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Green Power - Alison Danzberger, Alph Winter, Scott Follin and Bobbie Stoll won the First Event in the Blarney Stone.

On the Bonspiel Trail

Green Power

Skip Scott Follin and his team, Alison Danzberger, Alph Winter and Bobbie Stoll took the First Event in the 2007 Blarney Stone. First Event Runner Up was the team Chuck Owens, Jill Owens, Jayne Beattie and Britt Bisson. A big thanks to Jennifer Stannard and Rob Reihl for organizing the event.

Message From the President

Greetings Nutmeggers!

Our new board is in place- I will serve as your President for the next 2 years, so please do not hesitate to convey your thoughts to me. I am rarely home (often on the ice) but can be reached through e-mail (jenniferstannard hotmail.com) — so do not hesitate!

The thanks of the board to George Bagley who has served so ably as our President for the past two years. He was 'steady at the helm' and got us through the turbulent as well as slack tides to reach our port- Bridgeport and the new club! We all owe much to George and to the board for their hard work over the years and, to the current board as we move forward.

We are in a unique position as a brand new curling club which has history and traditions from years past. Long-time members join with first-time members to create a membership body that I expect will provide a very exciting next few years in Bridgeport. While I know many of you, I do not know everyone's skills and interests, so if there is an area where your talents and interest could help Nutmeg to improve, let us know! We are looking to fill out our committees as 'many hands make light work' and this coming year will be one of growth for us in many ways- membership, curling experience, and community interaction. We will be busy!!

October and our 'Learn to Curl' Open Houses will be upon us sooner than we think so start making a list of friends, family, co-workers that you'd like to invite to try curling in the Fall.

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Message From the President (Continued)

The annual meeting was a wonderful conclusion to our Spring season. Many thanks to all who made this such a success- the social and fund-raising committees as well as all who donated items for the silent auction and each and every person that attended. A truly successful event- if you missed it make sure to keep it in mind for next Spring. Words cannot describe the hilarious live auction at the conclusion of the evening; I was unaware that Canadian coinage had increased in value so that a quarter was worth over $20! There are many fun Nutmeg events occurring over the Summer: a Bluefish ballgame, the Fall clambake, the Nutmeg Women meet Wednesday evenings at Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk for a bit of fun and competition on the bocce courts (now that they've figured out the rules!) so, join in the activities. Just because the ice is gone doesn't mean we need to be strangers! — *Jennifer Stannard*

The Purple Tulip Award

The coveted Purple Tulip Award was presented at the Women's June Meeting. The Purple Tulip is presented to a women curler who has done something unforgettable either on or off the ice at a curling event. Jill Owens was the prior winner and presented the 'beautiful plastic purple tulip" to Alison Danzberger.

Alison received the award for the numerous times she fell on the ice; but kept getting back up and refused to be beaten by the game. The action that clinched the award for her was during one of the last games on Wednesday night she and Terri Allen where vigorously sweeping a stone over the hog line when their skip called "UP!" In Alison's quick response to her skip she hit Terri in the forehead as she lifted her broom off the ice. Needless to say, Alison was mortified – Terri walked around a bit dazed - and the rest of the team stopped in their tracks after hearing the loud crack.

Congratulations Alison!

Part of receiving this award is that Alison must display it proudly in her living room. Alison joins other recipients of this magnificent award, i.e. Donna Purkey, Diane Muldowney, Joanna Owens, Trish Ryan, Jennifer Stannard [numerous times], and Jill Owens.

Alison will be on the outlook to give a fellow women curler "The Purple Tulip" award to someone next year. Soooo beware - it could be you!

— Jill Owens

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Important Club Dates

September 16, 2007	Nutmeg Clambake
October 13, 2007	Ice Ready
October 14, 2007	Level I Instructors Clinic
October 16, 2007	Refrer Skills Clinic

SAVE THE DATES
October 14 Level 1 Instructors Clinic
October 16 Refrer Skills Clinic 7-8 p.m.

The Instructors Clinic is a great way to hone your own skills and to understand our teaching philosophy.
Remember, people coming to the Open Houses have never curled before, you are now the expert.

Annual Meeting and Silent Auction

A basket of Scottish Treats was up for bid.

Where does a quarter sell for $28? Not just any quarter but a curling quarter? The answer is at the Nutmeg Annual Meeting and Auction. Rob Reihl and Jennifer Stannard combined their talents as auctioneers and worked the crowd during the Live Auction to bring in top dollar. We had 9 tables of Silent Auction items, including a trip to Aruba and a sailing trip on Long Island Sound.Friends became bidding foes over the coveted items up for auction. In the end, however, many happy bidders are looking forward to enjoying their purchases, such as golfing in North Carolina, sipping Pouilly-Fuisse and Dom Perignon, or wearing a Scottish kilt. Thanks to the generous donations of our members and friends, as well as the exuberant bidders, we reached over $13,000 in profits!

Diane Muldowney was high bidder on the weeping cherry tree and labor services of Rob Reihl.

Some fine wines.

The only mishap of the night was George Bagley leaving without the flower pot center piece that he purchased. After much sleuth work by several people, we believe that the flower pot has been located. George is lucky that his gender rules him out as the Purple Tulip Award recipient since the tulip would have fit perfectly in the flower pot.

I would like to thank all the people that helped collect and set up the auction items and tally the bills. Many thanks to Rob, Jennifer, Jim, Joel, Heide, Laura, Elly, George and Jo Deupree. Thanks to Sally and Jeff for posting the items on the web site. Thank you all so much for making this event so successful!

Diane Muldowney
Fundraising Committee

My Adventure at the Senior World Curling Championships

Friends that I had curled with in Chicago invited me to join their team as a player/coach after they had won the National Women's Senior Championship. The 2007 World Championship was played in Edmonton, Alberta at the Thistle Curling Club. I quickly learned how difficult it is playing very shot from behind the glass and talking it to perfect placement. Pam Oleinik and her team played beautifully during the round robin, placing second overall in a field of 11 countries. The US played Sweden in the semi finals. Sweden who had started slowly had won their last 6 games. Both teams played beautifully but Sweden prevailed, going on to win the Gold Medal for the second consecutive year.

Pam's team then played Scotland for the World Bronze Medal, strong and steady to the end they WON. The first time at any competitive level curling and they won the Bronze. The headlines read, "USA women win bronze at 2007 World Seniors in Edmonton" It was a 12-8 victory.

The two teams dueled to the end. The Scottish ladies got on the board in the second end with three. The U.S exchanged hits as they couldn't quite get enough on their double takeout attempts. But Oleinik (Brookfield, Wis.) and teammates Laurie Rahn (Lake Forest, Ill.), JoAnn Matthews (New Berlin, Wis.), Susan Curtis (Rogers, Ark.) and Donna Purkey (Greenwich, Conn.) made up for it in the third end when Oleinik drew down to a nest of stones in the back side of the 12-foot to nudge a Scottish stone for four points. The Scots capitalized on a missed takeout by Oleinik to score three in the seventh end to tie the game up heading into the final end. The U.S. was able to get a rock buried early in the eighth end thanks to a great shot by Curtis to remove the partially buried Scottish shot rock. "If I was going to make any shot this week, that was the one," she said.

My job was timing, scheduling and easing any rising situation that could become a problem. Who could improve on their curling skills!!

All four of the women's team and two of our men's team arrived with no luggage. Shoes, of course, were carry-ons but brooms, uniforms, etc. did not arrive for two days. This meant some very fast shopping! Olsens, a large curling supplies store, opened for the six of them on Sunday and all necessary items were purchased. Fortunately their own equipment arrived before the second game. — Donna Purkey

New Stick Delivery & Sweeping Rules

The new rules for stick delivery state that you must deliver the stone by the tee line. While these rules may seem absurd our stick curlers need to be aware especially if they go to a regular bonspiel or a stick bonspiel and these rules are adhered to by that club.

The sweeping rules now state that you do not need to cover the entire width of the stone while sweeping — so corner sweeping is allowed. However you must still finish on either side of the stone. They also state that behind the tee line, only one player from each team may sweep which can be any player of the delivering team and only the non delivering skip or vice skip. Another rule which has been around for a while, but many curlers need to be reminded of is, the delivering team has FIRST privilege to sweep their own stone behind the tee line - the non delivery skip or vice can sweep as well but the delivering team does have first privilege to sweep if they want.
— Sally MacKenzie

Future Nutmeg Curler —

Nutmeg welcomes John Joseph Tarleton born Friday evening, March 16th (remember that ice storm!) and weighed in at 8lbs. 4 oz.

Nutmeg (and Team Haggis) had fine representation in the Scots Parade in New York City, April 14, concluding Tartan Week. (From Left) Ken Donnelly, Terry Smith, Cleve Cleveland.

NOTICE- Please return all borrowed equipment.

Nutmeg brooms, stabilizers, grippers and sliders need to be returned to enable us have sufficient equipment for the Fall Open Houses.

Men's Worlds

Jeff Hannon, Rob Reihl and Sally MacKenzie had the honor of watching the US win the Bronze medal live at the Men's Worlds in Edmonton Alberta. During the closing ceremonies (see attached picture) it was so awesome to watch our countries flag being raised and the United States team on the podium. This is the first World medal for the US since 1993.

We all have many great stories to tell including Rob's adventure of driving to Montreal to get a flight to Edmonton (something about a missing passport) - but the best is that we all had an opportunity to talk with Team USA throughout the week and applaud them for showing the world that the US is a serious contender in the curling circuit. Watching the US beat the undefeated Canadian team at the end of the round robin games was just amazing!! Team Canada had not completed 10 ends or lost any games in any of their round robin games until they played the US. There were very few US fans during that game but our group had our flags, loud voices and made sure they knew how proud we were!!

Watching the World Championships live is an incredible experience that we hope you all have a chance to be part of some day!!

Get Involved!

There are still many ways to get involved in the club — you may have a special talent or area of expertise that you would like to share. Contact the committee chairs listed below:

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A Thank You from Merchandising!

Many thanks to all of you who bought jackets, turtlenecks, bags, hats, shirts, etc... from me this year. Each purchase made by you actually donates approximately $10 to the club, and we made $1000 this year! This helps the club pay our operating costs and keeps us looking spiffy and warm on the ice. More to come next year!

•Hats $20

Put Nutmeg on View! Spread Intrigue! (What's curling?) ***Keep people talking! Be proud!***

NUTMEG SUMMER WEAR! For all the golfers, joggers, boaters, bocce players, ball games of all kinds as well as **THE PARTYers** — keep the sun off your face with a Nutmeg hat. Look buttoned-up in a blue Nutmeg Polo shirt. Not to mention our cool and timeless T-shirt that is perfect for summer fun!

•Polo Shirts $25
In stock:
MENS SIZES— 3L lt blue, 4XL ocean, 2XL lt blue, 1 med
LADIES SIZES—2L lt blue, 2L ocean, 1 M lt blue

•T-Shirts $20, S,M,L, XL

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GNCC Patron Award

The Annual Meeting of the Grand National Curling Club of America was held in Lake Placid on May 19, 2007. Many important reports and decisions were made there but the highlight was the presentation of the GNCC PATRON AWARD to Kay Sugahara. Kay was a Nutmeg member for a couple of years before we left Darien and has been a supporter of Nutmeg. This award has only been given to six other people:

PATRONS
*Robert Gordon 1867 – 1884
* The Honorable Alexander Mitchell 1885 – 1887
*Lemuel Cushing (Honorary) 1948 – 1957, Royal Montreal
*H. Lawrence Achilles 1976, Schenectady, Nutmeg, Ardsley, Union College
*Edward C. Childs 1988, Norfolk
*Donald G. McKay 1991, St Andrew's

The citation to Kay is as follows:

KAY SUGAHARA
PATRON, Grand National Curling Club of America
It is fitting at this GNCC meeting we recognize Kay Sugahara for his many contributions to curling by honoring him with the prestigious GNCC PATRON AWARD.
Kay's introduction to curling came over 30 years ago when he asked if that long building at the Ardsley Country Club was for storing golf carts. He was told it was the curling club – his question was "What's curling?". Through the efforts of Kay Sugahara, and many others, today millions of people know what curling is.
After attending the world curling championships for several years, Kay became interested in the international aspect of the sport. When the event lost its long-time sponsor, he and five other international business men formed a company called Hexagon and sponsored the World's for one year. After the first year, Kay continued to sponsor the event single-handedly for two more years.

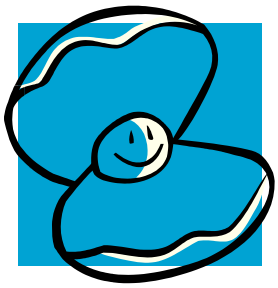
Kay's international business experience enabled him to recognize the potential for curling in Asia where he organized curling schools and helped to initiate a new center of fans and players.

He also recognized the potential growth of curling if it became an Olympic sport. He was instrumental in curling's first introduction as a medal sport in the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

In 1988, Kay was awarded the Elmer Freytag Award by the World Curling Federation. This honor is presented to individuals for distinguished service and major contributions to the development and advancement of curling internationally.

Kay's interest and generosity to the sport is truly unprecedented and encompasses not only international, but the GNCC and many clubs within the GNCC. Recently, Kay arranged transportation for 40 sets of curling stones from Scotland to the U.S. to be used primarily for new clubs using arena ice - another new expansion for curling participation. If there is a way to create more interest in curling, Kay will probably be involved.
It is with sincere pleasure that the GNCC presents the PATRON AWARD to Kay Sugahara.

Awards Committee
Lake Placid, New York
May 19, 2007



Save the Date

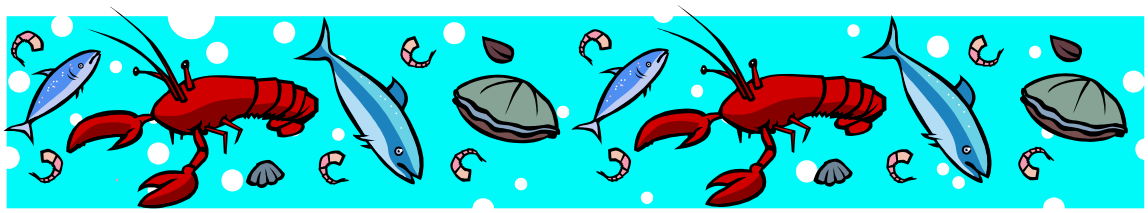
For the

Nutmeg Curling Club

Clambake!

Date: **Sunday, September 16, 2007**
Location: **Fairfield Beach, Penfield II Pavilion**
Time: **12-4 PM**

Everyone is invited! Bring your spouses, friends & kids for an afternoon of fun, sun and food!
Food will be prepared by Swanson's Fish Market.
More details, cost and RSVP info. will follow in a few months but
MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW!!!



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