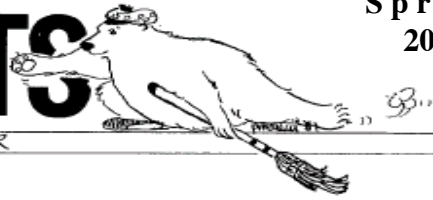




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FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

◆ Fairbanks Curling Club ◆ Established in 1905 ◆

Membership Meeting...Yup, That's You!

On March 30th, at 7pm, we will be hosting our annual General Membership meeting. In order to conduct business we need to meet a quorum, so please plan on attending. There are several important issues to discuss with the membership and the Board will be soliciting opinions from the membership. Our Organizational By-Laws require that we conduct a General Membership Meeting around this time yearly.

In addition to club issues we will also be welcoming three new Board Members and saying thank you to the three outgoing Board Members. Can't make it? Although we'd like to see everyone, if you can't make it PLEASE give your proxy vote to someone who will attend. This will help us make quorum and make decisions that genuinely reflect the will of the membership

Key Issues:

- election of new Board Members
- facility upgrades
- Change of Non Profit designation
- 2011 Jr. Nationals

Proxy Proxy!!

Don't sweep your opportunity to have a voice into the boards! (okay, that was bad, but I have your attention right?!) By filling out a proxy and giving it to someone who will be attending the General Membership Meeting you are making sure your voice is heard! We are an all volunteer club and each of us has a stake in our Curling Club. Please, if you can not make the Meeting on March 30th give your proxy to someone.

Proxy forms are located at the end of this newsletter and there are many at the club as well.

Search for New Board Members

This year we are saying a very genuine "Thank You" to our outgoing Board Members: Donna Laiti, Althea St. Martin, and Terra Bowen. Thank you for your countless hours in helping move our club progressively forward!

These three Board positions will be refilled with new dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in running for the Board, please let Ivar Halverson know and we will put your name on the ballot. Being a Board Member is a unique way to see the inside workings of our organization. It also provides you with a strong voice to see change, promote our sport, and be actively involved in decision making that affects all of us. Ivar can be reached at 459-1418.

Saddle Your Horse at the Trough and Volunteer

This year Matt Evenson and Sarah Wolfe are graciously Co-Chairing the International festivities. This is a huge responsibility and they can't accomplish it alone.

As of today they are in need of Kitchen Volunteers. Our club is known for our hospitality and we'd like to continue that tradition. If you can provide a few hours of kitchen assistance please contact a Co-Chair!

We know that most of us will be at the club for four days straight anyway, so why not help out a bit while you are waiting for your next game?!

Matt: (907) 457-8008
Sarah: (907) 460-6264

I'm the Sheriff in Town!

- International Bonspiel –

The International Bonspiel is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for April 1st-4th for some Cowboy Curling. This year's theme is Cowboy Western and teams are, as always encouraged to dress up.

If you hear “Yee Haw” on the ice, Atticus Wallace has a cowboy call planned for shots that are made! Please refrain from bringing your pistols onto the ice as all ties will be determined with an extra end, not a “shoot out”! And remember spurs will scrape the ice and Matt and Rex will scrape you!

Our primary sponsor for the International is **Kendal Auto Fairbanks** and the secondary sponsor is **Twigs Alaska**.

There are signup sheets available at the curling club. Remember this is both a competitive and recreational event. **ALL** teams, and all skill levels are encouraged to participate. We will also be offering the “Novice League” again. That signup sheet is also at the club.

Military Spiel Crowns Air Force...again

In the third annual Military Spiel, two Air Force and two Army teams competed against one another. After the 6 end games, which were preceded by practice for the novices, there was a tie! Teams lagged for the Title, allowing 1 experienced and 1 novice curler to lag from each armed forces branch. The Air Force claimed the Title and bragging rights for the next year.

Special thanks to Dave Flippo, Gordon Moe, and Terra Bowen for organizing this event! The military spiel helps expose new people to curler and provides a new activity for our soldiers and their families to try!

If you, friends, or family have Military connections keep the Military Spiel in mind for next year! Especially if you are Army...

Cash Given Out and Dinners

Served: Cash Raffle = Success

The Annual Cash Raffle was another success this year: raising money for the club, getting the membership together, and making for some very happy people! Specifically Ben Kilbourn who was the sole grand prize winner!

Gratitude is due to Ivar, who coordinated the entire event. This is one of the primary fundraisers for the Fairbanks Curling Club. Also, our never ending “Thank You” to the amazing Club Sponsors. I hope everyone enjoyed a meal, the entertainment, and Denny's eerily good predictions of who would not win cash prizes!

Youth Make Alaska Proud

In our sport sportsmanship and comraderie is expected. This is one of the first lessons we teach new curlers: shake hands and mean it. Like all sports winning is great, but do so humble and loose graciously. Our local youth curlers have demonstrated this skill yet again.

The Alaska Junior Boys team was awarded the “Curtis Cup Sportsmanship Award” at the 2010 Junior Nationals in Bemidji. Matt Birkliid, Atticus Wallace, Ryan Flippo, and Ollie Halverson continue to make us proud!

Team Alaska was also given the Sportsmanship Award at the 2010 Arctic Winter Games in Grand Prairie Alberta. We know that our curlers have always demonstrated this skill and it has clearly caught on! Great job Team Alaska!

Arctic Winter Games 2010

Team Alaska curlers traveled to Alberta during their Spring Break to represent us at the Arctic Winter Games.

Great job Junior Men: Ryan Flipp, Quinn Evenson, Tavish Logan, and John Wellert. The guys narrowly missed the bronze medal.

Great job Junior Women: Kaitlin Fowler, Kayla Foster, Cora Farrell, and Ariel Traxler. The girls were the youngest team there but represented our state well!

Been on the Ice? Give Thanks!

Good Luck in Texas Matt Taylor!

It is with great sadness that I announce to our membership that Head Ice Maker Matt Taylor will be leaving Alaska this summer. Matt has dedicated many years and countless hours to the Fairbanks Curling Club. He is an avid curler and a vital component to the success of our club. We have consistently fast, clean, and competitive quality ice due to the dedication of our Ice Crew and the leadership of Matt Taylor. Anyone who has stepped onto the ice, as a competitive, recreational, or novice curler owes Matt a heartfelt Thank You, and a cold tap beer. He will be available during the International if you'd like to show your gratitude at the bar!

Personally I owe Matt much more than a beer! Our club is losing our Head Ice Maker, and, more importantly, an amazing friend to many of us. Matt, please stay in touch! We wish you all the luck in the future during the next chapter. Please visit us often and Good Curling!

2010 Jr. Nationals are Over...WE'RE NEXT!

The 2010 Junior Nationals are over, which means that our club is next! We are still extremely excited about the opportunity to showcase the Fairbanks Curling Club to the top junior teams in the nation.

Many committees are busy working on the logistics and details of this massive undertaking. We have secured many sponsorships through the generosity of local businesses and will be soliciting for more support in the near future. As these sponsorships come in we will pass along their names so we, as a membership, can support these businesses.

As deadlines approach and next February draws nearer event Co-Chairs Dave Flippo and Denny Thies will be constantly looking for volunteers. They can help direct you toward a specific committee. Please expect more details to follow throughout the summer and into the next curling season.

The Board Gives Thanks:

Reid Jeglum

The Board would also like to give a sincere thanks to Reid Jeglum. I would like to describe all that Reid has done for the FCC in recent years but the list honestly is inclusive it would be easier to say what he hasn't done for us. Reid has worked behind the scenes in every thankless task that is available. He is at the Curling Club at least once a day to attend to Club matters. Many days he is here more than once.

Reid is resigning his "positions", which included treasurer. We can not thank you enough, Reid, for all the time and effort you have committed!

We also couldn't thank someone enough for stepping into Reid's role. Reid had zero accounting experience when he volunteered. We are looking for someone to volunteer their time and experience to help fill the boots that Reid is vacating. Contact a Board member if you have an interest in being more involved in our Club!

Attention: All Women Curlers

All women curlers are invited to attend the Annual Women's Luncheon on Sat April 3rd @ noon during the International Bonspiel.

This event is a fun, entertainment filled, social event designed for the women of our club! Please come by and join us for drinks, food, and fun!

You do not need to be curling in the bonspiel to attend!

Going for the Gold 2010

Although the Olympics are over, we have several teams still competing in competitions.

Steve Shuttleworth, Kay Huffman, Peter Lunquist, and Cathy Shuttleworth are currently in Chicago competing at the Mixed National Championships.

Teams will also be competing in Vancouver in late April at the Pacific International Cup. Teams include Kelly Fezatte, Cathy Shuttleworth, Terra Bowen, and Adie Callahan. For the men it is Dave Hill, John Blake, Greg Persinger, and Jason Ostnes.

Sweetheart Spiel

The third annual Sweetheart Spiel was also a success this year. Six teams competed in six end games. Big "thank you" to Sarah Wolfe for being the Organizing Chair and to Don McPhee, Terry and Mike McFarland, and Terra Bowen for being on the organizing committee.

1st place went to a team of incognito students of Thunder Birklid, Thunder Taylor, Thunder Wallace, and Thunder Hazen. If anyone knows their true identities we recommend you remain silently for your own safety!

2nd place was Sarah Wolfe, Jim Manning, Mike McFarland, and Terry McFarland

3rd place was Don McPhee, Lynda Sather, David Weissmen, and Ellen Weissmen.

ALL PAST, CURRENT & FUTURE LADY CURLERS

are cordially invited to the

Ladie's Bonspiel Luncheon Saturday, April 3

Noon - 2:00 PM

Compliments of the Golden Heart Ladies Club

Free food, fun and entertainment!

Door prizes and white elephant!

~ western dress or come as you are ~

Whether you're in the bonspiel or not, we hope to see you there!

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Would you like to help out?

Downstairs, the bulletin board has a sign-up sheet for food and a large box in which to deposit white elephant gifts.

We are looking for nice door prizes. If you or your company have something to donate, please pass it along to one of us (Lynda, Susan, Eileen, Debbie...)

Can you help decorate, set up, serve or clean up?
Call Lynda at #457-6743 (sather@gci.net) or just show up!

PROXY

FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB INC. ANNUAL MEETING

I, _____ being a member in good standing of the Fairbanks Curling Club, do hereby appoint _____ of Fairbanks, Alaska, a member in good standing of said Corporation, as my proxy to attend the Annual Meeting of members of the Corporation to be held the 30th day of March 2010, at Fairbanks, Alaska or any continuation or adjournment thereof, with full power to vote and act for me to the same extent that I might, were I personally present, giving to the said _____ full power of substitution and revocation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Signature of Member

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For advertising information, contact Donna Laiti at laitidg@alyeska-pipeline.com

Visit our website: www.curlfairbanks.org

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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