The IceBreaker

September, 2005 Nutmeg Curling Club, Bridgeport, CT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are off and running towards a full curling season in our new facility. The foundation has been poured and the building is being delivered in a few weeks. This is a very busy and exciting time for the club!

The IceBreaker will now be published frequently and the website updated weekly so that you can follow our progress and share in the excitement. Look for announcements of the official groundbreaking and media event and a membership rally coming later this fall.

I am pleased to report that the Highland Games and Norwalk Oyster Festival were very successful membership recruiting and publicity events. We had over one hundred people sign up to be invited to open houses and instruction. With help from so many members, we have spread the curling gospel to hundreds of people and potential members. The responses and level of excitement generated by over 30 hours of exposing curling and introducing our revitalized club to a new audience was very heartening.

The board and numerous committees have been busy all year to insure that we have a successful launch and first season. This involves planning further membership recruiting events and open houses, ongoing fundraising and sponsorship appeals and a full social and curling schedule as well as closely monitoring the building construction process and planning for the installation of championship quality ice.

Catch the enthusiasm! – *George Bagley*

SILENT AUCTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Special thanks to Laura King and her committee for running a very successful silent auction!

The Nutmeg Curling Club held its annual meeting on Saturday, June 4th, 2005 at the Silvermine Golf Course.

President Jim Meinhold called the meeting to order at 6pm. Committee chairs each gave a report of their activities for the past year and their plans for the coming year. This included a presentation by the co-chairs of the building committee, Sally and Jeff Hannon.

The Nomination Committee, chaired by Jennifer Stannard presented the following slate for the Board of Governors, Class of 2009: Jeff Hannon - Donna Purkey - Diane Muldowney. Jim called a vote and the slate was elected unanimously. The Board then retired to elect officers.

Board of Directors for 2005-2006

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The Silent Auction was big success raising over $6,000. Thanks to all the donors and all the bidders for making this a huge success. *Laura King*

BONSPIEL TRAIL

On February 3, 2005 **Charlie Mack, Chuck Owens, Karl Koss** and **Bruce Huffine** participated in the 25th GNCC Senior Men's Bonspiel held at the Schenectady Curling Club. There were 22 teams in this competition. A couple weeks later, with **Dick Montgomery** subbing for Bruce Huffine, the team traveled to Curl Mesabi, Eveleth, Minn. and curled in the USCA Senior Men's Championship. There were 80 teams in this event, representing 43 curling clubs from 14 states. How did Nutmeg do?? A great time was had by all and nobody fell down. *Chuck Owens*

Nutmeggers journeyed to the shores of Cape Cod for the annual Summer Bonspiel in July. **Dianne Muldowney** skipped a Nutmeg rink in the women's bonspiel. Former Nutmegger Evelyn Nostrand joined Diane along with curlers from Lake Placid. **Donna Purkey** skipped her rink of Chiminutpa (Chicago-Michigan-Nutmeg-Pennsylvania) to winners of the 4th event. This was Donna's first time delivering the stone 'stickless' and she slid down the ice to the hog on her first try (and made a take-out with her second!) **Jennifer Stannard** viced the USWCA II rink of reps from Potomac, Ardsley and Willamette. They had a great time, a record of 1-2 left them out of the finals. *Jennifer Stannard*

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Fund Raising Committee will be doing a direct mailing to the small businesses and corporations in the Fairfield County area. We are including a PowerPoint Presentation in CD form with a voice over to be used as a Marketing tool. The PP Presentation will cover the opportunities that Curling provides for employee participation, team building programs, community relationships and advertising to name a few. We would like your help in suggesting companies where you work or do business and if you have a contact name. This will add to our success. Please contact me at: email dmmct327@aol.com; phone 203-847-2330. Your help is critical. We need to raise money to cover our debt and hold membership fees down.

Fund Raising Committee: Diane Muldowney (Chair); Cleve Cleveland; Heide Follin; Charlie Mack; Jim Meinhold; Terry Smith *Diane Muldowney*

GNCC MEETING

At the May Annual Meeting of the GNCC in Lowell, Mass our own ***A. Roland "Bob" Will*** was awarded the GNCC Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his long- time involvement and love of the game of curling. Bob is a past president of the GNCC (1980-82) and the Nutmeg Curling Club. He is an original member of the CROCS – Crystal Rink Oldtimer Curlers Society.

Chuck Owens

2006 WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Now that the weather's turning chilly and our thoughts turn to the roaring game, I'd like to remind everyone that in a little over six months, the GNCC will be hosting the World Men's Curling Championship in Lowell, Massachusetts from April 1 – 9, 2006.

This is the first time the world championships will be hosted on the East Coast in 35 years, and to commemorate this rare and special event (and to raise some funds, of course), the organizers are selling a set of four curling pins for $10 each. The second pin in the set has just become available. The first pin is still available. Please contact Jill Owens at jeowensct@aol.com or 203-374-1559 if you want to purchase a pin or two.

Check out the website at www.wcc2006.org on the latest news about the Men's Worlds and to volunteer.

"HOT SHOTS" CURLING CAMP

Nutmeggers Gail Cosman, Bobbi Stoll and Jennifer Stannard flew to Montreal for 2-1/2 day curling camp with the Canadian "Hot Shots". Canadian curling instructors and curling celebrities worked with enthusiasts from the United States and Canada to perfect their delivery, strategy and sweeping skills. The Oakville Curling Club, home to many of the top Canadian competitive teams, played host to the event. Our Nutmeggers are now anxious to get on home ice and practice their new techniques. The food was great and so was the hot tub!

Jennifer Stannard

UPCOMING EVENTS / BONSPIELS

Pisces Event – November 12 &13 – Nutmeg versus Cape Cod at the Cape Cod Curling Club in Falmouth, Mass. This is a two-day event starting with curling Saturday afternoon followed by dinner and then curling Sunday morning with a Brunch afterwards. Anyone and everyone are invited to participate. This is a great time of year to be at the Cape. There are no crowds, good shopping, good fun and good food. Please contact Joanna Owens at jcowensct@aol.com or 203-322-1922 to join in the fun. *Joanna Owens*

Bonspiels coming up in October & November.

- Mid-Atlantic Women's Bonspiel at Philadelphia – Oct. 14-16
- Inaugural Open Bonspiel at Potomac - Oct 20-23
- Ross Tarlton (Men's) at Ontario, Canada Nov 10-13
- Founders Open bonspiel at Plainfield – Nov 10-13
- Utica Open Cash Spiel at Utica – Nov 10-13
- The Achilles (Men) at Schenectady – Nov. 17-20
- USWCA Sr. Women's Bonspiel – Grafton, ND – Nov. 17-20
- Harvest Bonspeil (Mixed) at Philadelphia – Nov. 17-20

Hold March 16-19, 2006 for the Golden Handle Bonspiel at our new club!

Check the GNCC website at www.gncc.org for the latest winners of bonspiels and the full year schedule of bonspiels and clinics.

If you are interested in participating in a bonspiel, but do not have a team, contact CTCurlers@aol.com and an email will go out to the membership asking if any one else is looking for a team.

Below are the committees currently set up and their chair person/s. There are currently two committees without chairperson/s. If you are interested in chairing or being a member of one of these committees, please contact the chairperson or George Bagley.

Committee	Chairperson(s)	Phone	E-Mail
Building Committee	Sally/Jeff Hannon	846-6100	sally.mackenzie@cendant.com
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Liquor License	Chuck Owens	322-1922	jcowensct@aol.com
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Scheduling	Greg Glashan	655-6251	Glashan@optonline.net
Social	**TBD**		
USWCA Representative	Jennifer Stannard	329-7625	jenniferstannard@hotmail.com
Warm Room	Donna Purkey	622-1122	dbpurkey@optonline.net
Website	Jeff Hannon	846-6100	jeff_hannon@juno.com

IN MEMORIAM

Former Nutmegger Mickey Maher, wife of Jim Maher and mother of **Pam Maher** passed away on July 20.

Tom Garber, member of the Utica Curing Club and past president of the GNCC passed away this summer.

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