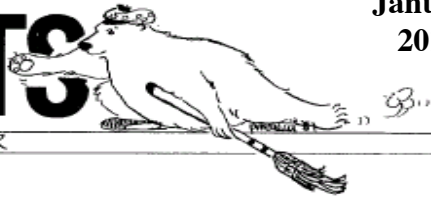




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FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Olympic Flamed Salmon Dinner

On Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> the Junior Curlers will be hosting a formal sit down dinner. This will serve as both a fundraiser for the Junior program as well as a social event to kick off the 2010 Winter Olympics. The Olympic Opening Ceremonies will be held on the same date and will be televised during dinner.

Dinner will feature Pacific Northwest food and will be a five-course meal. Tables may be purchased for \$300 (8 seats) or individual seats are available for \$40. Juniors are encouraging the sale of tables for teams to sit down together and enjoy the Opening Ceremonies together. This event is not limited to curlers, so please consider inviting friends and family to join us!

Juniors are pre-selling tickets. There are only 22 tables available. Cocktails @ 7p. Dinner @ 8p. To RSVP email [curlalaska@live.com](mailto:curlalaska@live.com)

## Show Your True Colours: Camo! Army vs. Airforce Spiel

No, this won't be a combat drill with loud airplanes and tanks, but a bout on the ice and a social event for military members and their families. This bonspiel is designed to bring military club members together with a friendly competition between the two branches of the armed forces.

Many military personnel get stationed here and are looking for ways to get involved in the community. If you know of current or past military folks who might be interested please invite them.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the club. Events will be on Sat. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to sign up email [terrabowen@gmail.com](mailto:terrabowen@gmail.com)

## Odds Are you Can't Win if you Don't Have a Ticket

The Annual Cash Raffle Dinner will be held at the Curling Club on February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Proceeds from this event help fund club projects and is the most critical fundraising event of the year. It is also a chance to help your own finances with a drawing for cash prizes, including the \$10,000 grand prize.

Tickets are available at the bar and from club members. Ivar Halvarson has been working hard to organize this year's event and would be happy to sell you the winning tickets! There are changes to this year's event:

- tickets are \$100 and include 1 plated dinner
- extra dinner tickets cost \$15
- only 250 tickets sold (your odds go way up!)
- doors open at 6pm

## General Membership Meeting: March 30<sup>th</sup>

The annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. This meeting serves multiple purposes and is critical in the growth and development of our club.

Our club is entirely volunteer run. We, as members, get to shape the direction and mission of the Fairbanks Curling Club. Board members will have committee reports to share and discuss. The Board will also be soliciting ideas and discussion on a number of large Club wide projects. There will be an open forum as well.

Also, the Board has been working hard to amend our Club bylaws to better suit our mission statement. These changes will also be discussed.

Please mark your calendars for March 30<sup>th</sup> and come this critical meeting!

## **Board Member Candidates**

In addition to discussing club wide issues and committee reports, the General Membership Meeting also marks the end of a term for three current board members. It also marks the beginning of an opportunity for three new people!

The terms for Terra Bowen, Donna Laiti, and Althea St.Martin will expire this year. It is time to start considering who will fill these positions. If you are interested in being a member of the FCC's Board of Directors please contact Ivar Halvarson. Also, if you know someone who would do a superb job please approach them. Our members need to know we have confidence in their leadership abilities!

A description of responsibilities and expectations will be posted at the club soon.

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## **2011 Junior Nationals: host family recruitment**

A great way to get involved with the 2011 Junior Nationals is sponsor a visiting team by being their "Host Family". The host family is a critical step in helping our visiting teams feel welcome in Fairbanks, despite the cold weather!

During my own junior years I had a variety of different host family experiences. Some things that host families can do, but are not obligated to do:

- greeting teams at the airport
- presenting welcome bags with local goodies
- coming to games to cheer on visiting teams
- invite the team to your place for dinner
- recommend dining options
- show your team around Fairbanks/North Pole

Visiting teams will be staying at a local hotel, so by being a host family you are not agreeing to literally host them in your home! You and your family would merely be a contact point for visiting teams.

Ken Hall is the Host Family committee chair. If you have questions or might be interested in being a host family for one of the 18 visiting teams, please contact him. [khall@lynden.com](mailto:khall@lynden.com) or 474-0568.

## **2009 Junior Nationals**

The 2009 Junior Nationals were held recently in Bemidji Minnesota. Our local juniors men and women's teams continued a proud tradition of representing our club and our state!

Team Alaska Junior Men included Matt Birklid, Atticus Wallace, Ryan Flippo, and Ollie Halvarson. They finished the round robin at 2-7. However, this does not reflect their performance. They narrowly lost two games in extra ends!

Team Alaska Junior Women included Vicky Persinger, Jenny Taylor, Tina Persinger, and Meredith Hazen. They finished the round robin at 4-5 and narrowly missed the playoff round.

We are very proud of Team Alaska and their exceptional representation of our State both on and off the ice. All of these juniors are eligible for juniors next year so we can only expect continued growth from this talented group!

## **FCC Treasurer Needed**

The Board of Directors would like to give a large heart felt and sincere thank you to Reid Jeglum. Reid has volunteered his time as the FCC's treasurer for many years. When he filled the vacated spot Reid had no accounting experience but managed to organize our financial records.

The FCC is now looking for someone to fill the position recently vacated by Reid. If you have accounting experience, or would like to gain some experience, we encourage you to consider this position. Reid had no experience when he volunteered! Reid will continue to curl and be an active member and is willing to help guide a new treasurer.

If you might be interested please contact any board member.

## **Thank you Volunteers!**

Saturday, January 16th, FCC hosted a group of 100 adults and exchange students from Rotary Clubs in Alaska and Yukon. Many current and past club members helped the 100 guest in their first curling experience. Thanks to Larry Meath, Rick & Julie Miller, Gordon Moe, Claudia & Dave Goddard, Ivar Halvarson, Jim Callahan, Dick Morris, Bob Groseclose, Barbara Schumman, Bill Robertson, John Wellert, Matt Birkliid, Vicky & Tina Persinger, John Mumm and Sue Sprinkle.

Thank you to Carla Willetto who has set a wonderful example of how to volunteer around our club! Carla has written a note behind sheet 6 with fabulous recommendations to Little Rocker parents on how to assist on Saturdays with this program. Carla's initiative is an example of how everyone can support the Curling Club's needs in little ways, we not only enhance the Club and Curling; but also provide much needed relief to the Club's key volunteers.

If you would like to see a volunteers hard work recognized during the General Board Meeting, please email me at [snider.kellyrae@gmail.com](mailto:snider.kellyrae@gmail.com)

## **Fireside Chats Featured in Feb Let Us Hear from YOU**

The FCC Board of Directors will be holding a series of Fireside Chats on a variety of topic to gather input from the members. These informal gatherings will be on Fridays at 8pm. and will these include topics: a paid manager for the club manager, club expansion and sheet 6 exterior wall, 2011 Junior Nationals and the 501 (c) status of the club.

The topic and additional member comment forms will be available for a week, .so if you can't make it on Friday, you can add your comments during the

next week. February 5 the topic will be Club Manager-stop by and give your ideas how this position can increase revenue and your vision of a club manager. Feb 19 the topic will be 2011 Junior Nationals.

## ***Simpsons* Curling Episode**

Marge and Homer Simpson will be taking on Principal Skinner and his mom in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics! The *Simpsons* episode is set to air on Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Although much of the story is fictional (curling mixed doubles is not an Olympic sport) the exposure for our sport is real! Be sure to tune into *Fox* for this episode where Homer's bowling skills translate into a good delivery and Marge's housekeeping skills make her a great sweeper!

## **Skins Format Super Bowl**

Last year Denny Thies and Terra Bowen came up with the idea of having a short Skins Tournament during the Super Bowl. The idea was a big success and they want to do it again this year!

On Super Bowl Sunday come down to the club for some friendly on-ice Skins competition. The scoring and rules of a Skins game is slightly different than regular curling and is an excellent way to learn strategy. Of course they will also be watching the "Big Game" on the big TV. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share!

For a sign up sheet and info please see the bulletin board at the club.

Do you want to win \$10,000?

Curling Club

**Cash Raffle**

**Our major fundraiser of the year  
Please support the club**

Tickets Available at the Bar.

Total Payout \$12,000

\$100 each (includes one Prime Rib Dinner)

February 27, 2010

Need not be present to win.

Extra Dinner Tickets Available

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**Remember:** The bar is no longer selling curling supplies. Contact a board member with suggestions on where to buy your new brooms, shoes, and other curling necessities!

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