

Happenings @ ACC

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Preseason Edition



I hope everyone's getting excited about the upcoming season! The weather's starting to turn cold (sort of)... The purpose of this issue is to let you know what events are coming up before the season gets underway and also to alert you to some league changes. So grab your calendars and read along. As always if you have items you want included in the next issue (bonspiels, events, help wanted, etc.) drop me a line (mnaber@nycap.rr.com) and if anyone is interested in being an "official" editor I would welcome the help!!! Also, if anyone has an extra copy of MS Publisher that they would be willing to share please let me know (mine was inadvertently deleted from my computer... WHOOPS!)



WATCH your Mailbox for the fall mailing about leagues, semi-annual meeting, committees.... You should be receiving it in the next 2-3 weeks!!!

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ACC Calendar

Be sure to visit the "schedules" tab at our website for updated information!

September

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| 4-5 | 9AM-5PM | ACC booth @ Scottish Games |
| 25 and 26 | | 1-day Curling Clinic @ SCC |
| 25 and 26 | | ACC Fall Clean-up |

October

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| 2-3 | | Open House |
| 4-14 | | New Curler Training |
| 16 | | ACC semi-annual meeting and dinner |
| 18 | | Leagues Start |

Upcoming Events

ACC booth @ Scottish games

Sept 4-5 from 9 to 5. Volunteers will be booked in 3h shifts; i.e. 8:30 to 11:30, 11:30 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 5:30 with three people on each shift. Please contact Winn Schwartz (765-4788) or Marilyn Hietala (785-7127) if you are able to help out.



Fall clean-up weekend

9/25-6. Help get the club ready for the season! All available help will be needed. Many hands make light work!!! Set the date aside... more details to follow (check out the website for times and details)

Curling Clinic @ SCC

9/25 or 9/26 (2 clinics held). US Olympic team members and Team Howard will be in attendance. See

“broomsupcurling.com” for details and registration information. Assure yourself a spot and sign up soon!

Open House

ACC fall Open House will be held Oct 2-3. Please consider volunteering as well as inviting friends, family, and/or coworkers to the O.H. Flyers will be forthcoming.

Proposed league changes

We are offering *a new Friday league** this winter. We are anticipating a robust membership and want to maximize the amount of ice time that is available for leagues—giving ample opportunity to curl!!!

This league will be a mixed league with skip draws. Preference will be given to new skips with the goal of developing new talent in a fun, but competitive environment. I would recommend this league for people who want to curl on Friday nights to relieve stress after a long week or to “5 and unders” who may want the opportunity to try different positions (e.g. vice or skip).

Later in the season we are going to add a “bring your own

team” component to this league—this will give an opportunity for teams to play together prior to going to bonspiels. More details will be forthcoming as we get into the curling season. For the fall session just sign up as you would for any league.

With the creation of the new Friday league (along with the Sunday evening league), the Thursday league will again become a competitive mixed league with skips being chosen based on the ability and experience of eligible members signing up for the league. Although competitive, this league is still open to curlers of all abilities and experience levels. It is hoped that these curlers will learn and benefit from the ex-

pertise of their more experienced teammates.

The league sign-up cards will be enclosed in the packet you will be receiving shortly. Please fill out the cards and return them promptly so that all the league planning and logistics can be arranged to assure a successful curling season!!!!

*Because of in-house or invitational bonspiels and play-downs there will be a # of Fridays that will be unavailable for league play... I would recommend signing up to curl or sub in another league in addition to Fridays (ed. note)

This just in...Bonspiel results

Albany 3 Win GNCC Senior Mixed

The annual GNCC Senior Mixed took place at the Schenectady Curling Club on April 9 through 11. Ten teams competed and the Albany 3 rink, and defending GNCC Senior Mixed champions, skipped by Linda Felice won. Albany also had rinks from Ed Springstead and Roger Cooper.

Skip Linda Felice slipped on the scantling carpet on Friday evening and broke her wrist after she threw her final stone of the third end. Second Andra Scheinkopf stepped up to skip and Lead Ray

Hickey to vice. With two substitutes from the host club, Andra and Ray continued and won the game Friday evening.

Vice-skip Hollis Felice took over as skip with Andra moving up to vice and Ray to second. Roberta Crain substituted as lead on Saturday and Sunday. Albany 3 won both games and the first event. Albany 1, skipped by Ed Springstead, won the second event.

This is the fifth consecutive year a team from the Albany Curling Club has won the Cooper Cup, the first event of the GNCC Senior Mixed.

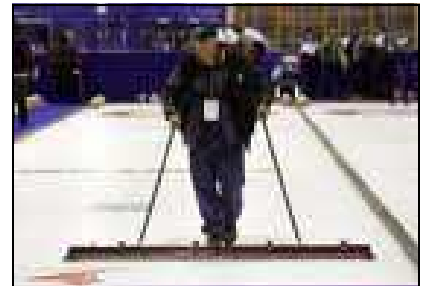
Albany 1 -
Skip—Ed Springstead
Vice—Flo Springstead
2nd—Art Nuss
Lead—Winn Schwartz

Albany 2 -
Skip—Roger Cooper
Vice—Ethel Cooper
2nd—Bill Day
Lead—Beth Stacy (nee Jaeger)

Albany 3 -
Skip—Linda Felice
Vice—Hollis Felice
2nd—Andra Scheinkopf
Lead—Ray Hickey

“New” Iceman Cometh!

With the “retirement” of iceman Art Nuss (thank you Art for many years of fine ice)... Mark Sgarlatta will be taking over the duties of head Iceman. This is a HUGE job and obviously of utmost importance to the Albany Curling Club. Next time you see Mark @ the club welcome him to the job! (and please be nice to him while he perfects his craft) :)



Welcome back “Olympic Special” Members!!

Last, but certainly not least WELCOME BACK “Olympic special” members!!!! We enjoyed your company last spring and look forward to curling with you again this year. Don’t forget to take the \$\$ credit from your membership last year and apply it to your dues this year. Keep an eye on your mailbox for the club mailing that you will be receiving shortly. All the info you need to re-register this year will be included in the packet.

