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### Catching Up and Looking Ahead

Things have been so busy the last few months that we've fallen a bit behind with our Curl San Diego newsletter. It's time to get back on track though, and this issue attempts to catch up on all key club activities from the last few months.

Happy New Year everyone!

### Halloween Costume Contest

Mistresses of ceremonies Stefanie Smith and Kelly McCormack led the fun at the 2011 Curl San Diego Halloween Costume Contest. Congratulations to Kathleen Kearney, Norm Tuinstra and Jon and Karen Coombs, who took top prize as the "House Guards."



### 2011-2012 Member of the Year

Mark Dossett has been named Curl San Diego member of the year for his dedication to bettering our club. Mark gives hours and hours of his time, formally as the club's outgoing Secretary, and informally as a conscientious club member each week. In addition, we also benefit from his professional grade photography which he continues to make available to us. Congratulations Mark, and thank you for all you do!



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## We've Got an Author In the Bunch

Curl San Diego member Karen Coombs recently published her 8th book for children and young adults.

*Bully At Ambush Corner* is a funny and touching look at the serious subject of bullying.

To learn more about Karen and this book, visit [www.bullyatambushcorner.com](http://www.bullyatambushcorner.com)

## Bonspiel Report

San Diego curlers are travelling to bonspiels more and more each year and we'd like to share some recent results.

Mark Roberts, Mark Dossett, Olivia Wolff and Steven Wolff competed in the first of what's sure to become an annual event, the Sin City Spiel in Las Vegas. The team played well, grabbing a win early, but ran into some stiff competition, including last year's Club Nationals Champions. The spiel attracted some high level talent including Cassie Potter (US Women's skip at the 2006 Olympics), Chris Plys (2010 US Olympian), and Phill Drobnick (US Olympic Coach). Keep an eye on this spiel, it looks like it's only going to get bigger and better.

A similar team, with Owen McLachlan taking Olivia Wolff's spot made the trip to the Mayfield Curling Club near Cleveland, Ohio for their 25th anniversary Men's Invitational Bonspiel. Battling unfamiliar snowy conditions on the way to the rink, they were able to beat a college team from Villanova and a good Canadian team to make it to the second event quarterfinals before falling to another Canadian team. Good showing guys.

Owen McLachlan, Adam Endicott, Jesse Coull and John Phillips sported Bad Santa hats at the Holiday Spiel in Seattle. They lost the opener in a close battle against a local Seattle team, beat a good juniors team in the second game, and lost a tough one against a Canadian team to end the trip. This is always a fun spiel and we highly recommend it to anyone looking forward to a trip next year.

If you're a San Diego curler and you've been to a bonspiel lately, [drop us a line](#) and let us know how it went.

## Holiday Party

Curl San Diego would like to publicly thank Jon and Karen Coombs for opening their home to our club members for our holiday

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party. The food and company were outstanding and we appreciate the time and hard work that made this event possible!

### **Please Help the Norfolk Curling Club**

Two teenagers have been charged with starting the fire that burnt down the Norfolk Curling Club in Norfolk, Connecticut.

This resilient little club has a lot of work ahead of them and can use the help and support of all of us in the curling community.

Visit their [website](#) to learn more.

### **Director of Training and Education Named**

Mark Dossett has been named as the new Director of Training and Education for Curl San Diego. As Director, he'll be working with other members to strengthen the educational framework of our club for both new and experienced curlers.

### **Level 1 Certification**

Congratulations to Olivia Wolff and Francesca Somma for earning their USCA Level 1 instructor certification.

Curl San Diego now has three Level 1's with several more members also working on it.

### **Save the Date! We're Having a Mini-Spiel!**

Curl San Diego will be hosting it's first mini-bonspiel on Saturday, March 24th.

Details are forthcoming and we anticipate opening up registration around Feb 1st.

### **Calendar**

**Saturday, Jan 7th** -- Main Event League Game, 8:30pm

**Saturday, Jan 21st** -- Night Owl League Game, 11:00pm

**Saturday, Jan 28th** -- Main Event League Game, 7:45pm

**Saturday, Feb 4th** -- Night Owl League Game, 11:00pm

**Saturday, Feb 11th** -- Night Owl League Game, 4:45pm\*\*

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME**

We will also be announcing several Learn To Curl clinic dates shortly.

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