



DUCK SOUP

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"All the News That Fits"

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Summer Events

By Vic Huebner

On August 7th a group of about 50 curlers converged upon the home of Alison Banks in response to her invitation to the Summer Curling Picnic. The day was gorgeous and good comraderie was afoot! Some enjoyed the pool while most enjoyed the shade, hors d' oerves and of course beverages! James Weeks had arranged these and many brought their favorite snacks.

Alison was a very gracious and welcoming hostess and we got to know her friend Greg Molesworth who impressed us all with his culinary skill on the grill! For those who did not get there you missed a superb summer day with friends!

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Open Houses Yield Great Results

By Jeff Casper

Once again the latest Fall Open House was a great success. We have 39 new members this Fall, with 31 coming in through the Fall Open House. This is in addition to the whopping 89 out of 107 new members from the Winter Learn to Curl program that are returning. And it could be more, as these figures are a moving target.

Within the 39 LTC entrants, we also have 2 returning former members (yay!) and 6 new members with curling experience.

While we have Julie Everett and her crack team to thank, other heroes worth mentioning are Bill Pekowitz and his team. Bill is running the New Curler Training Program. He and his team of instructors will be delivering 5 classes for over 120 curlers before Thanksgiving. He'll need lots of help, so don't be shy.



Bill Pekowitz (Foreground) and Tim Klein (Top) assist new curlers.

Boospiel Brings Out the Animal In Curlers

By Jon Schuster

The 2010–2011 curling season got off to a ferocious start on October 8 when the Boospiel kicked off with Animal Anarchy. Friday evening's commute to Ardsley was truly frightening, but it couldn't stop the Killer Kittens from chewing up the Maniacal Mealworms, or the Bloodthirsty Bunnies from thrashing the Terrifying Terrapins in the first round of play.

This year's event drew 40 players, including 11 new curlers who joined the club during the post-Olympics open house. In addition to three days of curling, this year's Boospiel gave players a chance to meet up with old friends, share some good food and drink, and shake off the curling cobwebs that may have settled in over the summer.

In the end, the Beastly Banana Slugs (Jeff Lesuk (S), Mike Murray, James Skoufis, Sharon Jacquet) slid past the Menacing Mole Rats (Gert Messing (S), Richard Goodwin, Ray Conley, Nathan Van Auken) to emerge victorious in the first event. In the second event, the Terrifying Terrapins (Paul Huebner (S), Steven Devaney, Jordan Becker, Laura Hill) overturned the Deranged Ducklings (Tim Klein (S), James Weeks, Ina Obernesser, Seth Altman). In the third event, the Bloodthirsty Bunnies (Robin Gestring (S), Catie MacKinlay, Ann Dondlinger, Jennifer Stein) hopped over the Treacherous Tadpoles (Walter Baggett (S), Michael Infranco, Bob Nersesian, Lennon Nersesian) to claim the bronze. And finally, the Ungrateful Undead Unicorns (Jim McGinnis (S), Jim Duke, Heinz Gruettner, Bob Kennedy) galloped ahead of the Killer Kittens (Nancy Clancy (S), John Dorff, Dolores Redding, Andy Eaton) to win the fourth event.

Okay, that's enough with the ghastly Halloween and animal puns for this year. Thanks to all the Boospiel participants and volunteers who helped out during this year's spooktacular event (sorry, needed just one more).



Our 1st Event Winners

Curlers' Golf Tournament

By Vic Huebner

September 23rd was another wonderful weather day and 24 curlers and some friends enjoyed a good day of golf! Brunch was included with omelets, eggs benedict and much more served by the Country Club and a light meal after finishing! But the golf resulted in a wide range of scores. The winner of the low gross prize was Goeff Domm and low net winner for the men was James Murray. For the ladies, Carol Vergara won low gross and Pam Siebert won low net. Congratulations!

The turnout was significantly better than the last few years, and we even gained a new Learn to Curl recruit in Eric Rosenberg who was the guest of Geoffrey Domm. All in all it was an excellent day and result.

LICC-ACC Bonspiel

By Bob Kennedy

Two years ago, Mike Green ran the “Pull the Plug” bonspiel. In the spirit of being different, he changed the rules that we played by all season long and the result was a combination of chaos, confusion and fun.

This year, Mike Green and Matt Scheiner organized the first Friendly Summer Bonspiel with the Long Island Curling Club (LICC) and Ardsley Curling Club (ACC) on August 21, 2010. The young LICC was ready to welcome curling colleagues for a summer curling fest. We met at the Newbridge Arena – a huge hockey facility that could swallow up ACC.

Similar to Mike’s “Pull the Plug”, curling on hockey rink ice is a very different experience and not so dissimilar from someone suddenly changing the rules.

The Ice

It was clearly evident that we are quite spoiled at ACC. Our ice is amazing and it is only realized by comparison. Hockey ice is very different. Creating the house on a hockey rink involves scratching the circles in the ice. No colors, barely visible from 5 feet away, and totally invisible from the opposite house. The ice has bumps, more frost than an old refrigerator, and delivering a stone in the first end required every ounce of strength one could muster. And you were lucky if you didn’t hog the stone.

The Delivery

Contrary to the delivery techniques that Robin taught us, throwing a stone in the first few ends was likened to being an Olympic weight lifter. How much push was needed to get the desired effect was a true learning experience. All those moves that we try not to do, like giving the stone a last second push before release, were definitely needed here in the first few ends. After that, the ice learned to like us and we adapted.

The Curl

Hockey ice has curves, dips and frosty bits in many places. So delivering a stone where you want it to be was a true challenge that changed over time. Getting the stone to curl was difficult until a few ends were played and the ice became a bit faster and less frosty. Occasionally a stone would hit one of the frost patches and would develop a mind of its own.

The games proceeded with vigor and the atmosphere was enthusiastic, fun, competitive, and crazy. (see photo page 4) The Long Island curlers were welcoming and have the great spirit of a new club. We thank them for their hospitality and a terrific day.

Hopefully, they will invite ACC back next summer and I will definitely be there. There is much to be learned and gained from having to re-think the way we usually curl. The challenge is worth it and the opportunity to curl in the summertime was wonderful.

National Senior Games

By Nancy Clancy

In early October, Nancy Clancy traveled to Rochester, NY to compete in the National Senior Games, sponsored by the National Senior Games Association (nsga).

The nsga is a non-profit member of the United States Olympic Committee dedicated to motivating senior men and women to lead a healthy lifestyle through the senior games movement.

This year curling was added to the games for the first time. Nancy skipped a women's team, viced a mixed team, and came home with two gold medals. The games will be held at Rochester for the next two years. Please visit nsga.org to learn more about this organization.

All The Hard Work...

By Jeff Casper

A huge thank you goes out from all of us to all of the Ice Committee. Dave Schrull and his group once again have done an outstanding job getting us started this year. Dave wishes to thank all of the volunteers who helped with this often challenging task. A round of applause is also needed for our volunteers who readied the rest of the facility.



*One challenge is keeping bugs out of the water,
Another is painting perfect circles*

Corporate Volunteers Needed

By Vic Huebner

As you all know, Alison Bankes is coordinating Corporate Events for our club. She is doing a great job! This program raises significant funds for the club but it also requires volunteers to help teach the basics of curling to the individuals who come to our club. Many of you do help out regularly and for this we thank you! For those who have not helped to date, please contact Alison at alisonbankes@netzero.com and offer your assistance. It is not difficult but does take time. Thank you Alison for your leadership!



From pg 3, the LI-ACC friendly. "SWEEP!"



In other news Julie Everett was the victim of a surprise 25th birthday party planned by her husband Mark. A few curlers were there to wish her well (pictured). Happy birthday!

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