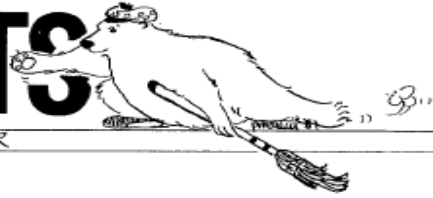




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FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

♦ Fairbanks Curling Club ♦ Established in 1905 ♦

Curling 201: On Ice Instruction

Following the success of last years Curling 201 class, the curling club will be offering another round of on-ice instructional classes. The intent of the class is to offer instruction on the many facets of curling: including proper delivery techniques, situational strategy, and ways to practice on your own that will help your game! The class is designed to benefit curlers who have some experience with curling and is open to curlers who play any position.

Classes will be for 5 consecutive Mondays from 5:30-7p. The first class will be Oct. 20th. The cost is \$45/player and there will pizza offered afterwards. The primary instructor will be Mixed National Champion Steve Shuttleworth with on-ice assistance from other elite level curlers.

If you are interested please contact Margaret Rich at 452-5403 or margaret@ecsalaska.com. Due to the late press date of this newsletter if you are interested after the first class please still contact Margaret.

Goodbye & Hello: changes on the Board

The Board of Directors would like to thank John Nussbaumer for the critical role he has played on the Board in the previous years. Unfortunately John has resigned from the Board due to scheduling conflicts. The Board would also like to thank, and welcome, Terra Bowen to the Board. Terra was nominated by President David Flippo. Terra has served on the Board in the past and her expertise is graciously welcomed!

Yukon Title Cashspiel Gets a Club Friendly Face Lift

After much consideration the annual Yukon Title Cashspiel will feature several changes this season. Co-Chair Peter Lunquist says, "The entry fee has been lowered, a consolation bracket has been added to give teams a second chance of getting cash, and more teams will be curling on Sunday." The event is no longer a World Curling Tour event but will still feature significant cash payouts. The goal of these changes is to encourage our local curlers to participate. The best teams in Alaska will be playing in this event with guests from Canada as well.

The format will be a double bracket, with higher cash payouts in the first bracket. Teams not making the qualifying round will have a second chance to win cash in the Consolation Bracket. The Yukon Title will be held November 5th-8th and there is a \$300/per team entry fee. Lunquist is encouraging local curlers to sign up a team, or as individuals, to increase our local club involvement, get some great competitive curling experience and maybe be "in the money" on Sunday! For sign ups or questions please contact Lunquist drac@acsalaska.net or (907) 322-2651 cell.

What's That Sound?!

That my friends is not a dinner bell (unless it is Wednesday Night Dinner League!). That is the sound of an old friend here at the Fairbanks Curling Club. It is the "Draw Bell." The Draw Bell is used on nights that there are two draws. When you hear the Bell please finish the end you are on and then call the game. The team winning at the end of that end will be the game winner. The purpose of the Draw Bell is to insure that games begin on time and that the late draw doesn't begin at an obnoxiously late time. The Bell will not be necessary if games begin on time and the pace of the game is kept at a friendly, but regular, speed.

2010 Arctic Winter Games

2010 Arctic Winter Games
March 6th-13th, 2010
Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada

Tryouts for Alaska's Curling teams will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Curling Club beginning at Noon. The deadline to sign-up for the Try-Outs is Wed. Nov. 18th at 9pm. The try-out will consist of a skills test and a brief written test of your knowledge of the sport. There will be four male and four female athletes selected based on the outcome of these try-outs.

Curlers born on, or after, July 1, 1991 are eligible to participate. At this time cost per athlete will be \$600 each. This amount may be reduced due to donations from the Curling Club Foundation and other fundraisers that the Junior Curling Club will be participating in during the season. Player fees pay for air transportation to Grand Prairie, room/board, and Team Alaska uniforms. They do NOT include the cost of on-ice competition uniforms.

All athletes ARE REQUIRED to have a valid Passport. If you do not have one, start this process immediately as it could take up to 3 months to obtain. Participants must be U.S. citizens or full-time Resident Aliens living/working in the U.S. Exchange students are ineligible.

If you're interested in learning more about the Arctic Winter Games, check out their website at www.awg.teamalaska.org

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the AWG Sport Coordinator, Gayle Hazen at (907)457-2786 or e-mail hazen@acsalaska.net

Ice Doesn't Make Itself: scheduled ice closure for maintenance

Please respect the ice crews regular maintenance schedule. The ice will be closed during the following times:

Mondays: 10a-2p
Tuesdays: 4p-5:45p
Wednesdays: 3:30-5:30p
Thursdays: 4-6p
Fridays: 4-6p

Don't feel like cooking and want a nice meal?

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, Nov. 21st** for the annual **Fairbanks Curling Club Foundation Dinner** at the curling club.

- Social no-host hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres.
- Dinner at 7:00 p.m. will be catered by Café de Paris, Frank Eagle.
- Live music will be Guitar by Albert.
- This is a sit down dinner with the Junior Curlers serving the tables.
- Cost \$45 per person.
- RSVP Ted Cox 456-2222 (w) or 474-9611 (h) or at the bar.

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.

What is the "Fairbanks Curling Club 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.

Etiquette Corner: finding subs

Welcome to the Etiquette Corner, a new article that will be featured in upcoming Bear Facts Newsletters. Our sport is considered the “gentlemen’s sport” and with that come a lot of unofficial, often unwritten, rules of etiquette. It is unreasonable to expect new curlers to know all of them and many of our experienced members need reminders.

This month’s Etiquette Corner is in reference to finding substitutes. Curling can become a large commitment and we all understand that sometimes you just can’t make a game. That’s okay and your team understands. However, it is your responsibility to find a sub for your team. No matter what position you play on your team please make every effort to find a sub for yourself. Then let your skip know what arrangements you have made. Most league nights have a list of available subs at the bottom of the draw on the bulletin board. If you can’t find a sub let your skip know so they can make arrangements.

Anchorage Early Bird Spiel

The Anchorage Curling Club will be hosting the Early Bird Spiel Oct.30-Nov.1st. Entry fees are \$120/team or \$30/individual. There is a three game guarantee. This is an opportunity to get some early Christmas shopping done in Anchorage and curl!

Please contact Marty Schultz to sign up or with questions at 230-0654.

Need Curling Stuff? I know a guy...

The Bar will no longer be selling curling items. However, don’t fret, you can still get your fix of stopwatches, gloves, shoes, brooms, and broom heads. Where you might ask? Well, check out Locker #20! Denny Thies is now our “go to guy” for curling supplies. If you find yourself in need of midseason gear replacements you can find Denny at the club on most weeknights and ask him.

- Reminders:

- The FCC’s liquor license prevents minors from being upstairs unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents are responsible for their children at all times.
- We encourage you to introduce your friends to curling, but please accompany them onto the ice and give them instruction. Non-members should have a member with them on the ice. This also applies to little rockers and kids.
- Leagues will be interrupted twice during November. Remember there will not be no Thursday or Friday night leagues during the Yukon Title or Thanksgiving.
- Saturday from 10a-noon there are 3 sheets in use by Little Rockers. The other 3 sheets are available for pick-up games and instruction. Volunteers are also useful for both events.

Club Brooms for League Use

One of the wonderful things about curling is that you can get involved without investing a lot of money in equipment. Although we encourage you to eventually invest in your own curling shoes and broom, we understand that you are still in the process of making your Christmas wish lists!

If you need to borrow a club broom they are located downstairs behind sheet three by the stairwell. Please remember to clean your broom before taking it on the ice and before putting it back.

When the time comes to purchase your own broom, remember to seek out Denny Thies.

Upcoming Friday Menus

- Oct. 23rd Pacific Island Fiesta
(Golden Heart Lady Gymnastics)
- Oct. 30th Zesty Fall Harvest Casserole
(Fairbanks Junior Curlers)
- Nov. 6th Pork Loin
(Welcome to the Yukon Title)
- Nov. 13th Spaghetti
(girls Fastpitch Softball 14U)
- Nov. 20th Mexican
(Lathrop HS Tennis)

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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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