



## ***T LINE TOPICS***

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### **SCC Member Survey – 2004**

On August 16, 2004, a total of 146 member surveys were mailed to SCC members in all membership categories. Response rate was 57%. Here are the results.

#### **Demographics**

Forty-eight men and 35 women completed the survey. Responses covered the age spectrum from under 18 year old curlers to those over 75 years old. Over 60% of the responses were from curlers 55+ years old. Women curlers averaged 14 years of curling experience and 13 years as members of SCC, respectively; averages for the men were slightly less than those for the women. The men participated in an average of 3.3 leagues last season while women competed in 3.0 leagues, on average.

#### **Bonspiels and Competitions**

Both men and women curlers participated in an average of two in-house bonspiels. Men averaged 1.8 away bonspiels last season while the women competed in slightly fewer bonspiels. The interest in competing in away bonspiels was higher among men than women. On a scale of 1-7 (seven being 'Very Interested'), the men's responses averaged a rating of 5.5 while the women were 'somewhat interested', with an average 4.6 rating.

#### **Club Conditions**

When asked how satisfied they were with the club conditions, members responded with the following, on a 1-7 scale (seven being 'Very Satisfied'):

- Outside Appearance – *Somewhat Satisfied* (4.4)
- Inside Appearance – *Fairly Satisfied* (5.1)
- Overall Cleanliness – *Fairly Satisfied* (5.2)
- Ice Conditions – *Quite Satisfied* (6.3)
- Overall Condition of the Ice Shed and Equipment – *Quite Satisfied* (6.1)

#### **League Structure**

Members were asked how satisfied they were with the structure of the leagues and the speed of play in the leagues. Responses indicate that curlers were *fairly satisfied* (avg. rating = 5.3) with the structure of the leagues but only *somewhat satisfied* (avg. rating = 4.4) with the speed of play in the leagues.

### **Skill and Instruction**

Curlers were asked how frequently they experienced various aspects of on-ice instruction and conduct, on a 1-7 scale (seven being 'Always'). Those surveyed indicated that "my skip/teammates worked with me on technique" *occasionally* (4.4) but responded *frequently* to "my skip/teammates help me to feel comfortable on the ice" (5.4).

### **Social Events**

The survey revealed that, on average, members are *fairly satisfied* with the friendliness of members (5.3) and the social events at the club (5.4).

### **Communications and Volunteering**

When asked how useful members found the following forms of communications, on a 1-7 scale (seven being 'very useful'), the average responses were:

- T-Line newsletter – *Quite Useful* (5.9)
- Fall membership mailing – *Quite Useful* (5.8)
- Club bulletin board – *Quite Useful* (5.7)
- Club website – *Somewhat Useful* (4.4)

It is important to note that the survey preceded the changes made to both the T-Line newsletter and the club website. Members felt *fairly well informed* of club events (avg. rating = 5.4).

Club members were asked to rate their level of volunteer work performed during the prior year. On average, members felt the amount of time they volunteered to club activities was *just about right*

Dennis Quinn

## **TRASH AND TREASURES AND BAKE SALE**

Our biennial TRASH AND TREASURES AND BAKE SALE will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Charlene Fitzgerald will chair this event with Jane Caruvana and Shirley Burgess as co-chairs.

Please clean out your attic, basement and garage and save your castaways for the sale. We can even arrange pickup for you. We will accept anything but clothing. Books, dishes, appliances, mowers, snow blowers, computers, TVs, costume jewelry is especially saleable, Christmas decorations, pictures, sporting goods of all kinds, tools, small furniture items, etc.

Bake sale Chairs, Charlotte Colton and Bette Sovik, are looking for pies, cakes, muffins, breads, cookies, potato and macaroni salads, etc.

There will be a sign up for volunteers to help. We will need people to set up and to man the sale on sale day.

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**Want to donate stone handles?** Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

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## CUNNINGHAM MIXED BONSPIEL

The CUNNINGHAM MIXED BONSPIEL will be played Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Jack and Charlene are the chairpersons.

The rink fee is \$10 and includes pizza on Friday night, Saturday lunch and snacks. Sign up as a single or pair. The skips will be picked and the teams drawn.

The annual ST PATRICK'S CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER will be held in conjunction with the Cunningham. Tab for the dinner is \$15. Children 12 and under are free. There is a separate sign up for the dinner. Participants must sign as well as non-participants.

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## SCC COMPETES AT DYKES

Three SCC teams competed at Broomstones in the Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel. The Dykes is for men curlers with five years or fewer experience. The event was the largest in the GNCC with 34 teams participating.

Dan Machold skipped with Jim Campbell at three, Mike Rhodes at two and Chuck Deschaies to reach the "B" Event semifinals but came up short.

Rodriguez, Jim Jordan and Dan Navatril were eliminated on Saturday but won the coin toss in every game they played.

Pat Fitzgerald skipped our most successful rink with Art Merkely, Jeff Mayott and Jon Kunin. They defeated Albany in the finals of the Davies Bowl and were the first SCC team to win the Davies Bowl since 2000.

Potomac we the champs and won the Dykes Trophy. Other winners included Belfast who took the Brookline Trophy and the Broomstones team who won the Sinnett Cup.

Tim Brooks

## SCHENECTADY AT THE KAYSER

Three Schenectady teams curled in Nashua, NH in the Kayser Mixed for curlers with experience of five years or fewer.

Pat Fitzgerald, Cathy Haag, Art Merkley and Michelle Mayhew had a 3-2 record with an exciting finish in the finals of the “B” Event. The skips final rocks decided the winner. They took runner-up in the “B” Event.

Tim Brooks team of Liz Lansing, Victor Rodriguez and Fay Navratil defeated Broomstones but lost to the two Rochester teams.

Jeff Mayott’s curled with first year curlers including Paula Healey, Charlie Brown and Kathy Brown. They had a 1-2 record with a win against Cape Cod and losses to Potomac and Utica.

Victor Rodriguez

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## STANTS/VAUGHEN/ LINK/LEONARD

The Harry Stants Memorial Bonspiel (formerly The Gabel) now in its second year, will be curled on Friday evening March 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The men’s Jr Skip bonspiel is for skips that did not skip in the Lovejoy. Men who skipped in the Lovejoy may play lead in the Stants.

Chairman and defending champion, Boris Severenko, announced a rink fee of \$10 pp that includes snacks, continental breakfast and lunch. Please support this event. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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**OOPS!!** Pete forgot to thank Dorothy Szymaszek for her help during the GNCC Seniors Bonspiel. Thanks Dorothy!

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**WOMEN GO TO NASUHA**-Bette Sovik, Lisa Nieradka, Alice Rubin, and Jane Caruvana curled in Nasuha and had high hopes. They curled on some very un-Jimmy like ice and didn’t do as well as expected, however, the food and fellowship was great!