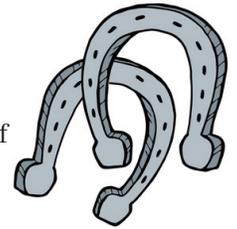


BCC Shoes and Brews



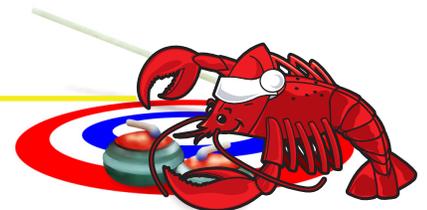
As summer comes to a bittersweet end, so does another season of Shoes and Brews at the BCC. We asked Pete Wood to give us a little history on how this weekly event came to be:

Horseshoes at BCC began roughly six years ago when the deck was built by a host of volunteers. Bill Pieskie suggested at that time that if we installed horseshoe pits perhaps the club could be utilized during the summer. The first year or two went well with several members showing up weekly to play and socialize. Scott Carson and I were asked to take charge this year to try to rejuvenate the fun. Since Scott is busy with his kids and baseball, I tried my best to drum up interest.

I was quite honked off at the first weeks attendance so decided to create a "look what you missed" story about Keith Urban running out of gas in the parking lot. After that it just took on a life of its own with a new musical guest each week that I can have a little fun with.

The Dogs on the Deck idea came about because I thought perhaps more people might show up for something more than snacks, and who doesn't like a dose of nitrates now and then. Two grilled hotdogs and a bag of chips for \$3.00. Many people have been very generous and pay a little more. After expenses all proceeds go to the BCC building fund.

We have the bar open during the evening so that helps the club as well. And even if you don't play, it's nice to see your friends. –Pete Wood



Yule Rock The Coast!

From December 2–6, 2015 our club will have the distinction of hosting a national event, the United States Women's Curling Association Senior Women's Nationals. Teams from all over the country will be present, 24 teams in all. The theme for the bonspiel is "Yule Rock The Coast," so we'll have things going on relating to that theme and getting people who may never have been to Maine to fall in love with the place! We'll need lots of help, of course, so be sure to step up and volunteer. If you are age 55 or older you qualify to participate, and it is not too late to form a team which will be submitted to a general lottery. We are also keeping a waiting list for spares. Teams will be determined in early September by the USWCA Senior Women's Event Rep from the Cleveland Club. Co-chairs for this event are Abbie Read and Karen MacDonald; if you have any questions direct them their way.

2014-2015 BCC League Winners

Winings were distributed to those who attended the annual meeting, and the rest will be posted at the club at the beginning of the season in November.

First Half

Sunday

Winners: Chris Stone, Sean Maguire, Dave/Faith Hague, Jess Hadley
Runners-up: Duke Marston, Mike Overton, Jerry Huntoon, Pam Stearns

Monday Afternoon

Winners: Jeff Dutch, Mary Dutch, Ken Gordon, Erin Hess
Runners-up: Bill Pieske, Cheryl Pieske, Gus Szabronski, Steve Wickenden

Monday

Winners: Toby Atkins, Tilly Atkins, Charlie Plaisted, Melissa Sterry
Runners-up: Kirk Moore, Carl Pillitteri, Rick Fitzsimmons, Liz Fitzsimmons

Tuesday Afternoon

Winners: Douglas Coffin, Wendy Wiley, Phil Streat, Lorraine Streat
Runners-up: Jamie Oates, Val Doody, Claire McHatton, Janet Weaver
Runners-up: Ward Jarman, Jean Brown, Ken Gordon, Sue Gordon

Tuesday Night

Winners: Terry Fancy, Donna Fancy, Ann Fernald, Joel Lee
Runners-up: Jake Weisberg, Greg Eads, Bev Baker, Don Trites

Wednesday

Winners: Will Gagne Holmes, Karen MacDonald, Sara Gagne Holmes, Jaye Martin
Runners-up: Jeff Dutch, Carolyn Gaiero, Lisa Chase, Cory Chase



Thursday Afternoon

Winners: Paul Hauser, Gordon Russell, Jane Rosinski, Diana Hauser
Runners-up: Toby Atkins, Anita King, Tom King, Tilly Atkins
Runners-up: Jim Boulier, Brenda Boulier, Bill Smith, Tammy Kelley

Thursday Night

Winners: Carolyn Gaiero, Jean Brown, Brian Morris, Peter Witham
Runners-up: Joe Baiungo, Erin Herbig, David Sweden, Andrea Sneden

Friday Night

Winners: Rob Dietz, Sierra Dietz, Jason Merriam, Amy Campbell
Runners-up: Bart Read, Abbie Read, Karen MacDonald, Jaye Martin

Second Half

Sunday

Winners: Chris Stone, Chip Curry/Duke Marston, Ken Gordon, Sue Gordon
Runners-up: Ward Jarman, Mike Overton, Terri Kuzell, Jen Harris

Monday Afternoon

Winners: Bill Pieske, Cheryl Pieske, Gus Szabronski, Steve Wickenden
Runners-up: Gordon Russell, Gayle Durnbaugh, Jane Rosinski, Don Trites
Runners-up: Lucy Harr, Brenda Boulier, Ken Gordon, Jessie Gunther
Runners-up: Bill Smith, Sue Wieluns, Tammy Kelley, Sue Gordon

Monday Night

Winners: Bart Read, Abbie Read, Colin Sarsfield, Joan Hayward
Runners-up: Matt Brown, Alanna Brown, Bruce Grantham, Claire McHatton

Tuesday Afternoon

Winners: Dick Fischbeck, Marcie Porter, Faith Hague, Erin Hess
Runners-up: Toby Atkins, Tilly Atkins, Tom Stoner, Linda Anderson

Tuesday Night

Winners: Kirk Moore, Carl Pillitteri, Colin McCabe, Dan Bregman
Runners-up: Duke Marston, Carolyn Gaiero, Dan Marra, Steve Stanford

Wednesday

Winners: Bart Read, Terry Fancy, Abbie Read, Donna Fancy
Runners-up: Kent Clark, Mark Hall, Rob Fowler, Josh Payson
Runners-up: Joe Baiungo, Scott Carson, Jeff Jones, Justin Sanderson
Runners-up: Jeff Dutch, Carolyn Gaiero, Lisa Chase, Cory Chase

Thursday Afternoon

Winners: Jim Boulier, Brenda Boulier, Anita King, Tom King
Runners-up: Nanne Kennedy, Bob McHatton, Wendy Wiley, Claire McHatton

Thursday Night

Winners: Mary Melton, Erica Sprague, Jen Weaver, Mijin Spencer
Runners-up: Ward Jarman, Dave Hague, Terri Kuzell, Faith Hague

Friday Night

Winners: Bart Read, Abbie Read, Karen MacDonald, Jaye Martin
Runners-up: Rob Dietz, Sierra Dietz, Jason Merriam, Amy Campbell

Bartending Certification

Reminder! All persons going behind the bar to serve alcohol must become certified by the state to do so. It's an easy process to complete. The State of Maine has an online Alcohol Seller & Server Training that our insurance company recommends, and we all need to be in compliance to satisfy the insurance company. The bar is a very important part of our club, and we need compliant servers behind the bar during League nights and Bonspiels for this coming curling season. Why not do this now, before the season begins?

Log on to <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/trainsellserve/main.cgi> and follow the instructions. The course costs only \$18.00, which is for 3 years (only \$6.00 per year). You will need to log on and create a password (please remember to write this down) and plan on allowing at least an hour to complete the course. After reading the information, you will be asked to take a test on what you read. After completion, you will be issued a Certificate of Completion. Please print a copy to be retained in the bar.

A Guide to Curling Equipment

Curling is generally seen as an affordable sport and for the most part, it is. However, it's easy to get caught up thinking you need everything to be top of the line in order to enjoy the sport. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Shoes

If you do want to purchase shoes keep in mind that top of the line isn't always best for beginners nor is it economical. The more expensive shoes often have very fast sliders on them (the thicker the slider the faster it goes and the more expensive it is). If you are going from a slip-on to a shoe with a fixed slider be aware you will likely find it to be a little slick at first but you'll get used to it quickly. The off season is a great time to purchase shoes. Why? Because last year's model (or the year before) is typically on sale and you can get some great deals and spend half the money. Who doesn't like to save \$\$\$!

Broom

When it comes to brooms your options are synthetic or hair. It's all about personal preference with synthetic being very popular and what you will see most people using. Keep in mind you want something you find easy

to move and something you feel comfortable putting a lot of pressure on. Broom heads typically need to be replaced every 1-2 years, more often if you curl more than a couple times a week so be sure the head is replaceable. Brooms are also changing and you can get some good deals on those too in the summer.

Gripper

One thing you never want to skimp on is a gripper. Unfortunately, they wear out quickly. For someone curling once a week they should be replaced at least once a year. Keep an eye on the rubber to make sure it isn't flaking off as often times when rocks are consistently picking it can be blamed on either dirty brooms or flaking grippers.

 is our main supplier and they donate a portion of your purchase back to the club. A good deal for you and it helps the club at the same time. If you don't find what you need there, also check out Goldline Curling Supplies as they too have some great deals. –Mary Melton



Improved Viewing of Games Coming to BCC. Will it up our game?

To go along with BCC's upcoming redevelopment, club members Jack Comart and Owen Nelson contacted Kaytaro Sugahara, an avid and world famous curler, who has generously assisted other curling clubs with their audio visual needs. Mr. Sugahara has responded with an offer to pay for new cameras and monitors, along with streaming equipment, to replace our poorly functioning equipment. We are in the process of getting an equipment estimate to submit to Mr. Sugahara for his approval. (Members and others will assist with the labor.)

To learn more about Kay Sugahara go to <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Curling/Features/2009/October/29/Pustovar-Sugahara-newest-members-of-USCA-Hall-of-Fame>.

We hope to have the new equipment installed for the beginning of the new season. So, look your best. You're on camera.
–Jack Comart

Big Changes to Coming to the BCC Website

Our current website has served us well for many years but it is time for a change. Technology is constantly changing and evolving. Through these advances, the technology becomes ever more accessible. It can be become more integrated into our lives making it easier to keep track of our many commitments. We should take advantage of those changes and we are going to.

When I was asked to take over as the “webmaster” for the club it became clear, in a very short amount of time, that we were going to have to start over in regards to the website. This leaves two options. First, I could build a new site from scratch. This would take no less than one hundred hours of work at a minimum. The second option was to find a pre-built solution that would fit all of the needs of our club in regards to registration, scheduling, communication, and publicity. Usually when you are looking for something very specific, a customer built solution is the only way to find something that checks all the boxes. Lucky for us (especially for me) a solution that fits all of our needs was ready and waiting.

Rick Fitzsimmons joined the website committee and we set off to explore all the avenues of bringing the club website up to date. Rick researched research and narrowed the field of candidates of to two. One of which stood out. Curling Club Manager is written by Paul McDonald, owner of Action Web Services in Halifax, NS. He is a curler and has been for most of his life. He understands curling clubs and all of the quirks that come along with such a unique sport and moveover running a club that has its own unique quirks.

Rick, Wendy Wiley, and I took part in a video conference with Paul as he demo-ed Curling Club Manager. As Paul ran through the demo he kept asking if we were still there because we were all silently trying to pick our jaws up off the floor. Curling Club Manager fits in perfectly with our club. It has tools we can use to lessen the burden on our volunteers and recruit new ones. It keeps a list of each curlers upcoming matches and allows you to sync them with our calendar. It allows us to keep track of wins and losses for each team throughout the season. It makes the whole site is mobile friendly. Heck, it has A BUTTON that uses an advanced algorithm to organize the schedule for a league in a fair and balanced way (Operations Committee Rejoice!). In short, it is amazing.

Will we use all these features? Probably not, at least initially. However the potential is exciting.

Here is a short list of some of the features of Curling Club Manager:

- Unlimited Custom Pages
- Club Calendar
- Event Signups (for bonspiels, dinners, any event!)
- Integration to popular online services: Google Docs, Google Maps, Flickr, and more!
- Sponsor Advertising Space
- Newsletter Listings
- Membership Prices and Information
- League Rosters
- League Schedules with auto-generation
- League Standings
- League Spares Lists – Personal Opt-in/Opt-out
- Practice Ice Bookings
- Personal Info Self Management
- Member Contact Information Look-up
- Member Personal Information Privacy Controls
- Unlimited Member Only Member Items
- Online Member/League Registration
- Club Contact Listing
- Member Volunteer Signup

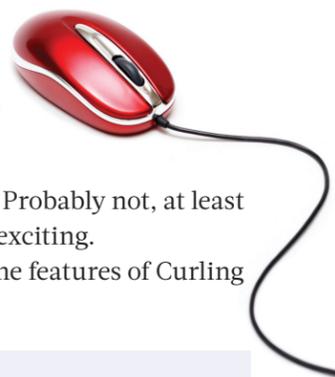
Curling Club Manager is used by many clubs across the United States and Canada. Paul handles support issues. As those clubs make suggestions to Paul, he and his team build out new features and those new features are rolled out to all the clubs. Hosting on a dedicated server is also included in the cost.

The board voted unanimously to move forward and get the new site using Curling Club manager up and running as soon as possible.

The transition has already begun but will not go live until early fall. It will be up and running before registration for the first half. You will be receiving future communications about how to use the site. We will also have a demo and orientation at the club for anyone that is interested once the site is live.

With the capital campaign, college curlers, and youth curling many new and exciting things are happening at the club. The new website will be able to pull all these and our regular events together keeping everyone informed and able to contribute.

–Brian Morris



Curling Camp with the Champs

August 15-21 found five Belfast curlers happy in an ice house during that long heat wave of a week. We, Karen, Jaye, Sarah, Will and Meredith, had signed on for another curling camp experience with the Centre of Curling Excellence in Moncton, NB. Most of the time we were on ice in a 5 sheet house. 12 teams rotated through the various stations so the focus was on small instructional groups, lots of one on one and plenty of skill drills and practice scenarios.

High points of the camp were the guest instructors, who were generous, great communicators and all around wonderful. We felt we had a lot of time with such greats as Russ Howard (Olympic Gold Medalist and a hundred other achievements) and Earle Morris (long time coach of Rachel Homan and many many other winning teams). We were evaluated in lots of ways. We were coached, videotaped, cheered as we bravely struggled to change and improve. I personally have a new level of appreciation of weight shift, push and release. Such topics as warm ups, managing the scoreboard, goal



Sarah, Will, Karen, Meredith, and Jaye with Earle Morris (coach of many Canadian champs)

setting, timing, thin inturns all were given serious attention.

All this and heaven too as we retired each afternoon to a cottage on the Gulf of Lawrence where we shared the beach with a great blue

heron, had a BBQ, lawn games and fully enjoyed each others company. On Friday Meredith headed south while the other four competed in a bonspiel till Sunday.

–Meredith Coffin

Rolling Stones: More News from the Road

The week after our end of season bonspiel, “The Wood Family Bonspiel”, concluded, 8 Belfast curlers traveled to Petersham on March 26 for “The Spring Fling”. This is a very fun 2-sheeter club in Central Massachusetts. We were greeted with enthusiasm and there was an abundance of welcoming behavior as so many have been to our club. It always has a theme and this year was Rock ‘n Roll and the costumes were everywhere. Bart, Abbie and Meredith had the honor and responsibility of overseeing Wendy’s first away bonspiel. Karen, Will, Sarah and Jaye curled as well and the most memorable moment was their winning the costume contest . . . disguised as vinyl 45 records. Our smashed guitars were fun to make and wear and destroy. Can’t wait till next year. –Meredith Coffin

Brief Notes from the BCC Annual Meeting

April 18, 2015

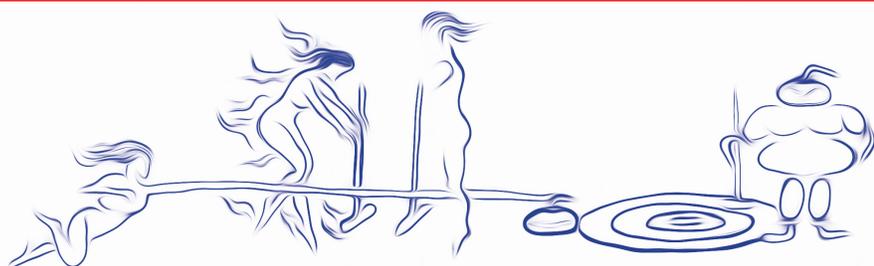
- To make the club run, it takes about 2700 hours a year, which works out to over 16 hours per member. *So if you are volunteering less than that, another member is picking up those hours for you.*
- Total income was slightly ahead of last year, but expenses were up.
- Second phase of Capital Campaign will be to focus efforts outside of club to local businesses and individuals. A cocktail reception fund raising event is being planned in the fall at the club.
- We have an outline and time line for replacing the ice plant. Motor on the brine pump was replaced so we had minimal expenses this year. November 2015 to October 2016 will be the timing to complete a project that includes a concrete pad outside for ice equipment, an upgrade to the electrical equipment, and work on the rink itself.
- Planned events for 2015–2016: Maine-iac 'Spiel in November 5–8, 2015; USWCA Women's Seniors in



December 2–6, 2015; Women's Pine Tree in January 15–17, 2016; Men's Little International in February 2016; and Wood in March 2016. Also: Monthly in-house spiels (sponsors are needed for these); a friendly with Portland's Pine Tree curling club; three Learn to Curl events; two–three You Can Curl events; three Skills Clinics. In March 2017 we are hosting the Women's 5-and-Under. Curling

camp will be rescheduled to early 2017.

- We are hoping to work with Broomstones Curling Club to help us set up a Youth program, which would be open to anyone in the community. Youth curling would also help the fund raising committee when applying for grants.
- The Pine Tree Curling Club in Portland will have Wednesday night leagues from 8:30–11:00. They currently have about 45 members.
- This was a good year for the bar, and while no price increases are coming up this year, that will be looked at again next year.
- Building and Grounds projects for coming up in 2015 include the back half of the roof, which needs to be replaced this year, and the women's room floor, where there are sections that will need to be replaced before the start of the new season.
- Hoping to get Bates and Colby to participate in the College Curling and Crash Spiel next year. UMO almost made it to the nationals.
- The Ice Committee needs more volunteers to help with the process of starting up the ice.
- The machinery ran well all year.



What's Your Superpower?

In January of 2016, the Pinetree Women's Bonspiel will take to the ice with the theme of *The Fantastic Four!* This is a biennial event at the Belfast Curling Club, January 15–17, three events, three games guaranteed, with lots of good food, drink, and fun.

The last Pinetree Bonspiel, in 2014, attracted eleven teams from away and five from Belfast for an exciting full weekend of curling and fun. We expect 16 teams to again arrive to curl with their Fantastic Four! Registration information will be available in the fall. Two spots will be reserved for Belfast teams, determined by a random draw, with the possibility of more Belfast needed to fill in the 16 team draw.