



CAPE COD CURLING CLUB Falmouth, Massachusetts

*A message from the*

## **PRESIDENT**



In celebrating our Club's 50th anniversary, we have much to be thankful for as we reflect on our Club's history.

We continue to grow and welcome enthusiastic new curlers of all ages. Our Juniors, Little Rockers and Wheel-chair curlers continue to shine on the competitive circuits. Ralph Vaccaro was named world's oldest curler by the Guinness World Records. Russ Lemcke was inducted into the USA Curling Hall of Fame. The 11th annual Bogspiel was a blast with teams coming from throughout the GNCC region. The Sliders took back bragging rights at the Sticks vs Sliders Bonspiel. Our Learn to Curl sessions have been fully subscribed. Inquiries for Corporate events are on the rise – people definitely want to learn about curling!

I am sure every member knows we have been addressing our roof... it has become standard practice to assemble the bucket brigade every time there is a forecast for rain! We are working with the engineering company Building Enclosure Science from Providence, RI who have assessed our roof and building and have recommended a course of action to facilitate repairs. You may see contractors this month inspecting the building as they prepare their bids for the job.

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## **99 and On the Comeback Trail**

*by Jeanie Yaroch*

Thanks to FloorCurl our very own Ralph Vaccaro and the world's oldest active curler, is back in the hack.

Having been temporarily sidelined by a minor stroke, Ralph is now comfortably and quickly rehabilitating at home, according to wife Martha, who credits much of this progress to Ralph's return to curling. Not yet with us in person on the ice, Ralph has joined the ranks of over 200,000 school-aged kids in Canada who have benefitted from specially-designed rocks that make it possible to curl anywhere, anytime.

In Ralph's case, that "anywhere" is his own home, where he is able to practice the steady form that earned him the respect and admiration of many Cape Cod curlers far younger in age. All this is due to the generosity of Chad McMullan of Rock Solid Productions, the parent company of Floor Curl, who, upon learning of Ralph's situation, quickly offered to send a FloorCurl kit and "pusher sticks" at no charge to support him in his therapy.

Many thanks to FloorCurl and lots of encouragement to you, Ralph!



*Ralph Vaccaro, training at home, and expecting to be back on the ice soon!*

*Did you know we now have a SOCIAL Calendar? It is located in the drop-down list under "Calendars" on the Curling Club's Home Page!*



## The BOGSPIEL...

*a grand success!*

by Jamie Hutchinson

The 2018 BOG Spiel is now a part of history – from the tantalizing food prepared by the food committee headed by Andrea Lousararian to the amazing hospitality engineered by Andrea and John Woods with their contingent of volunteers to the quick ice prepared by Bill Gallagher and his dedicated crew it was a roaring good time.



96 participants from as far away as Minnesota, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, New Hampshire and Georgia to as near as our own club



competed over 4 days in an effort to claim the coveted BOG SPIEL TROPHY. (It's at the club – take a look!) Participants in all 6 final events received pins. Participants in the final 3 events also received trophies hand crafted by Paul Sofuolis.

Friday Evening Sam Williams of Broomstones ran the 2nd annual Elimination Draw. The final two teams were from Cape Cod

and Broomstones. Rather than one eliminate the other – they split the winnings. Want to get in on the action – put a team into the spiel next year.

What is more fun than an afternoon photo booth? – nothing more to say about that.

Saturday night the place rocked to the tunes of "Soul Purpose." The decorating committee headed by Paula Howe turned the warm room into a Bistro with tables for 4 and high tops scattered through the space. With the light turned down low, our curlers turned into dance fanatics. Of course, the bar, staffed and stocked by Phil Baybutt and Peter Clark worked with committee person Nanci Pacheco to assure libations flowed. The Cranberry Marguerita was a mind BOGging success!



Mary Colacchio made sure that all the schedules, instructions and updates were kept current. Lisa Paliocca took care of finding subs. Stalwart John McCarthy kept things moving in the house and closed it up every night. Artie Howe's artistic talent showcased the lead up to the event and Brian Pijanowski kept the accounts like a regular CPA. We had so much fun AND we made some money to boot, meeting our commitments to the Scholarship Fund and the Wheelchair fund while still adding money to the general coffers.

Oh, yes, there were winners and finalists:

### 1st EVENT

Winner – Broomstones II – Sofuolis  
Finalist – Cape Cod – Nate Adams

### 2nd EVENT

Winner – Petersham – Picariello  
Finalist – Woodstock – Holt

### 3rd EVENT

Winner – Cape Cod – O'Connor  
Finalist – St. Paul – Smith

### 4th EVENT

Winner – Mariner I – Gallegos  
Finalist – Dallas/Ft. Worth – Ashford

### 5th EVENT

Winner – Mariner II – Urban  
Finalist – Cape Cod – Thunberg

### 6th EVENT

Winner – Triangle – Hartman  
Finalist – Cape Cod – Voorhees

## Stopping the Leaks in the Warm Room

from Steve Mojo

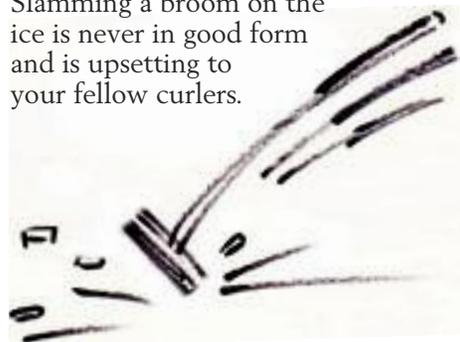
As the Curling Club celebrates starting its 50th year, the Board is committed to insuring that the building will be around to see our 100th anniversary. Before starting to rehab the ice floor and other projects in the ice shed, it is critical that we fix the roof leaks and make other repairs, to insure that the building will keep the water out and the ice playable.

Over the summer, the Curling Club hired Building Enclosure Sciences (BES), a Rhode Island engineering firm specializing developing and executing plans to rehabilitate old buildings. In addition, Cathy Offinger, Mike Minior, Todd Benedict, Leslie LeBlanc and Steve Mojo created a working group to accelerate the repair program. In early August, BES conducted water testing, pinpointing the sources of the leaks and detailing additional areas needing repair. The major problems include missing roof flashing and gutters, cracked masonry, and uncapped obsolete roof vents. All let moisture into the building.

Based on BES's final report, the Board approved \$40,000 in October to quickly address the most serious issues. To date, BES has created repair plans and met with 3 roofing contractors to obtain bids. The goal is to generate firm bids by early December, award the contract and address the most significant leaks before winter sets in.

## Bad Broom Behavior

Please remember curling is a game built on etiquette. We compliment a good shot and ignore a bad one. Slamming a broom on the ice is never in good form and is upsetting to your fellow curlers.



## Juniors Shine in Back-to-Backs

by John Murray

Please join me in congratulating the Juniors on their recent successes. Cape Cod Juniors competed in back to back bonspiels the past two weekends with Cape Cod players competing against each other in both of the A events.

The first annual **TCC Junior bonspiel** held 11/10 - 11 was a highly competitive event with participation from many teams that are planning to compete in the U18 National Playdowns. The spiel was structured like a national event with round robin pool play followed by brackets to set the final event matches. The kids played 7 full games in 2 days which is a feat in and of itself.

**A Event Winner:** Marius Kleinas with Team Casper

**A Event Finalist:** William Gerlach, Caleb Gartner and Nicholas Cenzalli with Team Hebert

**C Event Winner:** Anna Cenzalli and Emma Leary with Team Cenzalli

**D Event Winner:** Mikey Briggs, Brody Gerlach, Anna Bennett and Vivian Bannister as Team Briggs



Team Casper  
A Winner



Team Hebert  
A Finalist



Team Cenzalli  
C Winner



Team Briggs  
D Winner

The **Broomstones Junior Spiel** held 11/17-18 was also highly competitive with enough teams to separate the teams into competitive and developmental divisions. The divisions were set up in round robin format which required the kids to play up to 5 games depending upon their pool. Again our Juniors had great success and were fine representatives of Cape Cod Curling Club.

**A Event Winner:** Brody Gerlach, Ryan Waite, Connor Hardin and Silas Clark as team Gerlach

**A Event Finalist:** Anna Cenzalli and Emma Leary with Team Cenzalli

**B Event Winner:** William Gerlach, Caleb Gartner and Nicholas Cenzalli with Team Hebert

**D Event Finalist:** Vivian Bannister with Team Skoog

Petra Brienza and Jillian Sullivan joined two young Broomstones curlers to compete in the developmental division. The ladies played hard, learned a lot from their first ever Junior Bonspiel and are looking forward to their next spiel.

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We also are looking forward regarding our ice machinery – long range planning is key to the continued operation of our club. We are assembling quotes and setting timelines to ensure we can address our capital equipment needs in a cost effective and logical way.

We had our first dues increase in over 10 years. This certainly helps with our standard operating expenses which continue to rise on a yearly basis. We are formulating a plan for raising the necessary funds for the major projects on the not so distant horizon. We want to position the Club to be on sound footing for the next 50 years and beyond!

During this Thanksgiving weekend, please reflect on the friendships you have made through the Cape Cod Curling Club and what the Club means to you.

*"I ask that you especially reflect on what Tony Colacchio meant to you and to the Club – and how thankful we all are that he was our friend and mentor."*

I hope you each had a veryHappy Thanksgiving!

*Cathy O.*

## Simply Curling Bonspiel

by Mike Minior

This get the rust out spiel was held 2-4 November at the Nashua Curling Club. You can imagine how the draw looked with 22 teams playing on 4-sheets of ice. *Simply Curling* sure describes what happened because if you lost the wrong game you could end up playing 3 games on the Saturday.

This was my first visit to the NCC's new facility – it was quite impressive although the ice was a little slow. Cape Cod's John McCarthy rink had his wife Linda, Susan Verner, and coming-out-of-retirement Virginia Bristol who rounded out the foursome. It took a laser measure to determine who scored the point in one of John's Saturday games as the measuring stick wouldn't fit given the stone placement. John took the point by 0.03 inches – are your eyes that good?

Maura and I entered the spiel with Jonathan and Shannon Zwick from Norfolk CC. We won/lost the right games and played on Sunday as the Finalists in the 4th Event. Definitely a weekend full of curling but definitely worth the trip. I hear that Nashua has a Mixed Bonspiel coming up 30 November to 2 December. If you are looking for some competition check it out and enter.

## The Ross Tarlton International Bonspiel

by Mike Minior



The annual spiel between the GNCC and the Ontario Curling Association (Toronto area) was held 8-10 November 2018 in the US. Games were played at the Nutmeg and the Ardsley Curling Clubs. There were 16 teams representing their respective organizations playing 4 games each with the overall spiel winner determined by total rocks scored.

The Cape was represented by two teams led by skips who had played in this back and forth event for over 25 years. Bob Ottaviano led his rink of Phil Bruce, Todd Benedict, Steve O'Neil and Ken Voorhees. Frank Sylvia led his rink of Clark Neill, Mike Minior, Steve Mojo and Tom Azarovitz.

The competition was strong and the scores were tallied in secret until the announcement at the banquet on Saturday night. The GNCC came in second and the OCA came in next to last. The final score was 425 to 393, a difference of 32 stones. Now I'm sure that all of the GNCC curlers can look back and say – if only the skip had given me the right broom! Next year we are looking forward to traveling to Mississauga for the 2019 edition of the Ross Tarlton.

## Upcoming Spiels

### Nutmeg Friendly

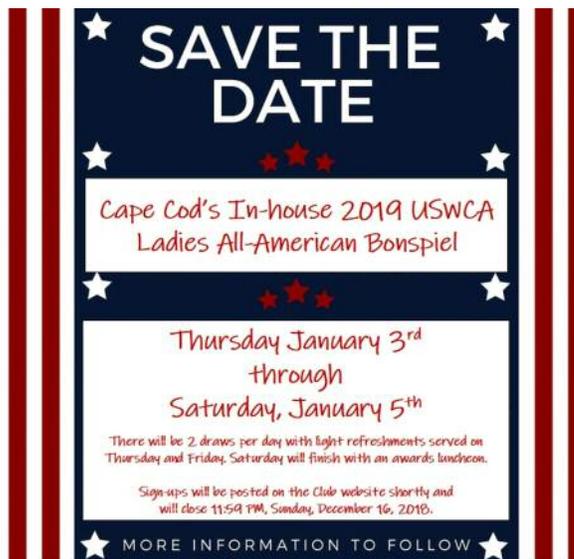
December 1st & 2nd  
at the Nutmeg Curling Club,  
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Curling begins at 4:00 pm  
on Saturday

Cost is \$25 which includes  
dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday

This two-day friendly with the Nutmeg curling club is a competitive spiel with a trophy awarded to the club with most total points.

Register on our website or contact Gordon Waring  
(gtwaring@comcast.net) for more details.



It was a joyous **Ole!** at the Carosella!  
from Diane DiMassa

**The Wheelers**  
from Kathy Maloney



*Congratulations to (L to R) Marinna Martini (Vice), Nancy Wurth (Schenectady Curling Club, Lead), Sandy Bernstein (Second) and Diane DiMassa (Skip) for being A Event Finalists at the 16th Annual Ladies Invitational Carosella Bonspiel at the Schenectady Curling Club. Although they didn't jump for joy at the ultimate end result, their nicknames of "Navy", "Black", "Kidney" and "Lima" added to the fun of this "South of the Border" fiesta. Can you guess what their team theme was? Ole'!*

## Summerspiel Planning

from Mike Minior

Next month the planning for next July's Summerspiel will get underway. 2019 will mark the 50th Mixed Summerspiel held by the Cape Cod Curling Club. What started out as a small gathering for a game of curling on arena ice and a cookout to recognize the winner now welcomes 36 teams playing over 3 days for the scrimshaw winner's pin.

The summerspiel committee needs an overall coordinator to watch over all 5 of the spiels comprising the 17 days in July. It's not complicated, just a few boxes to check to make sure we are ready for our guests. Two or three coordination meetings and a final closeout meeting and an opportunity to make over 400 new curling friends. We have experienced spiel coordinators returning for next July, so if you are interested in filling the overall coordinator position give me a call and I will answer any questions you may have then I'll sign you up and share all the details. Don't make me twist your arm.



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## Help is wanted

We would like to create a list of members willing to help our wheelchair curlers with their drills. A 2 hour commitment would be typical to hold the wheelchair and/ or assist with scoring for a drill set. No experience necessary, as the athletes know what needs to be done. Week days during the morning to early afternoon is when there is usually best ice availability. This list may be used to create a practice schedule and will be made available to the wheelchair curlers to contact you directly at other times as their schedule allows.

If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please feel free to reach out with any questions or for more information to:

Nanci Pacheco:  
[nanpach7@gmail.com](mailto:nanpach7@gmail.com), or

Kathy Maloney:  
[kaamaloney@gmail.com](mailto:kaamaloney@gmail.com)

## Save these Dates!

Stay tuned for details soon to come on

### Dec. 9 - Club Float in Falmouth Christmas Parade

Contacts: Meghan Palanza at [mmpalanza@gmail.com](mailto:mmpalanza@gmail.com), and Rich Rogers at [buckrog66@yahoo.com](mailto:buckrog66@yahoo.com)

### January 1 - All day Curlathon

Contacts: Doug Jones at [whcssjones@gmail.com](mailto:whcssjones@gmail.com), and James Newton at [wnewton3@gmail.com](mailto:wnewton3@gmail.com)

### January 15 - Yankee Swap

Contact: Karin Benedict at [Kbpiscas@aol.com](mailto:Kbpiscas@aol.com)

### January 17 - 20 - GNCC Senior Men's Bonspiel at Cape Cod

Contact: Todd Benedict at [tbbluefish@comcast.net](mailto:tbbluefish@comcast.net)