



Cathy Offinger

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. For the Cape Cod Curling Club it will come in with about 400 4th graders and go out like a Scrod!

Our club continues to bustle with activity – February saw non-stop events including wheelchair curlers convening for a training camp and to celebrate their beloved mentor, Tony Colacchio. The 50th Anniversary Bonspiel and Cocktail Party and Banquet were huge successes – so sorry for any Members who missed those events! The Capital Campaign has been moving right along – as of press time we are past the 60% mark. You will read about these events in this issue – as well as news from members who competed at away bonspiels – and about 2 members who have earned non-curling recognition!

Looking ahead to March we will be hosting all Falmouth 4th Graders over 5 days to try their hand at real curling! They all have been introduced to “gym curling” – but now they will try the real deal! Olympian / gold medalist Tyler George will be visiting our Club March 14-16. Be sure to sign up for special opportunities to meet Tyler and hear first hand what it is like to win Olympic gold! Our traditional Scrod Bonspiel will take place March 22-24 – this is the chance for all curlers with 5 years or less experience to compete amongst each other. Hosted by the Competitive league, this is an event the entire Membership should embrace!

Once the Scrod is done we look forward to the Thornton Cup Playdowns,

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Championship Games, Cocktail Party and Dinner highlight our 50th!

from Jeanie Yaroch

Not one, not two, but three trophies were presented to the first event winners in this year's 50th Anniversary Club Championship Bonspiel, which took place February 22-24.

John McCarthy skipped his team consisting of Glenn Amaral, Zach Pilotte, and John Howard to victory in this rare opportunity, which overlapped the annual Club Championship spiel and its three-tiered trophy with the 50th Anniversary celebration, which brought the Anniversary Trophy, a silver pitcher awarded every five years. A third trophy entered the mix, a loving cup known as the Super Spiel award, which substituted for the Club Championship trophy for a few years in the early two thousands. (While everybody is sure there was a very good reason for this at the time, no one remembers exactly what it was.)



John McCarthy (skip), John Howard (lead), Glenn Amaral (vice), and Zach Pilotte (2nd) show off their 1st Event winnings.

Other victors in the weekend competition were:

First event finalists:

Todd Benedict, George Bagley, Kathleen Harlow, and Barbara Sheerin

Second event winners: Nicholas Cenzalli, Anna Cenzalli, William Gerlach, and Emma Leary

Second event finalists: Nathan Adams, Joe Cammarano, Bryan Hamilton, and Steve O'Neill

Third event winners: Tom Azarovitz, Bill Gallagher, Artie Howe, and Mike Zollo

Third event finalists: Ken Voorhees, Linda McCarthy, Renee Voorhees, and Susan Verner

Fourth event winners: Phil Bruce, Gabrielle Bruce, Martha Kenney, and John Kenney

Fourth event finalists: Chuck Barnes, Diane DiMassa, Patrick Koczela, and Scott Fernandez

An extraordinary cocktail party on Saturday evening highlighted the weekend's activities. Former members traveled from as far away as South Carolina to be part of the 50th Anniversary festivities and were not disappointed. Long-neglected friendships were instantly rekindled,

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Lasting Memories from a Successful 50th Anniversary Celebration

Tom and Janet Azarovitz, co-chairs of the 50th Anniversary Committee

It was a pleasure...an honor...to be part of the 50th Anniversary Committee that helped celebrate 50 years of curling at the Cape Cod Curling Club. Working with a part of the community that has lived up to the aspirations of the founding members of the club, sharing the stories and experiences of individuals who were there at the start, as well as current members, was a wonderful experience.

Our committee makeup spans the years from 1969 to 2019...from cofounder Anne Dewees, her friends and fellow curlers Bob and Rita Ottaviano and Frank Sylvia, to our current President, Cathy Offinger, President Elect Mike Minior and members Linda McCarthy, Susan Verner, Paula and Artie Howe, we shared stories and laughs to bring to the membership the best of the times of this amazing Club. Every one of the committee members worked with us for a year, each contributing their time and their talents to help make the weekend event which included the 50th Anniversary Club Championship Spiel, an amazing Cocktail Party with guest speaker Charlie Brown, President of the Grand National Curling Club and Sunday's Banquet, the event that will be remembered for years.

We welcomed past and present members and brought the promise to continue what has come to be known as one of the best of places to spend the best of times together.



The presidents gathered: Cathy Offinger, Frank Sylvia, Bob Ottaviano, Steve O'Neil, Todd Benedict and Russ Lemcke

who, through almost a year, made it a real celebration for us all. Add to that Sandy McCara, whose photos and his video are available on FB, Russ Lemcke, Meg Becker with her beautiful words at the start of our meal, Bill Gallagher and the amazing Ice Team, and Levi Gorell who created a fantastic slide show of pictures, from our past. Lastly, Phil Bruce who worked and collaborated with us in many different areas including bringing us a fantastic meal while working in the kitchen with the Bear in Boots catering group...down to the Curling Stone in Ice, carved by a student at the Upper Cape Regional High School, that made the event extra special.

Thanks go to FCTV reporter Allen Russell who interviewed many of our committee members and whose video will appear on the March schedule on FCTV. We must support our local television

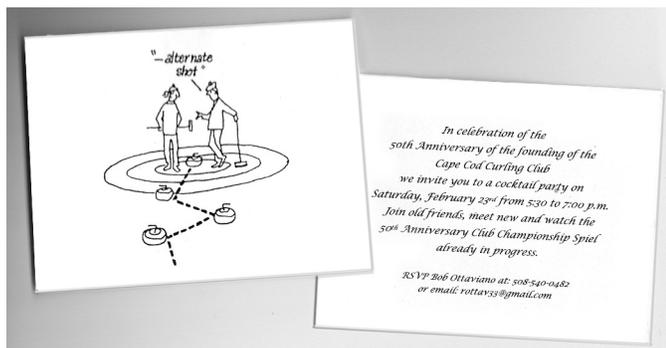
We hope we haven't overlooked anyone...we are a family of volunteers and we thank everyone who was involved in any way.

We believe everyone enjoyed the past weekend and will continue to celebrate the 50th year of the Cape Cod Curling Club.

camera, behind the glass and in the kitchen. Thanks go to Jeanie Yaroeh, (with the help of Mike Minior) who ran a great and special 50th Anniversary Club Championship Spiel, Katie Murphy who put together an amazing Cocktail Party with the help of the Monday and Wednesday 4 o'clock leagues, all the members of the decorating committee under the guidance of Paula Howe

A "50 Years" Prayer Meg Becker

- For fifty years...
Of saying "Good Curling"
- Fifty years...
Of shaking hands
- Fifty years...
Of telling our opponents they made a good shot
- Fifty years...
Of buying drinks for one another
- Fifty years...
Of brooms and rocks, houses and hog lines
- Fifty years...
Of bonspiels
- Fifty years...
Of a vision
- Fifty years...
Of building something from nothing
- Fifty years...
Of founders and newcomers
- Fifty years...
Of dinners and fund raisers
- Fifty years...
Of deep friendships



Bob and Rita Ottaviano provided original cards from long ago that were imprinted and sent to many former members.

There were so many moments of joy, tears, shared stories by all of our members in the company of our supporters, past members and those who curled and broke bread many, many years ago. Thanks go beyond the committee members to those "ex-officio" members who worked hard, behind the computer, behind the

From the President *(continued from page 1)*

downs, the Thornton Cup Championship (which spring league will win top honors this year?!). And then...the Annual Meeting, Banquet and TTT Auction. There is a LOT going on before we Pull the Plug for the season!

In case you have not noticed – we have had work done on the roof to address those pesky leaks AND that water cascade over the kitchen door. Be sure to admire the clean ceiling tiles. The Ice crew is hard at it to bring a proposal to the Board to address replacing the mechanical systems in August! We are moving forward with our Capital Projects – and thanks to the Membership, our Capital Campaign will ensure that we complete these projects with fiscal responsibility! If you have not had a chance to make your pledge to the Campaign, please do not delay. I welcome any questions regarding the Campaign – and would be pleased to provide you with a Pledge form. We can't do this without each of you!

Cathy O.

2019 Norfolk Ladies Bonspiel

from Pat Jones

The Cape Cod Ladies team of Sue Haigney, Pat Jones, Linda Pistilli and Mary Kraszeski attended the Norfolk Winter Wonderland Bonspiel the weekend of 22 February. There were 16 teams. The teams were from Broomstones, Norfolk, Nutmeg Schenectady, TCC, and Upper Valley. If you have never been to a bonspiel at Norfolk it is a must. I have curled there many times and it is always worth the trip out there. The food, ice, etc are 1st rate. The Cape Cod Ladies team were the runners up of the 1st event.



The Cape Cod team of Sue Haigney (skip), Pat Jones (vice), Linda Pistilli (2nd) and Mary Kraszeski (lead) had a wonderful weekend at Norfolk where we always experience a first-class spiel with great friends.

Carrying on the family tradition

from Artie Howe

Alex Colacchio recently returned from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, helping the impoverished villages.

After fundraising \$2,000 to attend the trip, Colacchio and his girlfriend Katie Wiktorski flew to the island for a week of volunteering where they worked with other volunteers and locals to build a playground for one of the area's small villages.

"They have nothing there. They live in these small group villages, called bateys, and work in the sugar cane fields," said Alex when talking about the community where the volunteers worked.



With tough hand labor and limited power tools, he found building the playground to be a powerful experience. Seeing local kids reap the benefits of the volunteers' work with a safe place to play was one of the most rewarding parts of his time there.



While leaving his family's side shortly after Tony's death was a challenge, it was an opportunity to do valuable volunteer work, continuing the tradition of helping others that his father had set.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

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stories and tears flowed, old memories relived, and new ones made. GNCC President Charlie Brown made an appearance to congratulate us on our anniversary and acknowledge (and contribute to) the momentum of our capital campaign. Kudos to Tom and Janet Azarovitz and their 50th Anniversary Committee for conceiving of and organizing this event and to Katie Murphy who orchestrated the food preparation and spectacular service.

The only thing rivaling the on-ice action and the cocktail party celebration was the Sunday evening dinner, catered by Bear in Boots restaurant and overseen by Phil Bruce. Meg Becker's pre-meal blessing, Anne DeWees's heart-warming remarks, and stories by Bob Ottaviano and Gretchen Partridge made certain this dinner warmed the body as well as the soul.

Our Unrelenting Juniors Press On!

Their continuing quest for greatness!

from Lyn Cenzalli and Dana Gerlach

CCCC's youth have been busy and do not show any signs of slowing down as we head into the final month of the 2018-19 curling season.

A few Juniors tried something new in January; really, why have a weekend free from curling. In a "yah why not" moment, Emma Leary, William Gerlach, Anna Cenzalli and Nicholas Cenzalli registered for the inaugural GNCC Mixed Doubles Championship in Utica, NY. They were the only juniors amongst the 24 team GNCC event. Emma and William teamed up to finish pool play seeded 5th overall, earning them a spot in the A event quarter finals. With sibling rivalry set aside, Anna and Nicholas qualified in the C event bracket and finished as the C Event finalists. We can all be proud of the performance of these fine young curlers representing Cape Cod at such a high-profile event.

With no rest for the weary (referring to the parents), instead of heading to some exotic location for school break our juniors were off to the Nutmeg Neon. Three teams with Cape Cod juniors participated, and all of them were piped onto the ice for the Final Events!

After pool play, the Cape teams were seeded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for the final events.

Cape Cod 2 with Anna Cenzalli, Emma Leary, Jane Kobylinski (Bucks), and Petra Brienza were undefeated in their pool.

Cape Cod 1 with Brody Gerlach, Connor Hardin, Vivian Bannister, and Anna Bennett were also undefeated in their pool. Their toughest game in pool play was against a young Norfolk team with Anna Cenzalli subbing. Anna's presence and on ice coaching elevated the Norfolk players. Team Gerlach was down by two after the 7th end but managed to take three in the 8th to remain undefeated.

The Cape Cod vs Cape Cod First Event started with team Cenzalli scoring four points in the first end. Team Gerlach was able to stay close and almost took the lead in the fifth end. They were counting six after perfect freezes from Anna Bennett, Vivian Bannister, and Connor Hardin. Anna Cenzalli saved the end with the hammer shot to hold Brody's team to just one. In the 8th with a score of 7-4, Team Gerlach was sitting four, with a chance to win. Anna's hammer stone again saved the end with a double takeout to hold Brody's team to two points. Final score 7-6 with Team Cenzalli on top.

The other Cape Cod juniors (Nicholas Cenzalli and William Gerlach) played on team "3 MA's and a PA" which had three players from Massachusetts and one from Pennsylvania. William Gerlach had the lowest LSD of the entire spiel (2 inches). Their only loss in pool play came from Brody's team, which put them in

the Second Event Final. William and Nicholas, along with skip Ethan Hebert (Broomstones) and lead Shaheen Bassiri (Philadelphia), won easily against a Nutmeg team.

You would think all of this would tire these kids out. *NOPE!* In their first spiel as a team, Emma, William, Anna and Nicholas competed for the Club Championship. The draw, angle raise and communication skills they honed in mixed doubles play elevated their game and resulted in an impressive B event win.

What's next? Only U18 Nationals in Chaska, MN for William Gerlach, Nicholas Cenzalli, Caleb Gartner, and Marius Kleinas. If you see them around wish them good luck.



Nutmeg Neon: A & B event winners: Ethan Herbert (Broomstones), Shaheen Bassiri (Philly), William Gerlach, Nicholas Cenzalli, Anna Cenzalli, Emma Leary, Petra Brienza, Jane Kobylinski (Bucks)



Nutmeg Neon- A event finalists: Anna Bennett, Vivian Bannister, Connor Hardin, Brody Gerlach



B-event winners at our own Club Championship: Nicholas Cenzalli, Anna Cenzalli, William Gerlach, and Emma Leary



A TRIBUTE OF
LOVE AND RESPECT FOR
Tony Colacchio
1945 – 2018

The Cape Cod Curling Club was honored to once again host Team USA's High-Performance Camp, for the national Wheelchair Curling Team from February 7-10, 2019. This was to be the team's final camp in preparation for the 2019 World Championships in Stirling, Scotland in March. The team, consisted of Cape Cod's own Meghan Lino, Ken White and Steve Emt, along with Matthew Thums, Pam Wilson and Oyuna Uranchimeg. In addition, members from the US Development team were also in attendance, including Caroline Knox and Jesi Stracham. Coordinating and coaching throughout the weekend were Team USA's coach, Rusty Schieber and Team Leader, Marc DePerno.

In addition to their work on and off the ice preparing for the World Championships, this weekend also offered an opportunity for the team, along with other wheelchair curlers, all of whom were at the US Open in November, when Tony Colacchio's funeral services were held, to come together with the Colacchio Family and the Cape Cod Curling Club members to honor Tony with a series of events over the weekend.

On Saturday afternoon, Jerry Lynch coordinated a memorial service at Tony's gravesite in the National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. The service included a piper, military honors with the playing of Taps, prayers from a chaplain (former Cape Cod Curling Club member, JoAnn Coleman), and the folding of an American Flag. As the service was ending, all of the wheelchair curlers in attendance lined up in two rows, each passing under Tony's final resting place as they rolled into place. The last curler to touch the flag was David Palmer, Cape Cod's first wheelchair curler to find his way under Tony's guidance. David presented the flag, from the curlers to Alex Colacchio, Tony's youngest son, who is also a member of the Cape Cod Curling Club. Alex, in turn then presented the flag to Rusty and USA Curling on behalf of the Colacchio Family.

Later that night, the Club hosted a dinner in Tony's honor. More than 17 wheelchair curlers were able to attend the day's events to honor Tony, coming from as far away as Florida, North Carolina and Wisconsin. The dinner, prepared by Mary Kraszeski and a top-notch crew of volunteers, was Tony's favorite foods,

including Wedge Salad, Yankee Pot Roast and Pie a la mode. Greetings and memories were shared by the entire Colacchio Family, including Mary and Tony's three children, Alex, Jason and Tina. Also sharing the evening with them were Tina's husband, Todd Andrade, their daughter, Olivia and Alex's girlfriend, Katie Wiktorski.

In addition, there were memories and greetings from both Rusty Schieber and Marc DePerno from Team USA. Our club president, Cathy Offinger announced that the club board of directors had unanimously approved the renaming of the Summerspiel Wheelchair event as the Tony Colacchio Wheelspiel. Jerry Lynch presented Steve Emt and Team USA with the American Flag that he and Tony had raised above the USS Constitution, to commemorate his Naval shipmates Annual Reunion last Spring. The flag will travel with Team USA as a reminder of the man who helped to build the program and bring so many members of the team, past and present to the level of international competition representing the United States of America across the globe.

Then the floor was opened for anyone that cared to share any memories, feelings or thoughts about Tony and what he meant to them. The outpouring of love, laughter and the feeling of the community that Tony helped to build was tremendous. Having heard from family, friends and athletes, the final words shared came from Meghan Lino's young nephew, Teddy, who shared the wisdom of a wise old man, despite being a very young gentleman. Teddy expressed his appreciation for all that Tony did to teach "very special people to be very special athletes" and for what Tony did for his Aunt Meghan, amongst other athletes.

The only thing that could top the love and laughter shared at that dinner would be the great curling that followed the following morning. While the National team and Development team joined with the other wheelchair curlers from across the country teamed up to play against some of the Cape's membership, Team USA's World Championship Team (Emt, Thums, Lino & Wilson) played on Sheet two against a top-notch Cape crew, skipped by Alex Colacchio with Anna Cenzalli, Katie Wiktorski and Barbara Thomson.

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The Queen of Hearts

from Mary Colacchio

Cape Cod Curling Club was represented with two teams at the 33rd Annual Queen of Hearts Bonspiel held at Nashua Country Club on February 1 through 3 this year. 13 different clubs were there from all across our region and 3 more came from Canada to play in this 24 Teams overall event. The theme was entitled Tiaras and a prize was promised for the best Tiara Queen.



Donna Pijanowski, Paula Howe, Cathy Offinger and Mary Colacchio were curling queens were finalists in the first event.

Cape Cod I was skipped by Jamie Hutchinson who was the only member of Cape Cod and her teammates from Broomstones are Karen Smith, Teri Olson and Alina Martinez. They were the Finalists in the Second Event for the Bridesmaid Trophy.

Mary Colacchio, Cathy Offinger, Donna Pijanowski and Paula Howe were the curlers on the Cape Cod II team finishing as Finalists in the 1st Event for the Curling Clan Bowl. Not only performing very well on the ice but also quite talented on stage as we entertained all at the banquet vocally with our very own version of the Curling Queen sung to the tune of the Dancing Queen adorned with our Tiaras made of precious curling stones. Needless to say we were the 1st Event Winners for the Tiara contest.

It was a great time for everyone and Nashua put on a wonderful spiel for us ladies at this bi-annual bonspiel. We'll be back in 2021 to curl and sing and dance our way to be Queen again, if we can!

Kayser Bonspiel

from Dave Benton

Two and half Cape Cod teams traveled to Rochester New York for the 35th Annual Raymond Kayser Memorial Bonspiel, a five and under mixed event. 43 teams from 14 different clubs made the trek to western New York over Valentines weekend. Cape Cod 1 was led by skip John Woods with Andrea Woods at vice, Jim Woodworth at second and Barbara Sheerin at lead. Cape Cod 2 was led by skip Suzanne LaVallee with Bob Kleinrath at vice, Laurie Benton at second and Dave Benton as lead. A mixed team from Cape Cod and South Shore included Scott Fernandes at vice and Bryan Hamilton at lead.

The theme of the event was Bourbon and Bubbles and while there was plenty of good curling all around, none of the three teams were able to distill their talents into a Sunday event final. However, two special side notes need to be highlighted: Jim Woodworth became the first wheelchair curler to participate in a bonspiel at the Rochester club and the Friday banquet was held at a place called ARTISANWorks, an event facility with an impressive collection of eclectic paintings, sculptures, carvings and other artwork. If you are in Rochester, this would be a highly recommended, unique place to see.



Our group of enthusiastic participants at the Kayser found plenty of reasons to celebrate the experience in Rochester!

Save these important dates!

Check the Club calendar for details!

March 9	Broomstones Friendly at CCCC
March 14-16	Gold Medalist Olympian Tyler George visits Cape Cod
March 22-24	Scrod Bonspiel
Mar. 31 - Apr. 5	Thornton Cup Playdowns
April 6	Thornton Cup, Social Curling, Pull the Plug
April 13	Annual Meeting, Banquet and TTT Auction

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The game came down to the final stones, but in the end, Team USA hit their final shot to bring home the win!

All in all, it was a weekend full of curling, family, friends, laughter, love and memories for the man who brought so many people together in so many ways.

The Wheelchair Curling Program is continuing strong, and we are very excited to be welcoming back wheelchair curlers from across the US and around the globe this summer. They will compete in the 10th Annual Tony Colacchio Wheelspiel, closing the 50th anniversary of Summerspiels at the Cape Cod Curling Club!

Cape Cod Curling Launches Capital Campaign

from Michael Eatough

More than 115 members attended the All Membership Meeting on January 27th to learn about the Cape Cod Curling Club's intention to launch a \$400,000 campaign to raise the funds necessary to address many of the club's infrastructure needs. At the presentation, President Cathy Offinger welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance for their interest and commitment. Bill Gallagher and Brian Pijanowski presented the needs of the club including, but not limited to: roof repair, mechanical systems replacement (i.e. - compressors and dehumidifiers) and a new ice pad. They laid out the anticipated time frame for the work and the costs associated with each project.

Dave Benton, the club's Treasurer, then provided an overview of the club's resources and the expected deficit between the Club's current Capital Fund and the costs associated with the necessary projects. Michael Eatough, a curler who happens to be a professional fundraiser, discussed a campaign feasibility study that he conducted prior to the launch to assess members' opinions on the viability of a campaign. He then explained how the club would be successful in raising

the necessary funds. Russ Lemcke talked about the last campaign and what it meant to the club in terms of its ability to host events, and the incredible value of making the club more accessible to our now highly successful wheelchair curlers.

Since the presentation, members of the Club's Development Committee have met with more than half of membership to discuss the campaign and ask individuals for their support. There is still a lot to do and many people to speak with but the Club has raised more than 60% of its \$400,000 goal and is continuing its efforts to raise the remaining funds.

If you haven't made a commitment yet, please feel free to reach out to any of the following members of the Development Committee to ask how you can become involved: Dave Benton, Doc Dunkley, Michael Eatough, Bill Gallagher, Levi Gorrell, Russ Lemcke, Mike Minior, Catherine Offinger, Brian Pijanowski, or Alexandra Zollo.

Every gift is important as we tackle this historic project.

Gold Medal Winner Tyler George here in March

from Jeanie Yaroch

Just a few short weeks until gold medal curler Tyler George arrives on Cape Cod.

Plans for his stay here have been shifting like sand dunes in a Nor'easter, but we know two things for sure: we'll be keeping him busy visiting five Falmouth schools and three others elsewhere on the Cape, working with our Little Rocker and Junior curlers, and hosting a number of public Learn to Curl clinics; and b) we've got two member-only events planned and available for registration on our website.

The first member event is Thursday, March 14, from 6-8:30 pm. You'll have an opportunity to eat, meet, and greet Tyler before he replays on video his gold medal-winning Olympic game with play-by-play description. There will also be plenty of time for Q and A.

On Saturday, March 16, there will be two sessions of Curling with Gold, each four ends. Tyler will be roaming the ice and offering advice for improving skills like delivery and sweeping during the first two ends; the next two ends he'll be giving strategy advice. A fusion taco bar dinner is also included.

Looking forward to seeing all our members enjoy this special visit.



Summerspiel 2019

from Mike Minior, Summerspiel Coordinator

The 50th edition of our Mixed Summerspiel will be kicking off on July 11th. Invitations were released on January 20th and the Ladies was full by January 22nd. The response this year has been fantastic with the Mixed, Ladies and Men's spiels filling up quickly and teams being put on the waitlist. More info on the Junior and Wheelchair spiels will be in future newsletters.

Already members are asking "How can I help?". A large signup sheet will be posted in the club shortly. You can select which spiel you can help with and what tasks. You could help with culinary or hospitality for one of the five spiels or perhaps work behind the bar or on the ice. This will be your opportunity let us know when you would like to help and come July it will be your opportunity to meet curlers from near and far, including Scotland. So, when you see the volunteer board, please pencil in your name for one (or many) of the openings.

Club members wishing to sub in one of the spiels should register on the club website. It could be for one game or as a permanent sub on an out of town team. Our needs won't be known for some time but put your name on the list if you are interested.

The summerspiel will be here before you know it! Are you ready?



Inaugural 5 and Under National Championship

from Maura McCarthy

Cape Cod Curling Club was represented by Maura McCarthy at the Inaugural 5 & Under National Championship in Duluth, Minnesota. This event was sponsored by USWCA, USCA, the Duluth Curling Club and Team Shuster. Maura played lead for the Norfolk Curling Club Zwick Rink comprised of Jonathan Zwick (skip), Shannon Zwick (vice), and Mike Lazzaro (second). In order to qualify to play in the national championship, teams from all over the United States had to win an event in a Regional 5 & Under Bonspiel.

Cape Cod is a member of the GNCC region. The GNCC recognized events to qualify for the National Championship are The Raymond Kaysar 5 & Under Mixed Bonspiel; The Elizabeth Childs Challenge 5 & Under Women's Bonspiel; The Francis Dykes 5 & Under Men's Bonspiel; The Cool Duck 5 & Under Open Bonspiel and The Worcester Cup 5 & Under Open Bonspiel. Many members of the Cape Cod and Norfolk Curling Clubs have played in all of these events with great success.

The Zwick Rink was 3rd Event Winners at both the 2018 Raymond Kaysar Bonspiel held at Utica Curling Club and the 2018 Worcester Cup held at The Country Club. These events qualified them to register for the Inaugural 5 & Under Championship. The registration was accepted and they were invited to attend the event which would be held at the Duluth Curling Club February 22 – 24, 2019. The last step in the process was deciding to go.

Three of the four original players had to attend or the team couldn't play. The event was far away in the middle of winter. Schedules would be impacted. Cape Cod was celebrating their 50th Anniversary; Norfolk was hosting their annual Winter Wonderland Women's Bonspiel on the same weekend. How often would they have the opportunity to qualify for the INAUGURAL NATIONAL anything, never mind the 5 & Under National Championship. They had to go, so they did. The original team. The Zwicks drove round trip, Mike Lazzaro flew round trip, Maura flew out to Duluth and drove back with the Zwicks – what a weekend!

It began Thursday. Tyler George, Gold Medal Vice Skip for Team Shuster welcomed Jonathan, Shannon and Maura to his home club and introduced them to many of the Duluth Curling Club members and management. (Mike Lazzaro arrived at midnight due to weather delays.) Friday morning, they all had the opportunity to practice before their first game. After throwing 8 stones each they were back in the warm room where they met Chris Plys, Korey Dropkin, Gold Medal Alternate Joe Polo, and Gold Medal Skip John Shuster. Saturday night was the Banquet with Joe Polo in attendance. There was a bonus event for those who stayed in Duluth Sunday night before returning to their home clubs. Duluth was celebrating the 1-year anniversary of the Gold Medal win. That is where Jonathan, Shannon and Maura met John Landsteiner, Gold Medal Lead for team Shuster.

The games began Friday night. Team Zwick's goals were to play their best, keep rocks in play, play on Sunday, bring home hardware. They played 1 game Friday; 2 games Saturday; 2 games Sunday. They are 4th event finalists of the National 5 & Under Championship. They brought home the hardware!



Norfolk Curling Club's Zwick rink finished as 4th event finalists: Johnathan Zwick (skip), Shannon Zwick (vice), Mike Lazzaro (2nd), and Maura McCarthy (lead)

There are eleven regional curling associations. Thirty-two teams representing nine of the regions were at the inaugural 5 & Under National Championship. Ten of the thirty-two teams were from the GNCC. The A Event final was all GNCC: Dan Gerlach's rink from Ardsley vs. Michael Parker's rink from Nutmeg. They knew the trophy would be coming east. Congratulations to Nutmeg, they brought the trophy home.

To all 5 & Under curlers, Team Zwick hopes you get a rink together so that you can play in one of the regional 5 & Under Bonspiels which will in turn give you the opportunity to curl in next year's 5 & Under National. The tournament is always held on the 4th weekend of February, but the host club will vary every year. Perhaps it will take place at a GNCC club next year.

Thank you to all of the club members at Cape Cod and Norfolk who have helped Team Zwick hone their skills and encouraged Jonathan, Shannon, Mike and Maura to go to other clubs to bonspiel. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity. They are all very grateful that they were able to participate in the Inaugural 5 & Under National Championship.

It's the season to check your grippers!

Those dastardly little rubber specs flaking inside your gripper can cause the most frustrating pick of a stone...and it could be your team's stone!

Our Annual Meeting Events

19th Annual Triple T Auction

from Mary Colacchio & Runi Kleinas, Event Chairs



The 19th Annual Triple T Auction will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting Dinner on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Now is the time to start thinking about what YOU are going to put into the 2019 auction. It is a major fund raiser for the club and a lot of fun! Triple T's are also known as Time, Talent and Things. The success of this event is dependent on the creative donations from our members. Do you have a special talent that you could donate for an item or maybe provide a lesson? How about a special recipe that you could make a 'batch' of that item? Are you a business owner or have friends that do who could donate services or items? Below are some examples for thought but there's no limit to our imagination! Keep in mind that there is also a Raffle in addition to the Triple T silent auction and we need items for that table as well.

Examples and ideas for Triple T Auction / Raffle items:

Host a party at someone's home; brunch, lunch, cocktails, special type of party

- Tickets to a Show, Theatre, Pro Sporting Event
- Outdoor activities; sailing, fishing, boating, trip to MV, shopping, game party, golf
- Food Items; pie/cake a month, chowder for 8, casserole dinner, food shopping / prep, etc.
- Education/lessons; computer, cooking, sewing, painting, special talents, etc.
- Handmade Items/Artwork; paintings, pottery, knitting, baskets, crafts
- Personal Services; baby, parent, pet or house sitting; airport transport, yard clean-up, gardening/landscape, house repairs, housework etc
- Special Talents; garden design, interior decorating, legal assistance, accounting support
- Things; curling memorabilia, prints, jewels, giftware, apparel, etc.

A TTT Auction donation form can be found in a folder on the bulletin board in the warm room. Put completed forms in the respective corresponding folder, also on the bulletin board, OR mail to:

Mary Colacchio – 294 Cairn Ridge Rd, E Falmouth, MA 02536-7929 or email to marycolacchio@verizon.net.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the above email address or phone me at 508-457-5595.

Annual Meeting Dinner

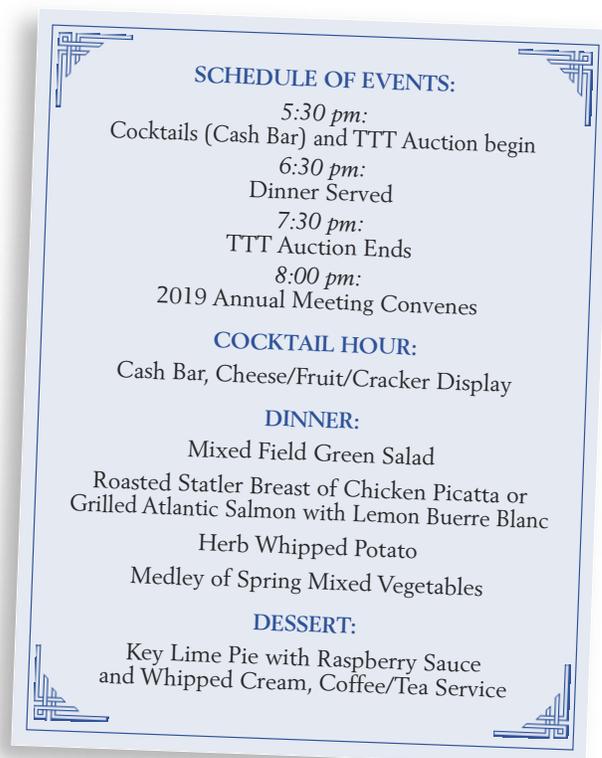
from Maura McCarthy

The Cape Cod Curling Club Annual Meeting Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Pocasset Golf Club. The cost per person is \$40. Registration for the dinner will be posted on the website soon.

It's almost time to stow the fleece, sliders, stabilizers and brooms. Another curling season is nearing an end. It's been a fantastic season of league play, in-house friendlies, bonspiels and socials as well as many successes and lots of fun at away clubs in Albany, Ardsley, Bucks County, Duluth, Nashua, Norfolk, Nutmeg, Plainfield, Rochester, Tempe, Utica, Montreal and Bedford QC to name just a few. Hear all about it at the wonderful evening planned at the Pocasset Golf Club.

So, dig deep into your closet for your spring finery, put away the black, grey and navy blue. (Dress Code: Festive Cape Cod Casual – no jeans or t-shirts.) It may even be warm enough to wear open-toed shoes. Thank you everyone for joining in the fun this year. Please know we are grateful for everyone's help. We appreciate the hard work of all our members. It's what makes this club special – we all contribute to its success.

Good Curling Everyone!



We ask all members to become active in supporting our TTT Auction by attending and donating items. As our primary fund-raiser, our club and all members benefit from its success!

2019 College Bonspiel

from Bill Gallagher

On the weekend of February 1st through February 3rd, 2019, the Cape Cod Curling Club hosted a three day College Curling Bonspiel sanctioned by the US College Curling Association. In accordance with the USCCA Guidelines, this event is a qualifier for Colleges to earn points for consideration in earning an invitation to the National College Championship. Also in accordance with the USCCA, the event must be hosted by a USCCA member college. For the third year in a row, Cape Cod Curling Club partnered with Bowdoin College from Maine in holding the event.

Twelve teams participated in seven draws over three days to determine the Spiel winners. Detailed statistics are maintained and submitted to USCCA for each team to increase their opportunity to be invited to the national championship. The teams were separated into two pools of six teams each and played down to the championship games on Sunday morning.

The twelve teams that participated in the College Bonspiel were:

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| Pool A: | • Bowdoin 1 | • SUNY | • Harvard |
| | • Cornell | • Syracuse | • Hamilton |
| Pool B | • Bowdoin 2 | • Colgate | • MIT |
| | • Unity | • Villanova | • Castleton |

On Sunday, Syracuse was the First Event Winner over MIT, SUNY was the Second Event Winner over Bowdoin 1 and Villanova was the Third event Winner over Colgate.

We were pleased to see that Alumni of the colleges and family members of the players showed up over the weekend to watch the teams and very good curling. We also had local families bring youngsters in to see the college players perform. Members of the Ice Crew were present with the college curlers throughout the weekend – 6:00 am till midnight.

I would like to point out to the Cape Cod Membership what a delight these college curlers are to work with. They arrived on Friday evening at 8:00 pm and had their first draw of the weekend. Half the students played in the first draw while the other half went grocery shopping for the weekend. They finished their games and stored all their supplies and were out of the club by midnight. On Saturday they started at 7:00 am preparing breakfast and held their first draw at 8:00 am. When we planned the event we decided



"Kudos to Krista – WHOI News"

"For distinguishing herself in extraordinary accomplishments in engineering, instrument development, information systems or oceanography, and having demonstrated a commitment to mentorship and partnership with junior technical staff members,

The 2019 W. M. Marquet Senior Technical Staff Award has been awarded to Krista Longnecker."

Congratulations, Krista!!

"Bill Gallagher – St. Michaels"

Bill has been a long-time supporter of St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont. He has served for many years as a trustee, and has been a chairman of the Board of Trustees. Bill was recently invited by the Board to receive the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, at the Commencement exercises on May 12, 2019.

Editors note: If you know of any member who has recently received or done something worthy of distinction we may consider it for this space.

to not cancel the normal Saturday Scrod League from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. So the college curlers prepared a hot meal for their 50+ entourage and dined as a group in the dining room during the Scrod draw. They then held two additional draws at 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm, again closing the club at midnight. On Sunday morning they held their championship draw at 9:00 am and the majority of the teams were on the road back to school by noon. The 12 member Bowdoin team (including their coach) spent the next two hours cleaning the club, including the warm room, kitchen, dining room and locker rooms, including vacuuming everything and placing all trash in the dumpsters – all without direction from us. They also dry mopped the ice and pebbled and nipped for every one of their draws. They also spent a fair amount of money in the Store purchasing supplies and Cape Cod 50th Anniversary pins and glasses.



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