



NEWSLETTER

September 2009

Opening Night – October 24th

Mark your calendars! We're only a month away from the start of the new curling season. Opening Night will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:00 pm followed by our traditional potluck supper. Please bring your favorite dish (appetizer, main course, or dessert) and your curling gear. We hope to have ice available for Opening Night for anyone who would like to get some early practice in.

Summer Work Projects – While progress has been a bit slow there have been a number of improvements made at the club this summer:

- The water damaged ceiling tiles in the bar have been replaced.
- Baseboard in the Men's Room has been repaired.
- The new storage room behind the bar has been finished. New lights and shelves have been installed and supplies from the old storage room have been moved.

Projects that still remain:

- Convert the old storage room into a Ladies' changing room (paint walls,

install flooring, put up curtains, mirror and clothing pegs).

- Repair roof over the kitchen. (This may require a professional roofer.)
- Replace heating cables on roof to prevent ice dams and further water damage.
- Repair leaks in chimney.
- Clean the ice floor in preparation for the initial flooding (must be done by **September 25th**).

The Olympic Committee – is looking for help from anyone who has graphic design / advertising experience. We need to develop posters, ads, etc. to get the word out and promote our club during this upcoming Olympic year. Please contact our chair person, Mary Fanette, at 860-542-1865 or email Mary at fanettem@comcast.net if you can help.

Open House – November 1st

Our first Open House of the season is scheduled for Sunday, November 1st, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We need lots of volunteers for demonstrations and to help with instructions. We would like to be able to offer our guests some light refreshments so if you can bake or

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just bring some munchies it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Vickie Brown (vbrown@htco.com) if you are able to help out with either instructions or goodies. It would be greatly appreciated!

Curling Clinic – November 4th & 7th

We will be offering a curling clinic for potential new curlers (“old” curlers are welcome as well) on Wednesday evening, November 4th, and again on Saturday afternoon, November 7th. The exact time of these two clinics will be announced at a later date.

Dehumidifier For the Ice Shed – The voltage requirement for the dehumidifier that we were considering purchasing from New England Sports Center in Marlborough, MA is 460. We are now determining what would be required to provide this voltage to the unit. This may or may not prevent us from moving forward with this purchase. The cost of the dehumidifier is excellent compared to the cost to purchase a new one but if the installation cost is prohibitive it may no longer be a viable option for us.

Stones Polished – Our stones have been patterned and polished by Jim Gleason from. Now all our stones have running surfaces with the same width and the same finish. The reworked stones should run much truer and faster.

The President’s Corner – No report this month. Hopefully our fearless leader will return from abroad sometime this month.

Club Calendar

Opening Night: October 24

Skip’s Meeting: October 26

Open House # 1: November 1

Curling Clinic # 1: November 4

Mixed League Begins: November 6

Curling Clinic # 2: November 7

Men’s League Begins: November 9-10

Ladies’ League Begins: November 11

Weekday League Begins: November 12

Weekend League Begins: November 15

Men’s Bonspiel: December 3-6

Mixed Bonspiel: February 12-14

2010 Olympic Curling Begins:
February 16

Open House # 2 (Olympics Theme):
February 20-21

Curling Clinic # 3: March 6

No-Nut Friendly: March 13

Closing Night: March 27



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