; Hospitality & Clean-Up.

A small private room in a favorite local restaurant, Pi Pizza & Bistro, was reserved for the adult visitors/guests and members to enjoy some socializing over dinner together on Saturday evening at 7:30 pm while the juniors were at their party at the Falmouth Teen Center.

The 4 Event was a 4 end points game in which ten teams competed. The 3 event Finals were piped on by a member of our club, Liz Abeltin.

BONSPIEL RESULTS

1st Event Winner Heisler Trophy

Broomstones III - Justin Hoge, Korey Dropkin, Katie Annand

1st Event Finalist

Philadelphia - Nick Sunderlin, Mike Little, Mark Knapp

2nd Event Winner Fuller Trophy

Cape Cod I - Alex Colacchio, Christin Augustini, Ben Panish, Ben Griner, Connor Leahy

2nd Event Finalist

Aruba - Katlyn Beebe, Erika Bareiss, Becca Bates

3rd Event Winner Jones Trophy

Schenectady - Zach Aragosa, Donald Mackintosh, Brian Kimmey

3rd Event Finalist

Broomstones II - Leila Smith, Will Cousins, Connor Hoge, Sean Burchesky

4th Event Winner Framed Photograph of Team for Each Player

Albany - Kelby Heffner, Eric Goldstein, Will White

The finalists for all Events received a Framed Photograph of their team. The remaining spiel participants received an (unframed) photograph of their team.

It takes many hours and many talented, giving, helping hands to put an event like this together. We are getting very good at it and each year the number of entries grows. We see first hand the rewards of our efforts by watching these young curlers perform outstandingly, as wonderful athletes with a passion for the game and fervor for carrying on the legacy. Thank you to Cape Cod Curling Club for being here to host such a special experience and to all those wonderful people from our club who make it happen! Thank You Bonsel Committee and Bonsel Volunteers: Both inside and outside our club, we give recognition and much appreciation for what you did to make this event a giant success. You are without a doubt the greatest in every way! The names that follow belong to the exceptional individuals that contributed in a very meaningful way to make this Spiel extraordinary. And many thanks to our host families!! Where would we be without you!

The Cape Cod Junior Bonsel was well received and deemed to be a huge success! We look forward to keeping a Junior Bonsel on our schedule of events in the coming years ahead.

Mary & Tony Colacchio, Chairs and Bonsel Committee/Volunteers Extraordinaire....

Saturday Night Social Dinners & Curling

The St. Patrick's Day Party was chaired by Gloria and Bob Quegan with the able assistance of Carl and Maxine Gustafson and Linda and Buz Schenck. Twenty-four curlers (many 1st year members) took to the ice at 4:00pm followed by a wonderful spread of Hordour'ves and the traditional "Corn Beef 'n Cabbage" dinner. Irish music flooded the warm room and many sported the color of the green as on St. Patty's Day "everyone is a bit Irish"! The committee planned a surprise and lively drawing of several door prizes. The bar also extended an invitation to warm the heart with a cup of "Irish Coffee".

May the road rise up to meet you...the ice be ever keen....with good friends to sweep it clean!

"PULL THE PLUG" POT LUCK DINNER ** SATURDAY MARCH 31ST***

Reminder: Sign up sheet in the vestibule \$5 per person WITH donation please.

If you have signed up but have not designated what food item you will be contributing.— Please check off the item i.e. entrée, vegetable, salad etc. The committee needs to know. We do want to have an ample amount of a variety of meal items. Some FOLKS like to eat their cake first! But we need lots of casseroles and veggies too! If you are not sure just what to bring or how much or would like a suggestion...please call Culinary Barbara 563-6474 or JoAnn 563-5574

to the end of our curling season, the Culinary Gals, Barbara and JoAnn would like to thank everyone who helped with all the delicious meals we and you provided at club dinners. From the opening "Meat & Greet" Pot Luck hosted by three new members; to committees combined of new and experienced members, to the theme dinners (German, Irish etc.) the hours contributed in planning, shopping and cooking! We say THANK YOU! THANK YOU for saying YES! THANK YOU for saying "how can I help?" THANK YOU for joining in whenever you have seen a need. We also thank the curlers who always filled the sheets of ice with shouting and filled the warm room with their enthusiasm! It's been a very good year! We look forward to inviting you to work with us in our "new" kitchen this Fall!

Baystate Ladies Bonspiel - March 9 thru March 11, 2007

Cape Cod Curling Club hosted our 1st Baystate Ladies Bonspiel of an annual rotation with Broomstones and TCC to be held at the Cape every 3 years. We were asked by TCC and Broomstones to join the Baystate Ladies group to host this over forty year's old Bonspiel and welcome clubs from all over to come to this event at Cape Cod.

An Irish Theme was chosen for the Bonspiel consistent with the timing taking place in March. An e-mail invitation was sent to all the Curling Clubs in the Northeast GNCC Region and to all respective Women's coordinators of these Clubs as well as any other known interested parties and participants/friends of Ladies Bonspiels in our extended area including a few clubs in Canada that like to attend this Bonspiel in particular.

The 4 Event Bonspiel was held over the weekend of March 9, 10, and 11, 2007. The fourth event was an 8 end points game. High point score wins the 4th Event. We had six teams competing to win the 4th event. If necessary, a tie would be broken in favor of the team who had the most number of games won during the bonspiel, otherwise by a full team draw to the button contest.

There actually was a tie for the 4th event between Canadian Club of Boston I and Nashua. Furthermore, both teams had the same number of games won over the course of the spiel so a draw became necessary. In an exciting duel, Nashua emerged victorious.

The 3 event Finals were piped on by Liz Abeltin.

BONSPIEL RESULTS -- The awards are as follows:

1st Event Winner Dayton Bowl Trophy (donated by Joyce and Clark Neill)
The Country Club I - Pam Ellsworth, Lee Ladd, Jean Childs, Ruth Jolliffe

1st Event Finalist Sanford Trophy (donated by Broomstones BOD c/o Loraine Waybourn)
Broomstones II - Marcy Young, Cay Lodine, Elizabeth Hazel, Sharon Devine

2nd Event Winner Dewees Trophy (donated by the Geishecker Family)
Cape Cod IV - Sharon Williams, Karen Von Haam, Linda McCarthy, Meg Becker

2nd Event Finalist
Belfast - Meredith Coffin, Gayle Durnbaugh, Diana Hauser, Alex Bilyard

3rd Event Winner Silvia Trophy donated by Frank and Barbara Silvia
Cape Cod I - Virginia Bristol, Cathy Offinger, Susan Verner, Katie Murphy

3rd Event Finalist
Canadian Club of Boston II - Lissa England, Trish Driscoll, Cathy Clafin, Phylis Vineyard

4th Event Winner Inverness Trophy (donated by Jean and Elizabeth Abeltin)
Nashua - Marcia Brown, Joyce Folkins, Mary Jane King, Kate McLaughlin, C C Eames

4th Event Finalist
Canadian Club of Boston I - Judy Melzer, Pat Jones, Flo Springstead, Sue Haigney

Finalists for all Events CCCC Engraved 2007 Pin for Each Player

The Cape Cod Baystate Ladies Bonspiel was well received and deemed to be a huge success! We look forward to keeping the Baystate on our schedule of events come 2010.

Many Thanks go to our fabulous volunteers who gave of their time to make everything work so well doing all the needed jobs of figuring out the draw, organizing and printing documentation, preparing and serving food, tending bar, working the ice, officiating and tabulating scores, hospitality, piping the finals, opening up early, cleaning up, closing up late, socializing and supporting, contributing to the hospitality that makes Cape Cod Curling Club a very special place for a very memorable time at the Baystate Ladies Bonspiel! You know who you are and now so does everyone else!

Mary Colacchio and Joyce Neill, Co-Chairs

Letter to Editor

New Life brought to Bay State Ladies Bonspiel

Kudos to everyone on the Bay State Ladies Bonspiel Committee for bringing this bonspiel to Cape Cod! This was the first time Cape Cod hosted the Bay State Ladies bonspiel - and the first time the event was held over a week-end. It was exciting to see clubs represented from as far away as Belfast and Plainfield, not to mention all 4 Massachusetts clubs: Broomstones, Cape Cod, Petersham and TCC! There were exciting games, great food and drink, and the ever-wonderful camaraderie for which Cape Cod is known!

There is so much behind the scenes effort to run a bonspiel - thank you to the kitchen workers, the bar staff, the ice crews, the hospitality folks, the trophy donators, the piper - THANK YOU ALL for making Cape Cod's first Bay State Ladies such a grand success. Submitted by Cape Cod I

Cape Cod Ladies League Standings

Hello League, Team 'Scholes' has the bragging rights of first place this session.

I am looking for hosts for the summer socials, you have the idea, you pick the date! Past socials have included: bicycling to dinner in Woods Hole, Kayaking and beach party, Pool party, Game night ????. We have typically done something in May, June, August and September.

The Winter 2007 league standings:

1st: Scholes; 2nd: Heisler; 3rd: Williams; 4th: Scherocman; 5th: Colacchio; 6th: Welby; 7th: Ward; 8th: Martini

From feedback to date, I am currently under the impression that the split draw was a good compromise, and I will therefore use it again if I need to. Thanks for participating in a successful experiment. Thanks to all those who came down to learn the fine art of pebbling and nipping!

It's been great curling with you and I'll see you at Pull the Plug or the Annual Meeting! - Marinna

It isn't Lost but it is Forgotten --

During the curling season we managed to accumulate lots of dishes, serving ware, and containers in the kitchen that have piled up high on the shelves in the back corner of our kitchen. If you have left one of these things behind, please stop in and retrieve it this week. Next month we will be cleaning house and many things will be discarded at that time. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Final word on the Gordon International. For those of you who do not know, this competition is only between teams from the US and Canada. So if you go back to the earlier paragraph, the words "came in second" and "finished next to last" are about as misleading as the editor can get when reporting the results. Since it was only the two countries, "next to last" really means coming in first and "coming in second" really meant last. But at least you felt good about the earlier wording before you knew the whole story. Needless to say our club mates were pretty unhappy about helping the US team lose by 61 stones. Better luck next year!

EDITORS NOTE: This is the last newsletter for this curling year. The next one will be issued in June prior to the summerspiel.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE March - April 2007

Mar 31	Thornton Cup
April 1	Pull the Plug @4:00 pm – Bring your ice skates!
Apr 11	Annual Meeting