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A message from the PRESIDENT



Cathy Offinger

Dear Members

It was hard to say good bye to summer – but it has been great to usher in the 2017-2018 Curling season! So much happened in the first month of curling: Hot Shots Camp, the 10th Bogspiel, the Pisces Friendly with the Nutmeg Curling Club, Wintershield games, introduction of 2 new leagues, 2 Learn to Curl sessions. You will read about many of these events in this newsletter as well as about the success of a Cape team at the GNCC Senior Women's Championship in Plainfield, NJ, plans to celebrate our Club's 50th anniversary next year, a whole cadre of events to mark the 2018 Olympics and promote the sport of Curling at our local level. We will be hosting several other Friendlies through the season in addition to the Bay State Ladies Bonspiel February 2-4, 2018! Lots going on at the Cape Cod Curling Club.

Since taking office over 6 (!) months ago I have learned an awful lot about water! Of course, water is essential for the fine ice we have come to expect from our top notch ice crew. But every time it rains now, I am on the lookout for roof leaks; water seeping in under doors; condensation running down the freezer and sitting on the tile floor! But we are ON all those trouble areas now! The roof, of course, is a big concern. It, along with the eventual replacement of our Ice Pad form the core of a thoughtful budget process. Our Capital Committee has updated our

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10TH ANNUAL BOGSPIEL

from Jamie Hutchinson



With 24 teams playing on the ice, filling the warm room and bellying up to the bar, the 10th annual Bog Spiel rocked the house! Curlers from Minnesota, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Texas, Vermont and Massachusetts mixed and mingled both on the ice and off.

Adding to the festivities were two special evening events. An Elimination Draw, hosted by Sam Williams, was held on Friday during the last draw. The last two teams standing decided to split the pot and walked away with a nice little stash. The fantastic Green Sisters entertained us with their very engaging music during the last draw on Saturday night. The crowd so enjoyed their playing that we convinced them to play a bit longer...and then the real dancing began. It seemed that

"The fantastic Green Sisters entertained us... it seemed no one wanted to leave the club."

no one wanted to leave the club!



The Green Sisters entertaining an enthusiastic room full of hand-clapping Bogspiel curlers.

There were pins to be had by the teams competing in all 6 event finals and trophies to be awarded to the teams competing in the top 3 events. (People are already talking about coming back next year just to try to win one of those trophies!) The 1st event was won by a team from Nashua, New Hampshire, the 2nd event by a team from the Cape, and the 3rd event by a combined Cape and Broomstones team. The 4th event went to St. Paul, the 5th event to a composite team from everywhere, and the 6th event was won by another Cape Cod team.

One of the real highlights of the spiel...besides the terrific ice, was the out-of-the-park food served by the kitchen and hospitality committees.

You may be noticing the lack of names in this wrap up ...that's because there are entirely too many to name who spent hours preparing food, working on the ice, preparing and publishing all of the informational material, attending committee meetings, decorating the house, creating awards, communicating with teams, and generally giving of their time. I'm learning that this is just how it works at the Cape.

It was a rock n' roll victory in New Jersey!

from Artie Howe

The championship was themed *Motown Comes to New Jersey*, and oh my!, there was dancing all week-end for our ladies' team of Carol Arakelian (skip), Penny Gallagher (vice), Linda Pistilli (2nd) and JoAnn O'Connor (lead).

The spiel was held at the Plainfield Curling Club on October 20-22, 2017. Fourteen teams participated in this timed eight-end event. Cape Cod won three consecutive games which led to an impressive first event win.

Between games of course, the ladies added flavor to the *Motown* theme dressed as the "golden oldies," and singing a song written by Penny and Joanne which led to "The Rocking Supreme's" landing their first prize of the weekend for best costumes.



The games on the ice leading to their



Carol Arakelian (skip), Penny Gallagher (vice), Linda Pistilli (2nd), JoAnn O'Connor (lead)

curling win were very exciting. As Carol, noted afterward, "Pistilli's take outs were nuclear. Gallagher's draws were life saving. O'Connor's guards were a great safety net. Arakelian's calls and shots were nerve racking."

Since this was JoAnn's first away spiel, Carol told her, "when you lose her mojo, all you have to do is walk around me in a circle and it will come back. And it worked like a charm. Ha!"

Before Sunday' games, all four ladies went to church. I would dare say that our traveling men's teams may never have considered that. Looks like the ladies have hit on a good idea.

In their final game to win it all, the serious matter of curling skill took center stage. While all the shots were memorable, the shot of the event was when Carol threw her last skip rock through a small port in the eighth end, promoting a stone to the button tying the game. With a perfect sweep call, assisted by great sweeping, it was a total team effort. After a steal in that eighth end, they went on to steal the ninth as well for a win to remember. The spirit of "*Motown*" was alive more than ever for the entire team as they returned home with much to be proud of.

Our Youth Curlers

from John Murray

The youth curling season has started strong. We have almost 40 youth members aged 5 to 17.

Our "Little Rockers" group are working hard to prepare for our annual Littler Rockers Bonspiel but also taking plenty of time to have fun. They actually figured out how to do an ice conga. Go Figure.

The Juniors are developing new skills and new shots. They love it when we work on guards for 2 hrs at a time. We have a great group of kids that really enjoy curling together in a very social environment. Some participate in the Saturday morning Adult/Youth league and by all accounts the league is going very well. We look forward to more kids curling next session.

Good luck to our competitive and aspiring competitive curlers. Marius Kleinas and his competitive team will be competing in both the men's U18 and U21 National Play Downs. Anna Cenzalli and her competitive team are

competing in the ladies U18 National Play Down and traveling north of the border regularly for spiels. Aspiring competitive curlers Anderson Uhl (age 13) and Brody Gerlach (age 10) have volunteered at the last minute to fill spots on a mixed club team in the Men's U21 National Play Down. Please join me in wishing them well as you see them around the club.

NEWS FLASH!

We now have 2 live webcams at both ends of sheet 2!

On the Club's homepage, click the big blue "Live Stream" button on the right side of the page.

Thank you to Doc and Griffin Dunkley and Levi Gorrell for this important first step in increasing our security and providing us with an exciting view of what is happening on the ice!

Summerspiel a 'Roaring Success'

from Mike Minior

Summerspiel 2017 was a "Roaring" success. Joining teams from the GNCC were teams from the South, Midwest, North of the Border and Asia. The Mixed, Ladies, Mens, Juniors and Wheelchair spiels enjoyed some great curling and either rekindled old friendships or created new ones. Everyone hopes to return next year to experience our Cape hospitality again and our "excellent" curling ice.

Winners and finalists are numerous and I don't think I can name them all. A highlight of our Junior Spiel was a US team against a Canadian team in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd event finals. In case you missed the wheelchair finals, the team from Korea took first event honors. Korea hosts the 2018 Winter Olympics with the wheelies scheduled for March. Catch up on your sleep now because the time zone differential will make for some sleepless nights if you want to watch the games live streamed.

For the 2018 edition of the Summerspiel which will kick off our club's 50th Anniversary year I am looking for a few good men and women to chair the Mixed, Ladies

and Men's spiels. Plus, if you really want to get involved, I am looking for an overall co-chair to help me through 2018 and take over the job for 2019. So what do you say? Give me a call with any questions and I'll be happy to add you to the invitation list for the Summerspiel organizational meeting I hope to hold in early December.

And WHO do you suppose this is?

from Artie Howe

It was the 1960's. He was just a young, low level "runner" delivering packages throughout Boston for a prestigious Boston bank. Computers were first being introduced, and IBM wanted to test all bank employees from the highest executives down, to see who might possess the highest aptitude to embrace this new phenomenon. The "runner" surprised all by scoring ahead of everyone. And thus began his imminently successful career designing banking software. Who among us is this member? (answer on back page)

Explaining the Registration Process

by Krista Longnecker

Each season, the Curling Committee is tasked with sifting through the registrations from the 200+ members interested in league curling. The registration form currently requires people to provide priorities for the Championship Leagues. These leagues, marked with (*) in the table are the most popular leagues at our club. In the fall of 2017, there were 150 people who wanted to curl in at least one Championship League.

The committee applies the priorities to sort people into leagues using the following steps:

1. Each curler is assigned a random number and the members are arranged based on the random number.
2. Place the curler with the lowest random number into their first choice league.
3. Move to the next curler on the list and, if possible, place them into their first choice league.
4. Repeat steps 2 & 3 until it is no longer possible to assign a person into their first choice league.
5. When a person cannot be assigned to their first choice league, look to see if they have provided a second choice and grant their second choice league.
6. Continue until every person has been assigned to one league.

At this point, everyone has been assigned to one league. In the fall of 2017, three of the Championship Leagues were full at this point in the process (Sunday night, Monday 4pm, and Thursday 4pm). More than 100 members want to curl in more than one Championship League, so we repeat the process outlined above as we try to sort people into a second league.

The most important aspect of this system is that members have an equal chance to get into a league. By relying on random numbers, a computer makes the decision about which members get their first choice of leagues. The computer code to do the randomization and sorting process is about 2000 lines of computer code written in Python.

For the other leagues, we allow an unlimited number of people to sign up. We can do this because there is extra ice time available on Monday nights, Tuesday nights, and Thursday nights. This open ice time indicates that we can continue to expand our curling membership.

We have three draws lined up on some afternoons: 4 pm, 6:15 pm, 8:30 pm. This is unusual and most curling clubs only have two draws on weeknights. Potomac's final draws do not even start until 9:30 pm, so we are lucky to have a high demand for ice time at 4 pm. However, we do not have enough ice available at 4 pm to meet the demand. This fall, there were 124 people trying to get into the 112 slots available at 4 pm. Hence, if you want to curl more, please register for a league with draws starting later than 4 pm.

Here is the list of leagues (13 total):

- Sunday night*
- Monday 4pm*
- Monday evening*
- Tuesday Master's
- Tuesday Men's
- Wednesday 4pm*
- Competitive
- Thursday 9am*
- Thursday 4pm*
- Thursday Women's
- Saturday morning adult/youth
- Saturday 5 & under Scrod
- Morning pick up curling

(*) Championship leagues. These league participate in the end of season championship (Founder's Cup in the fall, Thornton Cup in the spring).



Wheelchair Team USA

We did it!...two of our club members will be heading to the Paralympics in South Korea in March to represent the United States as members of Wheelchair Team USA.

This will be Meghan Lino's second Paralympics and Steve Emt's first. In 2014 our David Palmer and Meghan Lino went to the Paralympics in Sochi, Russia.

Not bad for a little three sheet club on little Cape Cod. We can all share in this wonderful experience.



From left to right: Meghan Lino, Cape Cod CC; Steve Emt, Cape Cod CC and Norfolk CC; Penny Greely, Green Bay CC; Justin Marshall, Madison CC; Kirk Black, Madison CC.

They, Meghan and Steve, have worked very hard to make the team and you, our members, have allowed them plenty of great ice to practice on and allowed them to enjoy the game by having them in your leagues, and by supporting them financially when I reach out to you. They may be the ones going but a part of all of us will be there with them. They know they represent our country and our little club here at home.

This Club is very special in many ways and this is just one of them.

Spreading the Word



Anthracite Curling Club, Wilkes Barre PA., Wheelchair Curling Clinic, August 26th, 2017

The focus on spreading the word about Wheelchair Curling started early this fall with the first in a series of scheduled Clinics in August.

The Anthracite Curling Club kicked off the season on August 26th when the Cape Cod Curling Club and Individual Abilities in Motion collaborated to demonstrate how adaptable our sport can be to folks in wheelchairs.

On October 26th we were off to the Nutmeg Curling Club where we again collaborated with the Gaylord Hospital's Sports Association.

Two days later we were in Vermont at the Woodstock/Upper Valley Curling Club meeting with folks from the VA Hospital in White River Jct.



Nutmeg Curling Club, Bridgeport CT., October 26th, 2017



Woodstock/Upper Valley Curling Club, White River Jct. VT., October 28th, 2017

A sincere thank you goes out to our member clubs – Anthracite CC, Jennifer Dobo; Nutmeg CC, Sharon Giese; Woodstock/Upper Valley CC, Paula Flanders and Sharon Besso. And of course these events couldn't take place without the wonderful Adaptive Sports Organizations that brought such magnificent potential Wheelchair Curlers – Individual Abilities in Motion, Olyphant PA., Joseph Salva; Gaylord Hospital's Sports Association, Wallingford CT, Katie Joly and to Jennifer Stark of the VA Hospital in White River Jct. VT., and Carly Bascom from New England Healing Sports Association.

And there will be more of these to come!

50th Anniversary Ross Tarlton International Bonspiel

from Mike Minior

The GNCC and the Ontario Curling Association met at the prestigious Toronto Granite Curling Club to mark the 50th edition of this international bonspiel.

Sixteen US teams from as far away as Atlanta headed north to Toronto to play four games over two days. Cape Cod was represented by two teams. The *Bob Ottaviano Rink* with Phil Bruce, Todd Benedict, Steve O'Neil and Joe Cammarano were joined by the *Frank Sylvia Rink* with



It was a fancy affair at the prestigious Ross Tarlton Spiel held at the Toronto Granite Curling Club in Canada. Two Cape Cod teams contributed to a GNCC victory through two days of competition.

Clark Neill, Mike Minior, Frank Balas and Steve Mojo. CCCC members playing for *The Country Club of Brookline* were Ben Wellington and Phil Robertson.

At the banquet dinner on Saturday night, the results were announced... GNCC 413-OCA 396. Each team played four games over the two days with the winner based on total rocks scored by each organization. A very successful annual journey concluded with players renewing longtime curling friendships.



from Bob and Kathy Reed

Now that the season has started, be sure to check your grippers to see if they need to be replaced. We stock standard Tournament and Balance Plus grippers as well as Olson's Hexa Grippers. Also check your broom heads to see if they need replacement. We have Hardline, Performance, Lite Speed, Norway and EQ replacements and the new Goldline Air.

We have added two new Goldline brooms, the Carbon Fiber and the updated Fiberlite, and continue to stock Tournament, Hardline, Lite Speed and Ultima brooms. These provide a variety of styles, sizes and prices, and if you have any questions regarding the different brooms, just let us know.

Last year we added Balance Plus and Acacia shoes for stick curlers. Some samples are in the store and we can order others as needed. And for stick curlers we carry the Tournament and Sure Shot delivery sticks and the Goldline combination broom/delivery stick.

Finally, we continue to have CCCC clothing apparel, including recently restocked baseball caps and long sleeve tee shirts, as well as regular curling shoes, gloves, stopwatches and other curling items. As always, our goal is to provide our members a convenient place to purchase curling supplies at or below online prices and without any shipping costs or taxes.



The Club's 50th Anniversary is nearly here!

Tom and Janet Azarovitz

The coming of 2019 is a big year for the Cape Cod Curling Club. It will be the year we celebrate the beginnings of CCCC. March of 1969 saw a group of folks, using 12 borrowed stones at the Falmouth Ice Arena, in what was to grow into what we have today, one of the most successful clubs in the GNCC.

This will be our 50th anniversary and we plan to make it a memorable year...a year of special events, celebration and an effort to bring all of our members together, kicking off with the 2018 Summer Spiel. The committee for that 50th year celebration has started to come together to discuss preliminary plans. Tom and Janet Azarovitz have been tasked to Co-Chair the committee

Honorary co chairs, including Ann Dewees, Rita and Bob Ottaviano and Frank Sylvia will lend their experiences and personal history of the curling club and help with developing future plans. We'd hope to hear from members to add and round out that history to make it as complete and up to date as possible. Stay tuned.

USWCA News: Bonspiels, Events and Opportunities

from Carolyn Ryczek

- **The 2017 USWCA Senior Bonspiel** will be held November 29-December 3, 2017 at Coyotes Curling Club in Tempe, Arizona. Registration closed earlier this fall and participating teams were selected. This bonspiel was expanded to 32 teams due to demand. Good curling to Mary Colacchio's rink (Mary, Cathy Offinger, Linda Pistilli and Carol Arakelian) who will be representing Cape Cod at this spiel!
- **The 2018 USWCA National Bonspiel** will be held February 14 – 18, 2018, at the Triangle Curling Club, Durham, North Carolina. Interested? Applications to be included on Cape Cod's application are currently being accepted by Carolyn Ryczek, Cape Cod's USWCA Rep. Our Club deadline for applications is 9 am, Monday, November 20, 2017. Please contact Carolyn Ryczek, cfrsyr@aol.com, for details on how to submit a timely application. Some aspects of it may take time to complete, so start the process as soon as possible to avoid missing the deadline.
- **The 2018 Cape Cod USWCA Ladies All American Bonspiel** will be held January 4-6, 2018. Mark your calendars! This is an in-house Ladies Bonspiel open to all women at Cape Cod who are USWCA members for the 2017-18 curling year (full year, dues paying, league playing, non-junior women). A special USWCA Ladies All American pin is provided by the USWCA for the winners. More details and sign ups will be posted at the beginning of December, 2017.
- **The 2018 Baystate Ladies Bonspiel**, "A is for Alibi," to be held February 2-4, 2018 at Cape Cod will be a USWCA Circuit Event. If you are an individual participating Circuit member for 2017-18 and curl on a team with at least one other current Circuit member, you can potentially earn Circuit points at the Baystate on Cape Cod this year. More info on the Circuit program, how it works, rewards and how to sign up can be found on the USWCA website, uswca.org. This website also lists all other bonspiels nationwide participating in the Circuit.
- **The 2018 USWCA Outgoing Senior Women's Friendship Tour** will tour the Canadian Maritimes – New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – from November 4-16, 2018. Travel will start and end in Boston and personal cost is estimated to be \$2000-2200. Applicants must be 50 or older by 5/1/2018 and have 3 years of curling experience by October 2018. Applicants must fill out a short application (available on USWCA website uswca.org or from Carolyn Ryczek, cfrsyr@aol.com) and return to Carolyn Ryczek no later than November 20, 2017. Carolyn will obtain the required reference from Cathy Offinger, as Club officer and write the required USWCA Rep reference and submit the application and two required references to the Friendship Tour Chair by the December 15, 2017 deadline. Interested? talk with Cathy Offinger or Coco Wellington who have both participated in previous Friendship Tours. Contact Carolyn Ryczek with any questions.
- **Applications for the Next Cape Cod USWCA Rep.**
As Carolyn Ryczek's 3 year term as USWCA Rep for Cape Cod will expire at the end of this curling season (April 2018) the search is on for the next Cape Cod USWCA Rep. If interested, please let Carolyn know. Carolyn and Cathy O. will interview all interested applicants in January, 2018, with the goal of announcing the next Rep by the end of that month. As a transition, the new Rep might consider attending the 2018 USWCA Winter Meeting on February 12-15, 2018 in Durham, North Carolina hosted by the Triangle Curling Club and the Broomstones Ladies Curling Club.

Andrea Marie Murphy Scholarship Award

from Carol Arakelian

The Cape Cod Curling Club is pleased to announce that Truman Dunkley was awarded \$500 from the "Andrea Marie Murphy Scholarship" for the 2017-2018 academic year. Truman is the son of Robert and Jan Dunkley of Sandwich. He started curling 13 years ago.

Truman graduated from Sandwich High School in 2016 and this fall he started his sophomore year at Providence College, majoring in Chemistry. He enjoys one-to-one Chemistry experiments with his professor. After he graduates from Providence College in 2020, Truman plans to continue his studies in medical school and become a doctor.

In addition to his studies (and curling), he was part of an intramural hockey team and is trying to start a swim team. You could find him this past summer at the Oyster Harbor Club working as a full-time lifeguard.

Strategy Boards now on the Warm Room Tables

Learning strategy has been emphasized recently at the club and magnetic strategy boards have been left at each table. After games, any strategy questions can more easily be discussed using these boards to place and move stones.

Rich Lousararian has also printed sheets on which you may set up any question regarding shots and stones that can later be reviewed and commented on by some of our more expert players at the next strategy session held at the club. These will be available and kept in a folder at the front desk. Feel free to describe your particular situational question on these sheets and someone will get back to you.



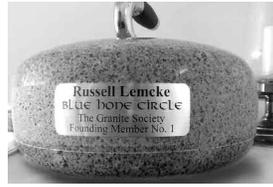
Blue Hone Award to Russ Lemcke

from Artie Howe

Russ Lemcke has become the first founding member of the USA Curling Granite Society, and has recently been presented with the Blue Hone Award.

The Granite Society which launched in early 2017, raises funds to provide essential training and resources needed to foster growth in the sport and to help U.S. curlers continue to excel and achieve full potential.

Rick Patzke, CEO of USA Curling said,



“Russ is the #1 founding member at any level, and thus has received this full-sized curling stone commemorating his membership. This is a recognition of Russ's foundational membership. He is such a strong supporter of curling nationwide, that Russ will surely be honored in other ways in the future.”

This is just one of the many ways Russ quietly gives back, and this honor is a reminder of that.

Congratulations Russ, from all of us.

Pisces Friendly Results

from Gordon Waring

The Saturday and Sunday sheet points were:

	Cape Cod	Nutmeg
<i>Saturday:</i>	11	5
	7	6
	5	7
<i>Subtotal:</i>	23	18
<i>Sunday:</i>	7	5
	7	7
	7	6
<i>Subtotal:</i>	21	18
Final Score:	44	36



The Pisces trophy is now being proudly displayed at the Cape Cod Curling Club.

Olympic Plans

from Russ Lemcke

There is a surge of interest in curling during every Olympics. Now, with mixed doubles being added to the event in 2018, this will only increase. NBC is planning significant TV coverage during the games, which will feature curling during Feb. 8–25.

While our membership is at a high level, we owe it to the sport to promote interest. And we must constantly make the community aware of our presence. Even with all our publicity, it is amazing that people “down the street” still don’t know about us.

Cathy Offinger has formed a team of Jeanie Yaroch, Alex Zollo, Cathlene Uhl, Phil Bruce, Jim Woodworth and yours truly to develop activities which will occur during the latter part of the event. We are in the beginning phases, with several ideas in the works. There should be minimum disruption for leagues and also an opportunity for our members to come down and explain the sport to observers and wannabes.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at russlemcke@comcast.net

President’s Message *(continued from page 1)*

Capital Asset List and is developing a Capital Plan to be presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting in April. Be assured we are carefully watching how funds are spent and are planning for our future. We all are stewards of the Cape Cod Curling Club.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken on an active role within the club – be it league managers, committee chairs (including ALL those members on the committees!), ice crew, bar tenders, Learn to Curl, our Youth programs. This is what keeps CCCC going strong! Please contact me if you want to get involved but just are not sure what to do. We can always use pebblers, bartenders, extra hands in the kitchen. We welcome whatever you can do to help keep the Club running like the fine organization it has been for nearly 50 years!

Have a great fall season. Good luck to all Curlers as you travel to other clubs to compete. Represent your home club with good humor, good etiquette and Good Curling!

My best to each of you!

Cathy



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Correction from previous issue:
There was an error in the results from the spring curling season. Winners of the Competitive League were: Frank Balas, Brian Damon, Gary Block, Davin Windsor and Kerry Carlson.

And the answer is: Bill Gallagher