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Letter from the President
Golden Handle

"The contractor has promised me that we will be skating by my father's birthday on October 17." A quote by Lisa Fedick in a story in the Connecticut Post dated April 3, 2005.

The 2004/05 curling season has barely ended, and I'm already anxious for next year's season to begin in our new club, and I know you are too. The builder expects to break ground and start the foundation work at Wonderland of Ice in the next 2-3 weeks. (Although P&Z approved the project, final building permits haven't yet issued.)

But work has begun!

The pre-engineered building has been ordered. This is the most important aspect of the project from a schedule standpoint. The project architect from Hartford has been working with Sally and Jeff Hannon on the plans for the club and an electrical contractor has been hired.

At the Annual Meeting we will have a set of detailed construction plans for everyone to look at and should have the first pictures of the construction of our new club.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, it's important that we make this year's Silent Auction the most successful one ever. As you know, this raises a significant amount of money for the club and, quite frankly, we need it! So please, make a tax deductible item donation (or two or three) for the auction.
See you all at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 4th.

Sincerely, Jim Meinhold

Nutmeg's Golden Handle was once again a great success. 14 teams rounded out the field from various GNCC clubs as well as Ardsley and, of course, Nutmeg! It started out with the kit bags—ably done by one of our newest Nutmeg members: Terrie Allen. The beautiful raffle baskets were a great success thanks to Gail Cosman (another newbie) and her committee and the many Nutmeggers who donated such great items for the baskets. This helped to turn a profit on the spiel and was lots of fun for the participants.

Thanks go out to the unbelievable team of Marianne Moore, Laura King and Lee Mack for handling the many meals superbly—with many a Nutmeg and Ardsley volunteer to assist. Jeff Hannon created the draw which Charlie Mack supervised. Decorations were fantastic! Ed Tucker created the perfect alien environment and unwittingly provided entertainment with "balloon races" at the

dinner!

The dinner was great in its new location and the “DJ” kept folks on the dance floor throughout the evening. Many thanks to all of the Nutmeggers who, even though they aren’t curling this year, came to support the club at this event. We were visited by “Men in Black” (George Austin and Eric Dehm) for a “wee bit of entertainment” as they promised to round up and transport Nutmeggers to their new home in Bridgeport. Thanks to all who assisted in continuing this wonderful Nutmeg tradition.

Jennifer Stannard

The Icebreaker

Golden Handle Results
On the Bonspiel Trail

First Event, The Golden Handle:

Winners: **NY Caledonian** George Austin, Nancy Clancy, Jeff Paul, Laureen Paul

Runners-Up: **Nutmeg** Isa Barghout, Diane Muldowney, Pete McCuen, Laurie Frees

Second Event, The Nutmeg Shield

Winners: **Plainfield** Gillian Murray, Eric Blassneck, Cindy Capers, Dave Capers

Runners-Up: **Plainfield** Andrea Stepnosky, Bob Fox, Maryann Vermeulen, Adam Klein

Third Event The Friendship Trophy

Winners: **Ardsley** Alice Yeh, Scott Silverman, Pauliine Davies, T.C. Yeh

Runners-Up: **Albany** Flo Springstead, Eric Dehm, Gladys Ryan, Scott Gaffner

Fourth Event, The Rat Race

Winners: **Plainfield** Bob Graham, Suzanne Lindsay, Greg Haupt, De Holmes

Runners-Up: **Nutmeg** Charlie Mack, Jill Owens, Ed Tucker, Heide Follin

Fifth Event, The Little Handle
Winners: **NY Caledonian** Sandy Graham, Chris Banino, Sandy Berkowitz, David Feldstein
Runners-Up: **NY Caledonian** Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, Bill Stopera, Kylie Petherick

Nutmeg members continued to travel widely over the past year in order to keep their curling, and socializing, skills at peak form. What follows is a condensed version of the season.

Charlie Mack took his Nutmeg rink of Trish Ryan, Ed Tucker and Jennifer Stannard south to the shores of the Chesapeake Nay for the Chesapeake funspiel. They made quite an impression at the raw oyster bar! They fought through the blizzard to curl but lost in the finals of the Second Event. (Charlie "owns" this event, having won it three times.) The New Jersey Turnpike reopened miraculously at the end of their game, allowing the intrepid curlers to return home as planned on Sunday. USWCA reps from the Canadian Club of Boston (Lorraine Waybourn), Nutmeg (Jennifer Stannard), Nashua (Gwen Krailo) and Lake Placid (Amber Tierney) lost in the semi-finals of the Third Event at the Empire State women's bonspiel in Schenectady

Nutmeg's rink of Donna Purkey, Jannifer Stannard, Bobbi Stoll and Gail Cosman lost in the semi-finals of the Fourth Event in the USWCA National bonspiel at the Kettle Moraine Curling Club in Wisconsin. Again, much fun and raffle success.

USWCA reps again hit the ice for the Norfolk Winter Wonderland (women's spiel). Skip Judy Meltzer (Philadelphia), Vice Jennifer Stannard (Nutmeg), Second Liz Abeltin (Cape Cod) and Lead Gloria Martino (Albany) won the First Event.

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The Nutmeg Sunday League
NoNut

We all had a great time playing in The Sunday League. With the help of a few of our friends from Ardsley, we had four teams. Thank you Ardsley curlers. With an eye for the future, when we will have new curlers breaking down the doors,

the main thrust of the league this year was the education. Using the expertise, talents and patience of Nutmeggers who have been skipping for several years, we have trained additional members to lead the new curlers we expect this fall. Discussions after the games, on all aspects of curling, were very stimulating. We cannot thank enough those experienced curlers who have helped the club to grow.

While the aim of this league was for everyone to enjoy themselves, we did compete. And we do have a team that is the winner. However, you will have to wait for the annual meeting to find out who they are. See you there.

Ed Tucker

On Saturday, March 5, 2004, Nutmeg Curlers (including two new members) traveled to Norfolk, CT to compete in the NoNut, sometimes known as the Connecticut State Championship. This is a friendly event open to all curlers. Originally it was a two day event including juniors, but now it is an open, curling on either Saturday or Sunday. A trophy in the shape of the state of Connecticut is presented to the winning club and their pin attached. Next year the competition will be at Nutmeg's new home in Bridgeport.

This year Norfolk won 57-44. The Nutmeg curlers attending were Gail Cosman, Heide Follin, Carla Kelly, Mike K., Laura King, Karl Koss, Jim Meinhold, Dick Montgomery, Diane Muldowney, Chuck, Joanna and Jill Owens, Jennifer Stannard and Ed Tucker. A great time was had by all.

Joanna Owens

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GOBs v. Ice House Gang

The GOBs beat the Ice House Gang and regained the trophy after a seven year drought on March 11. The GOBs went in with a 6 stone lead as a result of the first half of the contest held on December 10. The lead was increased by wining two of the three games despite Ardsley's loading their teams with their best players. Nutmeg curlers were Bruce Huffine, Karl Koss, Charlie Mack, Jim

Meinhold, Dick Montgomery, Chuck Owens, Terry Smith, and Bob Will.

Charlie Mack

It's Not too late to contribute.
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Membership/Publicity Committee Report

The Committee has bee working diligently to prepare for the ground breaking of the new facility, working on brochures, press packages and marketing strategy. We have a wish list for use in making presentation to organizations, interested individuals, etc. If you can help in donating, or loaning, any item, please contact Jill Owens at jeowensct@aol.com or 203-374-1559. Members have already agreed to loan some items, if they can be donated to Ct. Curlers Inc. it would be greatly appreciated.

Our Wish List

Combination DVD/VHS/TV	Color TV
Generator (portable)	Monetary donations as always

The Membership/Publicity Committee will make a presentation at the Annual Meeting on June 4. Stay Tuned for more details—***See you at the Annual Meeting***!

Jill Owens & George Bagley

Returning Editor: Trish Ryan

Golden Handle Profits

Thanks to our ladies who prepared all the food, the Golden Handle made a profit for the first time in years without dipping into the raffle money. The income from the Golden Handle was $5,161.00 and the expenses were $5,087.00, making for a profit of $74.00.

Charlie Mack

Bonspiel Trail (cont'd)

Joanna Owens team of Jill Owens, Laurie Frees and Patti Burns were runners-up in the Second Event at the Norfolk Women's. The all-Norwalk team of Trish Ryan, Bobbie Stoll, Gail Cosman and Terrie Allen came in second to a Norfolk team in the Third Event.

The Women's Five and Under Team of Bobbie Stoll, Gail Cosman, Heather Morrison and Terrie Allen made it to the semi's of the Fourth Event in Rochester this season.