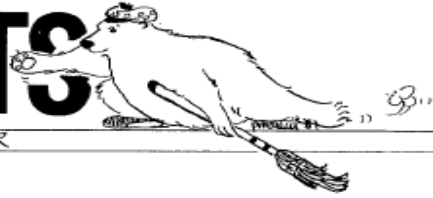




BEAR FACTS



FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

♦ Fairbanks Curling Club ♦ Established in 1905 ♦

From the President

The curling season is fast approaching, just one more Bear Facts and we are ready to begin. The Board has been working diligently this summer to prepare the club for the upcoming season so make sure you attend the Open House to see what's new.

- Along with some club upgrades that you'll see make sure you bring a friend or two or three. If they sign up, you'll be rewarded, come find out how.
- We'll be looking for volunteers for lots of things, make sure you stop by all the booths.
- Bring your business cards and reserve space in our curler advertisement broucher.
- There are lots of new things in the works, who knows, you might even get to meet a new club manager.

See you at the Open House, if not before.

Annual Golf Scramble

The Golf Scramble is our first event of the season! Bring your love for Scottish sports, strategizing, and socializing to the Fairbanks Golf Course on *Friday Aug. 8th @ 6pm*. This event is for all curlers, their families, and their friends. Golf experience is absolutely not necessary! This is a fun event for everyone and is a great way to bring in the upcoming curling season.

There is an entry fee of \$25/person, which includes refreshments and hot dogs. Any proceeds will go to help pay for an upgrade to the on ice camera system at the curling club. There will be a short information/rules meeting at 5:30 and then the shotgun start at 6pm! Contact Larry Meath at lmeath@alaska.net or 907-457-2306 to sign up a team of four or as an individual.

Military Appreciation Day

The curling club has been invited to participate in Military Appreciation Day at Pioneer Park. We will be sponsoring a booth on *Saturday August 22nd*. We would like to have at least 2 volunteers to help answer questions and get people interested in curling from noon-5. That would only be 2.5 hours of volunteer time to help promote our sport and our club! This could encourage new members and give our military personelle a family event to get involved with! If you can volunteer please contact Cathy Persinger at cathyp@alaska.net

2009 Open House

That's right Fairbanks curlers, the 2009 curling season is right around the corner! This summer has been warm and productive (and smoky!) but with fall comes frozen thoughts of ice, rocks, hit-and-rolls, and hammers!

The Open House will be on *Friday Sept. 25th*. This is a time to put your teams together, sign-up for draws, pay dues, and recount all your summer fish stories with your curling buds! On *Sept. 26th & 27th* we will be doing curling instruction for new and interested curlers. Please consider donating a few hours to help promote our sport.

I'd like to emphasize that the Open House is the ideal time to *pay your dues*. There will be a late fee enforced this year for curlers who neglect their dues.

Event Calendar

Stay tuned for an updated calendar on the Curling Club website. Competitive and recreational events will be listed to help you plan your curling season.

Updates will be added as events and dates are secured.

Junior Garage Sale

The juniors are once again organizing their annual garage sale. This event is beneficial in many ways to our club: it raises funds for our junior curlers, helps our members clean their garages, and brings the community into our club!

Thank you to everyone who has brought donated items to the club. The juniors would gladly still accept donations. Please bring sellable items to the curling club and store them behind sheets 4-6. This event is only successful with your donations!

Mark your calendars for *Sept. 18th & 19th*.

Curling on *Simpsons*

During the Torino Olympics the USA had our first Olympic medal! Although we hope to repeat that event with the upcoming Vancouver Olympics, there will be another curling first! The *Simpsons* have been on the air for nearly 20 years and will be highlighting our sport! While curling will experience more TV coverage than ever, the *Simpsons* episode will also help promote our sport. The show will have

Homer and Marge Simpson as a Mixed Doubles couple against Principal Skinner and his momma. Marge is a natural but Homer...well, Homer needs to take remedial curling! Will Marge give up hope for a medal by saving Homer's ego or will she find a new teammate? We will be sure to send out more information when we have it. For now the show is slated to air during the Vancouver Olympics in February.

Member Family in Need

Want to get some practice in before the Annual Golf Scramble? Want to get some more golf in before the snow flies? Want to help out fellow curlers Dick & Judy Morris and their family? Nick Morris, the son of Dick and Judy, was in a motorcycle accident last month. He was medivaced to Seattle where he underwent reconstructive surgery for a multitude of injuries. He is currently confined to a wheelchair and has an extensive road to recovery.

There will be a 9 hole Golf Fundraiser on *Friday August 21st* @ 6pm (one week prior to our annual event). The cost is \$50/person. You may sign up as a team or as an individual. For information, or to sign up, Call Fran Westervelt 456-6087 Tom Mulka 479-6555 or Dick Morris 479-6608.

Bear Facts Articles

The season is fast approaching which means there will be lots of events coming! If you would like to see your event in the Bear Facts, please send me information on the event. If you would like to see a member highlighted, a success recognized, or any other curling related plead, please send the info my way! snider.kellyrae@gmail.com

No Ice This Year?

Okay, so that might be a little dramatic, but I got your attention right? The Ice Crew puts in an unimaginable number of volunteer hours every year to get your ice ready (not to mention the hours maintaining it!). By offering a few of your own hours you can learn the art of ice making and help our dedicated ice crew. Any time you can donate is greatly appreciated and genuinely helps.

Flooding will hopefully start the week of September 1st. Following this first flood Matt and Rex will need 3-4 person crews on different days. If you can help out, even for just a few hours a week, let Matt or Rex know! There is no experience necessary, they will find a way to utilize you!

. Email Matt Taylor at mtaylor@northstar.k12.ak.us or call Rex at 456-1476

Reporting from Iraq: Tom Hewitt

Our very own Tom Hewitt is currently in Iraq on a once in a lifetime learning experience. He, two other students, and their professor recently traveled to Iraq to embed with our Stryker Brigade.

They are currently reporting their experience in multiple forms around Alaska. They are updating blogs daily and the New-Miner has run several of their stories. They are learning first hand what war reporting is all about!

Tom Hewitt has been active at our Curling Club since his junior days and remains both a competitive and recreational curler. Hopefully Tom will be willing to share his experiences over a beer after his Friday night draw this fall!

Please follow their reporting at <http://shorttimers.blogspot.com/>

Fairbanks Curling Club Golf Scramble

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Friday, August 28

Fairbanks Golf Club

“Shotgun Start” immediately after rules meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Format: Teams of 4, Scramble, 9 holes

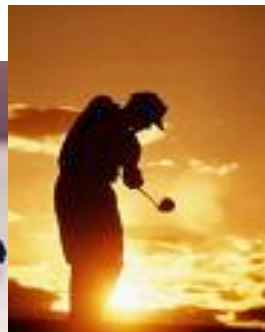
As part of our social and mental preparation for the coming curling season, the Fairbanks Curling Club will be hosting a “Scramble” for curlers, family, and friends at the Fairbanks Country Club on Farmers’ Loop. There will be a brief “rules” meeting at 5:30 and play will commence by 6:00.

There is room for 13 teams or a total of 52 individuals including past, present, and future curlers along with their family members and friends.

We will have hot dogs and refreshments available as part of the entry fee of \$25 per individual. Any money left after expenses will go to the curling club to help upgrade our on ice camera system.

Sign up by contacting Larry Meath at 457-2306 or email at lmeath@alaska.net by Sept. 4.

We’ll have a few reminders on the course that curling is not far off. So bring your “A” game and join us for some fun, refreshments, and cheesy prizes as we “Honor” both of these games with their Scottish roots.





Fri/Sat/Sun

Sept.25-27

OPEN HOUSE

Curling Club Members: Come to the Open House on Friday Sept. 25th to socialize, sign up for draws, pay dues, and organize teams. Please note that a late fee will be enforced this year.

Interested Community Folk: Would you like to learn about the Olympic sport of curling? Now's your chance! Come down to the Fairbanks Curling Club Sept. 26th and/or 27th to learn the basics and give it a shot! No experience necessary, we'll teach you! Wear comfy clothes and clean shoes.