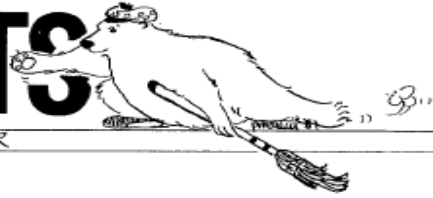




# BEAR FACTS



FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

◆ Fairbanks Curling Club ◆ Established in 1905 ◆

## New Officers for Board of Directors

At the April Board of Directors meeting new officers were elected for our 2009-2010 season. Dave Flippo will take on the responsibilities of President and John Blake will serve as his right hand man at Vice President. Ryan Binkley will continue his service as Board Secretary. Reid Jeglum will continue as Treasurer with continued support from Terria Rohloff.

Three new members were elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Membership Meeting. Jim Callahan, Ivar Halvarson, and Kelly Fezatte have joined the Board for three year terms. A special thanks to our outgoing Board members Larry Meath, Tom Bundtzen, and Leland Rich for completing their terms and bringing about years of positive change to our club.

## Words from our New President

First let me say what an honor it is to have been selected to serve as your president. When I joined just three short years ago I never would have imagined being in this role. It just goes to show you that this club is very receptive and cordial to new members, which is one of the main reasons my family and I were drawn to this sport. I can't thank you all enough for that experience.

If you haven't heard already we won the bid for 2011 US Curling Junior National Championships. Our very own Leland Rich (USCA President) mentioned that it was a very close decision and the one thing that put us over the top was our reputation for hosting great events and our hospitality. Every single one of you should be proud of the reputation our club has. We will also be hosting the 2010 Men's and Women's West Qualifier.

As the summer progresses we run out of time very quickly to make repairs and improve our club before the next season starts. One thing this Board would like to implement is a "Curler Do List", similar to a "Honey Do list" but not just for Honey's. Stop by the club this summer and there will be a list of things that need to be done that any member can do (clean windows, paint walls, weed, cut grass, etc). If you have time please help complete the task and cross the chore off the list. Also, please tell us who did the chore so we recognize you. This club was built by volunteers and it should be our honor to maintain as volunteers.

The Board recently reviewed all the duties and responsibilities of the board members and there have been some changes that you will see in a new revision of our By Laws. We added a few committees and consolidated some others to better align with what we actually do. Listed below are the committees and the Board member who will Chair that committee:

*Budget/Finance:* Callahan & Nussbaumer

*Donations/Sponsorship:* Laiti

*Bear Facts:* Fezatte

*Website:* Fezatte (with help from Leland!)

*Gaming:* Halvarson

*Building/Maintenance:* Nussbaumer & Callahan

*By-Laws/Rules/Policies/Grievances:* St.Martin

*Housekeeping:* St. Martin

*Club Room:* Blake

*Draw:* Binkley

*Historian:* Nussbaumer

*Ice:* Binkley (with ice crew of course!)

*Instruction:* Fezatte

*Bonspiels:* Binkley

*Youth Curling:* Fezatte

*Membership:* Blake/Callahan

*Nominating:* Halvarson

*Publicity:* Halvarson

*Social:* St. Martin

One last thing, at our last board meeting we decided to pursue the possibility of hiring a club manager. We will be meeting soon to discuss the roles and responsibilities that we'd like this individual to do and how we should compensate this individual to see if this initiative is even feasible. If you would be interested in this position and/or have suggestions for roles and compensation please email one of the board members and let them know.

- Dave Flippo

## **Shuttleworth/Persinger Earn Titles**

A huge congratulations to the Cathy Shuttleworth and Ken Persinger rinks for their victorious runs in the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual International Bonspiel, held in April.

This is the first Bonspiel title for Shuttleworth. Playing third was Vicky Persinger, throwing the second's rocks was Terra Bowen, and at lead was Adie Callahan. Shuttleworth and company wrapped around from the "B" event final to play the "A" event champions. They beat the Fezatte rink two consecutive times during the finals to claim the title of Bonspiel Champion.

Defending his title from last year, Ken Persinger and his teammates earned the Bonspiel Champion honors. Playing with Persinger were his "old cronies" Denny Thies, Larry Ehnert, and Larry Crouder. The Persinger rink went through the Bonspiel undefeated and finished with a win against the Buck Birnie rink of Whitehorse in the championship final.

## **Fezatte & Hill Rinks in Vancouver**

The Kelly Fezatte and Dave Hill rinks represented Alaska at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific International Championships in Vancouver B.C.

Playing with Fezatte were Cathy Shuttleworth, Terra Bowen, and Adie Callahan. The team lost a heartbreaking semifinal game but bounced back to earn the Silver medal.

Following the "cousins" tradition, Hill's PIC team was kept in the family. Playing with Hill was Ron Birkliid, Eric Birkliid, Jason Ostnes, and Kris Brandenburg.

## **FCC Approved for 2011 Junior Nationals**

At the General Membership meeting held on March 31<sup>st</sup> the Board of Directors elicited thoughts from the members about hosting the 2011 Junior Nationals. Members showed support for the FCC's bid for this event, with several members already volunteering to head committees and take on responsibilities.

The USCA recently announced that our club will be the site for the 2011 Junior Nationals! Our club and our members have a significant amount of work to do in order to prepare for such a monumental event. We have an amazing member base and this is a great opportunity to rally community support for our club, as well as show these future curling leaders our Fairbanks hospitality.

The Board is currently in the process of outlining committees and will be soliciting the help of our members in the near future. This event will bring the top 20 junior teams in our nation to our very own club! Remember that volunteerism is the only way to make this event happen. All ideas and suggestions are appreciated! Dave Flippo and Denny Thies will be the Co-Chairs of this event.

## Teachers of Excellence

The Fairbanks Curling Club has a large number of teachers in our membership. However, two of these teachers were currently recognized as 2009 BP Teachers of Excellence from Fairbanks.

Larry Ehnert and Judy Fowler-Morris were recognized for their outstanding work. Ehnert is a secondary teacher at Lathrop High School where he teaches statistics, mathematics, and computer programming. Fowler-Morris is a first grade teacher at Ladd Elementary.

Those of us here at the FCC know the impact that these two teachers have had on students as several of our junior curlers came through their classes! The next time you see them be sure to congratulate them on their much deserved community recognition!

## Bear Facts Changes Hands

One of my new responsibilities on the Board is to be the editor for the Bear Facts. A special thanks to Larry Meath who has successfully kept our members informed!

The Bear Facts will continue to be used as the way to get information to our members on upcoming events, bonspiel results, community happenings, and other information pertinent to our members. I am also looking at adding regular sections with pictures and information on Board committee happenings.

I try hard to “be-in-the-know” with events around our club. However, I miss things! If you have suggestions for articles to be included, please email me at [snider.kellyrae@gmail](mailto:snider.kellyrae@gmail.com)

- Kelly Rae Fezatte

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