



DUCK SOUP

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"All the News That Fits"

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Open House

By Julie Everett, Member Chair

Editor's Note: Julie Everett did a wonderful job with this year's pre-season Open House. I'm sure we'll pull together and give the same if not more enthusiastic support for the Post-Olympic Open House. Thanks Julie! And thanks to all those who hurriedly set up the club beforehand. Here are her words to describe the event:

October 2009 Open House Recipe

Ingredients:

3 Rinks of fabulous new ice courtesy of Dave Schrull and his team of ice makers (Bill Borowitz, John Dorff, Tom Doherty, Tim Klein, Gert Messing, Bill Stopera) who have no rival!

34 enthusiastic and friendly volunteers who were Greeters and registration, Prep-Ice Prep, On-Ice Training, and Post-Ice discussion.

1 Web Master for announcements and updates, set up of new e-mail account and (yup, you guessed it) more forms

175 Members' word of Mouth (the best advertising of all)

1 Dobbs Ferry Fiesta Curling Table

3 Forms to complete

?? local advertisements

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1 de-archived *Ardsley New Curler's Handbook*

1 *Andrew & Brooke*

Gently blend all ingredients beginning 4-6 weeks before the first Open House date. 24-48 hours prior to Open House evening #1, tweak the volunteer schedule to ensure coverage for each Open House evening. Sit back and let the expert team of volunteers work their magic!

Yield:

67 attendees in 8 hours over 4 evenings between October 3-6.

23 new members (20 regular, 1 associate, and 2 juniors)

Thanks to all of the volunteers, the Fall Open House was a success and great practice for the post-Olympic Open House scheduled for early March. Thank you one and all!

Summer Curling in Scotland

By Joyance Meechai and John Noble

In July, John Noble (skip), Joyance Meechai (vice), Dave Wagenheim (second), Tim Klein (lead), and Carin Horowitz (team manager/cheerleader, travel agent, fearless guide, and Dave's wife) flew across the pond to Scotland for a fun-filled week of castles, whisky, golf, haggis, folk music, mountains, lochs, sheep, Robert Burns and (of course) curling! After arriving in Edinburgh and learning to drive like the natives, we set off with an itinerary packed with everything Scottish. Highlights include catching Crosby, Stills and Nash warming up at Edinburgh Castle and being chastised in a thick Scottish accent for playing too slowly during a sub-four hour round of golf. David discovered a love for haggis. John and Tim displayed their golf skills in the rain. Carin became an expert on preparing banoffee pie (a banana and toffee pie). Joyance galavanted around countryside and old city alike. We all hiked to the top of Ben Lomond and we all walked about Arthur's Seat. We sampled the water of life from the Glenturret Distillery and we paid our respects to Ailsa Craig and Kay's of Scotland which will turn her granite to curling stones. Our weeklong adventure concluded with a summerspiel in Dumfries, Scotland. Out of 24 teams which included a variety of participants (e.g. competitive wheelchair teams and European playdown curlers; athletes from a variety of countries including Ireland, Spain, the Netherlands, Canada and Scotland), we went 3-2

Event: Dumfries Summerspiel

Location: Curling Club at Dumfries Ice Bowl

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and took second place in the low road. In addition, the team won the entertainment award for the bonspiel. The team was full of performance art talent from Tim's stirring rendition of Scotland's favorite son at the Globe Inn and Dave's hurling of French-accented insults to the English k-nig-ghits from the top of Doune Castle of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" to Joyance hitting a couple of pubs with her Scottish fiddle and John mastering a recorder from the children's toy section of Tesco's in a couple of hours. Our fearless team manager, Carin, booked us to perform a musical number for which we won a very special bottle of triple malt Monkey Shoulder whisky.

For those interested, the event was called the Dumfries Summerspiel, located at the Curling Club at Dumfries Ice Bowl. The organizer, Graham Sloan, arranged all lodging be with local hosts, Touring Scotland is easy given the variety of hostels and B&B that exist in every town.

Graham Sloan could not have been more gracious and hospitable. We were hosted by locals during the bonspiel and treated to a round of golf at the beautiful Southernness course. Graham and the locals were all extremely welcoming and friendly. We all had a wonderful time, and as soon as it was over, we were ready to sign up for next year's event! We encourage everyone to visit this gorgeous country and to consider this bonspiel next year.

Around The Leagues

Monday: The Thorndike League just completed their Divisional Qualifying tournament and the rinks of **Mike Murphy, Peter Austin, Steve Hess, Dennis Mellerup, Jeff Lesuk, and Jim Gutekunst** all qualified for the A Division for the first session. The rinks of **Nancy Clancy, John Noble, Joe Smith, Isa Barghout, Walter Baggett, and Joyance Meechai** will compete in the B Division. League play begins on November 2nd.
– *Bill Stopera*

Tuesday: This year we have five new junior skips for the MacIntosh. We are 20 dedicated curlers. Our five skips are vicing and our vice skips are playing second. The five women who are leads are the highest quality group we have ever had in that position. This is in the model of the most competitive teams, where the leads are skilled players who help set strategy. –*Nancy Clancy*

Wednesday Mens: The Blanton is off to a great start. Ice is keen and consistent. Hats off to the ice crew. We have 54 curlers making up 12 teams. So far, so good. – *Peter Austin*

All league up to date results, of each DS printing will be found on the back page, starting with the next issue, along with occasional comments from league runners when needed (or when they feel like it!)

The Ice Man

By Jeff Casper

Dave Schrull wants to thank members of the ice crew for a great job getting ACC up and running for the 2009–10 season. Also, he is passing on an interesting article concerning what goes into the “perfect pebble”. As he states, “for those nights when a good book is just not enough”:

scottishcurlingicegroup.org/reports/pebble.pdf

BooSpiel

By Jeff Klein

The 2009 Boospiel was held on October 9th and 10th. For the first time, every team made the finals and was awarded an official Boospiel Pin. Just before the Saturday main event, we had the Great Pumpkin Challenge. Dave Schrull, the Great Ice Man, won it. For those of you who decided to skip out on the Boospiel, you missed a wonderful weekend filled with great food and great people. Here are the teams in the order of the final events:

First Event:

Magical Cats: Robin Gestring, Tim Klein, James Weeks, Ina Obernesser

The Sorcerers: Jeff Lesuk, David Schrull, Dolores, Redding, Joe Redding

Second Event:

The Ghouls: George Austin, Diane Muldowney, Sharon Jacquet, Pete Westrell

The Black Hats: Shoji Takiguchi, Paul Heubner, Harry Quinn, Laurie Frees

Third Event:

The Ungrateful Undead: Jim McGinnis, Heinz Gruettner, Bob Kennedy, Jim Duke

Treats–n–Tricks: Trish Ryan, Bill Borowitz, Ann MacMillen, Mike Murray

Board of Directors Meetings

By Jeff Lesuk

Everyone should know who the board members are and when the meetings are scheduled. If you have any ideas that could improve the experience for everyone, contact one of the board members prior to one of the monthly meetings. Meetings are currently scheduled for November 19th, December 17th, January 21st, February 18th, and March 18th. Our annual All-Members meeting will take place sometime in late April.

Curlers Gold Outing

By Jeff Lesuk

The threat of inclement weather reduced the number of golfers at this year's outing, but the couple of hours of morning rain did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of those who chose to participate. They were rewarded for their perseverance as the sun came out to provide a glorious afternoon. Our hosts at the country club did a fine job of treating our members like royalty, providing breakfast in the morning and lunch/dinner afterward. While Pam Siebert and Harry Quinn took top golfing honors, everyone there felt like a winner.

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The Board of Directors are Jeff Lesuk, Vic Huebner, Tim Klein, Mark Bussy, Julie Everett, Kim Nawyn, Pam Politano, Steve Hess, Geoff Broadhurst, James Weeks, Tom Doherty, Bill Pekowitz, Ed Andres, Pete Westrell, and Bill Langley.

Summer Spectacular

By Jeff Lesuk

This year's summer spectacular was once again held at the Hartsdale home of Pam and Ed Siebert. Forty plus curlers took advantage of the beautiful weather arranged by Pam and Ed, as well as various gourmet appetizers, copious amounts of assorted beverages, and tender succulent filet Mignons expertly grilled by Pete Forrest. Thank you Pam and Ed and helpers for a terrific day.

Try On Shoes from BalancePlus and UltimaSports Saturday October 31 (12:30) and Thursday November 5 at 6:30!

Next Month:

Thanks to Jeff Lesuk for allowing me to take this on and for all of the writers' contributions. We're aiming for a monthly release during curling season. Bear with me as I get my bearings (and formatting) straight. And please don't run the other way when I come begging for a story! It's all of us that make Duck Soup successful. Next month look for more stories from last summer and updates on Bonspiels. If anyone has a good idea for a story find me at the addresses on the left side of this page. Good curling everyone!