



CAPE COD CURLING CLUB Falmouth, Massachusetts

Dear Members

The New Year is just hours away... this is always a time for reflection on the past and anticipation for the future. 2018 brought challenges and sadness with the loss of several dear members (Phil Robertson, Shirley Scholes, Tony Colacchio and Fred Flynn). We also remember family members who have passed on this year. We survived the great winds of March which took down a dozen or more trees, the never-ending rain storms, the bucket brigade to collect those leaks! We accepted a dues increase. We are facing a Capital Campaign. We are facing our challenges head on!

We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary! Guinness Book of World Records declared Ralph Vaccaro the oldest active curler in the world! Russ Lemcke was entered into the USCA Hall of Fame! Krista Longnecker's team won the USWCA National Bonspiel. The Cape Cod Ladies won the Wintershield trophy for the 2017-2018 season.

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The Snow Misers won first event with Barbara Enos (skip), Nate Adams, Pat Kavanaugh and Lauri Bissonnette, all filled with holiday joy!

Chrimix



Bonspiel

from Bill Gallagher

The Chrimix Bonspiel is an annual in-house event that celebrates the Christmas season and spirit, and is one of the most enjoyable events of the year. The 2018 event was hosted and run by the Thursday 4:00 pm Open League and the Thursday Ladies League managed by Bill Gallagher and Natalie Galligan respectively. The Chrimix is run from Thursday evening till Sunday noon, and is followed Sunday night by the annual Club Chrimix Dinner. The Chrimix Bonspiel was a great success.

In keeping with the Chrimix tradition, the Spiel Committee picked beloved Christmas characters as the theme for this year's event and made up 14 teams from the members who registered and gave each the name of a classic Christmas character. All participants were encouraged to deck themselves out to reflect their characters.



Snow angels were fluttering among us, spreading joy. Mike Gavin played with his wings on for an entire game, floating his way down the sweeping lanes!

Here are the results of this year's Bonspiel:

- **First event winner:** Snow Misers with Barbara Enos, Nathan Adams, Pat Kavanaugh, Lauri Bissonnette
- **First event finalist:** Jacob Marleys with Marinna Martini, Mark Riedesel, Barbara Sheerin, Kerry Bissonnette
- **Second event winner:** Olafs with Karen von Haam, Matt Deluca, Alice Child, Bob Reed
- **Second event finalist:** Curling Santas with John McCarthy, Donna Pijanowski, Andrea Woods, Paul Sheerin
- **Third event winner:** Gingerbread Men with Diane DiMassa, Kathleen Harlow, Cory Powers, Paul Sousa
- **Third event finalist:** Rudolph the Raindeer with Phil Baybutt, Coco Wellington, Justin Drakos, Mary Kavanaugh.
- **Fourth event winner:** Little Drummer Boys with Meghan Leno, Steve O'Neil, Amy Henderson, Ross Palioca
- **Fourth event finalist:** Santa's Evil Elves with Todd Benedict, Artie Howe, Sandy Bernstein, Jane Sousa

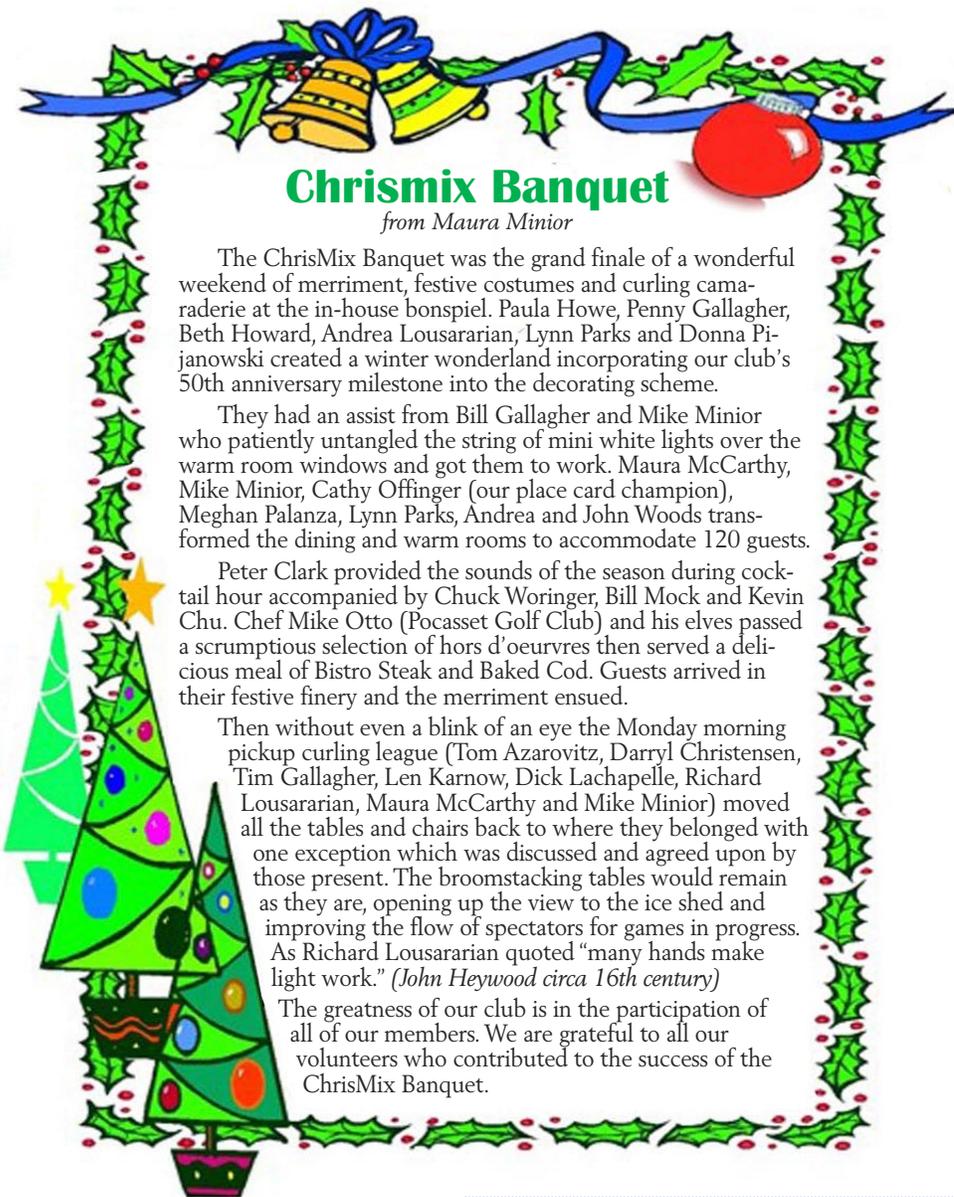
Cathy Offinger won the ugliest/loveliest sweater contest.

And Team Curling Santas won the trivia contest.

Thanks to all the members of the Thursday Leagues who helped make this event a great and enjoyable time.



Diane DiMassa, with Kathleen Harlow, Cory Powers, and Paul Sousa were delighted winners of the third event.



Chrismix Banquet

from Maura Minior

The ChrisMix Banquet was the grand finale of a wonderful weekend of merriment, festive costumes and curling camaraderie at the in-house bonspiel. Paula Howe, Penny Gallagher, Beth Howard, Andrea Lousararian, Lynn Parks and Donna Pijanowski created a winter wonderland incorporating our club's 50th anniversary milestone into the decorating scheme.

They had an assist from Bill Gallagher and Mike Minior who patiently untangled the string of mini white lights over the warm room windows and got them to work. Maura McCarthy, Mike Minior, Cathy Offinger (our place card champion), Meghan Palanza, Lynn Parks, Andrea and John Woods transformed the dining and warm rooms to accommodate 120 guests.

Peter Clark provided the sounds of the season during cocktail hour accompanied by Chuck Woring, Bill Mock and Kevin Chu. Chef Mike Otto (Pocasset Golf Club) and his elves passed a scrumptious selection of hors d'oeuvres then served a delicious meal of Bistro Steak and Baked Cod. Guests arrived in their festive finery and the merriment ensued.

Then without even a blink of an eye the Monday morning pickup curling league (Tom Azarovitz, Darryl Christensen, Tim Gallagher, Len Karnow, Dick Lachapelle, Richard Lousararian, Maura McCarthy and Mike Minior) moved all the tables and chairs back to where they belonged with one exception which was discussed and agreed upon by those present. The broomstacking tables would remain as they are, opening up the view to the ice shed and improving the flow of spectators for games in progress. As Richard Lousararian quoted "many hands make light work." (*John Heywood circa 16th century*)

The greatness of our club is in the participation of all of our members. We are grateful to all our volunteers who contributed to the success of the ChrisMix Banquet.

*A required review
for all members*

Code of Ethics

Curling has its rules governing play, but equally as important is the way you conduct yourself while curling. This is outlined in the Curlers' Code of Ethics :

- I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship.
- I will conduct myself in an honorable manner both on and off the ice.
- I will never knowingly break a rule, but if I do, I will divulge the breach.
- I will take no action that could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean my opponents, teammates or officials.
- I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind that the purpose of the rules is to ensure that the game is played in an orderly and fair manner.
- I will humbly accept any penalty that the governing body at any level of curling deems appropriate, if I am found in violation of the Code of Ethics or rules of the game.

Olympian Tyler George Coming to Cape Cod

from Jeanie Yaroch

Mark your calendars for March 14-16, 2019, and prepare to meet Olympic gold medal curler Tyler George!

Tyler's visit to Cape Cod is part of the Olympic Celebration Tour (OCT) sponsored by the World Curling Federation.

The tour is designed to assist member clubs grow their membership, particularly among youth. During his visit,



George, 35, says he has taken only one short break over the past 20 years, and has "stepped away for a bit to recharge his battery, and let his body heal." He's continuing to help grow the sport.

George will host sessions both on the ice and in schools.

A committee co-chaired by Liz Abeltin and Jeanie Yaroch will be having its first meeting in early 2019 to begin planning the agenda for George's 3-day visit. Hopes are high to schedule an event for current members to meet, greet, and maybe try to beat the gold medalist!

Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

Four “Coddors” make the U.S. Curling Program

Congratulations to all of the Cape Cod Curling Club’s Wheelchair Curlers that participated in the U.S. Wheelchair Curling Team Trials this past November 2-4. Of the twelve athletes invited to the trials, four have called Cape Cod their home ice, and we are happy to announce that all four have been named into the US Wheelchair Curling program. Meghan Lino, Stephen Emt & Ken White were all named to the U.S. National Team and Caroline Knox has been named to the US Development Team.

These four athletes were joined by fellow Cape Cod curlers, Paul Sousa and Dave Palmer along with 24 other wheelchair curlers from across the US and the Korean National Team and Team Quebec, at the US Wheelchair Curling Open from November 30-December 2, in Utica, NY. The Gold medal went to Team Korea, Silver to Team Quebec, and the Bronze went to Team Can-Am.

At the conclusion of the weekend’s competition, Team USA named the five athletes that would represent the USA at the World Championships in Sterling, Scotland in March, 2019. They are: Meghan Lino, Stephen Emt, Pamela Wilson, Matthew Thums and David Samsa.

Team USA will be returning to Cape Cod from February 7-10, 2019, for a training camp, as they prepare for the World Championships. There will be a celebration with the team to commemorate the contributions that Tony Colacchio has made, not only to Cape Cod’s wheelchair curling program, but all of Team USA’s programs. The dinner commemorating Tony will be held on Saturday night, February 9th. More information on the details for this event will soon follow as the plans are finalized.



2019 World Wheelchair Curling Championships in Sterling, Scotland from March 3-10. From left to right: Stephen Emt, Matthew Thums, David Samsa, Pam Wilson & Meghan Lino

As we finish out the 1st half of the curling season, we would like to take a moment to thank all of you who have volunteered to help our wheelchair curlers with their practices and drills through December. Please know that it’s not too late to get added to the list of helpers as we prepare for 2nd half scheduling. 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 email to: Nanci Pacheco at nanpach7@gmail.com, or reach Kathy Maloney at kaamaloney@gmail.com

Wash-Ashore features New Curlers

Jim Woodworth draw shot clinches for the Soggy Dogs

from Nate Adams

The 2018 Wash-Ashore bonspiel welcomed 25 new curlers to our club. The whole event was filled with competitive and instructional curling and good food. Kathy Colgan and her team did an excellent job preparing all of the new curlers during their learn to curls leading up to the Wash-Ashore. The games were competitive and a number of teams were vying for first place at the end of the four-draw points spiel. Jim Woodworth made a fantastic draw into the four-foot with his last rock of the spiel to capture victory for his team. Jim and his team the Soggy Dogs, Chuck Texiera, Patty Oakley, and Ellen Bailey finished less than a point ahead of Gabriele Bruce, Peter Mili, Patti Connor, and Bruce Herman.

The bonspiel was put on through the combined efforts of the Sunday night and Scrod leagues. Even a one-day event requires a lot of help. A large contingent aided on the ice, in the kitchen, and at the bar. Particular thanks must go to Maura McCarthy who helped put together the menu and coordinate food. Thanks to all the club members who came to watch the games and helped the new curlers learn this great sport we all love!

We look forward to seeing all of our new club members on the ice and in the warm room. If this year’s Wash-Ashore is any indication, they will be great additions to our club!

Cape Cod a Top Finisher at Senior Women's National

from Jeanie Yaroch

Jamie Hutchinson, supported by Jeanie Yaroch at vice, Gwen Krailo-Lyons of Broomstones and Nashua at second, and Deb Sawka at lead, brought home some hardware from the Senior Women's National Bonsel in Centerville, WI, earlier this month.

Their finish as first event finalists is even more remarkable given some team members had never met each other before the first game, let alone played together. Going 4-1 into the finals, they lost by a single point to a team from Madison Curling Club.



Registration over... league sorting begins!

from Krista Longnecker

Registration for spring curling is now over, and the Curling Committee is sifting through the information to get everyone sorted into the leagues. The teams for most of the leagues will be sorted out at the draft on January 9th, and spring curling will start on January 13th. Best of luck to all the teams. Good curling.

Save these January dates!

Check the Club calendar for details!

- Jan. 1 Curlathon - All day at Cape Cod!
- Jan. 3-5 Ladies All American
- Jan. 5/6 Archie Bruce friendly at Ardsley
- Jan. 7-9 Ray Maguire Spiel
- Jan. 9 Skip's Draft
- Jan. 12 Founders' Cup and Social Curling
- Jan. 13 Spring Session Leagues Start
- Jan. 15 Yankee Swap
- Jan. 17-20 GNCC Senior Men's at Cape Cod
- Jan. 26 Cocktails and Dinner to welcome new members

Planning for SummerSpiel

from Mike Minior

Now that the extra Christmas wrapping paper has been stored away for next year it is time to turn our attention to summer. The 2019 edition of the Summer-spiel is right around the corner. The Mixed this July will be the 50th time we have hosted this spiel. Oh, and don't forget the Ladies, Men's, Juniors and Wheelchair competitions. The call for volunteers will go out in early February and I am hoping you will all sign up to help make our events a success.

If you are contemplating entering a Cape Cod team in the Mixed, Ladies or Men's Summerspiels now is the time to firm up your lineup. Two spaces will be set aside in each spiel for a Cape team. A Cape team is comprised of two or more Cape Cod Curling Club members. As in previous years, Cape teams can either playdown for one of the spaces or enter a lottery for one. The choice is yours.

Once your team is set, please send an email to Mike Minior at observatory31@aol.com with your lineup info, the spiel you want to enter and whether you want to play down or enter the lottery. The cut-off date for Cape teams to express their interest in entering the Summerspiel is midnight, February 3rd 2019.

Teams will be notified of their status by February 5th 2019. In the interim, if you have any questions contact Mike Minior, the overall summerspiel chair.

From the President (continued from page 1)

Our Juniors played in U-21 and U-18 National Play-downs. Meghan Lino and Steve Emt were named to the 2019 Paralympic Team USA. The Sliders re-claimed bragging rights over the Stickers. Once again, our SummerSpiels and Bogspiel were fully subscribed with waiting lists. *Cape Cod Curling Club is on the map!*

I anticipate we will move into 2019 with renewed excitement to be back on the ice with our Curling Family. There is a special bond amongst curlers – whether you travel to away spiels or socialize in our own warm room – curling is a very welcoming and social sport both on and off the ice. There are many traditions (like the winners buy the losers drinks – we all like that one!) and etiquette (always compliment a good shot – no matter who made it – and never make fun of a bad shot) – feel free to ask more experienced curlers about the traditions of curling!

We will be welcoming a near record number of new curlers into the Leagues next session – I expect each of us to welcome these members, make them feel comfortable on the ice and in the warm room, and share your love for curling.

Best wishes for a safe and happy New Year's celebration – hope to see some of you at the Curlathon (I will be in the warm room!!)

Happy New Year!

Cathy O.

STICKERS vs.

SLIDERS

from Brian Pijanowski

On November 2nd and 3rd, a total of 48 Club members squared off in the 11th Annual Mac Jones Sticks vs Sliders in-house Bonspiel. The event was dedicated to the memory of Leonard "Mac" Jones as he came up with the idea of a "sticks vs sliders" competition and got agreement from then Curling Committee Chair, Mike Minior and President, Russ Lemcke. Mac was the father of current CCCC curler, Pat Jones, who Skipped a Slider team in the competition.

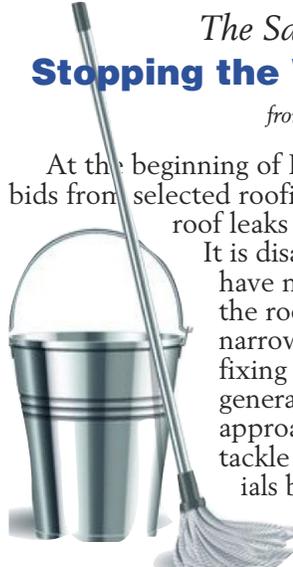
With two draws on Friday evening and four draws on Saturday, six teams of Stickers took on six teams of rival Sliders with each team playing three games in a "total rocks scored" event. When the final stone was delivered on Saturday afternoon, the Sliders came away with a decisive 37 rock victory. It was payback time for the Sliders after absorbing some lopsided defeats over the past few years.

The Slider team of Rich Lousararian, John Howard, Scott Fernandes and Lauri Bissonnette contributed the most rocks scored, while the team of Tom Azarovitz, Jerry Galick, JoAnn O'Connor and Lisa Palioca produced the most rocks for the Stickers. It was a great event with a few bottles of wine given as extra prizes for double take-outs, special contributions and some great sportsmanship. The weekend also featured Bill Gallagher's annual "Fantasy Curling" contest and believe it or not, Club President Cathy Offinger took away the first prize!

The Mac Jones Bonspiel clearly showed the true "spirit of curling" with good competition, some great food and beverages and a lot of laughs and camaraderie. Our thanks go to the Men's League and the other volunteers who made this event possible!

*The Saga Continues***Stopping the Warm Room Leaks**

from Steve Mojo



At the beginning of December, we hoped to have bids from selected roofing contractors to address the roof leaks and other short-term needs. It is disappointing that to date we have not received any feedback from the roofers. As a result, we are narrowing the project's scope to fixing only the critical areas that generate the leaks. We have recently approached the roofers to see if they tackle the work on a "time and materials" basis. Ideally, this direction is appealing to one of the contractors and work can be done in the next 4-8 weeks, or sooner.

Chris Mix Sponge Cake

This recipe will make two nine inch layers.

Ingredients:

- 6 room temperature eggs
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla
- 1 cup of flour
- Butter for greasing

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line bottom of two nine inch round baking pans with parchment paper and grease do not grease sides. Whisk flour and baking powder in bowl set aside. Mix eggs on high for one minute gradually add sugar and mix for eight to ten minutes till thick and fluffy. Remove bowl from mixer and hand fold one third of the flour at a time till combined. Do not over mix as it will deflate. Pour half of the batter in each pan. Bake for twenty five minutes till golden. Run knife around inside edge of pan and invert on wire rack. Remove the parchment and let cool. Cake can be wrapped in plastic and stored in fridge till ready to use.

Custard Cream*Ingredients:*

- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 tbsp pure vanilla
- 6 tbsp sugar
- 3 large egg yolks
- Pinch salt
- 1 large egg
- 2 1/2 tbsp cornstarch
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter softened

Add one tbsp vanilla to milk in saucepan and heat over medium high till it comes to a boil. While the milk is coming to a boil, place the sugar, egg and yolks, cornstarch and salt in a bowl. Whisk till you have a thick, smooth mix. Add tbsp of vanilla to the mix. When milk comes to a boil, slowly pour half of the hot milk in a thin stream into the egg mixture WHILE WHISKING CONSTANTLY to temper the egg mix. Then add the rest of the egg mix into the hot milk in the saucepan. Heat over medium heat while WHISKING vigorously until it starts to thicken one to two minutes. While whisking let the custard come to a boil (custard will release bubbles). Cook further for one to two minutes after you see the first bubbles break the surface. Remove from the heat and add the butter. Whisk till mixed. Pour the mixture into a bowl and cover the surface with plastic wrap touching the entire surface. Cool at room temperature then refrigerate. Note: be careful not to overheat custard or it will break.

Whipping Cream*Ingredients:*

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream (yields two cups)
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 tsp unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 4 tsp water

Put water in a small bowl add the gelatin and let sit for a minute then microwave for three to five seconds stir and set aside. Whip cream putting in sugar and vanilla as it's whipping till soft peaks form. Then pour the gelatin into the cream while mixing and continue till you have stiff peaks. Do not over mix or it will break into butter. It's best to use a hand mixer to do this and you might want to double recipe for piping.

Filling*Ingredients:*

- 1 can of cherry pie filling (you may want strawberry but it may be hard to find)
- A sprinkle of liquor (rye, rum if desired)

Sprinkle bottom layer of cake with liquor then layer the custard, cover with the second cake layer and pipe the cake with the whipping cream.

Our Main Street Christmas Parade

from Meghan Palanza

The Cape Cod Curling Club was back in the Falmouth Christmas Parade this year. (No one is quite sure the last time the Club participated in the event but we did find several old float panels and decorations from the 1980's, we guessed.)

This year we had about 25 curlers singing along with Jim Decatur as we walked and swept our way down Main St in Falmouth, as well as answer questions to the parade watchers along the route as to what type of brooms we were all carrying!. The float was led by Tom and Janet Azarovitz carrying the 50th Anniversary banner and followed by the truck donated and driven by Andrew Colonna with Hiller Chrysler Dodge, carrying Jim, singing the whole route, as well as Anne Dewees, Frank Sylvia, Rita and Bob Octaviano who rode in the trailer. The trailer was beautifully decorated by Anna and Lyn Cenzalli and Sandy Nelson, as well as all the elves who created the broom tree and other decorations; Lynn Parks, Nanci Pacheco, Leslie LeBlanc, Meghan Lino, Eileen Sullivan, Karen Von Haam, Debbie Rogers, Walter Baggett, Cathy Offinger and to anyone



Among others, Anne Dewees, Frank Sylvia, Rita and Bob Octaviano hopped aboard!. Thanks to Meghan Palanza who coordinated the event.

I may have missed! Also, thanks to Rich Rogers for his vision for the float (you were right!) and tireless coordination. Thanks to everyone who came out to walk along the route with us, it was a lot of fun.

It was a great event to showcase the Club's 50th year and spread the magic of the Cape Cod Curling Club!

News from the 50th Anniversary Committee

from Tom and Janet Azarovitz

Happy New Year! And with that, we welcome the year of the celebration of 50 years as the Cape Cod Curling Club. The 50th Anniversary Committee has been hard at work making the celebration of the Club's existence a very memorable one. Starting with our work early last year, we ended 2018 with the CCCC float in the Falmouth Christmas Parade which was an amazing success. With 50th Committee founding members aboard and curlers of all ages walking and sweeping alongside, crowds cheered through the entire length of the parade route. It was a really fun day.

Committee members Paula and Artie Howe have brought their creative talents and have highlighted the 50th throughout the club since the 2018 Summerspiel. Jim Woodworth has kept the 50th in the news in his FE column. Mementoes in the



Janet and Tom Azarovitz carry the banner leading the Christmas parade. Their leadership on our 50th Anniversary Committee has been a great example of volunteerism.

form of 50th Tee and Polo shirts as well as 50th pins and rock glasses are still available and in the near future there will be other items for sale as remembrances that mark the year of the founding in 1969. Having sold out the 12 dozen rock glasses, especially as Christmas gifts, there's another order on the way for those that covet them as we all commemorate the year.

Remember to mark your calendars because we don't want anyone to miss the 50th Anniversary Club Championship spiel which will take place from Thursday, February 21 through the weekend culminating with a catered dinner on Sunday February 24. There will be a cocktail party on Saturday at which time club and guest players will mingle with honored past member guests as well as friends and supporters of the club through the years. Look for more news about the event in the weeks ahead.



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