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President's Message

Hello Fellow Curlers,

February was a very busy month at our club. Utica hosted our annual college bonspiel mid-month. It was the last event that earned the participants points towards qualifying for the National College Bonspiel. MIT 1 won the A event final in the roughly 36 hour marathon bonspiel. Colgate, one of the teams that curls out of our club, is the top merit point earning team in the country. Both Colgate and Hamilton will be sending teams to the College Nationals in Minnesota in March.

Our Olympic Open House was a great success – we had 140 participants and we were able to offer a great experience on the ice. Remember, we are also holding an Olympic Curling School in March. The school runs for three consecutive Sunday evenings (3/9/14, 3/16/14, and 3/23/14 – cost \$75.00). We are also looking for volunteers to help the instructors with the curling school. You can volunteer for one, two, or all three weeks. Please contact Carol Jones, Roger Rowlett, or Mary Jane Walsh if you are interested in helping out.

The Cobb Bonspiel was a terrific success! We had a field of twenty-eight teams with fifteen teams from north of the border joining us this year. The A-event final was a tightly contested game with the Fletcher Rink from Burlington, taking one in the eighth end to defeat the Stazak Rink from Peterborough. My sincere thanks to all the volunteers – we would not be able to hold these important and fun events without the sweat equity of these folks!

The end of February brings the Glengarry Challenge, our Women's Club Championship. March is as busy as February – the Corporate Charity Challenge scheduled for Saturday, March 8th followed by the Elizabeth Childs Challenge the GNCC Women's Five and Under event (March 14th – March 16th). If you can volunteer to help with either of the events, please contact the Chairs (Carol Jones for the Corporate Charity Challenge and Sue Williams for the Elizabeth Childs Challenge). I'm sure they would welcome any and all help.

The annual Rochester Friendly will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at our club. The sign-up for the event should be posted shortly on the Mixed bulletin. We close out our bonspiel season with the Rose Bonspiel, scheduled for March 27th – March 29th – sign-up will also be posted on the Mixed bulletin board.

We continue to research options for replacing our ice plant. We have recently had some positive news on the cost of a new system. We are waiting for a formal quote on this system and if the quote is near the preliminary price that we were given, there is a good chance that we will be able to replace our equip-

ment this summer. We will keep you up to date on this exciting news.

One last piece of business – the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 2nd, 2014. I will be posting the sign up for the meeting on the bulletin board in the front of the club. As in the past, we will have dinner followed by the meeting. Please sign up if you will be joining us for dinner that evening.

Good Curling,
Julie Chanatry, President

College Curling

On Feb. 14 and 15th, we hosted our annual college bonspiel. As usual, 16 teams signed up to play. Unusually, all teams had good driving conditions to get to the club, so we had a full complement actually play (although the Boston area teams wisely chose to stay Sat. night in Albany because of snow on the East coast).

Teams from Bowling Green State (Ohio), Boston University, Colgate, Hamilton, MIT, RIT, RPI, University of Pennsylvania, and a combined SUNY Binghamton/Hamilton College team came not only to play, but also to earn points for the USCA College National Championship in Blaine, MN in March. MIT 1 took top honors, defeating Colgate 3 in the A final. The [full results](#) are on the website. Hamilton College earned enough points to qualify (thanks in part, to a C-Event win by new skip Kevin Murphy from Binghamton), and Colgate solidified their position as number [one seed](#).

It was a healthy year for college curling, with 44 curlers from four schools (Binghamton, Colgate, Hamilton, and MVCC). We'll be losing 14 seniors this year, and the students are recruiting already for the fall season. Thank you to the skips who have provided experience for our college members in the leagues. They find it an educational experience!

Our college curlers have been renting ice this year, instead of being members (with a few exceptions). Look for a proposal to reinstate the college and college-plus membership categories (similar to junior and junior plus) next season. Next year, USCA will require all college students to be members of their clubs in order for them to earn points toward nationals. The full rationale is on the proposal, which will be voted on in the end of year membership meeting. —*MJ Walsh*

Happenings

Joyce Haase, former Utica Curling Club curler, Mickey Haase's daughter-in-law, and sister-in-law and aunt to the Pat Costello and Tom Platt Sr. families, died February 10, 2014.

Barbara Ann Sewell Pleasant, former UCC member and Bob Sewell's sister, died February 22nd.

Our sympathy goes to their families and friends.

2014 Empire State Empire 60th Circus Celebration

*I can't thank everyone enough for stepping in when I got sick. **Marty Jones, Fred Hicks, Doreen Hayes, Jackie Strife, Judi Giovannone, Susan Williams, Sue Gardner, Peggy Pratt, Colleen Welch, Susan Fountain & Linda Rance (greatest snacks ever), Linda Truin (Lunch Sunday)** "I asked and they were there". That is what curlers do. "thank you, thank you". And for everyone else who helped make the bonspiel a success....**Peggy Rotton (Rules Chair), Diane Farr, Linda Robinson (Banquet), Ginger Zillioux, Madonna Fellows, Matt Cashion (Stoney Tapes), The Ice Committee, Dominick Rose, Sharon Brown-Burns, Kathy Palazzoli (photo props), Eileen Sunderhaft (greatest cookies ever), Mrs. Eileen Foot (fantastic banner), Kristen Smith (face painter-new curler), Joel & Dawn Scherer, Toni Rosinski (new curler), Cindy Kelley, Tom Platt, Jr. for sponsoring the "F" event and The Hurd Family (first event sponsors)**. Congratulations to all the winners & especially our Utica women. See our website for all winners. —Joyce Shaffer*



ROCHESTER-UTICA FRIENDLY BONSPIEL
SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd

The Rochester Curling Club will be heading to Utica to defend the Rochester-Utica Friendly Cup that they wrested from us last year. Our goal is to take back the Cup and hand them the Monkey that really deserves to be in Rochester rather than Utica.

The Monkey is currently housed in our trophy case. After we win and present them with the Monkey, our hand picked Security Team will make sure the Monkey makes it on their bus before they leave. Rochester has a habit of forgetting to take it with them.

This is a fun filled event that always attracts over 40 members wanting to be part of the action. There will be a Toddy Bowl, Continental Breakfast, Lunch Buffet, and a Cash Bar. As always, there will be lots of food, drink, and laughter throughout the day.

Look for the sign up sheet on the Mixed Board. It will be posted shortly. Sign up as a single and the chairs will make up the teams. New curlers are encouraged to curl in this one day event.

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 Cup and the runner-up getting the Monkey. —*Ben Gaetano*



*Wanted: Recipes,
Recipes, Recipes*
for the Utica Glengarry Cook-
Book. Have a tasty treat, family
recipe or just great eats that you want

to share, send it text book/print ready, along with your name and contact info, to Jacquelyn Schmidt at minireg@roadrunner.com or drop it off at the club in the recipe box. You can also give it to any other member of the RECIPE BRIGADE- Peggy Rotton, Susan Williams or Dee Pfol. Only your name will be published in the cookbook unless you tell us otherwise! So dust off those cookbooks, hunt for those tasty appetizers, soups, main dishes, desserts, etc., and make sure it gets to the RECIPE BRIGADE!

--*Jacquelyn Schmidt*



The Rose is coming!

*The Rose Bonspiel will be held
Thursday, March 27 thru
Saturday, March 29*



*Are you a new curler? Never played in a mixed event?
Then give it a try this year!*

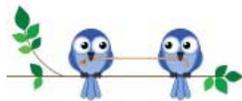
*The bonspiel Rink fee will be \$180 which includes snacks af-
ter each draw, toddy bowl and dinner with live music for
dancing.*

*The menu was still being determined at the time of print,
but expect an elegant sit-down dinner. The kitchen will also
be available during the bonspiel.*

*Can't curl? Make plans to come to dinner and be part of the
classiest party of the year. Look for the sign up on the mixed
board and make this event bigger than ever! Hope to see
you there.*

Event chairs: Brenda & Phil Citriniti

Co-chair: Knyoca Law



“Daytime Curlers League” Closing Luncheon and Awards Presentation

at the

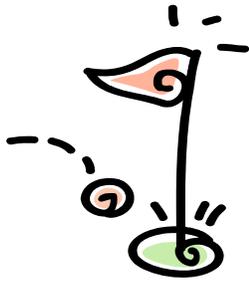
YAHNUNDASIS Golf Club TUESDAY March 11, 2014, Noon
(deadline for signup March 4, 2014)

We will order off the luncheon menu

Everyone Welcome, including guests

**Sign up on the mixed bulleting board. We get individual checks.
Please bring a credit card, we may not be able to use cash.**

Questions Joyce or Meredith



SPRING IS IN THE AIR...

... at least in the minds of the Golf Committee! Yes, we have begun planning for the 7th annual UCC Golf Tournament. Save the date - Saturday May 31st - and join us for a day of fun, camaraderie and a great “shot” or two at Pine Hills Golf Course in Frankfort.

We welcome curlers and non-curlers of all ability levels. There will be a Men's, Women's, Mixed and Senior division (minimum of 2 teams required) as well as many contest prizes for men and women. Team formats are open - any gender combination is acceptable.

Sounds like fun? Grab a team and get signed up early! In 2013 we had a full field of 36 teams. Returning teams are guaranteed a spot if fully paid by May 1st. Non-2013 teams will then be taken based on date of payment so feel free to submit your entry prior to May 1st. We will notify you after May 1st if your team is in. If you don't have a team but want to play, let us know and we'll put you on a list for teams who need a player or two.

There is much to do to get ready for this event and many donations/prizes will be needed. We need your help!!! We don't want our golfers to go away empty handed so we annually gather 144 door prizes. We would appreciate any help in asking a business that you frequent or a business associate if they would be interested in donating a small \$10-\$15 prize. Gift certificates, bottle of wine/liquor, greens fees to a local golf course, golf apparel/equipment or anything else you can think of that makes a nice gift is greatly appreciated. Don't be shy - just ask! We will also gladly accept larger prize items or themed gift baskets that can be raffled off in our “NPR” (nice prize raffle). All donations can be given to Barb Felice.

As for sponsors, included in this curlogram is a listing of sponsorship opportunities. If you know of someone who would be interested in being a major sponsor, hole sponsor, goody bag donor or would like to donate in some way, please let us know and we can send them our sponsor letter or contact them. Feel free to give them a copy of the sponsorship form or ask them yourself if they would be interested in being a sponsor or donor. Most businesses need a copy of the sponsor form before committing to making a donation. As a reminder, we are a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization so all donations are tax deductible.

New for 2014! We will be selling tickets for a chance to win 1 of 10 prizes with the top prize being \$1,000 in cash! You'll be seeing us soon around the club with raffle tickets in hand.

If you're not a golfer but want to join in on the fun, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities. Brenda and Phil Citriniti are looking for volunteers for various jobs: registering golfers, selling raffle tickets, golf hole assistants, photography and many more. Contact Brenda or Phil if you are interested in helping on the day of the event.

In addition we welcome your feedback on prior years' tournaments. If there is something that you would like to see changed or added, discuss it with a committee member and we will consider making a change for 2014.

We look forward to another fun tournament and a successful year! If you have any questions or comments, please contact any member of the Golf Committee:

Tom Thorngren, Anne Stuhlman, Barb Felice, Don Knapp, Jim Schafer, Julie Chanatry, Eileen Sunderhaft, Ben Gaetano, Conrad/Knyoca Law or Phil/Brenda

UCC GOLF TOURNAMENT - MAY 31, 2014



Bronze Sponsorship: \$75

- o Hole Sponsor sign, listing in the program, \$25 off a team entry.

Silver Sponsorship: \$150

- o Hole Sponsor sign, half-page golf program ad, \$25 off one team entry, and your choice of a two-hour corporate curling outing for up to 10 people (a \$200 value) or one fall (Oct-Dec 2014) trial curling membership (\$150 value – non-members only) for 2014-2015 curling season

Gold Sponsorship: \$300

- o Hole Sponsor sign, full-page golf program ad, \$25 off one team entry, and your choice of a two-hour corporate curling outing for up to 20 people (a \$400 value) or two fall (Oct-Dec 2014) trial curling memberships (\$300 value – non-members only) for 2014-2015 curling season

Platinum Sponsorship \$500

- o All Gold Sponsorship items plus: curling scoreboard advertisement and full page curling roster book ad throughout the 2014 – 2015 curling season

Prize Donor:

- o Name/business/organization listed as donor in the golf program

All sponsorship checks should be made payable to the Utica Curling Club and mailed by May 15th to:

**UCC Golf Committee
205 Washington Drive
New Hartford, NY 13413**

As a reminder, we are a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization so **all donations are tax deductible.**

Utica Curling Club
8300 Clark Mills Rd., Whitesboro, NY 1349 315-736-1724

The Utica Curling Club is pleased to host
The 5th Annual Elisabeth Childs Challenge Bons[™]peel[™]
March 13-16, 2014

A GNCC Bons[™]peel[™] for Women curlers who have curled 5 years or less.

The entry deadline is February 11, 2014.

Keep Calm and Go Bananas



Banana trivia contest, Banana costume dance
Curling skills competition

Come and eat the decorations.

Entry fee - \$300 per rink- 4 game guarantee - 6 events
Thursday: Light Dinner 5:30 and 8:15 draw
Friday/Saturday: Continental Breakfast, Dinner and Dutch treat lunch - 4 draws
Sunday: Continental Breakfast and Lunch - 2 draws

Hotel Reservations

Hampton Inn \$106 315-793-1600 .5 miles from club, free breakfast
Holiday Inn \$75 315-797-2131 newly renovated
Radisson Hotel \$109 315-797-8010 (\$7parking) pool, hot tub
rooms held until 2/11/14 - make reservations soon -rooms are going fast

Event Chair Susan Williams, 134 Knollwood Circle, Ava, NY 13303
susanwilliams134@gmail.com 315-339-7382 or 336-0790

For questions about eligibility, please contact the GNCC Elisabeth Childs Challenge
Mary Colacchio 508.457.5595 email marycolacchio@verizon.com



UCC Garage Sale



Once the curling season ends, it is time to start Spring cleaning. So, start going through your attics, garages, spare rooms and cupboards to gather your treasures for the UCC Garage Sale. This year's sale will be at the **end of June**. We definitely need helpers for this sale.

HERE IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Here are areas in which you can help BEFORE the sale:

- Table set up
- Pricing (the more people pricing the better and we will have pricing stations this year so that if you are not sure what to mark an item, just ask another person nearby for help)
- Runners (these people put the items on the correct tables after they have been priced – we use carts)
- Cleaners, Sorters and Organizers (some items may need to be spruced up)
- Drivers to help pick up larger items
- Your folding tables (please mark your name on the bottom)
- Receiving (being at the club during drop off times)
- People to help make signs
- Donations – you can even price your items before you bring them to the club. That would be a HUGE help

Here are areas in which you can help DURING the sale:

- Sellers on the floor
- Cashiers
- Talliers (helping to add up items before they get to the cashier)
- Wrapping and bagging volunteers

Here are areas in which you can help AFTER the sale:

Clean-up (We box up the leftovers, sweep the floor, and vacuum the cat walks)

NO CLOTHES, BELTS or SHOES

NO COMPUTER MONITORS (unless it is with the rest of the computer system)

NO OLD TV's

-This is a valuable fundraiser for the club and we really need help from club members.

Please contact Cindy Brown if you can help in any way (H: 733-2260 C: 292-8249 or gncbrown@roadrunner.com)



Instructor's Corner

Roger Rowlett & Mary Jane Walsh
USCA Level II Certified Instructors

*Why do some players use stopwatches on the ice?
What good are they?*—Mark N. Thyme

My front end is chained to their stopwatches on draw shots. I want to break them. (The watches, not the front end). Any advice?--Skip Snoyd

Timing in curling is a topic that is guaranteed to start an argument...I mean spirited discussion. Curling purists think that stopwatches have no place in curling, and detract from the game. Others think that stopwatches are an excellent learning tool, and regard timing as an essential skill for competitive curling. Like most tools, a curling stopwatch can be effectively used or roundly abused.

Timing Curling Shots

There are three principal ways of timing curling stones: *Sheet timing* or *long timing*; *hog-to-hog timing*; and *interval timing* or *split timing*. Each method of timing has specific strengths and applications.

Sheet times are typically collected by measuring the time it takes a stone to travel from the hog line at the release end to stop at tee line at the far end. The "faster" (slicker) the ice is the longer the sheet time. This is counter-intuitive for most new curlers, but it makes sense if you think about it. "Fast", slick ice has little friction and it takes much longer for the rock to come to a stop. "Slow", sticky ice causes rocks to grind to halt relatively quickly. "Fast" ice is 24-25 seconds; "Slow" ice is maybe 18 seconds. At the Utica Curling Club, we normally have fast ice most nights, although the first end or two the ice is typically slower, maybe 22 seconds or so until the pebble starts to wear down and the frost starts to dissipate. To obtain a sheet time, start your stopwatch on a draw shot when the stone crosses the delivery hog line, and stop it when the stone comes to rest at the other end. If the stone is near tee-line when it comes to rest, that's the sheet time. If it's a little short or long, add ½ second for every 6 feet it is short, or subtract ½ second for every 6 feet it is long. So, for example, add ½ second for a rock landing top 12 or tight guard, or add 1 second for a mid-way guard, etc. Sheet times are good for getting an idea of the general speed of the ice and how it changes during the game. A major advantage of sheet timing, unlike interval timing, is that it is independent of delivery mechanics. It is also relatively easy for skips to get reasonable sheet times when timing from the far house. You don't have to be that accurate in clicking the watch, because sheet time differences less than ½ second are not really significant. Sheet timing is an excellent way for skips to keep track of general ice speed conditions throughout the game, and does not cause much distraction during your own or your opponents shots. Knowing the general sheet time can give a shooter a good idea of the weight necessary for making a draw shot or delicate tap-back.

Hog-to-hog times are collected by measuring the time it takes a stone to travel from the near to the far hog line. This method can be used to time draws much like sheet timing. “Fast” ice is 14-14 ½ seconds by this method. However, a really good way to use hog-to-hog times is to learn a variety of takeout weights during practice. (This was described in a previous *Instructors Corner* article.) A “firm” takeout is maybe 9 seconds, “bumper” weight is maybe 10 seconds, and “hack” is 11 seconds hog-to-hog. At least that’s the way it works on our mixed team. You can make up your own numbers and name the weights whatever you like. It doesn’t really matter what you call your takeout weights as long as everyone understands what they mean for hog-to-hog times and can throw that weight consistently. (Some competitive teams call takeout weights by hog-to-hog numbers. If you watch curling on TV you will hear this fairly often, as in “Give me a 9 ½.”)

Interval timing

Interval, or *split timing*, is the one timing method that can be used to give information about whether or not, and how much a thrown rock must be swept to make a shot. The most common method of obtaining interval times is to start the watch when the stone crosses the back line, and stop it when it crosses the near hogline. This is called the “backline-to-hog” time. The *shorter* this time is, the *faster* the shooter has launched out of the hack, and the *farther* the stone will go. Again, this is counter-intuitive for novice curlers, but makes sense if you think about it: *shorter* split times are *faster*, *longer* rocks. On typical ice, a split time difference of 0.1 seconds is approximately equal to 6 feet of travel. That is, for example a stone thrown with a 3.80 interval time will travel about 6 feet farther than a stone thrown with a 3.90 interval time. There is some correspondence between interval times and sheet times, but this varies somewhat with ice conditions, shooter delivery mechanics, and stone condition. However, at the Utica Curling Club, 24-25 second ice will require an interval time of approximately 3.80-3.90 seconds for a draw to land at tee line with little or no sweeping. You can expect a minimum error of ± 0.05 seconds in measured interval times due to the vagaries of human neurophysiology. (It is impossible to react and click a watch more accurately than 50 milliseconds or so.) An alternative interval time that some teams use is tee line-to-hog instead of backline-to-hog. Tee-to-hog times are about ½ second shorter than backline-to-hog times. We don’t recommend them: tee-to-hog times are so short that timing errors are a much larger fraction of the measured time.

Using interval times to improve shot-making

Teams that use interval timing effectively can make very confident and accurate shots. For example, let’s assume that the skip has to draw the four-foot with the last rock of the end to score, and the sweepers know that the required interval time to draw to tee line is 3.80 seconds. If the shooter is comfortable “throwing split times” (something you can practice), then the sweepers can inform the shooter of the target time for the shot. During the shot, the sweepers will collect the actual split time and compare it to the target number (3.80 seconds in this case). If the shooter throws a 3.70 second split, then “Whoa, Nelly,” you are not going to have to be in a hurry to sweep, and the rock is likely to be long. If the

shooter throws a 3.90, then the sweepers would be well-advised to start sweeping right away to make up for a possible 6-foot shortfall. Finally, if the shooter hit the target, 3.80 seconds, you are likely to be very close to making the shot, and are certainly in no urgency to start sweeping right away. To use split times effectively as a sweeper, you need to know the “target” number before the shot, then quickly determine if the actual shot is too slow (longer time) or too fast (shorter time). No mental gymnastics—it’s not possible to sweep and do long addition or subtraction at the same time. Just react to “too fast” or “too slow”, or maybe “just right.” Jump stones that are above the target time, and watch and wait for any other result. (It also doesn’t hurt to communicate the results to your skip—heavy, light, or close)

When stopwatches go wrong

If you have ever heard your skip muttering, “I’m going to break the &@**^!! stopwatches!” it is quite likely the result of one or more the following interval timing issues.

Knowing the right number. The “number” to make a shot is always a guess. The reliability of the estimated split time is best when you or your opponent has just thrown the same shot down the same path. You should not expect that the appropriate interval time is the same down every path on the sheet. Down a well-worn path, the sheet may be very fast, while even 6 inches away from that path, on more virgin ice, it may be considerably slower. Always regard the “number” as a guess, not a certainty. As each shot is played (and timed) you will learn something new about some portion of the ice and how it is changing.

Interval times are highly dependent on delivery mechanics and release. Be very wary about comparing interval times between different players on your team and your opponent’s team. Players that have a “positive release” with considerable extension will have split times that run “fast”, while players with a “soft” release with little or no extension will have split times that run “slow.” Expecting a 3.80 split from players with radically different releases to run the same distance is futile. On teams that play together frequently, the front end can often make the appropriate correction factors for each player. Players with unusual deliveries, or those that push the stone, are simply un-timeable.

One interval time is enough. Be ready to sweep. It is really not necessary for both sweepers to time. In the best-case scenario, you will agree with each other, meaning one of those times is redundant. In the worst-case scenario, you will disagree by 0.1 second or more, and may be paralyzed trying to figure out who is right while the shot is missed. It is a good idea for each pair of sweepers to assign a “timer” and a “pouncer.” The “timer” is responsible for getting the interval time. The “pouncer” is responsible for getting right to it if the stone looks light or if the “timer” senses the stone may time too slowly. This way there is minimal delay in sweeping rocks that clearly need it. Don’t be the “Keystone Kops” front end that is fumbling with watches and brooms and can’t get the brooms down until 10 feet past the hogline. Hold your broom with one hand under the correct arm in a sweeping-ready position (broom head down) while

timing with the other hand. You should be able to hold both the broom and watch in such a way that if you drop the watch your watch hand can immediately grab the broom and start sweeping. If you find this clumsy, consider using a “Rockwatcher” that attaches to the broom handle. Then your timing hand never has to leave the broom. In any case, if the skip or vice-skip is calling for sweep immediately upon release, it’s for line and it has to be done NOW. Drop the watches and start sweeping. The interval time won’t matter if you crash the guard. Same reasoning applies if you think the stone is really, really light. Start sweeping RIGHT NOW. Getting that accurate 4.20 second split time will not be very helpful if you come up short of salvaging that guard because you were timing instead of sweeping.

Interval times are not gospel. Interval timing does not relieve you of the necessity to judge the weight of the stone. Remember, the interval time is always an educated guess. The main purpose of interval timing is to determine if you need to sweep *right now*, or should *watch and wait*. Interval timing will also allow you to give the skip or vice-skip a good estimate of the distance of the shot compared to what was called. Once the stone has traveled more than 1/3 of the way down the sheet, you are back on your own, Mark II eyeballs. Flush the watch from your mind at this point. Don’t be the front-ender that says (as the rock pulls up 6 feet short, never swept until the very end): “But the watch said 3.80. It should have been on the tee line.” Watch and react throughout the shot until it is done. Remember (I think this may have been mentioned in a previous *Instructor’s Corner* article), more rocks are lost to under-sweeping than over-sweeping. Just watch a few ends of any league night. The undersweeps will outnumber the oversweeps by at least 10:1.

Interval timing as a learning tool

Stopwatches on the ice are like calculators in a math class. They can assist learning and understanding, or they can be an excuse to stop thinking. Go with the former. Interval timing is a great way to train your eye for what various weights look like. Interval timing can also help you learn the ice and how it changes during the game. This knowledge can really help your team-mates make better shots. Contrary to popular belief, ice-reading is not just for skips. Good front ends use interval times to keep track of and remember ice speeds on different parts of the sheet, and can use that to develop good guesses for “target” numbers for called shots. Get a stopwatch and give it a try. You may find that timing will help you develop your weight judgment more quickly than you thought possible.

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Good curling! Have a question for Instructor’s Corner?

Have a suggestion for an Instructor’s Corner article?

Seeking an instruction session?

Send an email to curlingschool@uticacurlingclub.org



Olympic Open House

Thank you to all the dedicated members who gave up part of their Sunday to volunteer for the Olympic Open House on February 16th. We had 143 on-ice participants and more family members behind the glass with video and still cameras recording the action.

Even though the turnout was lower than our last Olympic event, the \$10 entry fee we charged showed that the participants had a real interest in the game we love.

15 people signed up for the March curling school and we added three children to the Little Rocker program. —*John Jacon*

***Olympic curling may be done,
but WE aren't!!***

UCC's Olympic Curling School
sessions will be held

Sundays

March 9, 16, 23

with a Graduation Bonspiel on the 23rd!

***You can help!
Volunteer!!***

MARCH 2014

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	Open Ice, ROCKS 2:15-4:15 College 4:15-6:15 Curl Sch 6:30-8:30	CABVI curling 5:45 Tie breaker Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curriers League 10:00 (6 ends) League lunch 12:00 Allen 7:00	Glenplaidies 5:45 Sims 8:00	Boerger Happy Hour 4:00 Group event 6:00-8:00	Crawford finals Fish fry	Rochester Friendly (here)	
23		24	25	26	27	28	29	
	Curl Sch Graduation Bonspiel	Tie breaker 7:00	Tie breaker 7:00	Tie breaker 7:00	Rose	Rose Fish fry	Rose	Closing Party

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