



T LINE TOPICS

DEC 15, 2004

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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HANUKKAH!! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

Since returning from Korea, I have been approached a few times by newer curlers with questions about some of the rules, particular the substitution and time rules. The rules for curling are printed in full in the member books that have been distributed (if you have not picked yours up, it is available in the warm room). Copies are also at the bar and the telephones. Everyone should take a look at these, and those responsible for knowing and enforcing the rules... especially up-rinks and league chairs..... should be fully conversant with them. These rules have been framed with input from the membership and approved by the Board of Managers. At the December meeting, the Board of Managers recertified their intent that these rules be implemented. We will all benefit by consistently applying these rules in all of the leagues, and it is the intention of the Board of Managers, consistent with the bylaws of the club, that this be done. Members should also note that league members and league chairs are not empowered under the bylaws of the club to determine not to enforce board-approved rules in certain leagues.

1. Match cards. Although not widely advertised, last year's rules stipulated that teams fill out match cards and turn them in. This was intended to help us gather information on whether games were being cut short, going into extra ends, or whether certain teams or certain members were routinely involved in games that failed to go to normal completion. Match cards are available and should be deposited in the mailbox at the end of the bar. Just as skips should ensure that the sheets are mopped after a match (we are doing this, yes?), they should ensure that someone on their team is handling this task. I might suggest that if the losing team mops the sheet, the winning team could take care of the match card.
2. Sub rule. This rule was also in force last season. All substitutes must play in the lead position, or in the lead and second position if there are two subs. When a team has a first or second year curler in the lead position and that curler opts not to move up, the first sub may play in the second position (NB this is at the discretion of the lead in question, not of the up-rink). If there are two subs, the lead's option is vacated. In no case may any sub play other than lead or second. In mixed curling, sub should be of the appropriate gender, if possible. Deviations from this requirement must be approved

by the league chairperson. It is not required that one gender play lead and three and another play second and skip. Once a match commences, lineups may not be changed, a match commences, lineups may not be changed, however, the lineup in any single match is at the skip's discretion.

3. Time rule. The Board of Managers has determined that it is reasonable to expect that all curling matches at SCC be completed in a time frame not to exceed an average of 15minutes per end. Thus, eight end games are expected to be completed in two hours, ten end games in 1.5 hours, etc. If time expires and the allotted number of ends have not been completed then the end in play shall be the last end of the match. Subject to the tie rule (see below), the end of the game shall be determined as follows: if both teams have thrown the same number of stones at the end of regulation time, the end will be scored on the basis of the stones thrown up to the expiration of the regulation time (a running stone is allowed to come to rest): if one team has delivered an extra stone, the team in deficit shall throw one more stone to make up the deficit and the end shall be scored at that point. Interpretation: the stones are to be delivered by the player who would have delivered them in the normal course of play, i.e., leads throwing the first two rocks of the end, etc.

4. Tie rule. Subject to the time rule, if a match is tied at the end of the allotted number of ends, skips may opt to begin an extra end if time has not expired. If both skips agree and time has not expired, they may instead opt to break the tie by a single stone delivered by each team, the winner to be decided by the stone closest to the button. Interpretation to qualify as closest to the button, a stone must be in normal scoring position (i.e., touching the house). If a match ends in a tie under the time rule with fewer than 8 stones thrown in the final end, the final end shall be scored as described in the time rule and the single stone method used to break the tie. In any case where the single stone method is invoked and the tie is unbroken, then the same players for each team shall deliver a single stone a second time in an effort to break the tie. If this attempt also fails to break the tie the leads shall conduct a coin toss, and the team with the hammer shall call the toss.

5. Late start rule. Consistent with proper etiquette, and with the intent to adhere to specific time limits for individual matches, teams that do not present a legal rink on the appointed sheet, ready to deliver stones shall be penalized as follows: an end shall be posted at five minutes beyond the appointed start time, second at fifteen minutes and a third at twenty-five minutes. At thirty minutes, the team with a legal rink shall be declared the victor, with the score of 4-0 through 4 ends. Interpretation: the team with the legal rink need not wait for the half hour on the ice, but does need to present itself on the appointed sheet to invoke the rule, and must be present in the warm room ready to play in the event the opponent is able to field a legal rink during that time.

Thank you for your help in implementing these rules.

Jim



EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

SCC will host the 2005 Empire State Bonspiels Thursday, Jan 13th through Sunday, Jan 16th. Nineteen teams are confirmed with our goal being 24 teams. We need volunteers to

assist with scoring, measuring, hors d' oeuvres for opening party, lunches, dinners and cleanup. The committee would like to serve brunch on Sunday morning and need someone to volunteer to chair this event. Please contact NANCY WURTH, CHAIR to volunteer.

Charlene and Jack Fitzgerald will donate the medals for the Fourth Event in memory of Beulah Fitzgerald who was instrumental in organizing the first Empire in 1954. The Empire celebrated the 50th Anniversary in 2004.

The Ladies Empire State Bonspiel auctions still need a few items: new pkg. golf balls, golf towels, pkg tees, wine (any variety), liqueurs (any variety), candy (especially chocolate), home made baked goods that will keep (biscotti, shortbread), pottery items that could have the above items placed in it. The more things that are donated the more money the Club will make on this project. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Carol Munro, Chairman - auctions

The Directory Please take the time to make the following changes in the address list in the new directory:

1. Cross off the following people Dick Gijanto , Jeff LeLieve, Lance Luther, Charlie & Judy Lynch (no longer members)
2. Hal Clements is a Contributing Member, and Donna Disch is a Social Member
3. Men's Winners- should be 2003-2004. You will have to earn your right to get in the book for this year.

Any more problems that need to be addressed for this year will be put in the T-Line as they are reported. Thanks for your patience, Dotty Sheehan.

New Year's Day Brunch

Carol Munro is again going to organize this great way to start the New Year. There is a sign up on the bulletin board. An informal game is planned for 10AM, followed by brunch. Bring a salad, casserole, dessert or whatever. It's always delicious and always fun!!!! Any questions call Carol!!

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71st LOVEJOY BONSPIEL---JAN 7, 8 &9

The Lovejoy Bonspiel is the championship for Senior Skips. This keen competition has been curled at SCC since 1934. Last year's winner was Howard Knudsen with Vic Temple at three, Jeff Mayott two and Hal Clements at lead. VIC TEMPLE is the Bonspiel Chair. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board. Please sign up ASAP as the holidays complicate matters somewhat.

SPECIAL THANKS!!!! It's that time of year to remember the people that help to make SCC such a great club. Thanks to our Board of Managers for all their time and

effort! Our icemen are the best. Thanks guys! House Manager, Shirley Burgess—what would we do without her? Thanks Dotty Sheehan for the great directory! To all the Bonspiel Chairmen and committee workers, the cooks, the gals that donate all those good hors d' oeuvres and snacks we really appreciate you all! SCC is a volunteer organization. Someone has your name. Be ready!!!!

WE DID IT!! We made our goal and met our benefactor's \$10,000. Thanks to all of those members who contributed!!!

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A CURLING STORY

One night not too long ago Shaun Miller had a dream. He dreamed that he had a visit from the Curling God. The Curling God said, "Shaun, it's not about power it's about finesse." Shaun told his friends Jordan, Dean and Denny. They paid a visit to SCC and liked what they saw. They joined immediately and set a lofty goal for themselves. To curl in the Olympics! Good Curling guys. We hope your dreams come true!

Shaun Miller was graduated from West VA University with a degree in International Business. He will soon be starting his Masters at SUNY Albany. He won a wrestling scholarship to WVA and now does volunteer coaching at Shenendehowa. He works at the Newest Bar & Grill and enjoys golf, wrestling, and jiu-jitsu.

Dean Plakas is the owner of Newest Bar & Grill on Curry Rd. He graduated from Hudson Valley where he majored in Business Administration. He was the President of Student Government. Dean is engaged. He is very enthusiastic about curling and spends a lot of time at his business.

Denny Plakas graduated SUNY Albany with a degree in Marketing Management. He is employed at the Newest Bar & Grill. Denny's ambition is to become an Olympic Curler and is working hard at his new sport. He belongs to Elite Health and Fitness where he enjoys jiu-jitsu with his friend, Shaun.

Jordan Kocher lives in Niskayuna and is bar manager at Newest Bar and Grill. He is attending the College of St. Rose where he is a History major. Jordan likes all sports but, especially lacrosse and football. His passion is coaching.

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The next T-line will be published on Jan 12th. Please send your items to Char or Dotty by Monday, Jan 10th.