



CAPE COD CURLING CLUB Falmouth, Massachusetts



Cathy Offinger

Dear Members -

WOW!! Over 120 members attended the all-member meeting on Sunday, January 27, to hear about the future of the Cape Cod Curling Club.

For those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation is located on our website - you must be logged in, go to Member Menu, scroll down to Current Capital Campaign and find Capital Campaign Presentation. We announced our Capital Campaign to raise \$400,000 to fund the 5 building priorities established by the Board in 2018. Based on the positive buzz in the room following the meeting, I know we will raise the needed capital and be able to address our important maintenance issues. My heartfelt thanks to the Development Committee: Michael Eatough, Bill Gallagher, Brian Pijanowski, Dave Benton, Russ Lemcke, Levi Gorrell, Doc Dunkley, Mike Minior, Alexandra Zollo (and myself!) for all their outstanding work to prepare and present the Capital Campaign details. The momentum is there and the next step will be for members of the Development Committee to reach out to the membership to ask for your support. We all share in the ownership of Cape Cod Curling Club - if you value something, you take care of it. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Club has been a hub bub of activity since the beginning of the New Year. You will read about the Curlathon held on January 1st right through to the New Members Dinner held on January 26. It is great to see

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Sofuolis Team Wins 2019 GNCC Senior Mixed Championship

from Gabriele Bruce

20 teams from 11 different GNCC clubs and several composite teams convened at Norfolk Curling Club for this year's GNCC Senior Mixed Championship Bonspiel. When you participate in a bonspiel in a small, two-sheet club, be prepared for some wacky draw times. You will need to be creative in filling your time in between games. Norfolk itself has a very quaint downtown with a lovely theatre - Infinity Hall - a beautiful public library and several delicious restaurants. It is home to a very creative enclave of writers, artists, poets and musicians. The Yale School of Music has a summer residency here. Great Barrington is only 30 minutes away and offers a versatile Main Street with many eating options, including a Moroccan restaurant, and nice shops. All good opportunities for fun team outings.

Cape Cod sent two teams to this year's event. Kudos to Michael Minior and Maura McCarthy for inviting Laurie and David Benton to their first Sr. Mixed Championship Bonspiel. They curled well, finally falling in the second event semi-finals to the eventual second event winners. What an experience for these newbies.

The second Cape Cod team was Team Sofuolis with Paul Sofuolis as skip, Gabriele Bruce as vice, Phil Bruce curling second and Jamie Hutchinson throwing lead stones. They had a close first game and then two relatively short, dominant games beating their opponents in 4 ends and 6 ends respectively. The 1st event final was against a team from Utica who has been curling together for 20 years and whose names are on the trophy more than once, most recently winning it last year. Team Sofuolis took five of eight ends in regulation play, but Utica played an impressive game. After eight ends, the score was tied leading to an extra end for which Cape Cod did not have the hammer. The house was well protected when Paul managed to draw to the button around a number of guards. Utica was then unable to remove Cape Cod's counter. It came down to the opponent's last rock. Afterwards the warm room crowd agreed that it was a most entertaining game.

Cape Cod walked away with the Cooper Medal for winning the 1st event and, for the next year, the winners' trophy will be on display at our club.



Paul Sofuolis (skip), Gabriele Bruce (vice), Phil Bruce (second) and Jamie Hutchinson (lead).

Fun Trivia

What is Norfolk's nickname? If you guessed "The Ice Box of Connecticut" you are correct! Norfolk is located in the foothills of the Berkshires and the toenails of the Appalachian Trail. It is 1,770 feet above sea level, making it one of Connecticut's highest elevations and often a cold spot in the state.

Ladies curl well *and* sweep best costumes in Bay State Ladies' Spiel...

from Leslie LeBlanc

Three Cape Cod Teams, which included two Nutmeg players, traveled to TCC for Bay State Ladies in early January. The theme for the event was "The Greatest Show on Earth."

Natalie Galligan's team won 4th event. with Natalie Galligan (skip), Jeanie Yaroch (vice), Paula Howe (2nd), and Jean Johnston (lead).

In addition, the CCCC swept the Costume Contest Saturday night with all three Cape Cod teams sweeping the winning prizes for best costumes!

"The Cleanup Crew" won first prize for Mary Colacchio's team, "The Mimes" took second place for Natalie Galligan's group, and third prize was taken by Carolyn Ryczek's "Ooh La La" foursome.



Fourth event winners: Jean Johnson (lead), Paula Howe (second), Jeanie Yaroch (vice), and Natalie Galligan (skip)

The
GREATEST
SHOW ON
EARTH!



The Cleanup Crew (TCC)



The Mimes



Ooh La La

U18 Junior Playdowns

from Will Gerlach

Nine Cape Cod Juniors participated in the U18 Boys and Girls Playdowns at The Country Club in Brookline, MA the week after Christmas. Of the 9 rinks, 6 had Cape Codders. A three way tie for first place in the boys' division was settled by an extra game tiebreaker on Sunday afternoon.

Anna Cenzalli and Emma Leary played on Team Cenzalli. Brody Gerlach played on Team Phillips from Plainfield, New Jersey. Henry Gartner played on Team Klauber from Nashua, New Hampshire. Vivian Bannister battled on Team Neill (Clark's granddaughter) from Broomstones.

The following two teams advanced to the U18 Nationals with Cape Cod Juniors.



William Gerlach, Nicholas Cenzalli, Caleb Gartner, and Marius Kleinus

GNCC 1, Team Casper from Ardsley will have Marius Kleinus as Vice Skip. Marius has made the national stage numerous times.

GNCC 2, Team Hebert from Broomstones will have Caleb Gartner as Vice Skip, Nicholas Cenzalli as 2nd and William Gerlach can rotate amongst all positions. It is the 2nd nationals appearance for each.

The U18 Nationals is a 5-day tournament at the new Chaska Curling Center near Minneapolis from March 13 through 17.

Each region will send curlers making up 12 Boys and 12 Girls teams. The winner in each will advance to an international bonspiel in Canada this year.

Team USA travels to Lohja, Finland

Preparing for World Championships in Scotland

Earlier this month, Team USA Wheelchair Curlers traveled to Lohja, Finland to compete in the Kisakallio Cup. The competition included 12 teams from over 9 countries, including Korea, Russia, Finland, Italy & Germany. The team finished with a 3 & 3 record, and learned a great deal as they continue to prepare for the World Championships in Stirling, Scotland this March.

As they continue on their road to the World's, they will be traveling to Winnipeg, Canada for a high-performance camp and a friendly with Team Canada from January 30th – February 3rd. This will be followed by another high-performance camp right here at the Cape Cod Curling Club from February 7th - 10th.

Cape Cod is honored to continue to host Team USA for their high-performance camps this year. During their time at Cape Cod, the team will have both on and off ice practice each day. On Sunday morning (2/10), they will be playing in games against 12-16 Cape Cod Curlers. Individuals interested in signing up to play in these games should contact Mary Colacchio (marycolacchio@verizon.net) to express your interest.

On Saturday afternoon, February 9th, Team USA, family, guests and anyone else interested in joining us, will be visiting the Massachusetts National Cemetery, in Bourne for a brief memorial service for Tony Colacchio, National Associate Wheelchair Curling Coach, at 2pm. The service will include a piper to march us from our vehicles to the gravesite, a chaplain to say a prayer and blessing, a flag folding and a live bugler to play taps. We are hoping that mother nature shines on us with fair skies, mild temperatures and no wind, to complement our plans for this day.



Team USA arrives in Finland for competition for the Kisakallio Cup, featuring 12 teams from over 9 countries

Later that evening, there will be a dinner at the club to celebrate the life of Tony Colacchio with the present and past members of Team USA, friends, family and anyone that would like to share the evening celebrating our friend and coach. Cocktails will begin at 6pm with dinner starting at 7pm. The menu will include all of Tony's favorite foods...



Tony with Team USA skip, Steve Emt

Wedge Salad, Yankee Pot Roast with all the fixings and Pie a la Mode for dessert. Cost for the dinner is \$15 per person. People are asked to sign up for the dinner by February 3rd online at: <https://capecodcurling.org/index.php/calendars/event-listing/social/wheelchair-curling-camp-and-tony-testimonial-dinner>

Ladies' Yankee Swap

from Karin Benedict

Our annual Yankee Swap, a tradition at the Curling Club since 2008, was held January 15th. We had 27 ladies come this year bringing lots of unwanted, unflattering and totally useless gifts. Some of the more unique items this year were golden elf slippers with bells on the toes, bluefish beach shoes, and the "stunning" pink poodle costume modeled by Andrea Lousararian, which went home with Mary Kavanagh as she was able to "steal it," causing waves of laughter among the enthusiastic participants. All the ladies contributed with appetizers and desserts, and all left looking forward to next year's swap!



The prizes were surprises of the most unusual kind...

5TH ANNUAL THE BIG SPIEL
MINNESOTA

from Cathy Uhl/Matt DeLuca

This past January 10th-13th, one Cape Cod team (Cathy Uhl, Diane DiMassa, Chuck Barnes, and Matt DeLuca) participated in the 5th annual "Big Spiel", taking place in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

To call the Big Spiel "Big" is a little bit of an understatement. With 96 teams participating, it's huge. The draw takes up an entire wall, and we cannot even imagine the number of volunteers involved behind the scenes. The spiel is hosted at four different clubs in the St. Paul area: Chaska Curling Center, Frogtown Curling Club, Four Seasons Curling Club and The St. Paul Curling Club. Two of the venues either have been (Four Seasons) or currently are (Chaska) the training center for USA Curling, and both have hosted NBC's "Curling Night In America." The St. Paul Curling Club is over 100 years old and has about 1200 members. All four venues are impressive to say the least.

Our first game did not go well. The ice at Chaska is rumored to be the fastest in the US and we were slow to adjust. But we regrouped and came back with wins in our next 4 games, winning out over three Minnesota teams and one Philadelphia team. Suddenly we found ourselves in the B event semi-finals, and only one game away from being piped onto the ice for the finals. That game went back and forth...but the Wisconsin team we played edged us out in the end. To have made it as far as we did in such a big spiel is something we are all proud of. We ended the weekend 4-2, played games at all four clubs, met some awesome new friends, and had an absolute blast.

If you are interested in playing in a bonspiel a little further from home and having the opportunity to play at some world class facilities, we strongly recommend signing up for this spiel next year. Other than the cost of a plane ticket, you'll spend about as much as a spiel that you can drive to. With the number of teams participating you're guaranteed 4 or 5 games minimum, and a great experience (and plenty of free beer too!)



Team Uhl: Diane DiMassa (threw lead rocks and then called the game), Cathy Uhl (vice), Matt DeLuca (2nd), Chuck Barnes (threw skip rocks)

Lower Cape Cod Club Enjoys a Day on Dedicated Ice

from Russ Lemcke

Ten curlers from the new Lower Cape Curling Club in Orleans joined with our members for the inaugural friendly between our clubs. We curled a full game which was followed by a light lunch. This was their first experience on dedicated ice which they greatly appreciated. Some are now suggesting a Cape and Islands Mini Spiel which would include Nantucket. All we need to do next is convince Martha's Vineyard to re establish curling there as they had an active club for several years.

Save these important dates!
 Check the Club calendar for details!

- Feb. 7-10 Wheelchair Curling Camp
- Feb. 9 Celebration of Tony Colacchio/Dinner
- Feb. 22-24 50th Anniversary Bonspiel
- Feb. 23 50th Anniversary Cocktail Party
- Feb. 24 50th Anniversary Banquet
- Feb. 28
- & Mar. 1 Sweep Like a Bad Ass Clinics
- March 9 Broomstones Friendly

From the President (continued from page 1)

so many people enjoying our beautiful facility. And that does not even count all the leagues! We support leagues or organized open curling every day of the week—usually 3-4 in a single day! Thank you to all the league managers and the Curling Committee for keeping the many leagues organized!

A true highlight of the month was the New Member Dinner on January 26. We welcomed a record number of new members—aka "Rock Stars". We also enjoyed the most delicious meatloaf I know I have ever had! Chefs Mary Kraszeski and Mary Colacchio and their crew did a fabulous job! Thanks to the great organization of our Membership & Mentoring Committee (Mary Colacchio, Kathy Maloney and Zach Pilotte), the new members have been paired with a Mentor—an experienced curler—to facilitate integrating the new members into the activities and culture of the club. I sensed great energy amongst our newest additions and was thrilled to see so many at the all-member meeting the following day!

Be sure to check out the Save the Date section for what is coming up in February—lots of fun stuff as we continue our 50th anniversary celebration.

Stay warm everyone, and good curling!

Cathy O.

2019 Archie Bruce Memorial Friendly

from Gabriele Bruce

The first weekend in January, 13 intrepid curlers traveled from Cape Cod to New York to participate in the annual Archie Bruce Memorial Friendly between Ardsley and the Cape Cod Curling Club, named for Archibald McTavish Bruce, a past president of both of our clubs.

For those unfamiliar with the event, the Archie Bruce is a two-day competitive "Friendly," the winner of which is determined by counting the total rocks scored by each club in six games over the two days. The Archie Bruce medal (pictured) is awarded to the team, from the winning or losing side, that wins their match by the largest point differential. Not too "friendly," but that's the tradition. This year that medal went to Team Sofuolis with Paul Sofuolis as skip, Gabriele Bruce as vice, Phil Bruce as second and Jamie Hutchinson throwing lead rocks.

Fun Trivia

It takes a village to transport the Archie Bruce Memorial Stone. Thank you Russ Lemcke and Mike Minior for giving it a ride to and from the Cape, and to Scott Fernandes, Bob Kleinrath and Larry Riccitelli for carrying it up and down the enormous hill at Ardsley.

Ardsley treated us to a delicious dinner in their warm room, and it was wonderful to listen to anecdotes shared by Geoff Broadhurst and Russ Lemcke, both friends of Archie's. Listening to them reminisce about their fellow curler and friend so fondly, highlighted how won-



derfully warm and sociable our curling community is. It was also great to catch up with old friends from Ardsley and to get an update on their efforts to find a replacement site for their curling club.

On Sunday the competition heated up and for a while it appeared Ardsley might come from behind to win the Friendly. In the end, Cape Cod was able to retain the Archie Bruce Memorial Stone until next year.

Thanks to our own Gordon Waring and Ardsley's Jim McGinnis for organizing the event, to everyone from Cape Cod for making the trip and to our friends from Ardsley for hosting us. We will see Ardsley next year at the Cape. If you are ever wondering whether participating in a Friendly is for you, stop wondering and sign up. We had a nice mix of seasoned and newer curlers. Judging from the smile on everyone's face, a great time was had by all.

Grand National Curling Club

Senior Mens Championship

from Todd Benedict

The 2019 GNCC Senior Mens Championship was held at the Cape Cod Curling Club, January 17 - 20. A total of 22 teams competed for the championship with the Cape Cod Curling Club well represented with 7 of the entries.

After three days of curling and many games being tightly contested the team from Philadelphia emerged victorious. The Philly team of skip Craig MacKinlay, vice Arthur Wilson, 2nd Rich Hess, and lead Ron Von Schooneveld played the Cape Cod rink of skip John "Spanky" McCarthy, vice Dick O'Conner, 2nd Ken Voorhess and lead



1st event winners (Philadelphia) with our "Spanky" McCarthy team (finalist)

John Howard. The McCarthy rink played outstanding during the spiel and came up just a bit short against the strong Philly team in the finals. Congratulations to the winning teams and the finalists.

As the Chairperson I want to thank all those who volunteered to make this an outstanding event. Cape Cod certainly lived up to the reputation of hosting great bonspiels with great food and hospitality. I heard warm room comments from visitors about how welcoming our club is and how well we treat our guests. This is because our membership steps up and goes all out to be *Simply the Best!*

2019 Ladies All-American

*Shay Austin-Leary, USWCA Representative
Assisted by Lyn Cenzalli and Matt Leary*

This year, 8 teams competed for the coveted All-American pins under the theme of “House of Cards—Classic Games.” From the start, the ladies were enthusiastic and filled with laughter and camaraderie.

Our winning team, skipped by Meghan Lino, promptly pulled out ahead. Meghan credits a nice team dynamic and those all-important “made shots!” Her team consisted of: Meghan Lino, Donna Pijanowski, Francesca Delle Femine, and Carolyn Wurm. Throughout the competition other teams fought to keep up in the points, but in the end Team Lino held on to come out on top. Second place went to team Kenney (Martha Kenney, Emma Leary, Beth Howard and Betsy Riccitelli). There was a tie for third and

fourth place (a tie which continued even after a comparison of most wins, and most ends). By skip’s decision, the tie was broken by a coin toss. Winning the toss, and third place was Team Enos (Barbara Enos, Paula Howe, Barbara Sheerin and Lauri Bissonnette). Fourth place winner was Team Cenzalli (Anna Cenzalli, Meghan Palanza, Lynn Parks, and Anne Perella).

Teams continued the fun off the ice with games of Jenga and trivia. They came in costumes for the Saturday luncheon with incredible creativity. Teams represented games of Uno, Connect 4, Chess, Monopoly, Candy Land, Clue, Scrabble and Twister.

Congrats to all!



Team Yaroch (Clue)



*The Ladies All-American Winners:
Team Lino (Twister)*



Team Ryczek (Connect the Dots)



Team LeBlanc (Candyland)



Team Enos (Monopoly)



Team Kenney (Uno)



30th Annual Ray Maguire Bonspiel

from Darryl Christensen

The 30th Annual Ray Maguire Bonspiel was held the mornings of January 7, 8 and 9. Teams are made up of curlers who curled at least once during the fall session of morning pick up curling. This year 32 curlers and 6 subs out of more than 60 eligible curlers competed on 8 teams.

Each of the 8 teams played 4 six-end games during the 3-day spiel. The draw schedule required every team to compete in back to back games on one morning. All of the games were scored on a points basis counting 3 for a game, 1 for an end and ¼ for each stone.

The winning team was skipped by Steve Mojo

with Coco Wellington (vice), Donna Pijanowski (2nd), Peter West (lead) and sub Barbara Sheerin. The second place team was led by Tom Azarovitz (skip), with John Howard, Peter Mili, Lisa Meeks and subs Bob Kleinrath and Beth Howard. The third place team was Richard Lousararian (skip), with Margaret McNabb, Andy Mirano and Terry Gallagher. The fourth place team was Brian Pijanowski (skip), with Joe Tamucci, Don Babin, George Reinhart and sub David Nisula.

Following the last games and awards ceremony an excellent luncheon coordinated by Maura McCarthy was enjoyed by all.

First Annual Warm Welcome New Members Dinner & Celebration

from Mary Colacchio

We had 90 people come together to join us for our Introduction and Welcome to New Curlers Dinner on January 26th following the Scrod League. Many came early to watch the games of our 5-and-under curlers that evening from 5:00 to 7:00 pm...then enjoyed cocktails at 6:00 with dinner at 7:30.

The Evening's Masters of Ceremonies were the Membership and Mentoring Committee Co-Chairs, Mary Colacchio, Kathy Maloney and Zach Pilotte. The program began with a warm welcome and toast to all our new and longtime Rock Stars given by Mary, then Zach followed with a traditional blessing of the meal reciting the Curler's Grace.

Dinner was comfort food with new and seasoned curling friends consisting of festive mixed field green salad, Sicilian meatloaf with mashed potatoes and Julienne vegetables followed by dessert of fresh berry lemon torte.

Thirty-two new members finished our Learn to Curl classes this past fall season. Twenty-one of these fellow members were able to attend this special occasion. An additional nine members have less than two full years of curling experience at our club and they were also honored at this event, particularly five of those that happened to be present at this celebration. The list of our newest members is copied from the program as shown separately here; all those people that turned out for our special dinner were highlighted in gold and received a token rock star pin to identify them as our very special guests of honor.

During dinner, President, Cathy Offinger introduced all of the club's administrative staff by name and also provided details about each one's duties and responsibilities in their various roles of management. Our club founder, Anne Dewees, was recognized and spoke briefly to the audience relating to our humble beginnings and what a long way we have come since then. Around the time dessert was appearing, Kathy Maloney introduced all of the attending new members. Then we gave thanks and special recognition to our volunteers who made this dinner possible and worked to help out

with all of the evening's festivities. Mary Colacchio, Tim Gallagher, Paula Howe, Sam Knox and Mary Kraszeski, our Chef's extraordinaires; Lauri Bissonnette, Karen Cozza, Barbara Sheerin and several others who worked to set up the dining room, serve the meal and clear dishes, as well as Todd Benedict, Peter Mili, Kerry Bissonnette, Mark Wilson and others who cleaned up after all was said and done.

OUR NEW CURLERS WELCOMED 2017 - 2019

2018-19:

Michael Azarovitz	Barbara Rountree
Ellen Bailey	Joanna Schaffer
Kathryn Bisack	Jean Schwartz
Brad Carlson	Carl & Tong Simons
Patti Connor	Barb Smith
Kevin Cotter	Carly Smith
Jennifer DiGiamarino	Jane & Paul Sousa
Rich Donnelly	Joe Walsh
Christopher Gaboury	Mike Zollo
Michael Griggs	
James Kelly	2017-18:
Lisa Meeks	Kerry & Lauri Bissonnette
Karen Mellen	Linda Boardman
Karen Nachin	Sharon Cicchetti
Ryan Owens	Justin Drakos
Anthony Payne	Patrick Koczela
Cory Powers	Megan Nichols
George Reinhart	Glenn Savoy
Carla Rogers	Paul Sheerin

Kathy Maloney gave closing remarks to let everyone know about so many more future special events on our calendar awaiting attendees to keep this wonderful momentum going among all our members. Lots of cheering, applause and fun took place this evening. It was a huge success and we were very thankful to celebrate together, welcoming so many new members into our fold. We look forward to doing it again next year, having high hopes for another good turnout when this time comes around again in 2020.

A reminder! *If you unlock the front door with a key, please be sure to re-lock with a key so that the crash bar locks properly.*



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