



## ***T LINE TOPICS***

***JAN 12, 2005***

### **MCCULLOUGH WINS LOVEJOY**

The Lovejoy Competition, curled at SCC since 1934, was won by Charlie McCullough. McCullough, a two-time winner made it three by defeating Jim Colton. His team included Fred Macintosh at three, Doug Spring at two and new curler Chris Rem at lead.

They beat Colton, also a three-time Lovejoy winner, in a hard fought match. After 9 ends the score was 5-4. Jim had to make a take out and stay to tie. His shot was a little heavy, hit on the outside and rolled out. Game over! Colton had Marty Zavadil, Dean Robbins and Chuck Deshaies.

Jim Sinkins won the Rice. He bested Jack Fitzgerald with help from Dan Machold, Dave Hooper and Dick Powell.

Pat Fitzgerald defeated Pete Sheehan for the Delack medal. Art Merkley was the three, Victor Rodriguez two and Bill Rolston lead. Burt Delack presented the award in his usual gracious manner. Burt just turned 95 and recently renewed his pin for another twenty- five years.

Bob Travis went 11 ends against Vic Temple to be victorious in the Steadwell/Jackson. Jim Holmblad played three, Bob Benjamin was the two and Jim Jordon lead.

Vic Temple did a great job as chairman of the event. Curt Becker took care of the lunch which featured Art Merkley's split pea soup with ham and Chris Rem's venison chili!!!! Jeff Mayott cleared the parking lot of 5" of snow and Charlie McCullough did publicity and the draw board.

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### **SCC WOMEN HOST EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL JAN 13<sup>TH</sup> THRU 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Chair, Nancy Wurth announced that 18 teams would vie for the Empire Championship at SCC this year.

Teams from Utica, Albany, Plainfield, Norfolk, Broomstones, Rochester, Philadelphia, Potomac, Lake Placid, USWCA Reps, and The Dancing Nancy's will attend a cocktail party Thursday evening hosted by Fran Rinella and Patty Robbins. The curling will

begin at 7:30 PM. There are four draws on Friday and three on Saturday with the finals at 11:15 AM Sunday. There will be a brunch on Sunday from 9:00 AM until 11:30 Am. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are required and there is a sign up on the bulletin board. Please let us know by Thursday evening.

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## CURLPALOZZA!!!

Six teams took to the ice for the First Annual Curlapalozza! The teams were drawn at random and switched sheets and opponents every two ends. Each team kept their points as they traveled. The teams changed lead, second, and vice positions throughout the game.

Skip Dorothy Szymaszek scored 12 points and took home the coveted Curlapalooza Cup. Dotty Sheehan, Jim Jordon and Jeff Mayott assisted Dorothy with the win.

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## KNIGHTS OF DECEMBER

The first Knights of December 10 Year and Under Bonspiel was curled on December 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> with eight teams participating. There were four Schenectady teams, two from Utica and two from Albany.

Skip Glenn Chapman of Utica and Albany's Brian Moon advanced to the "A Event" along with Pat Fitzgerald and Tim Brooks of Schenectady. Moon defeated Brooks and met Fitzgerald in the finals of the "A Event" on Sunday.

Brian Moon bested Pat Fitzgerald to win the "A Event" Squire medal. Dan Machold's Schenectady rink took home the "B Event" Fitzgerald trophy with Albany's Tom Williams capturing the Griffin in the "C Event". Tim Brooks was the "D Event" winner and was awarded the DeCrosta medal.

Saturday evening teams and guests enjoyed a cocktail party and tenderloin steak done on the outside grill by Chefs Jeff Mayott and Charlie McCullough. Spectators watched a "Lead of the Spiel Competition" won by our own first year curler, Charlie Brown.

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## WOMEN'S CURLING 2005

We want all SCC Women to be aware of the upcoming events and encourage you to participate. Everyone is welcome!!!!

SCHENECTADY ALBANY LEAGUE (SAL) Monday AM  
Curlers alternate curling sites between SCC and Albany. It's fun to curl on different ice and the league is social and fun. We can always use new curlers.

GRIFFIN-Wednesday 9:15 AM

This league will begin soon and there is a sign up in the ladies locker room. These gals are a bunch of hardy curlers who enjoy competition, but like to have fun, too. Enjoy coffee and goodies after the game.

ALL AMERICAN- Thursday 6:30 PM

The All American is sponsored by the United States Women's Curling Association and is curled throughout the USA. The pin is a replica of the map of the US rendered in red white and blue and is coveted by all women curlers. Please come join us! New curlers are especially welcome!!! If you have any questions concerning women's curling contact Maxine Getty, Chair of the Women's Steering Committee.

BLACKHALL INVITATIONAL-This event rotates and is curled at 6:00 PM on the same night as the men's Van de Car.

The Blackhall is the only invitational league in women's curling. An entire team is entered in the competition. Anyone is eligible to enter a team. Evelyn Blackhall, who passed away in 1999, sponsored this event. Her family continues the sponsorship. As an active member and proponent of women's curling, Evie was influential in establishing Thursday Evenings for women. The runner-up to the Blackhall is the Parker.

Contact Chair Judy McCullough if you have any questions. We always need substitutes. Please come join us!!

COLTON-KERR-SZYMASZEK-HILBORN WOMEN'S BONSPIEL-Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Colton is the only women's bonspiel curled at SCC. The curling is competitive, but we get CRAZY!!!! This year's theme is "IT'S KID'S A PARTY!" Get ready for some good curling and lots of fun! Chair Carol Munro has plenty of surprises up her sleeve. New curlers---this is the one for you. We don't allow photos and absolutely no men!!! Watch for the sign up!

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## HOLIDAY RAFFLE

The Holiday Raffle was a huge success! Charlene Fitzgerald made and donated a cuddly blanket for the raffle. We collected \$416 which will go for much needed repairs to the ladies room. The project, which includes replacing the tile floor, is estimated to cost \$575.

Charlene conducted the raffle during the Social League on Sunday. The winners donated the blanket back to the club to be raffled again at a later date. Thanks to all of those members who bought the tickets and contributed so generously to this project.

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## SANTA COMES TO SCC

Santa arrived at SCC to a throng of revelers 100 strong!! We hated to stop eating, but did when we heard the jingle bells that announced his arrival. We knew he had goodies in his pack. He took his position in the center of the room where the children gathered round. Not far off we could see his assistant, Margaret Brennan, ready to help in any way. Santa Ho Ho Hoed, looked in his bag and found gifts for Ellen and Will Merkely, Sarah and Donald Mackintosh and Sean Fitzgerald. Some adults got lucky, too. Marie Pletenik received a decorative snowman and several of the guys got bags of goodies. Some lucky ladies received a chit good for a glass of wine and some gents a draft beer. Thank you so much, Santa.

Shirley Burgess decorated the warm room with a lovely Christmas tree, lights and balls at the plate glass. Jane Caruvana did the arrangements on the buffet tables and the room was a sight to behold. There were four tables laden with hors d'oeuvres, turkey, ham, beef, several pasta dishes, salads and desserts. Social Curlers Team Lisuzzo brought their famous stuffed mushrooms and Severenkos made a hit with their latkes. Team Becker, with Max Getty and team McCullough with Ann Hartranft, Hal and Peg Clements were responsible for clean up. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Holiday Party such a great success. We garnered \$565 for the club coffers.

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## OLYMPICS! HERE WE COME!!!

SCC curlers, Chrissy Fink Haase and Maureen Fodera, members of Team Moraldo, recently racked up a 6-0 record and swept the field at the National Qualifying tournament held at Broomstones. They will now compete in a field of 10 teams in the OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS in Madison WI Feb 19-26. For more info go to the USCA website. Congratulations Chrissy and Maureen we'll be rooting for you!!!

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## THE ICEMEN SPEAKETH! A reminder from President Jim Ridenour.....

Thanks are due to all of you who have pitched in in your own way to help us install, maintain and prepare the ice for play. It is important to acknowledge that even the best intentioned efforts can go awry, particularly when it comes to using some of the equipment located in the compressor room. Although not really complicated, there are things that can go wrong if valves are left open or switches inadvertently thrown. If you are running an event or a bonspiel, or if you need to make arrangements for a make up game, or anything else involving the use of the ice, please do not hesitate to talk to us about your needs/wishes. If there is any way that we can make it happen for you, we will.

If you are interested in learning more about ice making and what you can do to help out, we'd love to talk to you! If you aren't sure who to talk to, a good place to start is with Jim Ridenour, Pete Sheehan, Dave Spencer, Jeff Mayott, Art Merkley, Dean Robbins or Al Doty, to name a few.

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Deadline for next T Line-January 24<sup>th</sup>. E mail or call Dotty Sheehan or Charlotte Colton.