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President's message

Dear Fellow Curling Club Members,

As I think about what is about to unfold during the next month at our club, I can see both the past and the future in my mind's eye – all wrapped together in one package called "January 2010".

The past? That's easy to see. Consider the calendar of events for January. For starters, there's the playing of the 99th Mitchell January 14-17 and the honoring of the 125th anniversary of the Mitchell pin itself.

Need more evidence? How about the storied past of the Calder, Conley, Hurd Bonspiel and the honoring of those for whom the CCH medals are named? The hosting of the Empire State Bonspiel by our club this year will no doubt cause us to stop and think about the historical role our club's women played in the beginnings of that bonspiel. To round out the month, there's the Mixed Club Championships, scheduled for January 21-24. Not too long ago, the Mixed Committee changed what was known as the "Mixed Bonspiel Playdowns" to a true Mixed Championship, mirroring the Murray and the Glengarry Challenge, the respective championship events for men's and women's curling. Who will be the next Mixed Curling Champion? We will have to wait to see, but their names will go down in the history books, that we know!

As for the "new" represented by the month of January, well, I can't help but think about how thrilled we will be to welcome our new caterers, Dominick Rose and Andy Weimer, on January 2. And, as the 2010 year begins, adaptive curling will be in the spotlight with an important inaugural fundraiser called "ROCK THE HOUSE" planned for January 21 at the Fort Schuyler Club. To be considered a visionary club in the world of adaptive curling helps to put Utica on the map in many different ways, that's for sure. A Youth Charity Challenge is also planned for January, giving our young "Rock Stars" a chance to bring their friends together to raise money for their favorite charity while also introducing them to curling. Future membership recruitment in all categories will certainly be on the minds of the UCC's Olympic Committee in January. This committee is being chaired by John and Laura Jacon. Watch for the events surrounding the Olympics and Paralympics to be advertised

in late January. Professional media spots, funded by the GNCC, will be a highlight of the local media blitz being planned. Get ready to answer lots and lots of questions about curling!

In the end analysis, the UCC is a curling club with opportunities aplenty. And, yes, challenges, as well. The future will not be the same as the past – how can it be, after all? If you need proof of a vital, energetic organization, look no further than what the month of January holds in store for the Utica Curling Club. Let's all work hard to make the most of the opportunities that lie ahead, while respecting and honoring those upon whose shoulders we now stand.

See you at the club in January – a month of great promise and excitement!

Marj Moore, UCC President

Catering Update

Dear UCC Members,

After a long search, I am very happy to announce the signing of Dominick Rose and Andy Weimer as our new UCC caterers. Their first day on the job will be January 2, 2010.

Who are Dominick and Andy? Here is a little bio on each of them....

Dominick Rose:

- Soup to Nuts Catering for 30 years.
- Head Chef at Cedar Lake Club this past summer
- Prior to being head chef, worked the kitchen/bar at Cedar Lake Club the past 7 years
- Chef at Stonebridge Golf Course
- Owner of Dominick's Pizza and Subs in the 80's and Little Italy Pizza in the 70's
- Married with 4 children

Andy Weimer:

- Manager of Pin-O-Rama bowling as well as the food and beverage operation for the past 13 years
- Friend of Dominick's for 30 years

In addition to catering all our second half Friday nights and bonspiels, Dominick and Andy have agreed to provide a small menu for our Monday –Tuesday-Wednesday league nights for the month of January. They will then evaluate the league night experience and make changes if nec-

essary. Times the kitchen will be open for league nights have yet to be determined but will be posted at the Club.

Dominick and Andy will stay with our current system on Friday nights, with menus posted early in each week so you can plan ahead. The system of placing your order and picking up your meal at the back counter near the kitchen, as well as bussing your own tables, has worked well. To help keep the cost of meals down, this system will be continued during the second half of the season for Friday nights as well as during league nights.

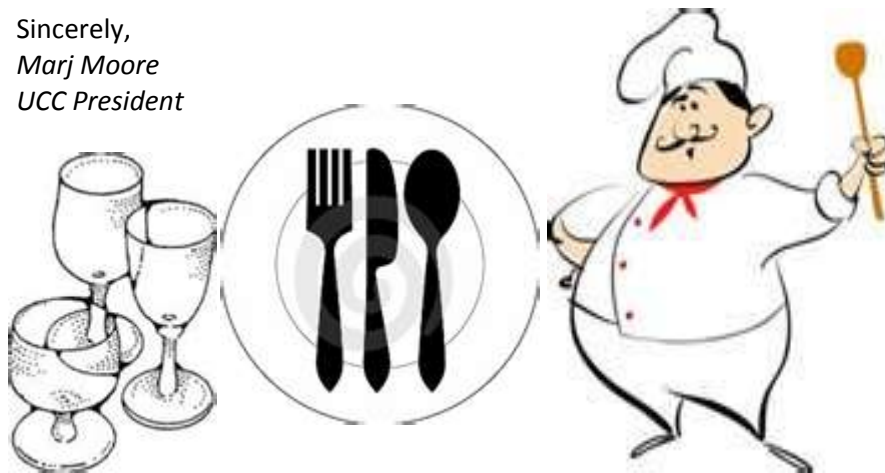
Committee chairs for second half bonspiels will work with Kitchen Liaison, Barb Felice, to plan for bonspiel meal selection and service for their events. If you are a bonspiel chair, Barb will be in touch with you soon if she hasn't already.

The club has been very fortunate to have had the services of Dan Bareiss for the past 2 months. I can't thank Dan enough for stepping in and providing fantastic menus for Friday nights as well as cooking for the in-house bonspiels during the first half of the season. Many members have come out to support Dan in his efforts, which has been great to see. I hope that you'll do the same to support our new caterers.

Many thanks to the Cater Selection Committee (Barb Felice, chair, Julie Chanatry, Dan Bareiss, Fred Hicks and Roger Gates) for all their hard work. Buy this committee a round of drinks if you see them – they deserve it!

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dominick and Andy as we look forward to a great second half of the curling season with good food, good friends and good curling.

Sincerely,
Marj Moore
UCC President



MITCHELL BONSPIEL

Brian Moore

The 99th Mitchell Bonspiel and the 125th Anniversary of the Mitchell Medal will be held at UCC from **January 14-17, 2010**. This event brings together 36 men's teams from Canada and the United States. 6 UCC teams have reserved spots in this event. They earn entry through the Murray Bonspiel held in December. This is the largest and oldest Bonspiel in the US. There is a waiting list to get into the Mitchell each year. What makes the Mitchell unique is the comradeship and the spirit of curling that is displayed each year. The Mitchell currently has many curlers who have come for more than 10 years, several who have come for more than 20 and two who have come for 36, and 49 years! This speaks volumes for the hospitality they have received in the past from the members of the UCC.

You are encouraged to continue this tradition by coming down and watching some of the best curling that will be seen at the Club, partying and making new friends. All events, including the Banquet, are open to the public, so come and bring your friends.

- Curling starts **Thursday** with 3 draws starting at 4:45. There is Toddy Bowl and a buffet dinner Thursday night from 6-9.
- On **Friday** curling begins at 8:30 AM with the last draw starting at 3:15. Friday night is the Mitchell Banquet at the Club which starts with Toddy Bowl at 7 and dinner at 8. There will be music, dancing, and a Texas Hold'em tournament after dinner.
- Curling resumes **Saturday** morning with curling all day from 9 AM through the semifinals at 8:00 PM. There is no curling from 1 to 3 during the Luncheon house parties. There will be a Fish Fry dinner available from 5 to 9 on Saturday night as well as music and dancing.
- On **Sunday** the last semifinals begins at 8:30 AM with the Finalists being piped on the ice at 11:30.

The Mitchell is a large undertaking requiring many hours of work in the planning and execution. I have been fortunate in having several people who have worked with me in the planning of this event. The biggest problem being the Chair of the Mitchell is getting people to *help during the event selling raffle tickets, posting results on the drawboard, putting out snacks. Any free time that you might have would be a big help. A signup sheet is posted on the wall outside the Men's locker room.*

56th Empire State Bonspiel Jan. 21-24, 2010



The Empire State Fundraiser will be a raffle for a “pink-cancer” carbon fiber Goldline broom. Tickets are \$2.00 each - 3 for \$5.00. If you are interested, see Fred Hicks, Linda Rance, Pat Costello, Donna Caleo or me.

We are hoping to fill a 24-team bonspiel. Great curling is expected. Show our guests Utica Hospitality by coming down to watch the games. Continental breakfast is free to everyone Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Dutch-Treat Lunches will be served by our new caterers. WE WILL NEED EVERYONE’S HELP –MEN & WOMEN. Men are needed to work the draw board Thursday through Sunday. Sign up is on the bulletin board. All volunteers are invited to the cocktail party Thursday evening 6:30 – 9:30 pm.

Ladies Locker Room: forty (40) lockers are needed for our guests. Please empty your locker by Wednesday, January 20 and leave the door open.

Marty Jones will tie a ribbon on empty lockers. Also, please take everything that belongs to you from top of lockers and the clothes rack. **Anything left Thursday Morning, January 21 will be placed in a box in the coat room. After the bonspiel, you can find your belongings and return them to the locker room. If items are left in box after the Rose, they will be sent to Good Will.** . **EVEN IF YOU ARE CURLING IN THE BONSPIEL, PLEASE LEAVE THE CLOTHES RACK AND THE TOP OF THE LOCKERS CLEAR FOR OUR GUESTS’ USE.**

All are welcome to attend the tour of the Stanley Theatre Friday evening,
Suit and Tie Dinner at the Historic Fort Schuyler Club and a casual Saturday night Italian buffet at the Club. If you are interested, please let me know.

Photographers needed: We need someone to take digital team candid digital photos throughout the Bonspiel and photos of the bonspiel winners Sunday. If you have can help call or email me.

“Thank you” Joyce A Shaffer

High School Charity Curling Challenge

The Charity Challenge has become such a great hit the last two years that we have decided to try to split the event in two! One Charity Challenge will be dedicated to high school teams and a second Charity Challenge dedicated to corporations/organizations. The high school charity challenge will be held during the Martin Luther King Holiday, Monday, January 18th. What a great way for high school students to spend the day off! Please note the enclosed poster and share it with high school teachers, guidance counselors, national honor society reps, or others you believe would help to organize a high school student team for this event!

Carol Jones

PS: The Corporate Charity Challenge will be held February 13, so keep an eye out for upcoming announcements.

Warm Gloves Wanted!

United Cerebral Palsy rents two sheets of ice at the Utica Curling Club on Sundays. Frequently the participants get chilled out on the ice before they realize they forgot their gloves. If anyone owns any gloves or mittens they are willing to donate to the curling club for participant's use, it would be greatly appreciated. Just leave them on the top rack of the coat room.

Many thanks! –*Carol Jones*



WANTED

LOOKING FOR A SECOND CAST IRON BELL TO HANG ON TOP OF STAIRWELL ABOVE SHEET 1.

IF YOU HAVE ONE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN WILLIAMS.

**Planning a trip to the South Pacific
in February?**

**Why not take a cruise there on the
U.C.C. Mixed Champion Ship!**

January 28, 30 & 31

3 GAME GUARANTEE – 6 EVENTS
THURSDAY EVENING TWO DRAWS
SATURDAY FOUR DRAWS
SUNDAY SEMIS & FINALS



SNACKS AFTER DRAWS
THURSDAY EVENING DUTCH TREAT DINNER
SATURDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET
CURLERS & NON-CURLING GUESTS

STEMWARE AWARDS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 1st FOUR
EVENTS

**AUTOMATIC INVITATION TO THE COBB BONSPIEL
FOR THE TOP FOUR WINNERS AND THE A-EVENT RUNNER-
UP**

PLUS ONE LOTTERY-PICKED WILDCARD TEAM

SAVE THE DATES AND LINE UP YOUR TEAMS

SINGLES, COUPLES AND SUBS ENCOURAGED
WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO PLACE EVERYONE WHO SIGNS
UP ON A TEAM

***Be watching the Mixed Bulletin Board right after the
Calder-Conley-Hurd for the sign up board and more info.***

Chairs: Dawn & Joel Scherer, Daryl & Linda Chesebro
Don & Ginger Zillioux, Melissa & Audrey Foote

from Utica Curling Club Scrap Book, Vol. 1 p. 6

Utica Morning Herald and Daily Gazette

Tuesday, November 23, 1880

CURLING --- The Utica Curling club played the first game of the season on its rink in the gulf, yesterday. This is earlier than the members have ever played before. The ice was excellent and there was a good attendance. At the meeting last evening the club elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Major John Peattie; vice president, James G. French; secretary and treasurer, George B. Allen; executive committee, J.C.P. Kincaid, W. B. Taylor, Isaac Whiffen.

The Scotsman

New York, Saturday, December 18, 1880

UTICA CURLING CLUB --- This club is well organized for their season's sport on the "slippery board," and have formed the following rinks:-

Rink No. 1
W. Walkker
A. Munson
John Peattie,
J.G.P. Kincaid, skip

Rink No 3
Thos. Hollingworth,
E. Peckman
J.G. French
C. S. Taylor, skip

Rink No. 2
J. Haberer,
Isaac Whiffen,
Benjamin Allen
W. F. Allen, skip

Rink No. 4
Edward Case,
G. B. Allen
W.J. B. Savage
W. B. Taylor, skip

A series of games between the above rinks have been commenced, and will be interesting, as the players are believed to be pretty equally divided. The annual game between the President and Vice-president was postponed on account of the sickness of Vice-president French, and in his stead a game was played between Rinks No 1 and 3 – the latter winning easily. Mr. Kinmout, of Medina, N.Y., an expert in handling mill-stones, was the guest of the club while on a recent visit to Utica.

A HANDSOME PRESENTATION, ---The Utica Club surprised Ex-President Benj. Allen, by presenting him with a handsome pair of seal-skin gloves on Christmas Day as a small mark of esteem for him, and for his valuable services as superintendent of the rink for the past seven years. The presentation was made at the Club House by President John Peattie on behalf of the club.

HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

On January 11,12,13, 1954 The Schenectady Women Curlers held its second annual two event Bonspiel. It was poorly attended, only five clubs entered rinks. That year the Utica Glengarries canceled their Bonspiel due to lack of entries. The Westchester Wicks held their Bonspiel, but had difficulty filling it. It was apparent that too many clubs were planning yearly Bonspiels.

Mrs. John Fitzgerald of Utica was very concerned about this and decided something should be done. She contacted the Chairwomen of the Westchester Wicks, Mrs. John Fowler, and Mrs. Timothy P. Ryan, of the Schenectady Women Curlers, to inquire if their clubs would be interested in considering a combined Bonspiel of the three clubs. The Bonspiel would rotate among the three New York State Clubs. She felt this would interest enough outside teams to have one well-attended, successful bonspiel a year.

The boards of the three clubs thought enough of Mrs. Fitzgerald's idea to arrange a meeting of representatives from each of the three clubs to be held in New York City at the same time the U.S.W.C.A. was meeting there.

This meeting was held at the Ambassador East Hotel on May 5, 1954. Present were Mrs. Ronald Brownell and Mrs. Edgar Lortz of Utica; Mrs. Timothy Ryan and Mrs. Ashton Swick of Schenectady; Mrs. John F. Fowler, Jr., Mrs. Rene Clarke and Mrs. Lincoln Siebert of the Westchester Wicks. (Following the meeting of the U.S.W.C.A. Mrs. James Lotridge of Schenectady and Mrs. Fitzgerald of Utica joined the discussion).

The main purpose of the meeting was to formulate ideas regarding a rotating Bonspiel to submit to the respective clubs for their consideration. The name "Empire State Bonspiel". was suggested by Dr. Robert Hurd of Utica. Everyone present agreed it was very appropriate.

The following were suggestions made at this meeting:

(1) Enter into a three-year agreement to try this plan:

1st year, 1955, to be held at St. Andrew's Golf Club

2nd year, 1956, to be held at Utica Curling Club

3rd year, 1957, to be held at Schenectady Curling Club

(2) Club Trophies:

Everyone agreed it was essential that each club maintained the identity of its own trophy and Mrs. Ryan suggested that trophies rotate with the Bonspiel. Whichever club is hostess, will have its trophy as the first event, the following hostess club will be the second event, and the last club will be the third event.

A new medal, to be known as the Empire State Bonspiel medal, shall be awarded to the Bonspiel winners, in addition to the first event medal.

(3) The dates for the first Empire were set for February 8,9,10,11,1955. The evenings are to be kept "social", with no evening curling.

(4) There should be no limit to the number of teams invited, and the size of the Bonspiel should be at the discretion of the club involved, determined by the number of sheets available.

The club Chairwomen took these ideas to their clubs and all three accepted them. The plan was put into effect for three years.

On May 22, 1954, Mrs. Swick contacted the State for permission to use the State seal. This was denied, but it was suggested that she should get in touch with Bastion Brothers of Rochester who did work for New York State and was familiar with the restrictions on the use of the seal in its entirety. She was informed we might use a portion of the seal and they sent sketches for our approval. This correspondence took much of the summer. They hoped to have samples for the next meeting of the representatives. The second meeting was held at the Bitmore Hotel in New York City on October 19, 1954. The same representatives were present. The following happened at this meeting:

(1) All clubs approved the design submitted by Bastion Brothers. The price of the die was \$196.00 plus \$3.69 per pin with the cost to be shared by the clubs. A three-year supply of the pins was ordered.

(2) Mrs. Clarke presented a sketch of the Bonspiel pin to be sold to the participants of the Bonspiel. Her husband, Rene, had done the design for this pin. It was decided to use different color enamel for each club, green for Utica, blue for Westchester Wicks, and red for Schenectady. (Later changed)

(3) Each club suggested names of teams to be invited to the first Empire, which would serve as a nucleus for coming years. These were: Heathers of Chicago, St. George of Montreal, Winter Club of Quebec, The Country Club, Nashua, Toronto Granite Club, Hamilton Thistles, Indian Hill, Milwaukee Kilties, Lindsay Ontario, Madison Tories, Winchester, Wauwatosa, Skokie, plus the three hostess clubs. Alternates were Exmoor, Glenview, Ottawa, and Chanticleer.

(4) Each of the three New York State Clubs was to be represented by two teams at all times.

(5) If substitute teams were necessary, the first shall come from the hostess club, the second from the next hostess, and the third from the third hostess club.

(6) Each hostess club was to arrange and run the social end of the Bonspiel.

(Jean Ryan compiled this history)

In 2002, the Pringles Sister's Saucer was retired. Marcia and Tom Garber replaced Utica's runner-up event medal with the Helen Hurd Trophy in honor of Marcia's mother Mrs Robert (Helen) Hurd.

In 2003 the Clark and Seibert trophies were retired and returned to the St. Andrew Club for their history room.

2005 saw the addition of a fourth event, the Beulah Fitzgerald Trophy and Medal. These are given in honor of Mrs. John Fitzgerald, the person who inspired our three clubs to start this event in 1954. This new medal is sponsored by her son and his wife, Jack and Charlene Fitzgerald, both members of the Schenectady Curling Club.

In 2005 the Empire State Bonspiel is pleased to welcome the Rochester Curling Club as a fourth host club. Rochester will design winners and runners-up medals for a fifth event that will be presented as the winners' pins in 2009.

(Joyce Shaffer updated this history January 2006)



Dear Ms. Manners,

I'm a new curler and I wish someone would ask me to join their team. What should I do?

—*Feeling Left Out*

Dear Lefty,

This is an age old problem that goes back to caveman !

First, new curlers have to fluff their feathers and let the world know you want to curl. That means signing up the minute a bonspiel poster goes on the board, introduce yourself and be involved. Show you want to curl well by practicing and ask for advice how to improve your game. If you want to be asked - love the game.

Second, every skip needs to make it his or her business to include new curlers on their teams through out the year. They need to be willing to teach and help the inexperienced curler. All curlers need to make it their business to meet new curlers.

Lefty- You need to realize curlers have special team they want to play with. Finding a balance is tricky.

Love the game and you will also have that special team.

—*Ms. Manners*

The Crawford

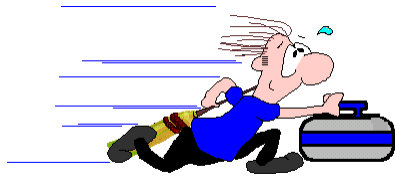
The sign up sheet for the Crawford is now **on the mixed board**. You may either use the sign up sheet to reserve your spot or you may make your entry by email to kjl79@juno.com Make sure you specify which draw time you want and if you have any preference to position. Remember the chairs and co chairs will do their best to accommodate your request and positions will be based on order received. Let's make sure the new curlers sign up for this fun evening of curling. **The first night of The Crawford is January 8, 2010.** A \$10 per person snack fee will be collected the first night.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the chairs or co chairs.

*Conrad & Knyoca Law
Phil & Brenda Citriniti*

High School Charity Curling Challenge
To Benefit Up to Twelve Area Charities
Curling for a Cause

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010
Time: 11:00 AM—4:00 PM
Place: Utica Curling Club
8300 Clark Mills Road
Whitesboro, NY



Exciting Fund Raiser!
Eleventh Annual Event!
Winter Sport at Its Best!

Spectators Welcome
Bring Signs and Bells
Cheer for your Favorite Team

You're invited to enter a team of High School students for the Eleventh Annual Charity Curling Challenge!

Teams pick the charity of their choice. 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. **This is a great way to introduce non-curling friends and co-workers to this fun sport!!!**

Deadline for team sign-up: January 4, 2010!! Sign a team up today!!! Call Carol Jones for details 624-3801, or e-mail cjones@tristate.biz

Visit utiacurlingclub.org for club details and directions.

2009 Mary Clark

Winners: Chris Gleason, skip, Meredith Roefaro, Marty Jones, Jane Bolan

Runners-up: Gloria Cappelli, skip, Joyce Shaffer, Diane Farr, Jill Gates.

Congratulations!

R.O.C.K.S. (Rink of Curling Kids School)



The ***R.O.C.K.S*** program would like to thank everyone that has come down to help us with working with the children on ice. The kids are having a blast and love playing the sport.

Happenings

Condolences to

Carl Thomas, on the death of his father

Chris Gleason on the unexpected passing of her sister Kathleen Giannico

ROCK THE HOUSE: The 1st Annual Fundraiser to Support Adaptive Curling

All UCC members will be receiving personal invitations to join the supporters of the Sitrin Health Care Center, Upstate Cerebral Palsy(UCP) and Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) for the 1st Annual ROCK THE HOUSE fundraiser. The event will be held at the Fort Schuyler Club on the evening of Thursday, January 21, 2010. If you haven't already received your invitation, it should be coming soon. All membership classes were included in the mailing. Envelope mailing labels were shared with Sitrin's Development Office to allow each of you to receive a personal invitation by USPS. The UCC Board of Directors approved this action at its December 13, 2009 meeting.

A strong showing of UCC members at the ROCK THE HOUSE fundraiser will send a very important message as we begin this exciting community partnership, expanding our 501c3 mission of educating people about the sport of curling. Upstate Cerebral Palsy has already been active in renting ice during the Sunday Adaptive Curling timeslot. They have been introducing many to the roaring game in this fashion and we look forward to CABVI being able to do the same in the near future. Thanks to Tammy Delano and Jim Prenoveau for co-chairing our adaptive curling efforts this season. They've been doing a great job!

*Although this year's ROCK THE HOUSE coincides with the opening night of the Empire State Bonspiel, hopefully many members not involved in the Empire State will be able to attend. It promises to be a delightful evening and, if well supported, will likely produce the funds necessary for the UCC to finally complete its wheelchair access ramp from the warm room to the ice playing level before the opening of the 2010-11 season. We are still about \$7,000 short and have only until the end of June before the timetable dictated by most of the grants runs out. **IF WE EVER HOPE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE RAMP PROJECT, THIS IS THE TIME AND THIS IS THE PARTNERSHIP THAT CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!***

The following informational piece was distributed to the UCC board and is shared now with readers of the Curlogram to provide more background on the genesis of this event – one that the leaders of the UCC, Sitrin, UCP and CABVI hope will become an annual tradition. I share that sentiment, as does the UCC Board of Directors. This information is also likely to appear in various ways in local and regional media outlets, so I wanted to be sure all of you were informed well in advance, in

case neighbors, family, co-workers and friends should inquire. I you have any questions as we move forward, please let me know. If I do not know the answer, I promise to find someone who does and let you know ASAP.

This is a great opportunity for the generosity of the Mohawk Valley to shine through once again and, this time, benefit the sport of curling. Join me in being part of the adaptive curling vision!

Marj Moore, Utica Curling Club President

Dear _____,

The World Curling Federation wants to expand its program to include individuals with visual impairments and cerebral palsy. *It will be the first of its kind in the United States.*

The goal is to have national programs in place throughout the world within the next few years to enable visually impaired curling and cerebral palsy curling to become a Paralympic medal sport at the 2018 Paralympic Games. In order to qualify, these versions of curling must establish three World Championships leading up to the 2018 Paralympic Games.

The Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Upstate Cerebral Palsy have partnered with the Sitrin Health Care Center – which already has a wheelchair curling program for people with physical disabilities – to introduce this exciting sport to individuals with visual impairments and cerebral palsy.

Rock The House is the first annual fundraiser to benefit this program. Named after curling terms, the “house” describes the three concentric circles where points are scored, and the “rock” refers to a curling stone. We found it fitting to Rock the House in celebration of the partnership between the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Sitrin Health Care Center and Upstate Cerebral Palsy. Proceeds from this event will advance participation in adaptive curling competitions locally, nationally and internationally.

Please join us at the Ft. Schuyler Club on Thursday, January 21, 2010 to help support curling programs that will set new standards across the world, and establish Central New York as the center of excellence for adaptive curling.

Sincerely,

Rudy D’Amico
President and CEO
Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Lou Tehan
President and CEO
Upstate Cerebral Palsy

Richard Wilson
CEO
Sitrin Health Care Center



What if even a fraction of the billions of dollars generated by search engine advertisers and online shopping was directed towards Utica Curling Club?

That is the concept behind GoodSearch.com a new search engine powered by Yahoo! GoodSearch donates 50% of its revenue, approximately a penny per search, to the charities designated by its users. You use it exactly as you would any other search engine and the pennies add up quickly – just 100 people searching four times a day will earn around \$1,450 in a year. It doesn't cost the users a thing!

Similarly with GoodShop.com, consumers are helping their favorite causes by shopping at hundreds of well known retailers including Amazon, Target, Macy's, Best Buy, Orbitz, Staples, Coldwater Creek and others. The shopping experience and the prices are exactly the same as going to the retailer directly, but by going through GoodShop, up to 30% of the purchase price is donated the user's favorite cause! Check out the list of retailers that you can shop at the [GoodShop](#) website.

UCC recently registered with the sites, so you can raise money for the cause every time you search the Internet or shop online. Using GoodSearch is simple. About the only limitation is that you can't enter the exact address of a website if you know it. So, for example, you can search for "Utica curling club", but you can't enter "uticacurling.club.org". You can even add a GoodSearch toolbar to your Firefox or Internet Explorer web browser, making it easy to remember to use it. Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/default.aspx> and download your toolbar today. Remember, the more you use it, the more we earn.

By the time the Curlogram goes to press, we should have instruction sheets ready on how to download the toolbars. You'll find links to the instruction sheets on the home page. If you have any questions, call M.J. Walsh, and I'll talk you through the process.

"Good searching" and "Good shopping", and "Good curling"!



Cobb Mixed Bonspiel Donations Needed

The Cobb Mixed Invitational Bonspiel is one of the premier events for our club in the second half of the season and one of the times during the year when we can generate additional revenue. But, we are in need of your help to make it all come together. To spur your thinking, here are some of the areas in which you can help. All donations will be acknowledged with a UCC donation form for your records.

Raffle Baskets:

If you would like to put together a whole raffle basket or contribute an item to a raffle basket, please see Knyoka Law. Choose your own theme or donate to one of the already identified basket themes. Sign up sheets will be posted around the club.



Silent Auction:

The Cobb Mixed Bonspiel's Silent Auction always generates excitement and additional revenue for the club.

Some people *really* do get into the competitive bidding (you know who you are!) Donations are needed and are only limited by your imagination—so get creative! Often, some of the most sought after items are curling memorabilia. Last year, for instance, a vintage curling sweater, a GNCC throw blanket and a unique kilt pin received much interest. To donate, contact Bernadette DiMeo, Cobb Bonspiel Silent Auction Chair.



Prize Table

All finalists of the Cobb Mixed get to go to the Prize Table, a unique feature of this mixed bonspiel. Donations have started to come in, but we are still seeking more, especially those that might have unisex appeal. Need 42 items total. To donate an item (new only, please) see Marj Moore or Barb Felice.



Thursday Opening Party

The Thursday night of the Cobb Mixed Bonspiel, teams are greeted with a light supper and various finger foods, munchies and desserts. The bonspiel committee relies heavily on the donations of the membership to offset the costs of this meal. Susan and Gary Williams are again serving as the chairs for the opening night of the spiel. Watch for sign up sheets on the Mixed Board to see what Sue and Gary have in mind for this year.



JANUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Adaptive Curling League 2:00 UCP Curl 3:00-5:00	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Roemer 10:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glensplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00 CalderConleyHurd	New Year's Day Crawford 5:30&7:15 Fish fry	CalderConleyHurd
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CalderConleyHurd Adaptive Curling League 3:00 UCP Curl 3:00-5:00 Charbonneau Semifinals 6:00	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Roemer 10:00 Happy Hour 4:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	First Source Corp Event 12:00-2:30 Glensplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	NYS Assn of Prof Land Surveyors 1:00 - 3:00 Mitchell Bonspiel	Curling deadline Mitchell Bonspiel	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mitchell Bonspiel Adaptive Curling League 3:00 UCP Curl 3:00-5:00 Crawford pre-play 4:00-6:00 (for 1/22)	High School Charity Challenge 11:00-4:00 Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Roemer 10:00 Happy Hour 4:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00			Empire State Bonspiel Crawford 5:30&7:15 Fish fry	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Empire State UCP Curl 3:00-5:00 Charb finals 6:00 31 Mixed Champs UCP Curl 3:00-5:00 Adaptive 3:00 College 5:00	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Roemer 10:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glensplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00 Mixed Champs	Crawford 5:30&7:15 Fish Fry	Mixed Champs

FEBRUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Roemer 10:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glensplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00	Crawford 5:30&7:15 Fish fry	Ice maintenance Beer Pairing Dinner 8:00
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ice maintenance		Roemer 10:00				Corporate Charity Challenge 10:00-5:00
	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glensplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00	Crawford 5:30&7:15 Fish fry	Liz Williams' Corp event 6:30-11:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Curlogram deadline	Roemer 10:00				
	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glensplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Cobb Bonspiel	Cobb Bonspiel	Cobb Bonspiel
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Adaptive Curling League 2:00 UCP Curl 3:00-5:00 College 4:00		Roemer 10:00				Olympic Party (members & guests)
	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glensplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00	Crawford 5:30&7:15 Fish fry	
28		Olympic notes:	February 12 February 16 February 25 February 26 February 27 February 28	Opening ceremony Televised curling begins Semifinals Women's finals Men's finals Closing ceremony		
Olympic Closing Ceremony "Try Curling" "College Try Curling"						

MARCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Roemer 10:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glengarry Challenge 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00 Glengarry Challenge 6:00	Crawford 5:30&7:15 Fish fry	Glengarry Challenge (All day plus dinner)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Adaptive Curling League 2:00 UCP Curl 3:00-5:00 College 4:00	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Roemer 10:00	Glenplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00	Crawford finals Fish fry	Rochester Friendly
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Adaptive Curling League 3:00 UCP Curl 3:00-5:00	Curlogram deadline	Roemer 10:00	Glenplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00	Crawford finals Fish fry	Childs Challenge
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Childs Challenge	Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Happy Hour 4:00 Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glenplaidie 5:45 Sims 8:00	Childs Challenge	Rose	Rose
28	29	30	31			
Adaptive Curling League 2:00 UCP Curl 3:00-5:00 College 4:00	Tie Breaker Tie Breaker	Roemer Playoff 10:00 Happy Hour 4:00 Tie Breaker Tie Breaker	Tie Breaker Tie Breaker	Rose	Rose Fish fry	Closing Party