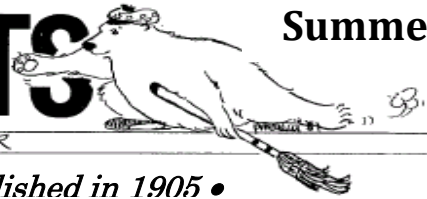




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Summer 2011

FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## 2011 Board Members

The 2011 General Membership meeting was also the last responsibility for three outgoing Board members. Based on the votes from you three new Board members were elected: Matt

Evenson, Steve Shuttleworth, and Greg Persinger. They have brought with them enthusiasm and fresh ideas for our club and have already been key in implementing these ideas for the upcoming season. When you see them, please thank them for volunteering their time for the next three years! The Board also would like to thank John Blake, Peter Lundquist, and Ryan Binkley for their time and commitment to the FCC.

## Board Liaison Assignments

*Matt Evenson:* President

*Jim Callahan:* Vice President, Building & Maintenance, Housekeeping, Budget

*Kelly Fezatte:* Secretary, Bear Facts, website, Membership

*Terra Bowen:* Donations/Sponsorship, Rentals, Membership

*Steve Shuttleworth:* Youth Curling, Instruction

*Ivar Halvarson:* Gaming, Publicity, Ice

*Humphrey Stephens:* Building & Maintenance, Housekeeping

*Tom Hewitt:* Website, Nominations

Greg Persinger: Draw, Bonspiels

## Show Me The Money!

We are happy to announce that John Nussbaumer has volunteered to help with the club finances. John will work closely with Margaret Rich, who has volunteered her time for years doing the books for the FCC, to make sure our financials are always in order. John will be taking the responsibilities from Ryan Binkley, whose term on the Board ended last season.

## Senior Nationals Update

Last season Bill Gryder approached the membership about the possibility of hosting the 2012 Senior Nationals here in Fairbanks.

Members were enthusiastic about this opportunity and supported our bid to the USCA to host the event. Unfortunately the 2012 Senior Nationals will be hosted at the Capital Curling Club in Bismarck, North Dakota. We may consider placing a bid for the 2013 Senior Nationals. Hopefully some club members will still consider participating in the Senior Nationals this Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Line Dancing at the Club

With the closure of the Silver Spur, the line dancing club that called the Spur home has relocated to the Curling Club. We are happy to welcome the line dancers on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm. Non Club members pay \$5 per night or a FCC Social Membership fee for the season. Feel free to join in the fun and enjoy our new partnership!

## Open House 2011

We are pleased to announce that this seasons Open House will be Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Open House is a two-fold event including a chance for the membership to get together and sign up for leagues and also includes an opportunity for new members to experience curling.

Traditionally Friday night will be a club social. Members can pay dues, sign up for leagues, catch up after a long summer, and enjoy light appetizers. Please bring a dish to share and stories about your summer!

Saturday afternoon, from noon to four, will be a Learn-To-Curl opportunity for folks new to curling. We will be looking for on-ice volunteers to help coach our new comers through the basics of curling. We'll also need volunteers off the ice to answer questions and encourage people to sign up for leagues. Stay tuned for sign up sheets and more information.

## Time to Get your Curl on!

Fall curling league will begin on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>. The later start this year will allow for a week of curling instruction before leagues begin. In addition, the later start will also allow more flexibility for our ice crew and their volunteers with the fall ice making process.

## Curling Instruction

Due to the popularity of past curling instruction classes, we will be offering an entire week of instruction this year. Instruction Week will be Monday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. The exact structure of these lessons is yet to be designed but will be similar to past Curling 101 and 102 classes. There will be lessons for curling newbies on stretching, delivery, and etiquette as well as more advanced lessons for current curlers to advance their skills and knowledge. Stay tuned for more information.

## FCC Facebook

The Fairbanks Curling Club now has a Facebook page. This page will develop into your “go to” place for curling updates. As the page develops we will be posting draw results, substitute information, bonspiel info, blogs, and pictures. To find the page do a Facebook search for “The Fairbanks Curling Club” and “like” the page to get Club updates on your newsfeed. Please be patient as this site develops.

## 2011-2012 Opportunities

Even though it is the middle of summer, it is not too early to be thinking about the upcoming curling season. There will be many opportunities in the upcoming season to be competitive. Listed are some of the events to think about for this season:

*Junior Nationals*

*Optimistic Under-18*

*Arctic Winter Games*

*Senior Men's & Women's Nationals*

*Men's & Women's Trials*

*Mixed Nationals*

*Pacific International Cup*

*Club Nationals*

*Mixed Doubles*

There will also be plenty of club events within driving distance during the season including: Yukon Title Cash Spiel, Rookie Spiel, Christmas Spiel, Whitehorse International, Fairbanks International, Anchorage Spring Spiel, and others.

Get out this season and try something outside of league curling!

## Character Corner:

## Matt Evenson

In an attempt to get to know some of our membership for more than their in-turns and take weight, we are introducing "Character Corner." This issue is your opportunity to get to know our new President, Matt Evenson.

### *How did you get into curling?*

"I started bringing my son Quinn to Little Rockers in 2006. He quickly wanted to get into league play, but he was too young to send out on his own, so I signed up to be on Monday night fun league team with him. Quinn seemed to catch on pretty quickly-I'm still working on it."

### *Best memory from your time at the Club?*

"I would say the 2007 Rookie Spiel. It was my first bonspiel experience and hooked me on the sport. Chaz Rudig was a patient and helpful skip who built up my confidence by lying profusely about my curling abilities."

### *What vision do you have for the FCC in the near future?*

"Having been around for over 100 years, our club has a great foundation, devoted membership, and rich traditions but there's always opportunities to make a good thing even better. I would like to see our membership expand. More members means more money to finance club upgrades. I would also like to see the youth program grow and flourish, and I think the efforts that are underway right now will help us get to where we should be. Our ice crew does an amazing job, but they are working with a fairly antiquated system. I would love to see an entire system upgrade complete with a cement base. It only takes a strong will and lots of money."

### *Song to throw rocks to?*

*Like A Rolling Stone* by Bob Dylan

### *If you could go to any club in the nation for a bonspiel, where would you go?*

"Wow, there are lots. Being a former Midwesterner, I would really like to curl at the Bemidji Club or the Duluth Club and maybe do some ice fishing on the side."

### *What aspects do you like most about curling?*

"There are the obvious attributes such as the high degree of sportsmanship that is displayed, and the different strategies of the game that I think everyone appreciates. I'm always amazed at how often an eight end game can be won or lost with a single shot."

### *One well kept secret about our sport?*

"You don't have to be that good at it to enjoy it."

### *Favorite beverage at the bar, in case inquiring minds want to know?*

"I've never met a beer I didn't like."



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