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President's message

This is the time of the year that Presidents try to thank everyone who made the previous season a success; and then as soon as the Curlogram goes to press remembers all the folks they forgot. I'd like to give special attention to two groups of members. The first year curlers that decided to join the club - we hope you had a great time and will join us again next year. The other group is the second year curlers - thanks for coming back! Second year members are always among our most enthusiastic in the club. Next year make it a point to sign up for an out of town bonspiel. Going on the road with fellow curlers is a great experience and a fabulous way to see how blessed we are in Utica.

The compressor has been off for a week and a half, and I'm already thinking about some of the projects we hope to accomplish this summer. We've got repairs to make from our ice-dam damage, the ice crew has some plans in the shed, the front door needs to be replaced, and I'd love to refinish the bar. If you've got ideas for how to improve the club, or special expertise in the projects I've described, let's talk.

Congratulations to Jennifer Turner and Joel Scherer, our newest members on the Board of Directors. Both are dedicated members and will be fabulous additions to the board.

Finally, I hope to see all of you at the golf tournament. It's a load of fun and the committee throws a hell of a party. *-John Jacon*

Thanks for help taking out the ice

The Utica Curling Club extends a **huge** thank-you to the eight volunteers and six ice crew members who took out the melted ice on Saturday, April 11th. Due to the number of workers, several power washers, and *many* squeegee-pushers the job went quickly and efficiently.

Thank you all!

Volunteers:

Tom Everson
Steve Gorrell
Johnny Collea
Ben Gaetano
John Caneen
Neal Burns
Mike Krumme
Joe Falcone

Ice Crew members:

Dave Mitchell
John Spicer
Gary White
Joe Cosentino
Julie Chanatry
Charlie Schatz

Musings....

Since a rock that reaches the house and comes to rest before reaching the T line is said to be in the "top" of the house, why is a rock that stops after crossing the T line said to be in the "back" of the house and not in the "bottom" of the house?

Mixed Committee- Thanks

A great BIG "THANK YOU" to the Mixed Committee for all your hard work on the Friday leagues and Mixed Bonspiels. The 2014-15 curling season was a huge success because of you! You are all wonderful and your dedication to the club should not go unnoticed. It has been a pleasure working with Knyoca Law, Dawn & Joel Scherer, Ben Gaetano, Peggy Pratt, Mitch Rubinovich and Karen Barnes. We look forward to making next year just as successful!

--Brenda & Phil Citriniti, Mixed Committee Chairs

Toiletry Donations Needed

Are you traveling?? Save those free toiletries and donate them to area shelters through the Utica Curling Club. Over the summer please drop them off at 18 Danberry Road. These grooming products are needed and appreciated. Thanks! *--Peggy Rotton*



2015 Glengarry Challenge *Bon Spielage* Results

The 2015 Glengarry Challenge was held on February 26th and 28th. The theme for the weekend was “Bon Spielage” to get us in the mood for travelling after the curling season. The menu was a lighter fair with a grilled chicken garden salad, soup, and strawberry shortcake and it was delicious as usual.

There was a slate of six teams participating in the event for the chance to win the Silver Teapot trophy. Unfortunately, the flu was in high gear and many subs were needed for all of the participants that fell victim to illness. A big thanks to everyone who helped fill in all of the open spots during the weekend. Thanks also to Liz Nolan who embroidered and donated tote bags for every participant. They are functional and beautiful.

The finals came down between Michelle MacEnroe and Joyce Shaffer. Team MacEnroe was able to emerge victorious. Congratulations to Michelle and her team for being the 2015 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: Michelle MacEnroe, Erlene Puleo, Donna Caleo,
Jan Rishel
Runner-Up: Joyce Shaffer, Sue Williams, Sue Gardener,
Peggy Pratt

B Event:

Winner: Cindy Brown, Lis DeGironimo, Liz Nolan, Kathy
Palazzoli (Barb Felice)
Runner-Up: Melissa Foote, Audrey Foote, Becky Schewe,
Eileen Sunderhaft

C Event:

Winner: Karen Rogowski, Brenda Citriniti, Knyoca Law,
Melon Sofinski
Runner-Up: Carol Jones, Beth Mitchell, Karen Barnes,
Bernadette DiMeo

—Cindy Brown

ROCHESTER-UTICA FRIENDLY Results

TANKARD STAYS IN UTICA!

The Monkey stayed at the Rochester Curling Club after Utica once again won the Silver Tankard in the annual Rochester-Utica Friendly Bonspiel. Utica took control in the 1st draw and continued to curl well throughout to seal the win. After the 3rd draw, Rochester basically conceded defeat and stopped keeping score.

This year the Friendly was held in Rochester. They were extremely gracious and made us feel welcome from the moment we arrived to curl. The bus trip was smooth with plenty of Mimosas and Sleighrides for everyone to enjoy. Food made it up and down the aisle along with the Chair tossing Twinkies to anyone who put their hand up. Not only did we bring the tankard home but a case of beer as well.

The Chairman remembered the disgraceful loss the last time in Rochester and vowed that it would never happen again. Once again he delegated the task of forming the Utica teams to Dave Palazzoli. This proved to be quite a challenge since only 25 Utica curlers were able to make the trip this year. Rochester helped fill some spots for us while some Utica members actually curled in 3 or 4 draws. Not only did Dave initially put the teams together, he worked throughout the bonspiel juggling lineups and recruiting members to curl extra draws. My hat goes off to him since he had very little time to relax the entire day.

The Tankard continues to be on display in the Utica trophy case for all to see. Needless to say everyone is looking forward to next year when Utica defends its title and the Monkey remains in Rochester.

—*Ben Gaetano*

Tuesday Daytime Curling League 2015

Congratulations!

Winners: Skip; Susan Williams, Gary White,
Clare Bareiss, Rebecca Kick (new curler)
Runners-up; Skip; Jacquelyn Schmidt, Mark Taylor,
John Darche, Fred Hicks

CURLING CHARITY CHALLENGE BIG WIN FOR LOCAL CHARITY

On Saturday, March 7, 30 curlers and coaches took to the ice to compete for the coveted Biogenics/Sew What Utica Curling Club Corporate Charity Challenge trophy. The enthusiastic novice curlers raised \$3,438 for 4 different charities.

Two teams who are not strangers to the Charity Challenge returned this year battling each other on the ice. The team "Code White" competing for the Taberg Residential Center for Girls and coached by Dan and Claire Bareiss received honors for their curling prowess, achieving an impressive 11 3/4 points in the 5-end points championship game.

Though the team they played only took 1 3/4 points on the ice, the Pre-Fab Four, coached by John and Laura Jacon, proved that efforts made by their team raising funds off the ice pays off in the end. The Pre-Fab Four Titan Homes team raised a phenomenal \$2,502 for their charity Blessings in a Backpack! The combined score for monies raised and curling points handily gave them the honors as this year's Grand Champion!

Other charities that benefited from the event include the American Heart Association and the Assumption Church Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, curled by Willow Rock Brewing Co. and Frank Sylvester's Toast respectively.

It was of special interest that participants came from as far as Delhi, NY and just west of Danbury, CT to curl for their cause with promises to be back because of the fun experience.

A sincere thank you to our title sponsors Biogenics and Sew What and all of the participants for a fun event. With the services of the ice crew, bartenders, kitchen staff, coaches and volunteers a great time was had by all in this the 16th year of the running of this event.

Congratulations to the winning team
"Pre-Fab Four" of Titan Homes:

Charity: Blessings in a Backpack

Skip: Dennis Basler

Vice: Joe Sitts

Second: John Copeletti

Lead: Coleen Lewis

Coaches: John and Laura Jacon



2014-2015 Men's Ladder Winners

Congratulations to the winning teams of the 2014-2015 Men's Ladder competition.



Sims

Jason Brien – Skip
Bill Sewell – Vice
Tom Platt Jr. – Second
Tim Twomey – Lead

Allen

Bill Sewell – Skip
Sean Lanigan – Vice
Tom Firsching – Second
Dan Reed – Lead

Garber

Jerry Archambault – Skip
Kip Wagner – Vice
Dave Schroeder – Second
Mark Taylor – Lead

Rink

Sean Lanigan – Skip
Dave Cragolin – Vice
Bob Caine – Second
Bill Sewell – Lead

—*Jerry Stevens*

Women's evening leagues results

It was another successful half for the women. With 8 teams and 10 weeks to play, we experimented with our schedule. After completing a round robin, the top four teams went on to play for the medal and the bottom four teams played a relegation round. Again, all ties were broken by looking at head-to-head results, not plus points. Congratulations to:



Lambert Grant winners:

Brenda Citriniti, Knyoca Law, Jen Turner, Vicki Sheardown



Glenplaidies winners:

Kathy Palazzoli, Melon Sofinski, Cindy Wydysh, Karen Barnes

Thanks to all the women who played. Pooh and bah on Mother Nature, who kept my life as scheduling chair WAY too interesting! --*MJ Walsh*



Rose results, Mar. 26-28, 2015

The Rose Bonspiel began on Thursday, March 22 with 24 teams filling out 2 draws. As a points spiel, you can just imagine some of the scores! The Friday evening draw switched the teams from early to late and vice versa and also switched the positions of the front and back end. Two final draws on Saturday and back to the original team line up left all wondering who were the winners.

Black and Gold dress attire for Saturday evening was required and all looked fabulous. Toddy Bowl and appetizers started the closing party and a delicious sit down dinner from Dominick was enjoyed by 117 curlers and guests! The evening finished up with the presentation of silver awards, toasting the compressor, ice skating and dancing the night away.

Congratulations to the 2015 Rose winners:

3 game high: Bob Caine, Donna Caleo, Joe Puleo, Erlene Puleo

3 game runner up: Tom Thorngren, Anne Stuhlman, Isreal Acosta, Becky Schewe

2 game high: Roger Rowlett, MJ Walsh, Tim Crofton, Ann Kebabian

2 game runner up: Tom Clark, Karen Rogowski, Don DeCarr, Beth Mitchell

1 game high: Conrad Law, Knyoca Law, Dan Pearson, Cassie Drognose

1 game runner up: Dale Jones, Carol Jones, John Collea, Toni Rosinski

A great time was had by all...See you in October for the Opening Party!!

—*Chairs: Phil & Brenda Citriniti, Co-Chair: Knyoca Law*

Tuesday Morning Curling

Plan to join us in the Fall for Tuesday morning curling at 9:45 AM.

Think about a fun-filled morning followed by brunch. Weekly prizes are given for special scores. Newer curlers are encouraged to join the group but *everyone is welcome!* Contact Peggy Rotton at 797-2975 or Meredith Roefara at 724-3338.

King's Cup Results

This is the first year of the King's Cup being both halves of the Friday Night mixed leagues. It was fun seeing all the new curlers and the seasoned members playing for the "Spirit of Curling" award.

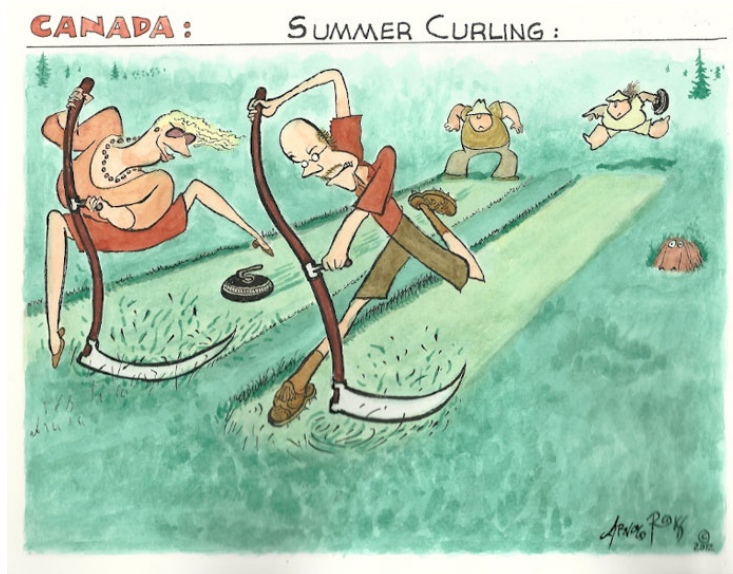
The award is given to the team that showed the most camaraderie, willingness to help the new curlers and show new members what a wonderful sport curling is.



The award for the second half for the early draw went to Team Hicks. Fred Hicks, skip; Jan Rishel, Vice; Pat Milhako, second; and lead was new curler Marianne Turczyn.

The late draw award went to Team Turner. Bill Turner, skip; Sue Gardner, vice; Mike Krumme, second; and Vicky Sheardown, lead.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this league so much fun and thank you to those who were responsible for the snacks. -Knyoca Law





Glengarry Thanks!

I just wanted to thank all the women curlers who made our season a success. We welcomed nine new women curlers: Ann Falvey, Sarah Keen, Rebecca Kick, Karen Luciani, Nancy Nicholl, Claudia Servadio-Coyne, Susanne Torres, Marianne Turczyn and Becky Schewe, remember to include them on a team next season.

Special kudos to my UCC Glengarry Executive Committee who helped promote and support the "Spirit and Sport of Women's Curling" in our club! ATTENTION ALL GLENGARRIES your off season assignment is to ask someone you know to Discover Curling and invite them to join us in our upcoming season.

Enjoy the summer & see you on the ice.

-- Jacquelyn Schmidt, UCC Glengarry President



IT'S UTICA'S TURN to host this women's Friendly, to be held, most likely on a Saturday, in the first half of the UCC's 2015-2016 curling season.

The date for this one-day event will be determined and announced by summer's end.

At the last Friendly, both the Schenectady and Albany women expressed their enthusiasm about coming to play in Utica for the next Friendly -- they mentioned "bus trip!"

With that said, there could be a good turn out in attendance from our curling friends from the East.

So please keep the Friendly in mind, to curl or volunteer to help make it a successful, fun-filled event four years running

Yours in curling,

Melon Sofinski, Friendly chair, melon@twcny.rr.com

Happenings

Betty Graves Hurd died on March 20th. Betty was a long-time and Honorary member of the Utica Curling Club and mother of current members Doug and Mike Hurd of the UCC. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

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 (2014 price), you get 9 holes of golf, a cart and (sometimes) various hors d'ourves after golfing. In the past, Carl has put out a variety of itmes including: pizza, ziti, salad, chicken, vegetables among other things. It changes every week.

You don't need to have your own foursome. The bulk of the golfers are ready to tee off between 5:00 and 5:15. Whoever shows up we 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!

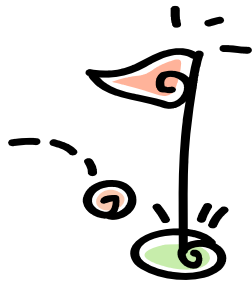
The expected start date will be in late April, early May depending on how the weather cooperates. If the weather is good, we'll be out there. If you have any questions or have an interest in playing, contact Anne Stuhlman.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE - \$20/TICKET ***Will be drawn May 30th***

\$1000 cash	50% off
UCC membership	
Kindle Fire	\$200 cash
Stanley Theatre - dinner and show	Seven Oaks
Greens Fees	
Gift Certificate – Turning Stone	Otesaga
Greens Fees	
Premium Bottle of Scotch	\$100 Visa
Gift Card	

**See any member of the Golf
Committee to
purchase a ticket(s)**





**8th ANNUAL UCC GOLF
TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY MAY 30th
PINE HILLS GOLF COURSE**

Just a reminder about the UCC Golf Tournament. All returning teams must submit their entry and team check prior to May 1, 2015 to save your place in the tournament. After that date, it is first come, first serve and spots fill up fast so don't delay- get your entry in as soon as possible. Entry forms can be found through a link on the UCC website.

We are also looking for prize donations and tournament sponsors at varying levels. Any donation such as a gift certificate, golf items, apparel, themed gift baskets, greens fees, etc. are welcome. As a reminder, we are a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization so all donations are tax deductible. Please contact Barb Felice if you can help out. A sponsorship form can be found on the UCC Website.

Not a golfer but want to be involved? Beth and Dave Mitchell are looking for volunteers to help in various areas: registration, ticket sales, hole assistants, etc. Contact the Mitchell's if you would like to help out.

We are also selling tickets for a chance to win 1 of 10 great prizes (see below) with the top prize being \$1,000 in cash! All prizes are valued at \$100 or more so even if you win a prize that you don't necessarily want or will use, you can always sell it for cash.

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, Tim Conboy, Ben Gaetano, Conrad/Knyoca Law or Beth/Dave Mitchell



Instructor's Corner

Roger Rowlett & Mary Jane Walsh

I've been assigned to play third for my team. What do I need to do to be a good third?

Juan B. Skip

So you have been playing a few years and you have been assigned to play third on your team, or maybe your team-mates decided to throw you under the bus and ask you to play third on your 5-and-under team. Now what? Chances are good that you have been playing mostly lead and second, so you have by now learned to throw a variety of shots: guards, draws, come-arounds, various weight hits, and maybe peels. So what's the big deal about playing third?

The third is part of the "back end" of the team, the players that are throwing the critical last rocks of the end, and the "brain trust" of the team responsible for evaluating and planning strategy. It's more than just throwing shots now: there's a whole 'nother, mental aspect of the game to attend to. To be honest, playing third may be the most difficult position on the team. The third has to serve many roles on a curling team:

Shotmaker. A good third has to have all the shots. By the time the thirds get to the hack, ends can be pretty messy. You could be called upon to make an end-saving freeze, a single or double peel, a cross-house double, a runback, a guard, or a draw to the four-foot. Sorry, skips—thirds have to have a broader repertoire of shots than any player on the team. If you have largely mastered playing lead or second, you have already played and practiced the types of shots you will need to throw at third.

Strategist. While it is not the place for a third to call the game, the third can provide valuable input to the skip. Typically, when a third takes the house for the last two rocks, the third may point out options and discuss with the skip how much risk to take with the skip rocks. What you do NOT want to do at third is have strategy discussions up and down the ice. If you and your skip need to have a strategy pow-wow, do it in the far house or behind the boards. A good third is supportive of the skip, but will ensure the skip has not overlooked good alternative options. But whatever your style of back-end play, *the third is not the skip!*

Sweeper. The hybrid nature of the third is that you not only have to help manage strategy and be a part-time "skip" during the last two stones, you are also charged with being a part-time "front-ender" for your team's first four stones. So just because you get to sweep only four rocks, you can't abandon your sweeping and weight-judgment skills. On a club team, you may be the most experienced sweeper, and may be

in charge of final decisions about weight and rock placement for the front end stones.

Line-caller and ice reader. This is easily the most difficult challenge for thirds. You don't get to see any stones coming down the ice from the far house, but you are put in charge of perfectly reading curl and calling line for the two most critical stones of the end! (Life is just not fair for thirds.) A good third will circle behind opposition shooters when they have delivered their stones and observe the path of those stones to learn about the behavior of the ice. When sweeping your own stones, a third will take note, as well as possible, how those stones move on draws, hits, etc., on various spots on the ice. This is a lot harder than watching from the far house!

Cheerleader and communicator. This is role that really defines thirds apart from any other position on the team. First and foremost, the third needs to be supportive of the skip. When players reach the skill level necessary to make shots consistently enough to play back end, the mental aspect of the game becomes much more important than the physical and mechanical aspects of delivery. The third and skip need to be mutually supportive for a team to thrive. In addition to this, the third has to work effectively with both the front-end and the skip, players who are, most of the time, on opposite ends of the rink. The skip knows and implements the strategy for each end and the game, while the front end know more about the ice conditions down each path of the sheet. The third is the conduit of information exchange between these two team "factions." The third will keep the front end informed of the thought process and game plan implemented by the skip, and will communicate changing ice conditions observed by the front end to the skip. The third also gets to be the diplomat: among the thirds many tasks will be to relay information about why shots were missed from the skip to the shooters, or to relay shot-selection questions from the front end to the skip.

As you can see, the third wears many hats. So how do you prepare to be a third? Quite frankly, the best way to learn many of the aspects of being a third, especially ice-reading, line-calling, and strategy, is to be a skip. Seeing the game through the eyes of a skip will give you insight into how to conduct yourself as a third: be the third you would like to have when you are skipping!

*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*

About the *Curlogram*

The *Curlogram* is issued 8 times per year (Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar., and April). The articles are submitted by the members — that means you!! Anyone with news or information about the Club or the sport is encouraged to submit an article. If it is of general interest to the membership, it will be published and you'll be an author! Pictures are also welcome.

There are a few guidelines for submissions:

Articles are generally due to the editor on or before the 15th of the month preceding the issue date. So articles to be published in the December issue are due to the editor on November 15th.

Short articles can just be included in the text of an email.

Longer articles are probably easier to manage as a Word attachment.

Use standard fonts, please (Ariel, Times Roman, etc.).

Fancy formatting is not necessary, and it will most likely have to be undone, since the standard Word document is set up for an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet, and the *Curlogram* is printed as 5.5 x 8.5 half-pages. Multiple text boxes in a document cause a lot of problems, so *please* avoid them.

Pictures are great, and you can either send them separately or as part of the article. However, due to the formatting issues referred to above, they may not appear as you've positioned them.

If you go away to a bonspiel, let us know what it was like and how you did! If you discover some interesting information about curling, share it with us! Any and all submissions are welcome and will be published as space permits (with time-sensitive articles given priority, of course).

Send submissions to:

Ann Kebabian

akebabian2@gmail.com (note new email address!)

Or mail to: 16 Charles St., Hamilton, NY 13346

I look forward to hearing
from **you**!!

—Ann Kebabian (*the editor*)



Best Wishes for a Wonderful Summer!



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