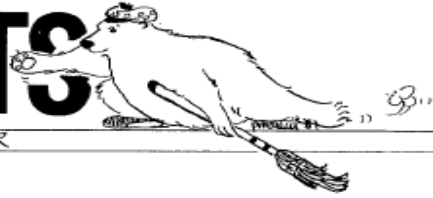




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FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

◆ Fairbanks Curling Club ◆ Established in 1905 ◆

Rich Wins YT

The Leland Rich rink with Bill Gryder throwing the last stones won the Yukon Title bragging rights and the \$6000 first place purse with a 7-3 victory over Greg Persinger Sunday night.

Persinger had been previously unbeaten, having defeated Rich earlier in the round robin pool play.

Rich and Gryder survived a tough battle with Darrol Stuart of Whitehorse in the quarterfinals early Sunday morning, laying three in the ninth to tie and then securing the win in the 10th end. They then dispatched the Ken Persinger rink with a couple of early big ends to secure their spot in the finals.

Greg Persinger's crew earned their way to the final match by defeating Pacific Rim defending champion Cal Fister of BC 8-4 in the other semi match. Fister defeated the other quarter final team, Dave Hill's rink, with an 8-4 decision in the other 10:30 a.m. Sunday match.

Curling with Rich were Bert Mitman--lead, Dave Miller--second, and Gryder playing third but throwing the final stones. The Greg Persinger rink was composed of Leo Johnson--lead Chad Persinger--second, and Steve Birkliid as the vice skip.

All in all, 13 teams participated this year including a number of junior teams who represented their generation admirably. Many games came down to the wire or ended with extra ends providing much excitement and glass pounding. The club had nice turnouts for the event.

Special thanks go out to Yukon Title as the prime sponsor along with Regency Fairbanks Hotel and Dollar Rent a car as sub sponsors. Thanks also go to Peter Lundquist for chairing the spiel once again, Ken Persinger who solicited sponsors for the teams, Gordon Moe for his incredible breakfast pastries and kitchen help, and Cathy Persinger and Reid Jeglum for doing whatever needed to be done at any given moment.

Not to be overlooked are the other behind the scenes individuals who keep the spirit of volunteerism alive in the club.

Thanks to these sponsors of teams for supporting the spiel: Western Mechanical, Garden Island Party Store, Grasl Electric, Twigs Gift Store, Arctic Fire and Safety, Fairbanks Fuel, Interior Mini Storage, Jackovich Industrial Supply, Lynden Transport, Great Northwest, The Equipment Source, Mikes University Chevron, and the Wolters/Hollister Allstate offices.

Also, again kudos to the ice crew—mainly Rex Nutter, Bert Mitman, and Tom Crass for incredible 25 second ice. Whitehorse curler Jon Solberg, who also refurbished our rocks this summer, aided them. His expertise was greatly appreciated by all the crew.

Curling Foundation Thanks

The Foundation Board met and authorized an additional \$7,000 this year to provide grants and aid a variety of projects around the curling club. The following allotments were approved for dispersal this curling year:

Up to \$1,000 for the junior clinic at the Yukon Title based on \$50/ junior.

Up to \$3,000 for the fall Open House

Up to \$3,000 for the Rookie Spiel

For 2009 they authorized the following grants to Fairbanks teams traveling to these events. These grants are based on \$500 per Fairbanks curler.

\$2,000 - Women's Jr. Nationals

\$2,000 - Men's Jr. Nationals

\$2,000 - Mixed Nationals

\$2,000 - Pacific Rim Women

\$2,000 - Pacific Rim Men

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the continued support provided by the Foundation. Their presence is seen in everything that takes place at the club. The Foundation board is made up of Ted Cox, Margaret Rich, Debbie Sather, Denis Fox, Claire Vanderbilt, Bill Gryder and Dave Swanson.

Rookie Spiel Coming Soon

It is time for the 23rd annual Rookie Spiel November 29 and 30. This popular event is one of the hallmarks of the Fairbanks Curling Club and promises to be fun for all who participate. There is a 32-team limit and the contact person for the team must have a valid phone number or the team will not be listed.

Sign up sheets are on the league board downstairs at the club. The rules are simple: each team must have at least two rookies. A "rookie"

is a first year curler, a former curler, a little rocker, or a non-curler.

The cost includes meals and t-shirt...newly designed by Tressa Shuttleworth. There is a three game guarantee. There will be three events with prizes for 1st and 2nd in each event. The cost is only \$25/person or \$10/student. The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 24th at 7pm. If anyone has any questions, they can call Atticus Wallace at 750-2465. **Please check out the flyers at the end of this issue.**

Junior and Little Rocker Programs

Little Rockers, the kids curling program meets Saturday mornings from 10am to noon. Kids between the ages of 5 to 12 have supervised ice-time for basic skill building and game introductions. This includes half-sheet games for smaller children. Drop-ins are welcome, so please invite your friends. Please note that the Little Rockers will meet at a special time during Rookie Spiel (11a.m. instead of 10 a.m.).

Volunteers are needed for the Little Rockers program, especially with on-ice helpers, Saturday mornings 10am-noon. Some curling knowledge is helpful, but not necessary. Right now we have about 8 kids per adult helper. An ideal ratio would be 4 kids per adult. Anyone who would be able to commit to once per month or more should call Gordon Moe at 456-4547.

Junior Curlers are holding a fundraising silent auction during the Rookie Spiel. Donations will be gladly accepted. Please stop by and "shop" Saturday, Nov 29th, from 10am to 10pm. For more info, call Vicky at 388-0334.

Wanted: Junior curlers! Youths from ages 12 to 21 are encouraged to sign up as teams or individuals to participate in the Alaska State Junior championships that lead to US national and even international competition. See the sign up on the bulletin board downstairs. The in-club sign up deadline for individuals is November 24th. Practice sessions are Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. All intermediate and competitive Junior Curlers are encouraged to participate. This is a great way to hone skills and become actively involved in competitive curling.

Upcoming Curling Schedule

The Fall Draw ends **December 19th**.

The Spring Draw begins **January 5th**.

Get your draw cards in before you leave for holidays!

The ice will be closed for flooding Dec 13th-15th, noon Saturday until noon Monday. Don't be shy about volunteering to help out. Junior curling will still occur on Saturday from 10-12 noon.

Harvey Marlin Jr.

It was sadly noted that long time curler Harvey Marlin Jr. passed away recently in Palm Desert, California. Harvey was one of the original owners of GHEMM Company, and had been a member of the club for many years. He had traveled to the Senior Nationals and was a regular with Wally Burnett, Carl Erickson, and Ted Cox in league play. Our condolences go out to his family.

Help Needed

The Fairbanks Curling Club is an all-volunteer operation. Please help when/where you can. Any simple task is appreciated: take-out the trash, tidy the kitchen, organize brochures, or just straighten up a messy area. Toilet paper and paper towels are stored in the closet upstairs next to the main entrance. Speak to any board member to get more involved.

Christmas Spiel Coming

Bob Karlen and Ethan Burkholz are in the process of organizing the Christmas Spiel to be held Dec. 6 and 7. This fun event has been a hit for some time thanks to Ethan Birkholz and Bob Karlen. Game times will be 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. See the flyer that follows and check out the sign up sheet at the club.

Plowed Over

Thanks go out to Reid Jeglum and Riverboat Discovery for plowing our parking lot. We are still looking for someone to do this on a regular basis. If there are any volunteers out there, please contact a board member.

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2008 rookie Spiel schedule:

Saturday, November 22nd, Monday, November 24 th , 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 25th Thursday & Friday, Nov 27 th & 28 th	10:00 a.m.-noon Sign-up Deadline 5:30pm-7pm all day	Formal Instruction Open Ice, mentor required Open Ice, mentor required
Wednesday, November 26 th	Skips notified of first game time Skips will need to call their team	
Saturday, November 29 th Sunday, November 30 th	Curling all day Games during afternoon only	

Skip's Leadership Responsibilities:

Each skip must contact their players and if appropriate, make arrangements to get them on the ice prior to first game. Skips will be notified of your first game by Thursday prior and will need to call teammates.

Rules are few:

- 1) Have fun, make friends and learn something about curling.
- 2) Handicapping will be established by committee.
- 3) Ties will be decided by skip's lag, no extra ends.
- 4) All sheets are scheduled, so try to start your games promptly.
- 5) This year's winner is next year's committee chair.
- 6) Meals are included in entry fee. Guest can make a donation for meals.

Saturday (6 end games)

8:00 am	Registration & Open Ice
9:00 am	First Draw
11:00 am	Second Draw Brunch Begins Little Rockers (kids 5-12)
Noon	Group photo
1:00 pm	Third Draw
2:00 pm	Brunch Ends
3:00 pm	Fourth Draw
5:00 pm	Fifth Draw
7:00 pm	Sixth Draw
9:00 pm	Seventh Draw
11:00 pm	Games end for the day

Sunday (4 end games)

Noon	Eighth Draw
1:30 pm	Ninth Draw
3:00 pm	Tenth Draw
4:30 pm	Eleventh Draw
5:30 pm	Awards Ceremony

Fairbanks Curling Club

proudly presents our

23rd Annual Rookie Spiel

November 29th & 30th, 2008

Phone: 750-2465 to register

SIGNUP DEADLINE: Monday, Nov. 24TH, 7 P.M.

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Experienced curlers are encouraged to try a new position.

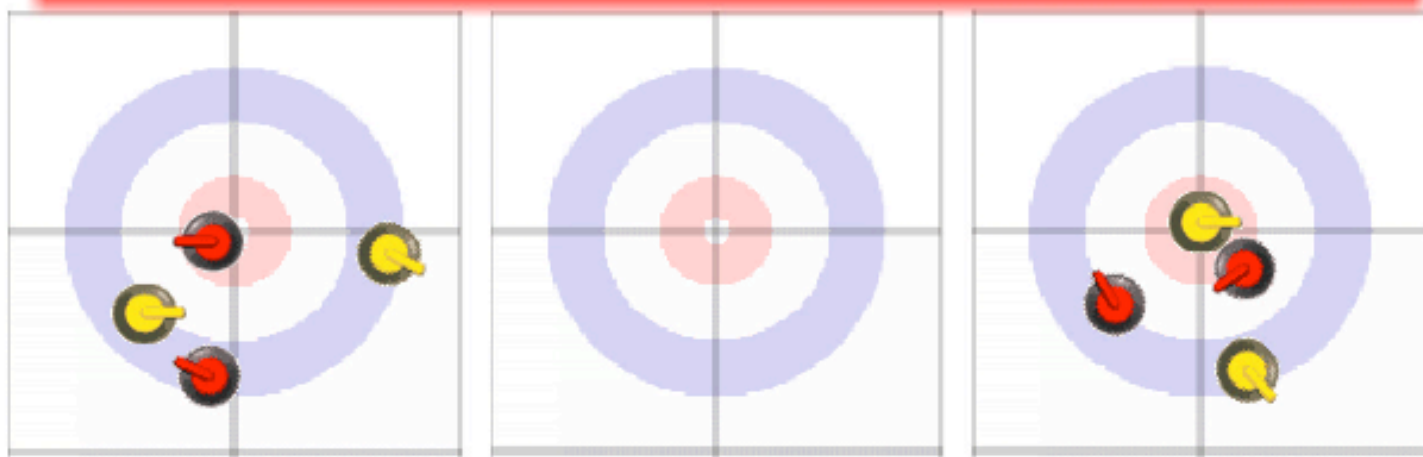
Cost includes meals & T-shirt: \$25/person or \$10/student

Signup as teams or individuals * Three game guarantee * 32 team limit

Three events: prizes for 1st and 2nd in each event

Absolutely no stacked teams! Committee reserves the right to handicap, if necessary.

CHRISTMAS 2008 COMPETITIVE SPIEL



Want to curl in a competitive spiel?

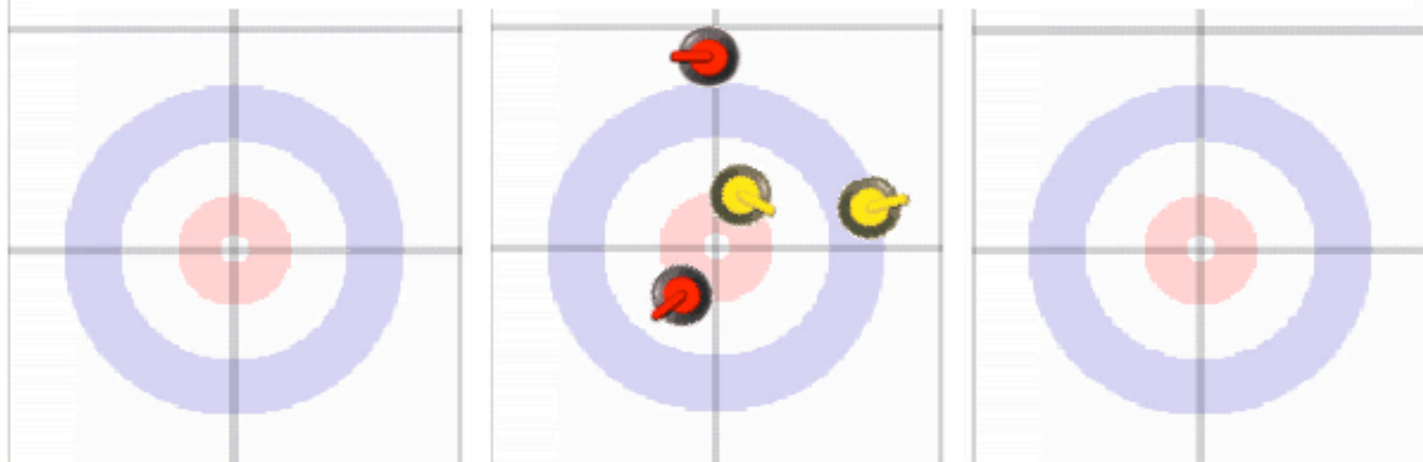
Due to popular demand we are sponsoring another Spiel this **December Sat 6 & Sun 7**

Game times 10 am and 1pm Sat and Sun

Sign up as individuals. Individuals will be grouped based upon experience and teams formed to provide the best balance for competition.

There will be a \$20/person entry fee and the top 3 teams will share the entry fee.

This is a great opportunity to experience competitive curling with other members of the club who regularly participate in competitive spiels.



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