



T LINE TOPICS

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\$\$ SCRAPER \$\$

We are currently scraping our ice with an ICE KING scraper that was donated to the club (approx 6 years ago) by Union College. This machine is at least 35 years old and has many problems. It is extremely inefficient and some of the moves we must make with it are unsafe at best.....that's the bad news.

Now for the good news ...An anonymous club member has made the following challenge to the membership. They will contribute \$2,500 toward the purchase of a new machine (approx \$7,000) if we can raise the balance required. If you are interested in this project please see Jim Ridenour who will collect the funds (if offered) and report to us on any progress.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sign-UP Now for the party to be held on Fri Dec 16th ...6:30 PM. Heavy horsd'oeuvres

For more info.....call Charlene Fitzgerald or Dorothy Szymaszek

BETTY SCHELL

It was with a heavy heart that Betty's friends and family honored her life on Monday 12/12. She was an avid curler and supporter of SCC for many many years. She and Neal (her late husband) were very active in the youth curling program. We will all miss her!

ICE

The ice may not be available from 12/21 thru 12/29 due to some repairs that must be completed before the Eastern Qualifier takes place...please make note of this..the possibility exists that the EQ will not be held..if so the repair will not be done

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The GNCC's 2006 World Men's Curling Championship is a once in a lifetime event. To blast-off the 10 days of festivities an opening weekend celebration is planned.

The opening ceremony is Friday night March 31st. On Saturday there is curling followed by the GNCC Blast Off party Saturday night. Curling will continue on Sunday. There is discounted opening weekend package available for about \$60. See Chrissy Fink-Hasse for more details.

VOTE FOR CURLING !

Pass this one to as many as you can and have them vote often. Go to the NBC link to the Olympics and vote for curling coverage. The ballot is on the right side of the page, towards the "bottom".

ANY extra curling coverage JUST has to be good curling coverage.

www.wnbc.com/olympics2006

JUNIOR TRIP TO TCC

The GNCC Junior Playdowns were held at The Country Club in Brookline, MA this past weekend. 12 Junior men's teams were at the event vying for 2 spots at Nationals. The Schenectady junior men's playdown team is skip Jesse Crawford, vice Zach Aragosa, second Ryan Mayott, and lead Zach Frohne. Dion Warr is the team coach. Jesse is a former Albany member who has been to playdowns three times before (never as skip). This was the first time for the rest of the team. It has been many years since Schenectady has sent a team to this event.

The 12 teams were put into two pools with the top two teams advancing to Sunday from each pool. Peer ranking placed our team as 5th overall and 3rd in their pool. The guys did not disappoint for their first attempt together. They won their first two games against Philadelphia and Plainfield, then lost to the higher ranked Rochester and Broomstones squads. They won a close final game against Potomac to finish 3 and 2 in the round robin, unfortunately not high enough to advance. The Potomac team was coached by none other than former SCC member Iain Munro, who lead a Schenectady junior team to Nationals in 1997. Iain and I were on the edge of our seats during the final shots of the tenth end when Potomac placed their final stone in position to steal one to force the extra end and Jesse had to make a final takeout for the win.

The other major excitement during the weekend was almost a foot of snow on Friday and then having to stand in it for over an hour at 1 AM that night when our hotel had a fire in the basement and we all had to evacuate. After almost three hours, we were moved to another hotel for the remainder of the weekend.

Everyone, including the coach, had a great time and we'd all like to thank the Schenectady members who helped us out with the travel and lodging expenses. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you!



OUR JUNIOR TEAM !!!!

THE DECEMBER KNIGHTS OF CURLING

Twelve teams participated in a successful weekend devoted to men curlers with 10years (or less) experience. The visiting teams all appeared to enjoy the hospitality and ice of SCC. Four Schenectady teams made it to the Sunday morning finals with Tim Brooks the lone winner

DIRECTORY GOOFS

The 2005 BRADSHAW WINNERS were : Jack and Charlene Fitzgerald (both halves) Dan & Fay Navratil were their downrinks for ½ year and Charlie & Cathy Brown for the other ½ year

Rick Fink continues to be a distant member.

If you know of other errors (that should go in the T-Line) please let Pete or Dotty know

COMING EVENTS

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN-UP FOR :

AFTER CHRISTMESS PARTY DEC16th FOLLOWING SOCIAL CURLING

NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH... DETAILS COMING SOON

CORE CURLING ...a story by Tim Brooks

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of meeting two of the best curlers in the world. Julie Skinner and Diane Dezura came all the way from Canada to the Schenectady just to teach the members of the Schenectady Curling Club (as well as Albany and Lake Placid) how to play like the pros.

Julie and Diane were just awesome. They were fun, informative and incredibly personable. It was such a great weekend, I felt as if they were new fun members of our club and I found it very difficult to say good bye when it was all over.

These women taught us how to deliver a stone the way they do. I have been using their delivery method now for 3 league games and 5 games during the Achilles. I now feel I have better control and weight with my new delivery which is a good thing because my delivery used to be sloppy and I just didn't have enough weight for take outs on slow or heavy ice. For this I want to thank both Julie and Diane for everything as I am sure everyone who attended the clinic feels the same way. Julie and Diane, thank you so much!

Of course this event would have never happened if it hadn't been for Dion Warr. He made sure that we got enough people to make this happen. With hard work and calling people during the summer he put together a great clinic. If it hadn't been for him we wouldn't have had this. Thank you Dion Warr!

I want to share a story that Julie shared with us that I thought was just amazing.

Friday night, Julie and Diane decided to stop by at a gas station to buy some drinks. As they take their beverage to the check-out counter the attendant of course ID's the two Canadians. Julie shows her ID and the attendant looks over at the Canadian's ID and proceeds to make small talk. He asked the girls what they were doing in Albany. Julie explains that they are here to teach members of the Schenectady Curling Club advanced techniques for curling. Curiosity got the better of him and he asked her what curling was.

Julie then continues to explain what curling is, the same way we do when we are asked about the sport. He then remembers that he has seen the game on TV, perhaps during the Olympics. Julie then mentions to him that she was at the Olympics during the 2002 games in Salt Lake City and that they won the Bronze medal. The attendant was skeptical at first, but then Julie says, "I have the medal in my purse, would you like to see it?" Who could resist an opportunity like that or perhaps he just didn't believe her. However, Julie reaches into her purse and pulls out the pound and a half

bronze medal and plops it on the counter. At this point the guy's jaw drops right next to the medal and is speechless.

Imagine being this guy, who will try to tell all of his friends about this awesome experience and none of them will ever believe him. I just wish I could have been there to see that. What a way to end the weekend!

NEXT T-LINE JAN 4th
DEADLINE MON JAN 2nd