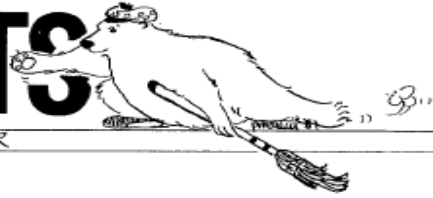




BEAR FACTS



FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

♦ Fairbanks Curling Club ♦ Established in 1905 ♦

Yukon Title 2008

Don't miss the action and excitement as some of the top teams in North America converge in Fairbanks for the Yukon Title Classic from Nov. 6-9. This annual event brings top quality curlers to Fairbanks to compete for bragging rights and over \$18,000 in prize money.

Local teams get to test their skills head to head with visitors from around the state, the lower 48, and Canada. The entry deadline is Nov. 2 and teams interested in curling must pay a \$200 per team deposit to hold their spot. Teams are typically placed in one of several groups with the top teams from each group competing in the Sunday finals. A schedule will be posted at the club and online when the events are ready to begin. More detailed information also occurs on page 2 of the newsletter.

Many volunteers make this happen, so look for information at the club about how you can help. The ice crew will surely be looking for volunteers to help with maintenance and clean-up.

Even if you aren't curling in the Classic, be sure to participate by watching and supporting our local teams.

Wanted: Ice Crew Volunteers

The ice crew has been diligently working since late August to prepare ice for the year and thanks to their efforts, we are the beneficiaries of some of the best early season ice in years. None of this is by accident, and as dedicated as they are, the crew is always looking for new blood to help out. Don't be shy about volunteering. Just think, with some basic training, you could be the envy of all your peers as you walk up and down the ice behind the Binford 9000 Ice King,

shaving ice to glassy smoothness and virtually eliminating all whining about ice conditions. Not only that, but you could earn a cool jacket as well. In all seriousness, these guys are the unsung heroes of the curling club. Give them your thanks whenever possible and volunteer your time for even the more mundane jobs like sweeping and hose manipulation during flooding. Also, to avoid conflicts, check out the maintenance times posted at the club as well as flooding dates that are posted on the calendar online. Contact the ice crew by emailing Matt Taylor at mtaylor@northstar.k12.ak.us or call Rex Nutter at 456-1476 to find out their schedule.

Snow Plowing Needed

Know anyone with a snow plow who is willing to occasionally volunteer to plow our parking lot? Early season snowfall has created a need, but more importantly, we would like someone who can reliably help us out on a regular basis so we are not wading through knee-deep snow to get to the club. If you know of anyone, please contact Larry Meath or Leland Rich.

Website Upgrades

It "bears" repeating--please check out the new photo gallery on the website. There are many photos of former competitive teams revealing somewhat youthful images of curlers you may recognize.

Leland made a number of improvements last year to the website including an easy way to contact the board. On the toolbar is a "Contact Us" button that automatically sends a message to the president, the instruction liaison, or the membership liaison. Also, the website has been updated with a yearly **calendar**. Please notice that there are a few new events along with the regular ones that have become annual events.

Foundation Dinner

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, Nov. 15th** for the annual Foundation Dinner at the club. A social no-host hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, and soft live music Guitar by Albert, followed by a \$35 dinner, catered by Café de Paris, at 7:00 p.m. This is a sit down dinner with the Junior Curlers serving the tables.

The Foundation was incorporated in 1990. Each year the Foundation has had an annual dinner. Come support the dinner and get an update on activities and enjoy the company of curlers and friends.

RSVP Ted @ (w) 456-2222 or (h) 474-9611 or RSVP at the bar.

What is the “Foundation”?

The Fairbanks Curling Club Foundation was organized in 1990 as a separate tax entity from the Fairbanks Curling Club. The Foundation is a charitable organization allowing contributions to be tax deductible to the contributor. The Foundation uses only the earnings (not the principal) to promote curling activities. The Foundation is required to

follow strict guidelines by the Internal Revenue Service. The Foundation welcomes all donations, small and large. As the contributions or principal accumulates and grows, the earnings grow. Each year since 1991 the Foundation has given financial support for curling activities.

*The Foundation mission statement is:
The Fairbanks Curling Club Foundation, Inc.
will promote the sport of curling and support
and foster amateur sports competition for the
Fairbanks area residents.*

Curling Tips

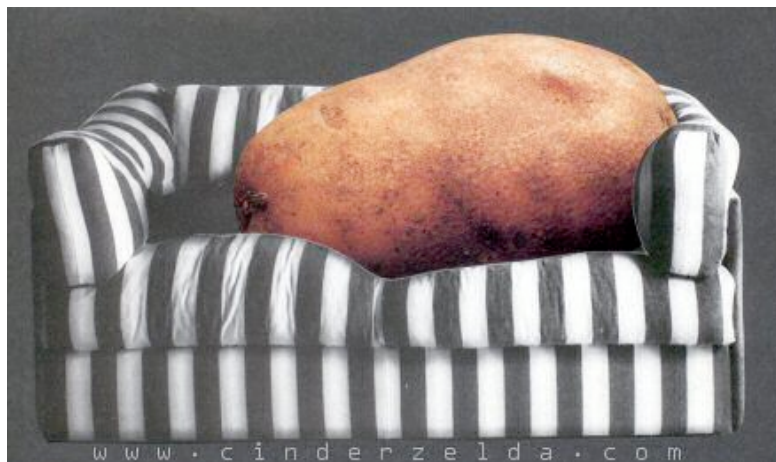
The Curling Lions have been working on a number of things in the “spirit of curling.” Please see the attached document on the page 4 and look for posters around the club. All of this is intended to keep new and old curlers alike posted on ways to keep the game moving and promote good sportsmanship.

A list of tips to keep things moving follows on successive pages.

Couch Drive

And you thought driving a car in winter conditions was hazardous; wait till you try to drive a couch!

Our trophy room is in need of new couches, and Margaret Cox and friends would like to purchase replacements without encumbering the club with more expenses. Hence, the announcement on the next page gives the details. Please show your support and help keep curlers comfy in the process.



You are Invited

Couch Drive'

Fairbanks Curling Club

Saturday, November 8, 2008, 1-4pm

No charge and no obligation to buy

Percentage of sales will go towards new couches by the fireplace.

Partylite: presentation at 1pm, booth open 1-4pm

*Two Sisters Food * Scentsy * Genie Bags * Paintings*

Do some Christmas shopping at the *'Couch Drive'*
Watch good curling during the *Yukon Title Cash Spiel!*

Enjoy your favorite beverage

Steak dinner \$10 Saturday starting 5:00 pm

"It doesn't get much better"

Weekend Activities

Yukon Title Curling Classic Thursday-Sunday, November 7-9, 2008

Little Rockers curling Saturday 10:00 am

Youth curling instruction with Yukon Title Cash Spiel participants.

"Couch Drive' 1 - 4pm

Steak dinner \$10 Saturday starting 5:00 pm

Public welcome

Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to visit the curling club and get acquainted with the oldest organized sport of Fairbanks.

Curling began in Fairbanks in 1902 and the Fairbanks Curling Club was organized in 1905.

1962 Second Avenue, 452-curl, www.curlfairbanks.org

The Spirit of Curling

Be Honest

A self policing sport

If you burn a stone, Say so - you'll gain the respect of others

Know the rules

Be a Good Sport

Shake hands and say "Good Curling"

Don't wear street shoes on the ice

Congratulate each other after the game

Keep the Game Moving

Start your game on time

Keep play moving - be ready when it's your shot

an 8 end game should take about 2 hours

Brought to you by the Fairbanks Curling Lions



During the game

If your team leads off on any particular end, the lead should gather his or her rock and get in the hack, clean the stone, and begin the pre-shot routine. Be ready to deliver the stone as soon as the skip asks for it. The remainder of the curlers will wrestle the rocks to their proper position along the sides. This keeps the game moving quickly.

When your turn comes to sweep, be in front of the hack, leaving the thrower a clear view of the skip, ready to go. If you can't be in position, tell your teammates to proceed with the shot without you.

Sweepers, not on the team delivering the stone, stand on the sides of the sheet, between the courtesy lines. Formerly accepted was standing between the hog lines, however beginning in the 2007-08 curling season the World Curling Federation mandated the new lines. This positioning allows the curler delivering the stone an unobstructed view of the skip and the house and allows for easier and quicker communications.

If you are the next curler, put on your slider or remove your gripper and have your stone cleaned and in front of the hack while your opponent's shot is in motion. It's OK to watch your opponent's shot, but not so long that you can't be ready for your own.

You should never disturb a curler in the hack or during delivery. Until their thrown stone comes to rest, the sheet is theirs and you should not interrupt their view. Crossing behind them, preparing to throw your own stone is perfectly acceptable and expected.

Keep the ice clean! If you do discover something improper on the ice, such as mud, sand, sweater fuzz, pocket lint, broom bristles, etc., please remove it from the ice and deposit it in a trash can.

Take care not to walk down the middle of the sheet after your team's shot. You should walk on the sides to minimize wearing down the pebble, but more importantly to provide a clear view for the next curler to deliver the stone. They cannot determine what shot the skip calls for, nor can they deliver a stone if you are strolling down the middle of the sheet.

Let the vice-skips do his/her job (keep score). When the final stone of an end comes to rest in the house, leads and seconds should remain well outside the house until the vice-skips have measured (if necessary), determined the score, and agreed to move stones.

Let the skip do his/her job (call the game). Although every successful team depends on the input and expertise of each team member (curling is a team sport in every respect) the skip needs the support and respect of his/her teammates. Skips have the responsibility of determining strategy, calling shots and working with sweepers to make the most out of every shot of the game. So while discussion, communication and clarification are encouraged, be willing and able to defer to your skip's decisions even if you don't understand or agree with them.

Skips stand behind the hack, quiet and motionless, brooms horizontal or on the ground until their opponent has delivered the stone.

If you accidentally displace a stationary stone, please announce it immediately. It's the privilege of the opposing skip to replace the stone to their satisfaction.

Your enthusiasm and paying attention to your own game, and not the game on the adjoining sheet, has a direct bearing on the success of your team.

Do we really need to tell you not to answer the blankety blank cuss cuss dash dash cell phone while you are out on the ice? I thought not.

After the game

The game ends with handshakes all around and sincere congratulations to the winners

Return any loaner brooms or sliders, tidy up the rocks, mop the ice and cover the hacks if there is not another draw waiting.

Our club has six sheets of ice and plenty of tables upstairs. This is not a coincidence! It can be expected that the winners will buy (or offer to buy) their counterparts the beverage of their choice after the game. Both rinks enjoy each other's company and some lively conversation about your favorite topic(s) around the tables. The losing curlers invariably offer to buy the second round.

Our club is an all-volunteer organization. Please become involved somehow in the improvement of the **Fairbanks Curling Club**.

Before the game

If you can't curl, please find your own sub. That's your job, not the skips. Check the sub list for your league and give them as much notice as possible.

Arrive in plenty of time, at least 10 minutes early to change shoes and/or clothes. Be ready to hit the ice at the scheduled time. Seven other people are depending on you.

If you perchance are going to be just a bit late (ok, with winter traffic maybe a lot late), please call the club and let the rest of your fellow curlers know. Please join the game between ends, not in the middle of an end. It's a great suggestion to put the telephone number 452-CURL(2875) in your cell phone.

Clean shoes are a must. Ideally curling shoes, or soft-soled shoes dedicated to curling. Try not to wear your street shoes on the ice as you may accidentally track in mud, sand, or salt, giving the ice committee ulcers.

The game traditionally starts with a coin toss for hammer, a handshake, and wishes for "Good Curling".

General Courtesies

Be honest. There are rarely referees or umpires in curling, so the game depends on players to police themselves and one another, especially during league play. If perchance you accidentally burn a stone, it is expected that you will be the first to announce it.

Be a good sport. Congratulate players, both teammates and opponents, when they make a good shot. By the same standard, do not embarrass a player who has missed a shot. Cheering a missed shot is considered in poor taste and poor sportsmanship. Also do not make light of any bad fortune that befalls your opponent.

Keep the game moving. A standard eight end game takes 2 full hours to play, so it's a courtesy to your team, your opponents, and anybody playing after you to be on time, prompt and mindful of the clock. If you start late or play slowly, do not assume that you will be able to play a complete, 8-end game. If you notice that you are a full end or two behind all the other sheets, pick up the pace. There are more hints below.

The Spirit of Curling

The spirit of the roaring game demands good sportsmanship, common courtesies, and honorable conduct. While not strictly in the rulebooks, curling courtesy goes a long way towards an enjoyable day of curling. By following these generally accepted courtesies you will be welcomed and accepted as a curler at clubs all over the world.

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