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President's Message

Dear Fellow Curlers,

We ended the season with the terrific Rose Bonspiel and a very productive annual meeting. A successful curling season has ended but the work for next year has really just begun. Dave Mitchell gave a comprehensive overview of the state of our ice plant at the annual meeting. Prior to adjournment, the membership voted to proceed with a plan to replace our aging ice plant. The membership also voted to approve the by-laws change in regards to membership classes. The dues structure increase was approved with the amendment that the Plate Glass Plus membership class dues will be set at \$180.

George Brown and Doug Hurd were elected to the Board of Directors. Please thank George and Doug for their willingness to serve in this capacity. I want to thank the outgoing BOD members, Elizabeth Kaido and Barb Felice for their unwavering service over the last few years and for exhibiting grace and good judgment in their work with the BOD. Thanks also to Joel Scherer who is stepping down as Mixed Committee Chair. Joel did a terrific job over the last few years and he and Dawn will be staying on the Mixed Committee to lend their support to incoming Mixed Committee Chair, Brenda Citriniti. Thanks to Carrie Casab who is stepping down from running the Junior Program. Carrie has done a great job and Marena Taverne, who will continue to run the Junior Program, will need some volunteers to help her in the 2013-2014 season. I also want to thank Gary and Sue Fountain for their terrific work in chairing the Boerger Fun & Fitness and Happy Hour Leagues. They announced that they will be stepping down from running the league next year and are looking for volunteers to take over for them next year.

The ice crew did an outstanding job this year. They worked under very difficult circumstances to keep the ice in excellent condition. I also want to thank all of the bonspiel chairs, committee chairs, and volunteers that gave their time so unselfishly this year. Without all of your efforts, we could not have had a successful year. I'm asking all members to please to consider pitching in and volunteering if you are able to next season. We will need a great deal of help with the Sponsor-

ship Committee and Corporate Curling. These two committees help raise significant funds for the club. John Jacon and Liz Kaido have worked very hard this year and will need help next season. We would really appreciate help with corporate events that have to be scheduled during the day. There are many of us who can help out in the evenings and weekends but our “day jobs” prevent us from covering some of the morning or afternoon groups. We welcome and value every member’s help in whatever capacity you can serve.

Finally, I would like us to remember the dear curlers we lost this year: Bob Noble, Helen Hurd, Eydie Savett, and Bill Rotton - they will be missed.

Have a very happy and healthy summer and see you on the ice next season.

Regards,

Julie Chanatry, President

Jimmy Joseph and Team USA place fourth at Worlds

UCC member Jimmy Joseph and fellow members of Team USA placed fourth at the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championships held in Sochi, Russia this past February.

The team qualified for a semi-final berth with an impressive record of 7-2 after the round robin. There, they defeated China in the 3-4 game with a decisive 8-4 victory. USA then faced Canada in the semi-finals where they lost 6-3 which relegated them to the bronze medal game. In a re-match with China, USA never trailed until China’s hit and stay on their final stone to score two and win 6-5.



Based on their performance over the past three years, USA has qualified for the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games and the 2015 World Wheelchair Curling Championships. Congratulations! --*Marc DePerno*

Lowering of the flag

In recent times, a number of long time curlers have passed away. These people not only curled, but contributed their time to the club and promoted the sport of curling. To honor our departed friends, the club will fly its flag at half mast. In the future, the club will continue to honor our departed friends by lowering the flag for one week.

It's Over Already????

Just when the new curlers were getting comfortable on the ice and long-time curlers honed their skills to perfection, the season is over! How could that be? And just when our friends and coworkers started to take interest in our sport, we have to tell them the ice has been relinquished to the ice skaters and curling will have to wait 'til October. But don't count on your memory to notify these interested parties of October's events. Send me their names and contact information now, I'll be sure to send both you and your friends invites to the try curling events in the fall. **Contact me** at 315-868-8520 or live2spiel@aol.com —*Carol Jones*

FRIDAY NIGHT GOLF AT PINE HILLS

For the past few years Pine Hills Golf Course has offered UCC curlers a great deal on Friday night golf. This is not a league so you can come whenever it fits into your schedule.

For \$16 (2012 price), you get 9 holes of golf, a cart and (sometimes) various hors d'ourves after golfing. In the past, Carl has put out pizza, ziti, salad, chicken, vegetables among other things. It varies every week.

You don't need to have your own foursome. The bulk of the golfers show up between 5:00 and 5:15 and organize into foursomes. If you want to come earlier or later, feel free to head out when you're ready. You just need to sign in at the desk (tell them you are a UCC curler), pay your \$16 and go have fun!

The expected start date will be in mid to late April depending on how the weather cooperates. A general UCC e-mail will be sent closer to that date. If you have any questions or have an interest in playing, contact Anne Stuhlman.

Happenings

Long-time curler and supporter of the Utica Curling Club Bill Rotton, husband of Peggy Rotton, died Mar. 7, 2013. Bill was a past president of the UCC and founded our wheelchair curling program. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

Carolyn Citriniti, mother of Phil Citriniti, died unexpectedly on March 25th. Phil and Brenda and Carolyn's other family and friends have all our sympathy.

College News Roundup

It was another successful year for college curling at the Utica Curling Club. Our college numbers remained steady, and Syracuse University joined us!

In what has become an annual tradition, snow disrupted the annual UCC College Bonspiel. As a Nor'Easter blew up the coast, teams from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Maine had to pull out of the competition. The 10 teams that made it through the snow had a great time. Congratulations to winners: the combined team of SUNY Binghamton and Syracuse University (Dan Pearson, Evan Johnson, Kevin Murphy, and Alex Jablonski).

Two of UCC's college teams qualified for college nationals. Hamilton College was unable to attend because of the schedule, but Colgate University did send a team to Duluth. The team was skipped by Matt Feeney (a junior) with vice Andrew Vojt (a freshman), Jenna Glatt (a junior), and Stephanie Warnken (freshman). The team did well, tying for first in their pool (the College of St. Benedict/St. John University, Finlandia University, and Oklahoma University). They lost the tiebreak game to CSB/SJU, the event silver medalist. — *Mary Jane Walsh*

2012 – 2013 Women's Evening League Results

Congratulations to the following teams for winning their leagues:

All American: Joyce Shaffer, Bryn Davis, Brenda Citriniti, and Dee Pfohl

Calder: Kathy Palazzoli, Donna Caleo, Cindy Wydysch, and Susan Humphreys*

Lambert Grant: Kathy Palazzoli, Liz Kaido, Jan Rishel, and Susan Humphreys*

Glenplaidies: Anne Stuhlman, Carrie Casab, Jan Rishel, and Cassie Samel*

When you see these ladies, please congratulate them on their success! Make sure you give Susan and Cassie an extra high-five, as these two ladies are 1st year curlers!

Julie, Judi, and I would like to thank every one for a fabulous 2012-2013 season. A special thank you goes out to MJ Walsh and Donna Caleo. MJ updates the website with our league results, and Donna sends our results into the OD. Also, thank you to the ice crew for maintaining our ice. --*Audrey Foote*



Instructor's Corner

*Roger Rowlett & Mary Jane Walsh
USCA Level II Certified Instructors*

Do as I say, not as I do!

Well, you had to know that I would turn it into an instructional opportunity - although I must confess that a broken elbow has been good for some sympathy points, too! The longer we curl, the more we take seem to take safety on the ice for granted. We've all cautioned newbies about the slipperiness of ice, and we've all seen our fellow curlers go down at one point or another. Fortunately, most of the time the outcome is a good laugh, a bruise, or perhaps a bump. During the Cobb, however, I was reminded that sometimes the outcomes are more significant. I plan on being back on the ice next fall, but meanwhile here are some things to think about over the summer:

- ◆ Always watch where you're going!!! The best we can tell is that I was moving backwards on the ice after delivering the rock, tripped over the hack, and landed elbow first. Don't know why I was moving backwards, something I'm not known to do. But you can bet your bottom dollar that I won't do it again!
- ◆ Check your grippers frequently for signs of wear. Much like tires on a car, if you see a bald spot, replace the gripper. Think about it: the entire bottom of your foot is not always on the ice, so don't wait for the entire gripper to show signs of wear. I typically replace mine twice a season; Roger replaces his even more often.
- ◆ Always be aware of your surroundings. You never know when an unattended rock may be heading in your direction, or somebody's about to pivot with their broom sticking out and whap you upside the head!
- ◆ Always step onto the ice with your non-slippery foot.
- ◆ And finally, always be nice to paramedics. ;-)

See you next year!

*Good curling! Have a question for Instructor's Corner?
Have a suggestion for an Instructor's Corner article?
Send an email to curlingschool@uticacurlingclub.org*



2012-2013 Men's Ladder Winners



Congratulations to the winning teams of the 2012-2013 Men's Ladder competition.

Sims

Jimmy Gleason – Skip
Matt Hames – Vice
Charlie Schatz – Second
Tim Conboy – Lead

Garber

Jason Brien – Skip
Pete Ciaralli – Vice
Dave Schroeder – Second
Brian Lowe – Lead

Allen

Mike Kessler – Skip
Sean Lanigan – Vice
Tom Thorngren – Second
Mike DiMeo – Lead

Rink

Doug Hurd – Skip
Dave Palazzoli – Vice
Gary Williams – Second
Jim Revenaugh – Lead



BOERGER HAPPY HOUR 2013

*Chairs: Gary and Susan
Fountain*



We set a record for 4:00 Thursdays with 17 team for Boerger Fun and Fitness the first half and continued on with 14 teams for Boerger Happy Hour. This event concluded with our usual "Dollar Tree" awards for everyone and a scrumptious buffet provided by Dominic and donations from our "five Star" cooks adorned the desert table. As usual, we had old fashion fun which is the true spirit of these events. The winning team for Boerger Happy Hour was: Bill Turner, Skip, Don DeCarr, Pat Mihalko and Fran Small.



2013 Tuesday Daytime Curlers League

**Winners: Judi Giovannone, skip; Mike Semeraro,
Marty Jones, Leslie Husted**

“Thank you” to Gary White for preparing our ice



Kayser Results

The Kayser Mixed Bonspiel, held February 14-17 was a great event for all 32 teams, 5 from UCC, who competed in this popular “5 and under” bonspiel.

As with all bonspiels held in Utica, it is the members of the UCC who make our spiels special. There are so many to thank, including those who helped with the planning, greeting of teams as they arrived on Thursday, donations for the raffle and team bags and filling the bags, helping Bill with breakfasts, putting up team signs for each draw, coordinating snacks, designing the draw-board, the ice crew (including an emergency repair on sheet 6), UCC bar staff and kitchen crew, our commentators when streaming the play, encouraging teams to don costumes and photographing them, and the boat race captain, Phil Citriniti. I hesitate to name all those who helped in case I miss someone. You know who you are and I have sung your praises to anyone who asks, “how’d it go”? Thank you all so very much. The Kayser would not have been a success without your time, advice, knowledge and often, moral support.

The Sunday finals included 4 Utica teams, 2 competing for the B event and 2 competing for the F event, which not only guaranteed 2 winners and 2 runners up for UCC, but certainly added excitement for those of us cheering them on.

The results:

A event -Winner-*Schenectady 2*-Rob Klees, Peggy O’Connor, Dan Muller, Christine Hall

Runner-up-*Potomac 1*-Courtney Shaw, Brian Breen, Paige Roberts, Jimmy Fallon

B event-Winner-*Utica 2*-Dave Mitchell, Beth Mitchell, Charlie Schatz, Leslie Husted (special thanks to Nutmeg’s Renee Miller who played lead for 2 games (due to Leslie’s family emergency) and did so upon request in the middle of one game)

Runner-up-*Utica 5*-Douglas Smith, Delores Pfohl, Brian Lowe, Amy White

C event-Winner-*Rochester 2*-Chris Hamilton, Julie Krug, Ken Krug, Monica Anderson

Runner-up-*Broomstones 1*-Anne Fournier, Seth Robertson, Robin Weston, Dan Grady

D event-Winner-*Philadelphia 2*-Bryan Beck, Katie Arcidiacono, Dan Cooper, Kristen Beck

Runner-up-*Rochester 1*-Bob Williams, Jennifer Hill, Darin Brooks, Tia DeMartino

E event-Winner-I-Yushi Yang, Lynn Salmon, John Salmon, Karen Luckey

Runner-up-*Broomstones 3*-Jeff Mills, Colleen Hennessey, Kevin Cash, Melissa Cash

F event-Winner-*Utica 4*-Brenda Citriniti, Kristy Aldrich, Phil Citriniti, Tim Conboy

Runner-up-*Utica 3*-Jim Rishel, Jan Rishel, Tim Woolner, Paula Flisnik

And, for those who keep track of such things, the Kayser netted approximately \$4,000 for the club. --*Jen & Bill Turner*



2013 Glengarry Challenge

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



The 2013 Glengarry Challenge was held on February 27th and March 2nd. The theme for the weekend was “Gardening” to get us in the mood for Spring after the curling season. The menu was a lighter fair with a grilled chicken garden salad, Tuscan Tomato soup, and fresh fruit.

There was a slate of eight teams participating in the event for the chance to win the Silver Teapot trophy. The format for this year’s Challenge was a single knock-out. There were exciting and close matches throughout the weekend. The finals came down between Laura Jacon and Marj Moore. Team Jacon was able to emerge victorious. Congratulations to Laura and her team for being the 2013 Glengarry Challenge Champions! Special thanks to the ice crew for giving us wonderful ice for the weekend!

The standings for the events were:

A Event: Winner: Laura Jacon, Carrie Casab, Dawn Scherer, Dee Pfohl

Runner-Up: Marj More, Ylva Cortright, Jacquelyn Schmidt, Mary Gajewski

B Event: Winner: Sue Williams, Julie Chanatry, Jan Rishel, Sue Humphreys

Runner-Up: Joyce Shaffer, Judi Giovannone, Sue Gardener, Peggy Pratt

C Event: Winner: Kathy Palazzoli, Cindy Brown, Barb Felice, Liz Nolan

Runner-Up: Liz Kaido, Bryn Davis, Erlene Puleo, Sabrina Thibado

D Event: Winner: Carol Jones, Michelle MacEnroe, Beth Mitchell,
Cassie Samel

Runner-Up: Melon Sofinski, Brenda Citriniti, Jennifer Turner,
Kynoca Law

—Cindy Brown

Wanted: A few good helpers!

This year we plan some additional activities in our membership drive and retention program with hopes of bringing in more members. More members means more people on the ice which means more people at the parties and much more fun for everyone! If you have a knack for any of the following, we would love for you to be part of our team!

Just contact Carol Jones at 315-868-8520 or live2spiel@aol.com.

- * Compile a list of names and contact info of past curlers.
- * Publish a monthly one-page newsletter for new curlers.
- * Maintain the club phone answering machine's recorded message with upcoming events.
- * Design some snazzy posters for display at local businesses.
- * Volunteer as a mentor.
- * Volunteer as an instructor (not to worry, we will have train the trainer sessions!).
- * Compile a welcome packet for new curlers (FAQs, rules, fun tips regarding play, list of resources, list of equipment types and sources, etc).
- * Photograph new curlers for welcome board.
- * Research the cost of various advertising opportunities (billboards, Stanley marquee, movie pre-ads, paper ads, etc).
- * Any other worthy endeavors you always thought we should try.

I look forward to hearing from you! —Carol Jones

Glengarries Officers for 2013-2014

- ◇ President: Melon Sofinski
- ◇ Vice President: Jacquelyn Schmidt
- ◇ Secretary: Melissa Foote
- ◇ Member-at-large (2014): Audrey Foote
- ◇ Member-at-large (2015): Eileen Sunderhaft
- ◇ Member-at-large (2016): Dolores (Dee) Pfohl
- ◇ USWCA representative: Ylva Cortright
- ◇ Nominating Committee: Peggy Pratt (chair), Pam Jones,
Sabrina Thibado, Jennifer Turner

2013 Cobb Mixed Invitational Bonspiel

Twenty eight teams from the U.S. and Canada participated in what has affectionately become known as “The Cobb”, held at the Utica Curling Club February 21-24, 2013. The winner of this year’s President’s Bowl was Utica II, skipped by Brian Moore, and teammates Carol Jones (Vice) Dale Jones (2nd) and Marj Moore (Lead). In an exciting, hold-your-breath-it’s-not-over-yet-final, they prevailed over a tough Burlington team skipped by Rob Depodesta.

The theme of the bonspiel was “Ripley’s Believe It or Not” as the club members and bonspiel participants paid tribute to the Moores, chairs of the bonspiel for the past 15 years. During the course of the weekend, many *Unbelievable Memories* (!) from the bonspiels of the past were relived.

Yes, after running this bonspiel for 15 consecutive years, the Moores have decided its time to step down and just enjoy curling (they’ll probably never win another spiel that way...but don’t tell Brian that...). Co-chairs for this year’s event, Conrad and Knyoca Law, will take over the reins for 2014 (and beyond...maybe even 15 years...but don’t tell them that...)

Kudos to some terrific folks who helped to make this year’s event special in so many ways—couldn’t do it without you!! (apologies in advance to any who may have been inadvertently missed):

Event Co-chairs: Conrad and Knyoca Law

Our Tremendous Ice Crew, w/ special thanks to Dave Mitchell and Charlie Schatz

Our Awesome Caterer, Dominick Rose, and his staff, especially Rhonda

Our Super Bar Staff, especially Kathy and Audrey

Our Faithful Club Manager, Terry Brown

Budget: Brian Moore

House Party Coordinator: Julie Chanatry

House Party Home Hosts: Jen and Bill Turner, Brenda and Phil Citriniti, Bryn and Jim Davis, Clare and Dan Bareiss, Jan and Jim Rishel

Snacks: Joel and Dawn Scherer

Silent Auction and Raffle Coordinator: Bryn Davis

Backdrop Artwork: Erin Clark

Glass Team Signs, Drawboard and Invitation: Ken Thibado

Photographers: Rich and Betsy Minutti, Carol Jones and Michelle MacEnroe

Piper Ceremony Coordination: Carrie Casab

Thursday Opening Party: John and Laura Jacon
Toddy Bowl Coordinator: Anne Stuhlman
Banquet Coordinator: Knyoca Law
Banquet Master of Ceremonies: George Brown
Banquet Program Design: Cindy Brown
Band and Sound Coordinator: Gary Williams
Entertainment/Tribute: Shelley DelMonte, Donna Caleo, Dave Palazzoli, Gary Williams, Darryl Dinsdale (Nashua CC), Terri Flemma, Bob Risley
Prize Table: Barb Felice and Marj Moore
Welcome Bags: Marj Moore
Costume Parade: Ben Gaetano
Subs: Brian Moore
Draw: Brian Moore and Mike Kessler
Drawboard Maintenance: Tim Conboy, Joe Falcone, Conrad Law, Pat Costello & all other helpers
Decorations: Mixed Committee and Shelley DelMonte
Trophies and Trophy Table: Conrad Law
Soloists: Teale (Palazzoli) LaBarbera and Donna Caleo

Special thanks to all our donors of food, prizes, silent auction or raffle items. Your generosity is most appreciated!
John and Laura Jacon, Dale and Carol Jones, Conrad and Knyoca Law, Marj and Brian Moore, MJ Walsh and Roger Rowlett, Susan and Gary Williams, Brenda and Phil Citriniti, Dawn and Joel Scherer, Clare and Dan Bareiss, Roger and Jill Gates, Jacquelyn Schmidt, Anne Stuhlman, Barb Felice, Liz Kaido, Bryn Davis, Jim Schafer, Bill Morehouse, Jen Turner, Joyce Schafer, Julie Chanatry, Carrie Casab, Ylva Cortright, Don Knapp, Liz Nolan, Eydie Savett, Ann Boerger and Dominick Rose.
An extra big shout out to Bill Turner, whose extra effort in securing all kinds of snack donations saved us significant \$\$ on munchies all through the weekend.

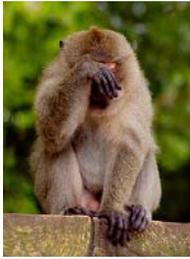
A Special Note of Thanks

We were touched by the tribute that the club members and our guest teams gave to us as we said farewell to running the UCC's Cobb Mixed Invitational Bonspiel this year. Rest assured that we'll still be behind the scenes in any way that the new chairs may need. We know that Conrad and Knyoca Law will do a fine job carrying on the tradition of the bonspiel for this club.

It's been a memorable fifteen years and, no, we really don't have a "favorite" theme, although everyone else seems to have one. Most of all, when we think back on those fifteen years, we will think of all of you who have been there beside us running this spiel. For although it

has been a labor of love, the labor is not as much of a load when there are others who help you carry that load. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts. We definitely couldn't have done it without you! —*Marj and Brian Moore*

EVENT	TEAM	SKIP	Vice	2nd	Lead
Presidents Bowl (Got Moore)					
A Event Winner	Utica #2	Moore, Brian	Jones, Carol	Jones, Dale	Moore, Marj
Curier's Cooler					
A Event Runnerup	Burlington #2	Depodesta, Rob	Pipes, Rebecca	Nicol, Dave	Gordon, Kristine
Silver Tassie (Need Moore)					
B Event Winner	Utica #1	Kessler, Mike	Stuhlman, Anne	Brown, George	Brown, Cindy
B Event Runnerup	Utica #4	Costello, Pat	Shaffer, Joyce	Anderson, Brad	Gardner, Sue
Ice Box D (Some Moore)					
C Event Winner	Utica #5	Morehouse, Bill	Jacon, Laura	Jacon, John	MacEnroe, Michelle
C Event Runnerup	Burlington #3	Furman, Charles	O'Brien, Joan	Amicarelli, Dave	Walker, Wendy
Friendship Trophy (Less is Moore)					
D Event Winner	Utica #8	Palazzoli, Dave	Williams, Sue	Williams, Gary	Palazzoli, Kathy
D Event Runnerup	Brockville	Mahon, Karen	Jordan, Bob	Quinn, Colleen	Lawless, Brian
Believe It or Not (Want Moore)					
E Event Winner	Schenectady #4	Navrati, Dan	Navrati, Fay	Lancaster, Tom	Lancaster, Pam
E Event Runnerup	Nashua	Dinsdale, Daryl	Dinsdale, Nancy	Waller, Ed	Brown, Sandra
Its Finally Over (One Moore)					
F Event Winner	Philadelphia #1	Gerritsen van der Hoop, Nancy	Hess, Jim	Hess, Jo	Gerritsen van der Hoop, Rolanc
F Event Runnerup	Schenectady #2	Brennan, Scott	O'Connor, Peggy	Lemon, Steve	Barr, Amanda



ROCHESTER-UTICA FRIENDLY **UTICA HAS THE MONKEY**

The Monkey is officially back at the Utica Curling Club after Rochester won the Silver Tankard in the 10th Annual Rochester-Utica Friendly Bonspiel. The score was 108-86 in the points bonspiel. Rochester took control in the 3rd and 4th draws after only a few points separated the two teams early on.

After UCC won the last three years and held a 7-2 margin of victory in this classic event, master strategist Dave Palazzoli told Chairman Ben Gaetano that if Utica beat Rochester again this year, they would probably quit curling in the “Friendly”. So taking his advice, Ben along with a host of others loaded the bus with two gallons of sleighrides, dozens of woo-woos, cases of beer, and casks of wine. There were also bagels & cream cheese, sausage bread, pastries, cheese, pepperoni, crackers and other edible delights. On the way to Rochester, everyone toasted to the past successes and to the drinking excesses. By the time the bus got to the curling club, everyone was in high spirits and looking forward to the day’s events.

Utica was given a rousing reception by the Rochester curlers. They had the bar open and drinks were offered after the long journey. They said the ice was fast even though they had put sticky glue under each stone. It became apparent during the first draw that hack weight was required to throw a guard. For take-outs, the stone needed an afterburner.

It wasn’t long before the Utica Chairman started to take a lot of abuse from his fellow curlers. “Who put these teams together?” was an often-heard phrase. The Chair quickly replied: “It was Dave.... it was Dave...”

The Chairman’s head hung low as it became apparent that UCC was going to come in second this fateful day. As he went to the table where he had placed the Tankard and the Monkey, only the Tankard was there. Frantically the Chair looked for the Monkey but in vain. It was nowhere to be found. Naturally upset, the Chairman asked if anyone had seen the Monkey. It was not until he saw Conrad that his mind was put at ease. Conrad whispered: “Don’t worry about the Monkey”.

When it came time to award the Tankard to Rochester, they wanted to know where was the Monkey? Ben could only reply: “I got no Monkey”.

Rochester searched throughout the building without success. Happily, Ben announced that it was time to leave for Utica. Everyone quickly

went to the bus with the Chairman lugging Rochester's gift of a case of Labatt's Blue for the trip home. In the background we could clearly hear: "Find the Monkey.... find the Monkey..."

It is with heartfelt sadness to report that before Utica could exit the parking lot, two Rochester curlers threw themselves in front of the bus. They had found the Monkey and forced Utica to take it on the long journey home. There was nothing left to do but break open the case of Labatt's Blue.

The Monkey is now on display in the Utica trophy case for all to see. Needless to say everyone is looking forward to the day when the Tankard returns to Utica and the Monkey goes back to Rochester. It is where they both belong.

Thanks to everyone who curled that day.

CHAIRMAN'S HAPPY THOUGHTS

Although Utica has the Monkey, there is much to be happy about in the eyes of the Chairman:

HAPPINESS is seeing that everyone had a great time that day. There were those who found a quiet place to sit in the front of the bus and there were those who partied in the back. Rochester was very gracious even before they won the Tankard.

HAPPINESS is being able to relax because Phil, Brenda and the back-of-the-bus gang really know how to party and create a festive atmosphere. It sure makes the ride go fast.

HAPPINESS is thanking Joel, Dawn, and Dave Palazzoli for helping the Chair make this year's Utica- Rochester Friendly a success.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR !!!!

—Ben Gaetano



Charity Curling Challenge Results

The Fourteenth Annual Charity Curling Challenge to benefit local charities was held at the Utica Curling Club on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

The success of the event was made possible through joint sponsorship from Biogenics Dental Corp and Sew What. This year ten teams of novice curlers "curling for a cause" raised \$3253.50 for seven different charities. Team "Higgins On Ice", coached by Audrey Foote, won honors for raising \$757.50 for The Wounded Warrior Project. The top curling team, scoring 9 points in the four-end points-spiel format game

was The Elite Martial Arts, curling for the Stevens Swan Humane Society and coached by Sabrina Thibado. This year's Grand Champion, with the highest combined dollars raised and curling points scored went to a new arrival to the challenge: Team All-Scars of Titan Homes. The team raised \$820 to benefit the Waterville Area Food Pantry. The Titan team included Colleen Lewis, Tim Lemieux, Craig Tilbe, and Meagan Timplake; along with Coach John Jacon.

The total roster of teams and charities included:

- All-Scars - Waterville Area Food Pantry: John Jacon Coach
- Higgins on Ice - Wounded Warrior Project: Audrey Foote Coach
- Elite Martial Arts - Stevens Swan Humane Society: Sabrina Thibado Coach
- Curl Scouts – Girl Scouts of Penn/NY: Carrie Casab Coach
- Stone Cold - Stevens Swan Humane Society: Jerry Stevens Coach
- Misfits 1 - Personal Ponies: Blake Hagberg and Sue Gardner Coach
- Misfits 2 - Personal Ponies: Joe Cosentino Coach
- West Road Rockers - Ride for Missing Children: Dave Palazzoli Coach
- Amathyst - Taberg Residential Girls: Dan Bareiss Coach
- Opal - Taberg Residential Girls: Claire Bareiss Coach

Thank you to Liz Nolan for the fun prizes and Paul Giovannone for the day's amenities. Their contributions allow us to put on a value-packed day for participants while allowing all their dollars raised to go to their intended charities. Thank you to all the coaches who made the event so enjoyable for the teams. The ice crew of Charlie Schatz, John Spicer and Joe Cosentino made the keen surface a joy for the novice curlers. Julie Chanatry's photography skills provided the mementos for the teams. Dale Jones was treasurer and Brian Moore his assistant. Barb Felice and Vickie Sheardown assisted in keeping things moving. A special thank you to Doug Smith and color commentator Julie Chanatry for streaming the game between the Amathyst and Opal teams for the Taberg Residential Girls. The streaming allowed the girls at the residential home to watch their teams curling for their cause! We can only imagine their thoughts as they witnessed these employees having a blast "sweeping" and getting away with throwing stones at houses.



A HUGE thank you to all the many members who have contributed to this year's Curlogram!! —Ann Kebabian