

# STONE'S THROW

## Back to What We Do Best!

BCC's bonspiel season opened with a bang this year, as the inaugural Belfast Open Doubles brought 22 teams to the club for four days from December 2 to 5. Teams came from as far away as Detroit, Four Seasons (Blaine, MN), and Triangle (Raleigh-Durham, NC), as near as Rutland Rocks, Broomstones, and South Shore, and from places in between like Albany, Schenectady, and Philadelphia. Of note, Albany had five teams,

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bringing an immediate sense of warmth and friendship to the club, which spread across all teams throughout the weekend. Three teams took advantage of the open format this year with two male-male teams and one female-female team.

First draws began Thursday afternoon and ran every two hours until the finals on Sunday morning, with a break for an all-team dinner on Friday night. Jeremy Howard from Blue Barren Distillery in Hope hosted Trivia after the banquet, which was a smashing success.

Our own Tuesdi Woodworth designed two specialty drinks with Blue Baron Distillery's gin which were flying off the bar. The Kilt Katcher was a mixture of Harbor Gin, lemon juice, ginger beer, and spice on the rocks, while the Bee-tween the Sheets was Lemon Citrus Gin, lemon juice, honey syrup, and pear puree on the rocks. The bar went through 120 lemons making these drinks!

Another favorite at the bar were "Little Beers". A concept brought back from a bonspiel in Bowling Green, OH, a Little Beer is a shot of Licor 43 (vanilla liquor) topped with cream poured over a spoon and served in a shot glass to look like a tiny beer in a tiny stein. Teams bought these by the round and Dan Marra had to make several return trips to the liquor store to keep these in stock. In total, the bar brought in around \$2,500 (gross revenue).

The raffle included fabulous donations from a handcrafted Crokinole Game (made by Katy Hunter's uncle) and handmade cribbage boards with the BCC logo (created by students at Bucksport High School) to a brand-new curling broom and a Swedish sheepskin. All donations were coordinated by Faith Hague, and after Hubie Townsend graciously donated his 50/50 winnings back to the club, we raised a total of \$887 on the raffle alone.

The draw was not your normal bracket, but instead a Modified Schenkel, which required each member of both teams to throw a draw to the button after each game - measured by our head official Ann Kirkpatrick

using BCC's new laser-measurer. Teams were re-ranked after every round of games first by win-loss record and then by their draw shots. Then teams were matched up against teams of similar performance, allowing for more competitive and exciting games.

The Ben Ames Williams First Event finals saw Team Levy from Detroit playing Make it a Double (IPA) from Triangle. The B Event featured Team Cooper from Philadelphia playing Eminoh from Belfast (Owen & Mijin Nelson) for fifth place and Targaryen Duet from Four Seasons played Kenny/Scimia from Broomstones/Nutmeg in the C Event for ninth place.

The A Event final was a nail-biter, with the teams tied going into the 8th end, Triangle with the hammer. It came down to the final shot, where Adric Olson and

Howard Sider narrowly missed, leaving Ben and Jenny Levy as our Bonspiel winners. Their names already appear on the plaque that is now hanging in the warm room.

The weekend was full of good curling, close matchups, and new friendships. Folks spent some time exploring Belfast, but also cheering on others at the club. Board games were set up in the banquet room, including Crokinole, which was a big hit. The feedback from the visiting teams was that the food was good, hospitality was even better, and that they did not feel at all like the club was a construction site. Thank you to Faith Hague and Katy Hunter

for their stellar decorating efforts. In total, this event garnered just under \$4,000 of income for the club (including the raffle and excluding the bar).

Many hands contributed to making this event possible – more than can be listed here. The committee would like to thank every member, friend of a member, and business that lent a hand. We are proud of the fact that our club has 131 members and 70 of them volunteered in some manner for this bonspiel, including 11 brand-new curlers. The bonspiel committee of Ann Kirkpatrick, Faith Hague, Katy Hunter, Rachel Petersen, and Garrett Gustafson would like to thank you all, and we look forward to making the 2022 event even better!

*by Rachel Petersen*



# Auction Raises Over \$16,000!!

For ten days in November, bidding was open on 93 extraordinarily diverse items donated to BCC's first ever online auction. The fundraiser was a stunning success, raising \$2000 to defray the cost of hosting the Scot Tour in November 2022, PLUS \$14,388 that will go toward the lower level renovation!

The auction caught the eye of 176 bidders from twelve states and as far away as California. The most sought after items seem to fall into the category of "Experiences", whether that meant a tour by boat or plane, a glass blowing lesson, a private movie

screening at the Colonial Theater, golf, curling, or a stay in a beautiful corner of our state. Signed books from local historians, a storied chef, cartoonist, or Stephen King himself also drew bidding wars and raised \$1350, significantly more than their face value. Every item—from artwork and handmade goods, to gift certificates from local businesses, to all manner of things curling-related—elicited competition between bidders and contributed to the impressive auction proceeds.

The Belfast Curling Club is deeply grateful to the following donors to this tremendous fundraising success.

## Donors of Goods and Services to the Curling Rocks! Auction

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Gregory Bunker  
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Binnie MacDonald  
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Barbara Tretheway



## Curling at LL Bean

Over the holiday season, LL Bean ran three Sunday morning street curling sessions at their flagship store in Freeport. BCC members Robin Belek, Matt Ondra, Donna and Terry Fancy, Owen Nelson, Ann Kirkpatrick, Jeff Dutch, Ryan Karbula, Olga and Alden Zimmerman, and Grace Leary staffed the events. Olympic gold medalist Tyler George also attended one of the mornings. While there was no ice and the stones were a whole lot smaller and lighter, each event was visited by well over 100 participants who tried the street curling set up, asked questions, and no doubt left with a better understanding of curling and a bit more intrigued by the sport.

# Governor Mills Is in the House!



On the Tuesday following Christmas, Maine Governor Janet Mills brought her staff to BCC to give curling a try. They had a blast, as almost all You Can Curl participants do, and Governor Mills seemed pleased to learn not only the fundamentals of this winter sport which is attracting more and more Mainers, but also the history behind our state's only dedicated ice facility.

Each season, our club schedules 8-10 You Can Curl sessions, usually on Saturday mornings and/or afternoons. Sometimes groups make mid-week requests that we work around league play. When all three sheets are booked for the three hour slot, up to 24 non-members get a chance to learn the basics of curling and then try a full game with coaching along

the way. Aside from the governor, people from all over Maine have come to Belfast to curl: school groups, church groups, Boy Scouts, nonprofits and corporations looking for a teambuilding experience, or families and friends simply looking for a unique winter activity.

You Can Curls are vital to the Belfast Curling Club, both as a means of community outreach and an income stream. In the course of a season, a few hundred non-members may experience the joys of curling, and our club earns \$7000 or more—an amount comparable to a very successful bonspiel without all the coordination, cooking, bartending and prize-gathering.

A You Can Curl session usually requires 6 volunteers to commit to 3-4 hours. If you enjoy sharing your enthusiasm for curling, consider signing up for one of the remaining sessions this season. You don't need to be an expert! There is a teaching guide and even first-year curlers know enough of the game to share its basic techniques and rules, and above all, make the experience fun for the participants.

Following is a list of dates, event coordinators, and contact info if you are able to help:

February 12, 9:30-12:30—Sierra Dietz  
[dietznme@gmail.com](mailto:dietznme@gmail.com))

February 26, 9:30-12:30—Faith Hague  
[faithague@gmail.com](mailto:faithague@gmail.com))

February 26, 1:30-4:30—Steve West  
[swest@americanlandmark.net](mailto:swest@americanlandmark.net))

March 12, 9:30-12:30—Kathy Cleason  
[khcpondside2@gmail.com](mailto:khcpondside2@gmail.com))

March 12, 1:30-3:30—Karen MacDonald  
[kmacme@yahoo.com](mailto:kmacme@yahoo.com))



# Personal Fundraising on Facebook

As we move toward completing the final 30% of our fundraising goal of \$148,000 here is an idea I'd like to share!

During the month of October, I wanted to give my friends and connections on FaceBook a chance to donate to the Belfast Curling Club for our reconstruction project. I had seen pages that had set up limited-time donations for a nonprofit cause, and I thought of asking people to acknowledge my birthday with a gift to BCC. Faith Hague and Tuesdi Woodworth guided me through the process. It was easy!

You set the time frame for your fundraiser and a goal amount you would like to raise, then create a page. With the click of a button, your page gets sent to your contacts in their regular news feed.

## Here are the steps:

1. On your FaceBook home page, click on the waffle icon in the upper right hand corner.
2. A menu will pop up, and under the heading Create you click on Fundraiser.
3. In the next screen you select Nonprofit as the type of fundraiser.
4. In the next screen, type in Belfast Curling Club in the search bar. When the name appears, click on it and you are at the page to set up your very own fundraiser for BCC!!
5. On the left hand side of the page, you type in the goal you would like to reach with the fundraiser, the end date, and a title for your fundraiser. There is a place to write why you are raising the money, so people understand when they see the page. Then hit Create!

Throughout the time you are fundraising you can monitor the people donating (send them a little thank you), and you can refresh it to keep it current on people's feed. Or you can sit back and let your fundraising take its own course. At the end, the Belfast Curling Club will receive a check from Network for Good for the FULL amount of your fundraiser's donations!

*by Ann Kirkpatrick*

Ann C. Kirkpatrick donated to a fundraiser for Belfast Curling Club Inc ...

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Ann's fundraiser for Belfast Curling Club Inc  
Fundraiser for Belfast Curling Club Inc by Ann C. Kirkpatrick

## Upcoming Events:

Jan 14-16	Women's Pine Tree
Jan 22	USWCA Women's All-American
Jan 29	In-house Funspiel
Feb 4-6	Maine-iac 'Spiel
Feb 17-20	Men's Little International
Mar 18-20	Wood Memorial Open Bonspiel

## Donate Stock to Help BCC's Capital Needs

The Belfast Curling Club has employed a new tool for donating stock to help meet its ongoing capital needs. It is available on the home page of the BCC website. Donating stock benefits both the club and the donor. If a supporter donates a stock that has increased in value, the donor will not have to pay capital gains tax. What's more, if the itemizing taxes, the donor may claim a tax deduction based on the value of the stock at the time of transfer, if they have owned the stock at least one year and one day.

### No capital gains plus a tax deduction!

If this sounds like a good strategy for you, go to the BCC website home page and click on the Donate Stock to Belfast Curling Club button. Donors will receive a written confirmation of their contribution for their tax records.

## Donations in Memory of Nancy Hussey

It comes as no surprise to those that knew my mother that the curling club held a special place in her heart. A second-generation curler whose father formerly served as treasurer, some of her fondest memories and longest relationships were forged at BCC. Joining in 1978 and a member for 30 years, she told countless stories of Bonspiels, dances, amazing meals and of the silly things they would do such as playing Bum Darts or participating in the Night Owl bonspiel where they curled throughout the night.

She was a mentor, a level II instructor, and was proud of all the people she taught to curl. She was competitive and as with many couples at BCC, she and my father rarely saw a shot, or a sweep call the same way. From her earliest days as a “call girl”, disseminating information via a telephone tree, she took seriously her responsibilities as organizer and welcoming committee and believed this type of personalized outreach was vital for members to feel included. She was grateful for the memories and friendships that lasted a lifetime. We should all be this fortunate! *Carolyn Gaiero*



Donations were made in memory of Nancy Hussey by. Pat & Brenda Mullen, Eastern Bank Audit Department, Carolyn Gaiero, Kris Johnson, Janice and Lee Fetterly, Maureen and Steve Provencal, Steve Hill, and Torrie Sprague



## Donation in Memory of Janet Milley

My late wife, Janet Elizabeth Milley (1958-2010), a true-blue Newfoundland, was an accomplished and competitive curler. She loved the game enough to drive to Belfast from Bangor twice a week after her work at TD Bank to curl with her friends and admirers at the Belfast Curling Club. I was admiring enough to partner with her for nine years, including almost two years of marriage before she died of pancreatic cancer. Janet would feel keenly the club's current financial troubles. She would, too, support my gift of \$10,000 in her memory, to help ease them. *Douglas M. Coffin*

# Thank You!

In early June, BCC launched a capital campaign with a fundraising goal of \$148,000—approximately half of the cost to repair the curling club's flood damage and to complete a first round of necessary code upgrades triggered by the renovation.

When 2021 came to a close, the capital campaign had received \$86,490 in donations, more than three times as much as prior capital campaigns. Social media posts, a GoFundMe page, articles in the GNCC newsletter and Bangor Daily News spread word of our plight well beyond our membership. In addition to member contributions, friends, family members,

curlers from afar, foundations, businesses and other organizations have rallied behind us to a degree we couldn't have imagined.

The Belfast Curling Club is deeply grateful to all who made a gift. Whether \$10 or \$10,000, each gift contributes to the continued existence of Maine's only dedicated ice facility and this unique sport that fosters fun and well-being through the winter. Thank you to one and all who gave. (It should be noted that Network for Good donations are comprised of multiple gifts to individual fundraisers for which we don't have names.)

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# Grokicurl 2022

Our plan is to play on the Saturday and use Sunday as the weather back-up date:

1/22 or 1/23  
2/26 or 2/27  
3/12 or 3/13- Trophy Championship day.

Please email Mike for more information or to be put on the mailing list-  
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