

Cape Cod Curling Club

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Message from the President:

Dear Curling Friends;

Smell the ice, listen to the roar of the rocks and hear the Skips yelling sweep, sweep! Yes, the 2005 – 2006 Curling season is finally underway. It's wonderful to see the familiar faces and also nice to see so many new Curlers. I hope everyone has a terrific season and your stones end up where you envisioned they would.

I would like to thank those who attended our Building Expansion Meeting, which was held on October 15th. We are better united on the project as a result. Remember, we periodically post information on the Expansion progress on the Curling Club's web site.

Our "Curling for Charity" event, benefiting The Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands, scheduled for November 20th is in the preparation stages. Teams are being trained and people are being assigned to help on the day of the event. If you haven't volunteered yet, please consider doing so. It's a wonderful feeling knowing we are such a vital part of our community.

Bob Slayter, our Stick Curler extraordinaire, has for many years been a "Bell Ringer" for The Salvation Army during the Holiday Season. I'm sure most of you have seen him out there on Main Street doing his thing with his Top Hat and colorful green scarf. Two years ago Bob asked if I could relieve him during lunch hour a couple of days, naturally I answered yes and I have to tell you, it was such a powerful rewarding experience. So many people give and have personal stories of how The Salvation Army helped their family earlier in life when times weren't so easy for them.

Last week I mentioned to Bob that perhaps others in the Club would be willing to "Ring the Bell" for those in need. He has since approached Salvation Army Management and they would be willing to assign the Cape Cod Curling Club its own location to Ring. If we had our own location, just above the pot would be a sign stating that the ringers are volunteers of The Cape Cod Curling Club. This would be another great way to demonstrate who we are. If there is anyone interested, please give me a call or send me an email. To make it work, we would need several people that would commit to Ringing once or twice a week for four to five weeks. If you do this, I promise you'll feel the true spirit of the Holidays.

Enjoy the Curling and the Camaraderie of your Club.

Tony Colacchio

PARKING

You may have noticed that a little bit of earth movement has occurred at the club (ya know - where the hill used to be). Well the lines that we used to try to park between are no longer visible. Please try to park close to the car next to you so that we may maximize the number of cars that can fit. Don't leave half a car space between yourself and the next car. Try to get close – even if you need to back up and squeeze closer. Your fellow club members will appreciate your consideration.

PISCES WITH NUTMEG

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 4:30 P.M. with dinner to follow

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AT 9:30 A.M. with brunch at noon

Two separate sign ups: one for playing (and to sub) and one for dinner

Any questions call Cathy Offinger or Gretchen Partridge

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY

This year we have a new activity at the Club. "T.G.I.F."

Just so all of you know this is **NOT** a training session for new curlers only. It came about after a round of rather extensive e-mails last year discussing the absence of a regular forum for any of our Club members to be involved in scheduled practice sessions where members could practice, improve their game and/or become involved in a program of training, assistance and/or coaching (if requested). At T.G.I.F. any member can come down to the Club to practice some aspect of their game that they think may need work or try something new without the pressure of being involved in a game or league competition where your other rink members are relying on you.

It is hoped that in addition to having some of our more experienced members and certified trainers available we will be able to videotape those who wish to see their delivery and sweeping. As they say, "a picture is worth a thousand words".

Additionally, it is planned to wind up each evening on the ice with a 4 to 6 end game where members can try their hand at playing positions that they normally do not have an opportunity to play on a regular basis. So if you want to try your hand as Vice Skip or Skip this is your chance.

After coming off the ice, those that have the time will be able stay to socialize and have Pizza or some other type of "lite" (?) supper at the Club.

SO COME ON DOWN! NO MATTER WHAT NAME YOU GIVE TO IT, IT'S STILL CURLING!

Submitted by...Frank Balas

Hold the Date !!

TURKEY SOCIAL - 26 November

More details to come – watch the bulletin board for information. If you are really curious and thus would like to volunteer to help plan the event, etc. then give Justine Vanden Heuvel or Dan Hazlitt a call @ 508-540 3733

Tuesday Ladies Open Curling:

We were slated to start our Daytime Ladies Curling Tuesday, at 1:15 p.m., October 25th. Since only four brave souls showed up to curl, we assume those ten who expressed an interest but didn't show up, were a little whimpy when it comes to rain and wind! There will be curling every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.! I will post a roster of names and let everyone chose their "bye" dates. We do keep individual scores and the winner at the end of the curling season gets a free lunch! Now that is incentive to show up! ~Joyce Neill

Cape Curlers on the Road

The month of October found a dedicated few of our early season curlers taking a Southwest Airlines flight to Maryland. Our club had two teams participating in the "**Inaugural Open Bonspiel**" sponsored by the Potomac Curling Club. The "press release" below was sent by (I'm sure you already guessed) our own Russ Lemcke to the Enterprise newspaper in hopes of drumming up community support for curling and our various activities. Paul Mort made his first trip to the Potomac ice house, took a little longer reading the ice than the opposing skip and ended up losing a couple of really close (one point) games. His rink did manage a significant win in an early fourth event game but couldn't repeat in the event semifinal game.

Cape Cod Curling Club Starts Season with a win

A Cape Cod Curling team started the 2005/06 season with an important win in the first northeast US tournament. The team achieved runner up in the second event therefore finishing fourth in a 26-team four-day match hosted by the Potomac Curling Club in Laurel MD. Teams from throughout the northeast US participated in this first seasonal match.

The Curling Club in Falmouth has accepted 21 new players and will soon be hosting its annual charity event, this time in favor of the Samaritans.

Russ' rink included Glenn Amaral @ Vice; Fred Flynn @ Second; Henrik Gulmann @ Lead
Paul Mort's rink included Cathy Offinger @ Vice; Mike Minior @ Second; Liz Abeltin @ Lead

"Big Pumpkin (Open) Bonspiel" @Rochester, NY: 28-30 October: Yes, it was Russ once again taking a rink this time to the westernmost reaches of the GNCC to carve out a win (and a pumpkin). Sixteen teams battled it out and Russ along with Meg Becker and John and Linda McCarthy came home winners of the fourth event! Congrats to Russ and his big pumpkin rink!

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PLANNED AT THE CLUB

When: November 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Stickspiel Committee is inviting all interested club members to attend the first organizational meeting for this years Stickspiel scheduled for 23-26 February 2006. Please come down and volunteer your assistance.

Senior Women's Friendship Tour - LAST CHANCE TO APPLY

If you would like to tour Manitoba, Canada in Nov. 2006, then stop reading and start filling in your application! Applications are posted in the Club and available on-line at www.uswca.org. It is a 2-week tour and includes lots of curling, fun and commaraderie. Completed applications are due by December 1, 2005 and they require 2 letters of recommendation. . The minimum age requirement is 50 by May 1, 2006. It's a wonderful opportunity, so don't miss out. Contact Liz Abeltin if you need further information.

Building Expansion Update

Thanks to all of you who joined us for the meeting on October 15th. I hope that the information presented and the dialogue that ensued answered a lot of your lingering questions. We know that there are still many more answers needed.

On the 19th, we received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. There is a 20-day waiting period for any appeals that may be filed before we can proceed with filing to get a building permit. Your committee is working hard to select the final design for the building so the architect can complete the drawing we need to go with the permit request.

Our plan was to get the foundation in before the first snow – but Mother Nature decided to give us that first snow on the 29th! However that does not mean we need to resort to Plan B. As soon as we get the building permit, we can start the foundation work. If all goes as planned, the concrete should be poured before the middle of December. Let's hope the recent Indian Summer weather holds for a few more weeks. ~ submitted by the Building Committee

Mike's World

This month I do not have a central theme. I could reasonably say its because it is so hard to focus given all the chaos associated with the start of the new curling season. But that would just be your Editor making an excuse. While the current chaos has had an effect – the fact is there are lots of club members taking on roles and responsibilities that have been passed down from the hard working members who have done it time and again in previous years. It just wouldn't be fair to all the volunteer club members who are doing a bang-up job getting this curling season underway (with on the job training) to focus on the little bumps in the road that have made this an interesting October. I believe it sufficient for me to say to "Thank YOU" for all you do!

A TIP FROM THE EDITOR: Do you know where to stand? When out on the ice, this is very important, especially this year with the changes to the layout of the three sheets. The alleyway between the sheets that we had last year is gone. So now you must be more vigilant about where you are standing for two reasons. First, so you allow adequate room for your opponents to move past you when a stone is being delivered and swept. And secondly because if you are standing completely outside the line on your sheet, you are actually in the active play area of the sheet next to you and you wouldn't want to do anything to interfere with the game next door. So my advice is to be extra aware of where you are standing and to be considerate and courteous to your fellow curlers if asked to adjust your position on the sheet to allow play to proceed.

CPR AND AED RECERTIFICATION NOTICE

The time has come for those who wish to be recertified in CPR and AED to do so. There is a notice posted in the warm room at the Club with the names of those who need recertification. Anyone interested in becoming certified initially may also sign up. I will arrange a date

when I have a count. The sign-up will be available until November 15th. Any questions - call Dave Dewees at 508 548-4635.

ATTENTION !! PARTY PEOPLE!

Do you like to throw big parties? Are your organizational skills unmatched? Then why not volunteer to run one of our Club Bonspiels?

Club Bonspiels like the Chris-Mix, the Superspiel and the Scrod don't just happen...they need your talents. If you (and this means solo, or with a spouse, s/o and/or a group of friends) can devote some time, the curling committee will make sure that you have all the resources that you need to throw the ultimate curling party!

First up is the Chris-Mix, scheduled for early December. It's an easy one to start with, since the dinner will be handled off-site.

If you are interested, please notify Jim Rogers by e-mail, phone or slap upside the head. His contact info is jrogers@chubb.com, or call him at 508/457-4991.

Molson signs up for 2006!

Thirsty curlers will be pleased to know that Molson Canadian Beer has signed on as an official sponsor of the 2006 World Men's Curling Championship. (No Mike that does not mean free beer) But it does mean that Molson will be available in Tsongas Arena and the "Rock Garden" hospitality tent next April. Sponsorships are beginning to flow in now with major support already in from the State of Massachusetts tourism bureau and of course Goldline and pin maker Laurie Artiss already on board.

BREAKING NEWS AS WE WENT TO PRINT

On 31 October, the club signed a contract with Olympia Building Systems for the shell of our expanded building. More information will be provided shortly on the club's website and definitely in the next newsletter.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE November 2005

Nov 12-13	Pisces with Nutmeg
Nov 19	Curling for Charity - Samaritans
Nov 26	Turkey Social