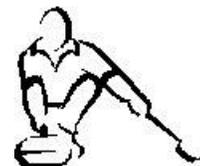


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SCHOONER CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Mid Season General Meeting

The second annual mid-season general meeting was held at the club on Saturday, January 2nd with a wine and cheese reception following the meeting. This third general meeting and social was added to the club's schedule last season to allow members to get updated on club business and voice any questions or concerns they had and to get the membership together to help ring in the new year. The meeting was attended by twenty people and there was a good discussion about many topics. First to take the floor was club president Gordie Cormier to call the meeting to order and give a short report. Gordie welcomed back all members after the Holiday break and also welcomed new or returning members that are joining us for the remainder of the season. He spoke about how pleased he was with the way things were going at the club and thanked the executive and all volunteers who give their time to help make this happen. Gordie also wished good luck to all the Schooner curlers who were making the trip to the New Glasgow area to compete in the Ship Hector Spiel held in late January and then passed the floor over to club treasurer Thomas Drover. Thomas started his report by telling those in attendance of the purchase and adoption of a new accounting software package called Sage 50 (formerly Simply Accounting). This software will allow the club to better track revenue and expenses and create more detailed reports to review these items. Thomas provided some of these reports to the attendees including a revenue and expense summary, a balance sheet, a bank reconciliation report that showed our current balance, a report of both spiel and fundraising revenue and expenses and also a trial balance. These reports can better show the club's financial position at any given time and will allow the Schooner executive to make changes to how things are done if and when needed. Thomas proceeded to review all the reports with everyone and answered any questions that arose. Thomas said the reports showed the club in a good financial position with a healthy bank balance due in part to fundraising efforts like Chase the

Ace and the 649 and also to strong bar sales helped by the Tuesday night tarbush games through the summer and continuing now. As Thomas went through the reports it was obvious that they were going to be a big help to the club in future planning. There was a motion to accept the financial statements that was seconded and passed. For anyone that missed the meeting but is interested in seeing the financials they will be made available at the club.

Draw master Cal Thistle was next to take the floor to give his report regarding league play at the club. Cal started by saying we have been lucky so far that we have had no cancellations of league play although a few games were postponed when some curlers couldn't make a scheduled time. He said these curlers will be responsible for rescheduling these games. There is one open sheet of ice every week during mixed play that can be used or games can be made up using weekend times or 9pm draws through the week. He also mentioned that there were a few issues with games going too long and results not being on the board following the game. He said he was going to address these issues with the skips. Cal also said there were a couple of roster changes with new curlers coming into the club and being placed on teams. Men's league teams who only had three players were getting their rosters filled and there was a change to one team in the mixed. Lastly, Cal reported that there will be a shortened round two for both the Mixed and Team Entry leagues before playoffs and that Men's league had was ready to being round two with round one being finished just before the Holiday break.

The next report from the floor was from Housekeeping. Both Georgette Sparkes and Bernadette Cormier were in attendance and reported things were going well but did request that the aging toilet in the men's washroom be considered for replacement. After a bit of discussion that was approved and the toilet will be replaced soon. Gordie Cormier also added that the carpet replacement for the club house area that was approved at a previous meeting was going to be completed soon as the carpet had arrived with the supplier and we are waiting to schedule installation. Nadine Neima-Drover then took the floor to discuss the Junior program and the new Learn to Curl that was taking place at the club and had just started that day, January 2. She started by saying that the junior program was going well again this year with 15 kids taking part. These are all younger kids in the Little Rock program (under 12 years) and there are no older kids taking part as of now. She said that the recent fundraiser they had selling the fudge and oat cakes was a big success, thanked the members who helped out by buying fudge and said that they will likely make it an annual thing. She closed out the Junior report by telling us that the kids were hosting a spiel being held at the Sydney Club in late January. It's being held there due to space and scheduling restrictions at our own club. They also will participate in a spiel in Port Hawksbury in February. Nadine then went on to talk briefly about the Learn to Curl Program. The program was the initiative of the CBRM Curlers Association and was being held over three weeks for a cost of \$45. Five people were taking part and were very happy and excited after the first session, one person even asking if he could bring others to session two. The program was being taught by our certified coaches. Proceeds from the program were going to the CBRMCA but they were paying rental fees to use our ice to run it. Another potential benefit to the club would be the people participating in the Learn to Curl would take to the sport and become members of our club and/or participate in our open spiels and other events like fun nights. Nadine also mentioned another Learn to Curl that is tentatively scheduled for late February.

Dennis Cormier, our Fun Night coordinator, was next to speak at the meeting and

started by saying that Fun Nights were starting in January on Saturday the 16th. He went on to say that sponsorship was still undecided at this time. Gordie Cormier added that he had been in touch with a Labatt brewery rep but no deal had yet been struck for them to do any sort of sponsorship at the club as of yet. Gordie also said that Coors was still a possibility but that the rep was hard to contact. Both Gordie and Dennis said they would like a sponsor in place but the fun nights would go on as scheduled regardless. Some posters to advertise the fun nights were made up in house and had been distributed to members by email and some were be printed to post in local businesses, offices and public places around the CBRM. A post was also done on GoCapeBreton.com.

With executive and committee reports all submitted the meeting moved onto new business. The first topic discussed and the main focus of the meeting was the proposed changes to the club's bylaws. At the fall general meeting it was decided to do a review of the bylaws because they hadn't been updated in a while. A committee was struck at that meeting that consisted of Richard Lorway, Gordie Cormier, Matt MacPherson and Kelley Laughlin. The executive and committee heads went through the old bylaws and made recommendations for changes. The committee took those recommendations and made some of those and other changes to modernize and bring the bylaws more up to date. In accordance with existing club bylaws, any changes to said bylaws must be passed at a general meeting and club members must have access to proposed changes before they are made. In accordance with these rules, an email was sent to club members with the original bylaws and proposed changes and the documents were also posted at the club for anyone to review. Anyone having input or questions had opportunity to voice them. The committee met again in December to finalize changes and post them. At the meeting, Richard Lorway summarized the proposed changes and there was a bit of discussion before a motion was made and passed to accept the new bylaws as presented.

The next topic of discussion under new business revolved around the clubs ice plant and electrical problems we have been experiencing. In early December there was an issue with the power in the compressor room that caused some damage to the wiring. While the damage was repaired quickly with minimal downtime, it was decided, given the importance of this equipment to the club and danger to people working close to it due to the high voltage involved, that we should further investigate these issues and due any required repairs or upgrades that may be required. An expert was brought in and made some recommendations. Gordie Cormier reported that an industrial electrician had been contacted to estimate the cost of carrying out the recommendations and we had been verbally quoted around \$3000 for the work. There was some discussion among the meeting's attendees but everyone was in agreement that it was necessary to get the work done for the safety of members and the ongoing operation of the club and that this was an opportune time to do it given the clubs strong financial position. A motions was made and passed to approve the work but Gordie Cormier said we would not move forward until a formal, written estimate was presented and a schedule to do the work could be laid out.

The last order of business was brought to the floor by Thomas Drover and was somewhat related to the former issue with the ice plant. Thomas voiced concern that our aging infrastructure and somewhat informal rental agreement with New dawn could, at some point, cause the Schooner Club to stop operating on relatively short notice. Thomas suggested that we should look at starting to formulate a plan for the ongoing operation of the club for years to come. There was some discussion regarding the CBRM Curler's Association and their mandate to shape the future of

Fun Nights

curling in the municipality and bring the two local clubs, Schooner and Sydney, under one roof but Thomas said that given our recent issues with power and wiring and the slow pace at which the CBRMCA has progressed, it wouldn't hurt for us to investigate some options for the future of the Schooner Curling Club. That's not to say we wouldn't be involved with the CBRMCA or cooperate with the Sydney club, we would just be ensuring our own future as a club if those organizations failed to move forward with a potential solution in a cooperative manner. In the end it was decided to form a committee to look into ways to endure the ongoing operation of the Schooner Club and maintain it's easy going and social atmosphere. They will look at ways to better improve and repair our existing club and investigate a possible new facility for down the road by gathering information from other curling clubs similar to ours that have moved to a new facility and by investigating potential partners, volunteers and supporters that can assist with obtaining a new facility when that time comes.

Overall it was a very productive and informative meeting with lots of information and lots of decision that will shape the future of the Schooner Curling Club. After the meeting was adjourned, the attendees remained to enjoy some cheese, crackers, cold cuts and wine. Members stayed and discussed the meeting and the Holiday season they had just enjoyed. It was a great kick off to the new year at the Schooner Curling Club.

The first fun night of the season was held at the club on Saturday, January 16 and was a surprisingly huge success given the raging storm that was going on outside that night. On top of the bad weather, we had a leak in the ice shed heaters that had to be dealt with before curling could get underway. All the adversity didn't dampen the spirits of the approximately fifty people who had lots of fun curling and socializing while around 25 cm of snow fell outside. There were lots of people in attendance who had never tried curling before and many of them were excited for their first experience with the sport. As always, everyone was treated to pizza and prizes following curling. Things didn't wrap up until well after 11pm.

The sponsorship of our fun nights is still up in the air although the local Labatt Brewery rep donated the prizes for the January event. Labatt still hasn't committed to sponsoring the fun nights for the remainder of the season yet. We would still like to thank them for the prizes they did provide. Thanks also to Dennis Cormier and Kathy Gale who are looking after fun nights this season, thanks to other club members who were there who pitched in to help out on and off the ice and to the bartenders who stayed late and then had to brave the storm to get home. Georgette Sparkes ended up having to leave her car in a friends yard before getting a drive home when she got stuck in the snow on her way.

The next Schooner Fun Night will be held on Saturday, February 20th and we can only hope it is as successful as the first one. The only one we don't want to see back is old man winter.

League Roundup



League play got underway after the Holiday break on January 3 when the Team Entry league made its return to the ice with two games remaining to complete the first round of play with round two scheduled to get underway starting on January 17. League leader Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell took advantage of his final two contests of round one, winning both and stretching his lead over some of the teams that were hot on his heels. Bonnell started 2016 off with a come-from-behind victory against another front running team, the Thomas Drover rink. Bonnell was down heading into the seventh but was able to score and reduce the deficit to one. Drover still looked good heading into the final end as he held hammer and the one point lead but things went bad for the Drover squad in the end and they ended up giving Bonnell a multiple point steal and the victory. The loss for Drover dropped him back a bit in the league standings. Bonnell finished off round one with another big win against the always tough Omar Roach rink. Thomas Drover did bounce back the following week with a big win against another one of the leading teams, the Brian Laughlin rink, to keep his hopes of a league title alive. Laughlin had won the previous week but the loss to Drover meant he couldn't keep pace with the Wally MacDonald rink who would sit in second place alone after winning their final two games of the opening round, one of those two wins coming against the Gordie Cormier rink. Cormier, with a win and a loss to finish round one, would sit in a tie with Laughlin in third place. All four teams who are close to the leader, Bonnell, have one less game played. Bonnell has played all his round one games. If and when these games are made up they could affect the final standings in this league dramatically.

Round two got underway in mid January and saw Bonnell and MacDonald continue their winning ways. Bonnell won another tough come-from-behind game against the Rick Billard rink and MacDonald handled the Gordie Cormier rink, who, with the loss, has started to fade a bit in the standings and has allowed MacDonald and Bonnell to put a little bit of daylight between them and the rest of the pack. Two other front runners, the Brian Laughlin rink and the Thomas Drover rink had to postpone their game when the Drover team couldn't make it to play due to the previous night's snowstorm. Given the somewhat abbreviated schedule in Team Entry in January due to teams travelling for the Ship Hector and the Schooner Cash Spiel at the end of the month there are still a number of teams that have a chance at the top spot. If Bonnell and MacDonald can continue the winning ways they have demonstrated in the last while however, it looks like it may be those two rinks who battle it out with the final meeting between the two to be the deciding factor in who will take the regular season crown. Along with the game against MacDonald, Bonnell has to play the three other teams that are chasing him including Laughlin, Cormier and Drover. MacDonald, having already played Cormier, has Laughlin and Drover and also plays the Greg Ferguson rink. That will be no easy game for MacDonald as the Greg Ferguson rink had back to back wins to finish round one and a victory in each of his first two second round games. Given that Ferguson has two makeup games from round one, if he can continue to win, he may have an outside chance to come back and make a run at the leaders.

In the Men's League, round two of the regular season is well underway and the Steven Leslie rink has been able to extend their lead a bit. The Cal Thistle rink is still making a run at them for first place however and sits only three points behind. The Lelsie rink does have one less game played than Thistle however. These two rinks also still have one meeting left this season, a game that can play a big part in the final standings. Five other teams in the league sit tied at 10 points each and still have a chance at catching Leslie for a first place tie but need him to lose all of his

Ship Hector Spiel

remaining games.

The Mixed League wrapped up its regular season in January with the Thomas Drover rink taking the regular season title, narrowly edging out the Gordie Cormier and the Wally MacDonald rink by two points. Joining skip Thomas in winning the league title were Martin Campbell, Samantha Campbell and Nadine Neima-Drover. The Drover rink will not, however, enter the playoffs intact. To accommodate three new members joining the club late in the season, the Mixed League was expanded to eleven teams, up from ten, with Martin and Samantha Campbell leaving the Drover rink and becoming part of a new rink with Cheryl MacKinnon and Steve Jurcina. Thomas and Nadine are being joined by Blair and Lisa Gentile, new members who were part of the recent Learn-To-Curl program. Another new member, Tyler Coolen, has joined the Peter MacIntyre rink who in turn lost Kelley Laughlin to the Gary Landry Rink, We want to welcome the new members to the league and thank all those who moved teams to accommodate them. An abbreviated second round in the mixed has been scrapped with the playoff schedule in the mixed now underway and, to avoid bye weeks, draw master Cal Thistle has some scheduled teams to play twice a week to fill the schedule up. All Mixed League curlers are asked to keep a close eye on the schedule and to make sure they know when they are playing.

The Junior Program continues at the club and takes the ice on Saturday afternoons. The Juniors were scheduled to host a spiel at the Sydney Club during our Cash Spiel weekend but, given the weather and sporadic power outages in town, we are unsure if they were able to get it off as information wasn't available in time. The Schooner Juniors will be hitting the road this month to take part in a spiel in Port Hawksbury on February 13th. Best of luck and GO Schooner.

The Ship Hector Bonspiel is a large curling event that is held in four curling clubs in the New Glasgow area every year around the end of January. The popularity of this spiel with curlers from Nova Scotia and beyond is evident every year in the large number of teams that it attracts. This year saw a total of 56 teams from all over the province and beyond compete, one team coming from as far away as Los Angeles and calling themselves the Hollywood Girls. Schooner has been represented at the event for the last number of years but this year saw five rinks from our club make the trip, some even having extra players, the most ever in one year. The Brian Laughlin rink, no stranger to the Hector nor to success there having won division titles two times, made the trip again this year with Brian, Gary Landry, Kelley Laughlin, Richard Lorway and Bryant Cormier. Skip Thomas Drover took his Team Entry rink to New Glasgow this year and, along with Thomas, included Amy MacPherson, Matt MacPherson, Nadine Neima-Drover and fifth Laura MacRae. The Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell rink was also making a Hector return but with a much different roster than in previous visits. This year Bonnell was joined by Bill Farr, Anthony Boudreau, Eileen Bonnell and fifth Ursula Hynes. Gordie Cormier made a return to the Hector this year as well but this time as skip of his own team and not as part of the Brian Laughlin rink who he was part of on previous Hector appearances. Cormier's rink included Stephen Leslie, Dennis Cormier and Robert Agnew. Rounding out the Schooner contingent was the Wally MacDonald rink although skip MacDonald was unable to make the trip when last minute work obligations kept him home. Skipping duties in his absence were shared by Sid Murray and Chris 'Slugger' MacLeod and they were aided by Walter Nichols, Dave Boudreau, and fifth Debby Murray. The five Schooner rinks had some success at the Hector this year with three making it to

a semi-final game on Sunday. The Thomas Drover rink had an unusual draw at the event with a bye on Saturday and only three games to play instead of the usual four in the round robin. An opening night win and the bye, accompanied by two losses, was good enough to make it to Sunday play. The Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell rink dropped their first two games but came on strong to win the final two in the round robin to advance to Sunday and the Gordie Cormier rink had three wins against only one loss, a very good showing at this competitive event, to advance. Unfortunately, none of the Schooner rinks were successful in their semi-final games and no one made it to a final. The round robin saw two Schooner teams meet up head to head when the Murray/MacLeod foursome played the Brian Laughlin rink on Saturday afternoon. A close game saw the Murray/MacLeod rink edge out the Laughlin rink in a nail bitter that came down to the last stone. That was the only win for Murray/MacLeod who dropped their other three matches. The Laughlin rink, while not able to put any ticks in the win column, had a good showing in the round robin with all their games being close and came down to the final end in each before they were decided.

Wins and losses aside, the weekend for our Schooner curlers was about more than just curling, they were there for a good time, and a good time was had by all. After the final rocks were thrown on Friday and Saturday, the Schooner curlers got together to socialize, play music and sing, brag about wins or make excuses for losses and party together long into the night. Overall it was a great showing by the Schooner Curling Club and all of our representatives did the club proud. We hope everyone can make the trip next season as well and maybe we can send even more teams next year.

Power Issues

After a near tragedy in the due to electrical problems, the club executive has decided that it would be in the best interest of the club and those who make and maintain our ice to have the electrical system evaluated and upgrade. This process is ongoing and we have consulted an electrical engineer and an industrial electrician. We are still waiting for a final quote and timeframe but, as decided at the mid-season general meeting, we are going ahead with the work. The club executive will try to keep all members posted on the progress of this important project.

Sweetheart Spiel



The annual Sweetheart Women's Spiel will be held at the club from February 12th to 13th. This spiel has always been very popular and one of the favorite events on the club calendar every season for many members and guests. The spiel will be sponsored once again this year by local business Compu-Clone Computer Solutions. This spiel is open to any woman curler, club member or not and no experience is necessary. Entry fee for the weekend is \$30 for non-Schooner members and \$20 if you have Schooner membership. That will get you three six end games, wine and cheese on Friday evening sponsored by Schooner member Martin Campbell, dinner on Saturday catered by Tommy Young and snacks all weekend. Registration is now open for this spiel and you can sign up at the club, phone or email registrations will also be accepted. Hurry and get signed up because this event always fills up fast.

Open Cash Spiel



The annual Schooner open cash spiel was forced into cancellation this year by a severe winter storm that hit Cape Breton on Friday afternoon and left the club snowbound and without power. Bonspiel coordinator Steve Leslie called off Friday's games late Friday afternoon when the storm really started to rage but the spiel had to be cancelled in its entirety when the power went out later Friday evening and the estimated time of having it come back on wasn't until Saturday afternoon. This left nowhere near enough time to get the ice ready nor to play the 14 team draw in the time we would have left. Steve is trying to coordinate with draw master Cal Thistle to reschedule the event for later on. It's no small task given the complexity of the event and the full calendar at the club but there may still be a Schooner Cash Spiel this season, we'll just have to wait and see.

With the cancellation of the spiel, club secretary Frances Ford tried to organize an in house fun event and have those who volunteered to prepare food for the cash spiel bring it along for a pot luck. Unfortunately, Nova Scotia Power extended the timeframe of when we would get power restored to early Sunday morning and, given the uncertainty of the situation, Frances notified members on Saturday afternoon that the fun curling and pot luck would have to be called off. Luckily, Brian Laughlin was at the club Saturday evening checking on the situation and, just as he was leaving to go home, spotted an NSP truck in the vicinity and stopped to talk to the lineman who was working it. He was able to get the NSP driver to restore our power Saturday evening, hours before it was scheduled to be restored and just in time to avoid any major damage to our ice. The ice crew was able to get to the club Sunday morning and after a few hours of hard work had the ice back in playable condition by Sunday afternoon. And while the ice was ready quite a few hours before it was scheduled to be back up and running, re-scheduling a club social for members at this point was not feasible. Keep an eye open for a rescheduling of the Schooner cash spiel and thanks to Steven Leslie for all his hard work in organizing the event. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to make food for the dinner and we apologize for the inconvenience and hope it didn't go to waste. Lastly, thanks to Brian and the ice crew who spent a lot of their time waiting for NSP to restore power so they could get the ice plant back online as soon as it was and for the hard work to restore the ice to playable condition.



Fundraiser

Chase the Ace continues at the club with eleven cards drawn, none of which were the Ace of Spades. The Chase the Ace event has been moved from Thursday evening to Tuesday in order to coincide with the weekly tarbush game at the club and in hope of getting more sales on a new night. Sales still run from 6:30 to 8:30 and the ticket draw held at 8:45. The last jackpot was just shy of \$1300 so we should see it creep up over \$1500 within the next draw or two.

Members are reminded that they can leave their money at the bar anytime through the week for Chase the Ace tickets. On the night of the draw, tickets will be purchased on your behalf and, if you are that night's lucky winner, someone will represent you and cut the deck on your behalf. The price of entry is \$5 which buys you five tickets. There are two colors of tickets, red and blue and you can specify which color you want or leave \$10 and get 5 of each. If you can make it for the draws on Thursday evenings you can also represent others and buy tickets on their behalf. The money raised from the Chase the Ace draws has been very important to the club and has put us in a much better financial position, allowed us to do a few extra things around the club and has also allowed us to hold costs to members down

Weekly Tarbish Games

Traveler's Club Championships



Learn to Curl Program

at a very reasonable level.

Members are reminded that the weekly tarbish games on Tuesday nights are still going on at the club. They get started at 7pm and are open to members and guests so you can bring a friend. Pre-registration is recommended and you can get more info at the club. These games have been very successful in bringing new people into the club and have been a great benefit at the Schooner bar.

The women's in-house club championship was held in January with two teams taking part and competing to be Schooner Women's Club Champ and represent us at the Traveler's Provincial event being held in the Sydney Curling Club starting on February 26th. The opening game of the best two out of three playoff was held on Friday, January 15 with the Kelley Laughlin rink taking on the Jolene MacLellan rink. Kelley was joined by mate Amy MacPherson, second Debbie Murray and lead Laura MacRae. Jolene had Cheryl MacKinnon at mate, Lynn Kelly as second and Laura Rafuse played the lead spot. The first few ends saw the team trade single points back and forth with both skips being called upon late in the ends to make good shots to score. Laughlin opened up a two point lead when MacLellan left her a draw for two in the fifth. MacLellan came back with a three point end to take the lead heading into end seven but Laughlin generated another two points to regain the lead heading home. The final end played out well for MacLellan who would be left with a shot for two to win after Laughlin made a nice draw to lie shot with her final stone but left it accessible for MacLellan to hit. The shot was no "gimme" however as MacLellan would have to navigate through a somewhat narrow port to get at the Laughlin stone. Jolene was a little heavy for the ice she took and her rock didn't curl quite enough, ticking a front guard and giving Laughlin the steal and the win. Overall, a very well played and entertaining game for the dozen or so people who came to watch.

There wasn't much time to recover for the curlers as game two of the series went off at 10:30am the following morning. There was one roster change for game two that saw Frances Ford fill in for Debbie Murray on the Laughlin rink when Debbie couldn't make it. For the Jolene MacLellan lead foursome this game was do or die, win and keep playing or lose and be eliminated. MacLellan got off to a fast start and jumped out to an early lead but Laughlin was able to fight back and make a game of it. In the end Laughlin was unable to overcome the early deficit and dropped the game, tying the best two out of three series at one game each. Again, it was a well curled and very entertaining match. The final and deciding game in the series has yet to be scheduled but will likely take place in early February. Keep an eye on the Schooner website or the club bulletin board and plan to drop by and cheer the ladies on. No matter who comes out victorious, they will be good representatives for our club on the Provincial stage and do the club proud.

There was a "Learn to Curl" program at the club in January and was very successful. Five participants took part in the three week program that taught them the rules and basic mechanics and techniques of the game of curling. Three of the five people involved are now club members and have been enrolled in the mixed league. The remaining two said that they found the program and the game of curling very enjoyable and will continue to participate in Schooner activities like fun nights and spiels and will consider joining next season. A second 'Learn to Curl' program was planned for late February but had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflict with the

Matinee Curling

instructors.

All members are reminded of Matinee Curling that takes place at the club on Friday afternoons from 1-3. This is open to all members. Anyone available on Friday afternoons can drop by the club and teams are formulated from those curlers attending on that day. This is a great way to get a little extra curling in and stretch your membership's value even more. So whenever you have some free time on Friday just drop by.

Fun Spiel

Members are asked to keep in mind that there will be a fun spiel held the first week of March. Registration will likely get underway around mid February. Keep an eye on the Schooner website and club bulletin board for more information and sign-up sheets. This spiel is tentative at the moment as there is talk of rescheduled the cancelled Schooner Cash Spiel in this time frame. More details will be announced as they become available. There is also a dance scheduled for the Saturday evening of this spiel, March 5th, with DJ Jimmy providing the music. We hope that members will plan to attend and party the night away at the Schooner club.

New Carpet

Members have probably already noticed that the new carpet has been installed in the club. This carpet was a result of Chase the Ace profits. We want to thank Stewart Quinn for helping with the installation.

Happy Valentine's Day

