



On The Button The Newsletter of the Cape Cod Curling Club

Message from the President:

This being my first letter as your current president, I thought I should outline some of the things we as a board want to help accomplish during coming year.

First of course, is the expansion. Articles elsewhere in this newsletter outline our progress. It is encouraging to see the number of volunteers coming down to help out. Thanks to everyone! The expansion and finishing committees are working closely together as we approach the end of the "building" phase and begin "finishing." With this kind of spirit, it won't be long until we are fully operational in our new, classy, larger warm room. As occupancy time approaches we will be planning some special opening events. Please note the announcement further on of a membership meeting at the club on **Saturday, June 16.**

Secondly, we wish to continue to increase our membership. We have calculated room for at least 30 more curlers, and probably more. We have time for more day curling, there is still room in current evening leagues and the curling committee is working on adding more curling times. So be thinking of friends you want to bring to our open house in October. How can we ever deny such an opportunity to our friends?

Third, we sense a desire for more training. Tony Colacchio, who is heading up education, is working on a more active training program this year. If we can organize it, this may include a camp here in the fall in cooperation with Broomstones, lead by the famous Ray Turnbull. More on that from Tony as plans develop.

The calendar for the coming year is already filling up, and it looks like we will have a lot going on. The calendar committee will meet in July and we will include the calendar in newsletters starting this fall.

Committees are mostly in place. The listing is included in this newsletter. If you wish to help in any of those areas, please contact the chair. We always need more help.

We hope you can all make it to our membership meeting (and much more) on Saturday, June 16.

Regards,
Russ Lemcke

Golf or Bocce Anyone?

Or maybe just a great Luncheon with a great bunch of people?

There is still time for you to participate in our Fund Raiser to cover the costs of constructing the Handicap Ramp that will enable Wheelchair Curlers to enter and exit the ice shed.

The Date is May 21st and it's being held at The Ballymeade Country Club.

Interested parties should call Tony Colacchio and he'll provide you with all the details and answer any questions you might have. Tony's cell number is 617-529-4533

We hope to see you on Monday May 21st.

7th Annual TTT Auction & Raffle

Thank you to everybody who made our annual Triple T Auction a success! We had wonderful donations this year and were able to raise over \$8,700 thanks to the generous bidding at the Annual Dinner.

Kim & Matina

Summerspiel - Get Ready, they are coming - Russ Lemcke

Plans for the Summerspiel are set. Note the dates, July 12 - 15 for the mixed, July 15-18 women's and 19 - 22 men's. And if that were not enough, a USCA sponsored youth camp follows. Please come down, welcome out of town teams and watch some great curling.

This will be the largest ever! We have added 2 more teams in both the mixed and men's (the women's is already maxed out). All members are invited to the opening cocktail parties before each event. And (for a price) you can also attend the dinners and lunches. Be on the lookout for information in the mail in early June.

We have a great list of volunteers already signed up. But also expect a call asking if you can bring some goodies for these cocktail parties. A good response would be "of course." Goldline Curling Supplies will be selling their and our merchandise at the Summerspiel. So plan on coming down and seeing all the great things for sale.

2007 Ladies SummerSpiel

Be sure to reserve some time between July 15 -18 to come and cheer Cape Cod I (Matina Heisler, Liz Abeltin, Marinna Martini and Wendy Scholes) as they defend their 2006 SummerSpiel title! 24 teams are registered to participate in 4 Events in the 2007 Ladies SummerSpiel. We will be welcoming back friends from Albany, Ardsley, Broomstones, Cleveland, Duluth, Nutmeg, Plainfield, Potomac, Schenectady, TCC, Utica - and are very pleased to welcome new teams from Norfolk, CT and members of the 2006 Senior Ladies Friendship Tour to Manitoba! Come on down - you are guaranteed to see some great competition!

Liz Abeltin and Karin Benedict are organizing a Raffle for the Ladies SummerSpiel - please contact one of them if you would like to donate a "theme beach bag"!

The Ladies Banquet will be held at the Flying Bridge Restaurant on Tuesday night, July 17. We've ordered a spectacular sunset for the evening - should be a lovely night on Falmouth Harbor!

Cathy O. and Susan V.

Membership Meeting - and much more - June 16 by Susan Verner

Please plan on coming to the club at 4 PM on Saturday, June 16 for a membership meeting. But it will be far more than that. You will have an opportunity to see the progress and get an update from the Expansion and Finishing Committees, PLUS the chance to buy some high quality (if somewhat dated) club merchandise REAL CHEAP. And even more, we will also have a cocktail party right after the meeting. And yet more! We will use this opportunity to present trophies for winners of the various leagues last season. So if you are on that list, you must attend! We look forward to seeing you there. Please e mail me at smverner@comcast.net by June 1st if you plan to attend so we can do better planning.

For Up-to-date Club News check out www.capecodcurling.org

Expansion Progress

Building: We have had a hiccup in the plumbing again. It seems as though the school doesn't have the permission of the state to work on a commercial job. I called to the plumbing inspector on Friday, May 4th and after checking on the situation, he told me that the school cannot continue. So we have to go to plan B and get another plumber. We have started getting bids and if we can get the plumbing done by June 20th we will still be on schedule. I want to thank everyone that helped with the clean up and demo on Saturday, April 21st. We got a lot of work done (has anyone seen where the liquor closet went ? Phil is still looking.). We have put up new roughed-in walls up for the second entrance to ice shed. We are doing good, thanks for your help and keep up the good work. By John McCarthy

The **Finishing and Furnishing Committee** is busily meeting to make decisions on the eventual use of the spaces, their colors and coordination of furnishings. We need your help. It is our responsibility to plan all that is seen, heard and enjoyed in this new space. We really want to hear from you IN WRITING or E-MAIL regarding your input. Now is the time for suggestions, not after the fact. Please contact Frank and Barbara Sylvia fsylvia@verizon.net or Peter and Gretchen Partridge ppart767@cape.com with your thoughts by June 1st. Thank you for your assistance.

Fund Raising Report

The Expansion Fund Drive has been a great success thanks to all 135 of you who have made commitments. A wonderful across-the-board show of support for the project. Your generosity is saving the club thousands in long term interest expense as well as providing the funds for a timely completion. The latest tally shows \$161,223..THANK YOU ALL By Peter Partridge

CURLING COMMITTEE

New Friday Night Medley League – The committee heard the comments and looked at the open ice time so get your calendars out. The club will introduce a new league to be played on Friday nights after the Little Rockers are done. Players must have actively curled in a minimum of one full session (Fall or Winter) in order to participate (NOTE: A new curler joining the club from an open house will not be allowed to participate in this league until they have completed one full session in a regularly scheduled club league). The league will be considered a “nurturing session” to bring curlers along in their club development – playing different positions without the stress of league standings. This league will not be in session when there is a scheduled intra-club event or bonspiel and teams are not eligible to play off for the Founders Trophy or Thornton Cup. The league rules will be as follows:

- The teams, comprised of a minimum of 5 curlers, are put together by the curling committee
 - An experienced skip (hopefully) will be placed on each team
- All Players must play all positions
 - No player will play the same position 2 consecutive games in a row
- Games will be 6 ends with a 2 hour time limit to allow for discussion of shot selection, etc.

Thornton Cup Championship

The Thornton Cup was played on Saturday, March 31st. A few days earlier, Frank Sylvia's Wednesday Afternoon team played off against George Rice's Wednesday Night team to determine who would play John McCarthy's Monday night team. At the bewitching hour (otherwise known as the eighth end) Frank Sylvia, along with his wife Barbara, Bob Donahue and Guil Scott grabbed the win and the right to play on the 31st. It is told that the dinner that followed the Cup match was superb (but isn't pot luck always superb?). Oh and by the way, John McCarthy, along with wife Linda, David Hatfield and Dan DeLuca won.

Most Improved Curler 2007 - At the annual meeting on April 11th, Jane Hannon and Ken Thomson were announced as the most improved female and male curlers for the past curling year. We can't wait to see their continued progress in the coming year.

Youth Curling - Fall 2006/Winter 2007

By George Rice

Youth curling this past season was separated into two groups. Doc Dunkley took on the responsibility of Little Rocker curling which is for kids in the age range of 6 to 12. George Rice took on the responsibility of the junior curlers from 13 to 20. The little Rockers curled on Friday at 5:30 till 7 on a regular basis and often they had additional ice time on Sunday afternoons. The juniors curled from 3 to 5 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. There were 17 junior curlers with 9 of them returning for the previous year and 8 new curlers. If you watched them at the end of the year you would have to say they are experienced and do an excellent job at "throwing rocks at houses". Come watch them with their long slide deliveries and with their brooms melting the ice when sweeping. Several of them will be on teams in the up coming Summer Bonspiel. This year 5 of the juniors graduate from High School and at this time it is not known where they might be curling next year. Some of them have indicated they would like to continue curling at other clubs while attending college. We also had several new curlers show up in the final weeks of the season to give the sport a try. Indications are they will be part of our program next year.

One of our highlights for the junior curlers is the participation in Junior Bonspiels. The Bonspiels are at one the GNCC clubs (including our own) with curling starting on Friday night, during the day on Saturday and again Sunday morning. The curlers stay over night at local families from the host club. This past year Cape Codders attended the following Bonspiels.

Broomstones CC, Wayland, MA - 2 teams

Nashua CC, Nashua, NH - 2 teams entered plus one extra curler. The extra was placed on a team which ended up winning the Bonspiel.

Albany CC, Albany, NY - 1 team

Utica CC, Utica, NY - Utica had to cancel their formal Bonspiel this year but a few Cape Codders when up for a one day friendly.

Cape Cod CC, Falmouth, MA - Cape Cod had 3 teams with a Cape team winning the second event.

Plainfield CC, Plainfield, NJ - 1 full team plus one extra curler, again the extra Cape Codder was on the winning team.

Schenectady CC, Schenectady, NY - We had 2 full teams and two that were on a hybrid team of several different club members.

Broomstones CC, Wayland, MA - This was the first year of a new format called Bantam Curling where the participants are kids from 10 to 14, Cape Cod had one team and we won the second event.

I would like to encourage all members to come visit us at a junior session next year. The juniors are anxious to take on some of the adult curlers next season in competitive matches. Please encourage your junior friends and relatives to join our program. If you want to experience a tremendous feeling of satisfaction come and join our program and help the kids grow with their curling experiences. Curling...a life time sport for them.

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

Have you ever been to the Plainfield Curling Club? If you haven't, you have missed a great time.

The last weekend in March four of us ventured south to the **Plainfield "Pig Squeal"**, Plainfield's year-end 'spiel and a four-day "pull the plug" party. As this is the Chinese year of the Pig, the event had a definite Chinese theme with many imaginative costumes and decorations. For example, instead of being "piped" on for the finals, the teams were lead on to the ice by a three man dragon (with the head of a pig) and marched to the beat of a Chinese drummer.

Twenty-four teams from all over the GNCC came to contest the Bonspiel, eat fried fish and roast pork (not at the same time), perhaps have an adult beverage (or two) and in general enjoy themselves. The pork was a whole pig roasted for twelve hours over a wood fire. All day Saturday the entire neighborhood smelled very good! The club has two sheets so the games were six ends each. The Cape Cod team acquitted themselves acceptably curling and more that held there own when the partying started. Plainfield is south of New York City in New Jersey and is an easy drive from Cape Cod. I would encourage any of the CCCC members to go and have a good time and good curling with the Plainfield Curling Club. By Pete Ellis

Two teams from Cape Cod competed in the **Women's Challenge**, the 5 and under event for ladies, held at the Belfast Curling Club. A great time was had by all, the theme was New Orleans Mardi Gras and Belfast outdid last year's Pine Tree bonspiel with an even better DJ and wonderful decorations and their usual warm hospitality. Cape Cod I: Blues Brothers Sharon Williams, Paula Jean Ellis, Carol Arakelian and Karin Benedict, Cape Cod II: Cape Jazz Marinna Martini, Susan Verner, Linda McCarthy and Phyllis Welby. There was a surprise visit from Cathy Offinger and Virginia Bristol... who seem to have forgotten that now they are all "grown up".

Spring Fling @ Petersham: What better way to wrap up the curling year than to journey to the two-sheeter by the nine holer and enjoy the wonderful hospitality of the host club. Two teams (eight - really nine players) from our Cape club set up competing war rooms at local hotels to plan their strategy . Mike Minior and the ladies (Matina Heisler, Kim Gazal and Liz Abeltin) avoided the paparazzi at the Colonial while Glenn Amaral with Karen von Haam (and Wendy Scholes who got detention and had to stay after school missing the start of the spiel) and Carl and Maxine Gustafson rested at the luxurious Super 8. The home club usually enjoys a slight ice knowledge advantage and placed their teams in the first event. Fittingly, our two representatives fought it out for the second event title. It was a close game all the way to the eighth end. Some really touch curling left a crowded house and only one possible shot – a quadruple raise ending with a double take out. Mike let the shot go with a blast of parking lot weight. You can still hear Liz even now saying – it doesn't have a handle as it sailed by the sweepers who never had a chance. Vice Skip Matina controlling the house jumped back up on the end boards and watched as the stone hit almost perfectly. Unfortunately, the angle was off ever so slightly on the initial contact and a double takeout was missed by less than an inch. Glenn still has dreams about what almost happened. But in the end, the final's team of Glenn with Wendy, Karen and Maxine took the second event honors.

Oh, the theme for the spiel was a Roman Holiday. If you attend next years Spring Fling you will be able to view the pictures of Carl G. in Roman Gladiator's attire with a sword that releases bubbles (or you could look at the end of this newsletter for an indication of what I'm talking about) .

GNCC Senior Mixed @Albany: Suffering from old-timers memory loss, our foursome of Russ Lemcke, Meg Becker and Frank and Barbara Sylvia believe they journeyed to NY to participate in this spiel. Now it's only been six weeks since they came home but as we went to press the Editor can only report as rumor that they made it to the second event finals (and won). However, that result cannot be confirmed or denied because neither Russ nor Frank wanted to think about that historical activity. Both however were sighted recently at the Annual Dinner Meeting so they must have remembered how to get home – if they went.....

The Friendly Corner - 2007 / 2008

The daffodils have barely stopped blooming but we are already setting dates for the 2007 - 2008 Curling season Friendlies! For new members, Friendlies are curling events with an outside club which are.....FRIENDLY! It is a great opportunity to meet new people who share the same interest for our sport, to see a different club, share some social camaraderie and to have fun in a friendly competition! This next season Cape Cod will be hosting Nutmeg for the PISCES in November, TCC will come to the Cape on Presidents Day in February and Broomstones will be with us in early March. Ardsley will host us for the Archie Bruce in early January and Nashua is looking for a date to host us in February or March. Watch for notices and sign up sheets about these Friendly opportunities.

by Cathy & Gretchen

Like to make an easy sale?

This is our 5th year of printing our Annual Program Book. It is handed out to everyone attending our various events, with particular focus on the Summerspiel. A few of us (too few) sell ads to local merchants. We also list accommodations on our web site for those advertising with us. These efforts net us almost \$6000 per year. If you wish, you can run your own ad, or take out a booster ad. Just contact Peter Partridge, Tony Colacchio or Russ Lemcke. AND if you like to make easy sales, please contact any one of us. We need some relief.

DOORS

Have you counted them lately? They are multiplying and where there used to be just two now there are five. The expansion committee is noticing many times lately that the doors to the building are being left open. The committee is sure it is not the contractors (the clue was no contractors on site last week – yet the doors were found open), so it must be our members. Perhaps you are entering through one door and exiting through another. Please leave the way you enter and be sure to close the door securely behind you. Thanks for your help.... Tony C.

TWO ON TWO LEAGUE

There has been some discussion about developing a two-on-two league. It is very popular in Canada. It is set up as a regular league with dedicated ice assigned. There would be three people on a team, although only two curl each match. The other player is available as a spare or the team rotates, as they wish. Teams choose their own members. Games are played in a shorter period of time, and it is good practice since each player shoots four stones in each end. It would be open curling – men, women, stickers and regular players – any combination thereof.

If there is enough interest, this idea will be presented to the Curling Committee. If it is approved, they will designate the time and day for this league to play. If you are interested in such a venture, please contact Dave Dewees at 508-548-4635 or at birdwatch4@hotmail.com

Hello Lady Curlers! The past few summers the tradition of fun on Thursdays with fellow women curlers has continued through the summer with monthly socials put on by our peers.

Save the date! **June 28nd: Cook Out** - Gretchen Partridge has kindly offered to host a cook out, they have a great view and a beach. More details to follow. So save the date!

I am still looking for hosts for May, August and September. Would you like to host an activity? I would like to hear from you.

Cheers,

Marinna Martini

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Publicity – Russ Lemcke
Summerspiel Coordinator – Shirley Bruce (starting for 2008)
USWCA Rep – Liz Abeltin
Web Master – Joe Cammarano/Barry Evans

Special Committees – 2007/08

Expansion – Tony Colacchio, Dave Dewees, Fred Flynn, John McCarthy, Bob Ottaviano
Expansion – Furnishing and Finishing – Gretchen Partridge/Barbara Sylvia



REMEMBER THE CURLING PROVERB:

WHAT HAPPENS AT A BONSPIEL STAYS AT THE BONSPIEL

(unless the Editor gets a hold of the pictures!)

LAST MINUTE NEWS ITEM (just had to finish putting the make-up on before press time)

The Ladies Summer Social League kicks off the season with a bike ride to Woods Hole followed by dinner at the Captain Kidd Restaurant on Thursday, May 31. We will meet at the Curling Club parking lot at 5 PM and ride along the bike path to Woods Hole. Non-cyclists can meet at the Kidd at 6 PM. We need a head count - so please RSVP to Cathy Offinger by May 28th.
coffinger@whoi.edu or 508-540-3664.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE May - July 2007

May 21	Golf/Bocce @ Ballymeade
May 31	Ladies Social League Event
Jun 16	General Membership Meeting @ club
Jun 28	Ladies Social League Event
July 12-22	Summerspiel