President’s Message

Dear Fellow UCC Members:

As many of you know we lost a long-time curler and great friend of the UCC over the holidays. Enid (Eydie) Savett passed away on December 28th after an eight-month battle with cancer. Eydie, a retired nurse, served in the US Army in the Army Medical Department for many years, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel, before she retired. She was an active curler, a long-standing member of the Utica Curling Club, GNCC, USWCA and USCA. Eydie officiated at many local, regional, national and world curling events including the Salt Lake City Olympics in 2002. The GNCC is honoring Eydie by creating the Eydie Savett Spirit of Curling Award. This award will be presented to the two teams (girls and boys) at the GNCC Junior Playdowns that exemplify the “spirit of curling”. The UCC BOD is currently discussing ideas for appropriately honoring Eydie at the Utica Curling Club. Suggestions for honoring Eydie are welcome. If you have a suggestion for honoring Eydie, please contact one of the members of the BOD. In addition, if you have any stories about Eydie that you would like to share, please send them to me – I will compile them, post them, and also send them to her brother, Larry and his wife, Sue.

Just before the end of the first half of curling, we recovered a bit of the UCC’s curling history. Noel and Sue Strobino, residents of nearby Clarks Mills, found an antique curling “stone” on their property and generously donated it to the Utica Curling Club. The “stone” originally consisted of an English oak insert and a cast iron handle and base. It is currently on display in our trophy case. Mr. Strobino believes that the stone was fell through the ice and was buried in mud between 1832 and 1875. The stone was found when excavating a saw mill on the property. We will continue to research the history of this exciting find.

The Mitchell Bonspiel was held in mid-January and, as always, it was a great success. Kudos to Brian Moore, Don Knapp, and the crew that they put together to help make this bonspiel the best Men’s event in the country. The UCC received many compliments on our facility and the hospitality of our members. Congratulations to the all UCC teams that
competed and thank you to all of the members who helped make this bonspiel such a success.

Thanks to the efforts of volunteer Doug Smith, we are pleased to announce that the Utica Curling Club Channel is up and running with high-quality live streaming of selected events during the second half of the season. You can find the UCC Channel under the Media link on the Utica Curling Club Home Page. The video of the Mitchell Final is archived on the UCC website. There are plans to stream selected games from the College, Kayser and Cobb bonspiels.

We have many bonspiels scheduled for February – the chairs of the College (Mary Jane Walsh), Kayser (Jen Turner) and Cobb (the Moores and the Laws) will welcome any help you can offer. Please consider volunteering and helping these hardworking folks.

Good Curling,

Julie Chanatry, President

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2013 Glengarry Challenge

*We plant flowers in beds and throw rocks at houses!!*

The women’s club championship to win the “Glengarry Trophy & Pin” will be held **February 27-28, & Mar 2**. Draw times are: Wednesday 5:45, Thursday 6:00, and Saturday 11:00 and 3:00. Dinner will be served at 6:15 on Saturday.

The cost of this event is **$30/person** (curling and dinner) or **$15/person** for curling only. There is a sign-up sheet in the Ladies Locker Room. Thank you for entering your team in this event and “GOOD CURLING”

Chairpersons: Cindy Brown, Barb Felice, Liz Nolan, Kathy Palazzoli
ROCHESTER-UTICA
FRIENDLY BONSPIEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

Join us as we board the bus and head west to defend the Rochester-Utica Friendly Cup and have them keep the Monkey for another year. It is Rochester’s turn to host this fun-filled event.

Sign up on the Mixed Board as a single player. The chairs will determine the teams.

The bus will leave in the morning and will return the same day. There will be lots of food, drink, and laughter on the bus going to Rochester, while curling in Rochester, and on the bus heading home.

There will be four six-end draws total – each team will play two draws. It is a total points bonspiel with the winner taking home the trophy and the runner-up getting the monkey.

Spring Curling School Offered!

A five-week curling school will be offered starting Monday February 18th. The school is open to adults (21 or older) who want to curl and missed out on the opportunities to join the club this year. Participants will learn the basics of curling delivery, sweeping, rules and strategies of the game. Instruction will be both on and off the ice.

♦ Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
♦ Cost: $50.00

Call Carol Jones to Register: Hurry Hard....Space is limited!
Home: 315-865-7700
Cell: 315-868-8520
e-mail: live2spiel@aol.com
Introduce Friends to Curling While Helping Your Favorite Cause!

Join us March 9th for the 14th annual Biogenic Dental/Sew What Corporate Charity Challenge.

Gather up four or more friends, co-workers or relatives to compete in this great event. (Use the poseter opposite.) Pick a charity of your choice and raise donations. Then come down March 9th and curl! Teams get points for dollars raised and rocks scored; the team with the highest total gets bragging rights and keeps the trophy for a year (sorry, like the Stanley Cup you must bring it back). Teams are of non-curlers (though one new curler may be on the team in the front-end position). Seasoned curlers can coach (and still get your name on the trophy when your team wins!).

Participants always have a hoot at this event, and a few have been known to join the club! All feel great about the money raised for deserving causes.

The day's events start at 10:00 am and include a light breakfast, one-hour instruction/practice, dutch treat lunch (that's an old fashioned term for "you pay"), parade on the ice, 4-end game, snacks and prizes after. Don't miss out on this fun one-day event! Sign up on the bulletin board at the club or contact Carol Jones at:

home: 315-865-7700
Cell: 315-868-8520
e-mail: live2spiel@aol.com

Kitchen Reminder

If you use bowls, silverware, etc. from the kitchen please make sure that they are emptied, rinsed and left in the sink. Do not bring them in the kitchen and leave them on the counter/sink.

Dominick and his staff will send them thru the dishwasher.

Thank you. –Barb Felice, Kitchen Liaison
Biogenic Dental/Sew What
Charity Curling Challenge

To Benefit Up to Twelve Area Charities
Curling for a Cause

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2013
Time: 10:00 AM - 4 PM
Place: Utica Curling Club
     8300 Clark Mills Road
     Whitesboro, NY

➤ Exciting Fund Raiser
➤ Fourteenth Annual
   Event!
➤ Winter Sport at Its Best
➤ Spectators Welcome -
   Bring Signs and Cheer
   for your Favorite Team

You're invited to enter a team for the 14th Annual Charity Curling Challenge.

At least three members of the team must be non-curlers. One
person may have one year's experience as a curler, but must play
lead position. Any existing curler may coach a team. Teams pick
the charity of their choice. This is a great way to introduce non-
curling friends to this fun sport!!!

Start talking it up at work....at the local pub....at your yoga class!
This almost ALWAYS oversubscribes, so be ready with your
team when the sign-up poster goes up in January!
NEW CURLERS' BONSPIEL

Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 7, 9, and 10

What is it?
A season-ending bonspiel experience for new and relatively new curlers

Purpose?
No one finishes the first year of curling without experiencing a bonspiel.
(If you already have finished a year or more without being in a bonspiel, this bonspiel is every bit as much for you.)

What do I have to do to take part?
Simply sign up on the purple sheets on the Mixed Board. Leads and seconds will be selected out of two hats and paired with experienced Vices and Skips.

Format:
Open (No one will be excluded because we do not have the same number of men and women.)
Knock-out bonspiel. (Not a points spiel. If game is not going so well, you can shake hands and proceed to drinks and snacks.)

Schedule:
Three or Four Draws
If over 8 teams, If 8 or fewer teams,
Thursday 6:15 p.m. Thursday 6:15 p.m.
Saturday 5:15 p.m. Saturday 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Sunday 11:15 a.m.

LEAGUE SKIPS- Be sure to encourage your first year curlers to sign up and take part in the New Curlers' Bonspiel in March

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members Who Joined in January.
Please welcome to our house: Susan Hansen, Cassie Samel, Brittany Franco, Molly Kunzman, Michael Mansuy, Jason Jacobs.
Wishing you much fun and good curling!
**2012 Murray Bonspiel**  
*Don Knapp*

The Murray Bonspiel, which doubles as the Men’s Club Championship as well as the playdowns to get into the Mitchell Bonspiel, was held in December. 14 rinks played down for the Murray Medal.

The winner was the rink of Skip Pat Costello, with vice Brad Anderson, second Tom Firsching and lead Pete Ciaralli.

The runner-up was Skip Matt Hames, vice Mike Kessler, second Jim Gleason Jr., lead was filled by various subs.

The other three teams winning the B, C, and D events and therefore qualifying for the Mitchell Bonspiel were: Utica 3: Skip Bill Morehouse, Howard Feldman, Dave Cragnolin, and Phil Citriniti, Utica 4: Skip Don Knapp, Tom Everson, Roger Rowlett, and Kevin Stevens. Utica 5: Skip Scott Lent, Dan Bareiss, Conrad Law, and Jerry Stevens.

Utica 6 is drawn out of the hat. This year’s lucky team was Skip Brian Moore, Dale Jones, Neal Burns, Tom Thorngren and Mike Swiercz

Thanks to all who helped out and thanks to all who came down to watch.

**Broomhanging**  
*Don Knapp*

This marks the 7th year of the Broomhanging Fund Raiser. All donations are used to directly pay down the principle on our building mortgage. So far we have raised over $7500. This year alone we raised a record amount of $1700. The reserved spots are nearly to the club broom barrel! On behalf of the Club I would like to thank all of you who have supported this program over the years and I also would like to thank our 7 first time Broomhangers. For the rest of you, enjoy the (longer) walk to your broom. Walking is good exercise.
Bonspiel Review:  
Calder Conley Hurd 2013

To kick off the second half of the curling year, The Utica Curling Club holds a large mixed bonspiel; the heralded, and theme-related Calder Conley Hurd.

It’s a traditional affair, that encourages experienced curlers to find newer curlers and introduce them to the graceful indulgences of bonspieling… even if it appears as though the current committee chairs are hell-bent on driving this bonspiel into the ground.

Believe the jinx factor if you want, but lucky 2013 can only get better after this 18 team pile up.

The angry little man who chairs this event dresses as preposterously as he themes it. The idea that a theme as vague as “Gameshow” could yield anything other than yet another vanity trip for Ken Thibado was also preposterous.

But, let us continue with the review, because the event itself is such a winner, that even the fast and loose nature of it’s neglectful chairs can’t tarnish it… too much.

The rink of Anne Stuhlman, Don Knapp, Cindy Wydysh, and Tom Thorngren went undefeated to win The Calder Medal.

Dave Palazzoli’s rink, featuring his lovely wife Kathy, with “Pizza-Pete” and Dee Pfohl on the front end, took the B-Event prize: The Conley Medal.

The Bonspiel also boasts a third medal event, its prize being The Hurd Medal. This year Dan Stuhlman’s rink of Donna Caleo, Mike Singer, and Michelle MacEnroe were presented their medals by Doug Hurd, who, himself skipped a team to Sunday in the bonspiel’s expansive field of 18 teams (2 more than last year’s total).

The drawboard was grueling this year, in fact the Gleason & Caine rinks may still be out on the ice in, their now, 18th or 19th straight game...

Apparently, in addition to outsourcing dinner entertainment to cardboard cutouts, Mr. Thibado employed the drawboard of a sick-intentioned draw master from some far flung, Canadian-based, website. The atmosphere of the Bonspiel stayed light and festive despite the unexplained villainy of its draw board.

The final games were all hard fought, while the lead up to a Drambuie Sunday was filled with a relaxed sense of competition.

The breakfast spread was a detailed creation of the Breakfast Queen, Melissa Foote. Only the Ice Crew had more to do on those early bonspiel mornings.

Speaking of the Ice Crew, they were excellently and diligently on time, their labors eased a bit by the 2 hour game scheduling with 30 minute prep time in between draws. Many of the Ice Crew played in the event as well continually keeping the ice perfectly prepared. Ice Crew Chief Dave Mitchell and his squad deserves high marks on the lightening quick results their “Holiday flood” has produced.

Also receiving high praise as always, Dominic and his staff replicated the Italian avalanche of food that so pleased last year’s diners. The large and
pleasant dinner only suffered mildly from the ridiculous antics of the event chair, who apparently doesn’t have the good sense to shut off a microphone.

It’s the hope of this writer that The Utica Curling Club won’t suffer legal action at the hands of copyright hounds, but I also sincerely doubt any of the original creators would recognize their work in the fraudulent clowning of Mr. Thibado. The obvious stench of impropriety bled thoroughly into renditions of Jeopardy!, Let’s Make A Deal!, and $100,000 Pyramid where it was apparent “the fix was in.” At one point the “host” attempted to embarrass an obviously stunned Jim Schafer, after cracking jokes about another curler who wasn’t even present, all while pulling Rice A Roni out his suit coat, like a magician at amateur hour.

Again, the bonspiel persevered, despite these skits and premises more bent than the chairman’s own broom.

The final insult came on Sunday when all the runner-up teams were forced to take home, and be photographed holding for historical record, boxes of Rice A Roni, or StoveTop Stuffing. And while Chanatry’s Supermarket was gracious enough to donate the prizes, I wonder if they realized the demented path their charitable donation was headed down.

It’s the opinion of this writer that the Mixed Committee should immediately remove control of this grand event from the clutches of The Thibados. The Calder Conley Hurd will take place just before the Olympics next year. The three-medal-bonspiel’s traditional format is lusciously primed for an honorable and classy adjustment; well needed after two years of themes dedicated to mafia movies and television quiz shows.

Additionally, it would be nice if the Toddy Bowl featured Scotch and more disco was played.

Bonspiel Critic – “Richard Doolittle”

A. Stuhlman rink—Calder medal    Palazzoli rink—Conley medal

D. Stuhlman rink—Hurd medal    D-event winners, Laws & Citrinitis
Kayser coming!

A reminder-The Kayser is Feb 14-17. Deadline for registration is January 21.

Help is needed with posting wins on draw board, snacks, breakfasts, decorations and more. If you can help before or during event, contact Jen Turner with your area of expertise-or just what you would like to do.

–Jen & Bill Turner

Happenings

Enid (Eydie) Savett passed away December 28, 2012. Eydie, a long-time member of the Utica Curling Club, was an avid curler and worked as an official for numerous playdown events through the years. She was a great supporter of the Utica Curling Club and she will be sorely missed.

Ann (Jen) Jasnewski, Mickey Haase’s sister and Marie and Pat Costello’s aunt, died on January 15th. Our condolences go to all her friends and family.

Les Cortright’s mother also passed away in January. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends.

Email distributions

We are in need of a volunteer to forward email “blasts” to the membership. These are time-sensitive communications, so we need someone who

• spends a lot of time connected to email
• won’t get in trouble at their workplace for spending time on this
• can copy-and-paste a list of email addresses into the “To” line – no need to manage a distribution list, set up a ‘group’, or otherwise make a simple job complicated!

Please contact Julie Chanatry if you are willing to volunteer. Ann Kebabian will send the list of current email addresses as used for Curlogram distributions and will keep you updated with any changes.

Thanks!
2013 Cobb Bonspiel Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets!!!

It’s time to prepare for the coming of the Cobb Bonspiel 2013...

I would like to ask for your help to make a donation to the Silent Auction and the Raffle Baskets.

Let’s bring back the Chocolate Basket... Let’s try for 50 pounds of Chocolate this year!!!

Please let me know if you can make a donation... It is with the help from you that makes this part of the Cobb bonspiel a memorable one for our guests and you (our members)!

**Needed for Raffle Baskets:**
Baskets, Chocolate (anything and everything), Golf Items, Beer, Wine, etc., your creativity helps us be creative!!

**Items for Silent Auction:**
Curling Items; Pictures, Posters, Apparel, Accessories; Furniture; Home Goods, etc. Thank you,

*Bryn Davis*

404-1654 – Phone or E-mail – brynpiersma@yahoo.com

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**SAVE THE DATE**

End of the year bonspiel and closing party...

**THE ROSE**

March 21-23

Watch the mixed board for details
On out-of-town spieling

Out-of-town spieling,
What’s up with their sheets?
15 second draws
Take-outs we heave
Shots go straight and fall
Then curl wall-to-wall
The stones are mis-matched
They grind to a stop
The pebble breaks down
Your game turns to slop
The frost is so bad
Like curling in snow
Or it’s greasy as hell
Look out below!!!

So when you come back
And play once or twice
With 23 second draws
And stones that glide so nice
Smile at the ice crew
As you step into the hack
bend down and kiss our ice
good to have you back!

KATHY PALAZZOLI

Live & recorded curling on the UCC Channel

The 2013 Mitchell Bonspiel finals are currently available on the Utica Curling Club Channel! Go to
http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/28453475

Other events will be streamed — including live feeds from the UCC College Bonspiel, the Kayser Bonspiel, and the Cobb.

Bookmark the UCC Curling Channel now!
Underwear advertisement for Mercury by Canadian artist Oscar Cahen from the mid-1940s. Born in Denmark in 1916, Cahen was a German citizen who arrived in Canada as an enemy alien in 1940. A serious painter and member of the Toronto-based Painters 11, he was also a ground-breaking illustrator.
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