Dear Fellow Curling Club Members:

Golfing, boating, swimming and picnic fun will soon be but a memory – replaced with sliding, sweeping, shot-making and bonspiel fun. Ah, the changing of the seasons -- don’t you just love it?

Membership dues renewal forms were mailed in July. Checks and forms should be mailed to John Davis, Ass’T Dues Treasurer. Be sure to fill out all information, including choice of Curlogram delivery mode, and send ASAP.

Reminder: the deadline for dues payment is November 1st.

Congratulations to Carl Thomas, our newest GNCC President, who took office in May. Michelle MacEnroe is now serving as GNCC Secretary, working closely with Carl and the rest of the GNCC board. Best wishes to Carl and his team of GNCC officers and committee chairs as they forward the new GNCC motto BUILD*GROW**WIN 2010 in this upcoming Olympic year.

The Golf Tournament in June was a great time. And, in only the second year of the tourney, the field was filled and there was a waiting list. So, if you missed playing this year, don’t wait too long to sign up next spring. We’ve quickly gained a reputation for a fun-filled event with prizes for everyone, good food and lots of beer. Over $5,000 was raised, exceeding even the committee’s expectations. Kudos to all involved – well done.

As we prepare for another year at the Utica Curling Club, the board decided it was time to honor and express special thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and talents to the club. Many hands make any job lighter and that saying is as true at the curling club as any other organization. To honor you, the volunteers of the UCC, a night of fun and festivities is planned for Saturday, Sept. 19 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Vineyard in Washington Mills. ALL members are welcome, spouses and significant others, too. Reservations are required for an accurate headcount. To reserve your spot, email Barb Felice at bfelice@roadrunner.com or call 797-7627 before Sept. 15th. Hope to see you there.

The Mohawk Valley Quilt Show will again be renting space at the Utica Curling Club on Sept. 25 and 26 for their show. Volunteers are needed to take a shift at the club these two dates. Sign up with Carol Jones by emailing her at cjones@tristate.biz or phoning 868-8520.

It won’t be long before the Head Ice Tech and his ice crew volunteers are laying down the ice. The chillers are scheduled to start cooling the concrete slab.
on September 28 and the work unfolds from there. The board extends a big thank you to Chuck DelMonte, who retired as our head ice technician at the end of last season. Replacing Chuck for the coming season is Paul MacEnroe. During the summer, the board sent Paul to Guelph, Ontario to a Level One ice-maker training. Next year, he’ll be headed back to Canada for Level Two training. He’s currently seeking volunteers to help with the installation of the ice. Contact him directly @ pmac@themacenroes.com to volunteer. Scheduled dates/times will be sent via email distribution at the end of the month so watch for those. Pebbling classes coming soon, too.

Looking forward to ice in my glass as well as under my feet – that’s right, it’s almost curling season!

Sincerely,

Marj Moore
UCC President

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2009 Daytime LADIES Curling “MARY CLARK”
Joyce Shaffer / Susan Gardner Co-Chairs

The Mary Clark Competition will begin TUESDAY, October 27, @ 10:00 A.M. We “will curl” Election Day. Mary Clark Skips will pick their team, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 @ Joyce Shaffer’s house 2:00 p.m. Sign up deadline, Wednesday, October 21. PLEASE sign up as early, as possible. It is not always possible to fill a team and there may be a cut-off.

2009 “Mary Clark” Daytime Ladies Curling

Name: ________________________________________________

CHANGE IN ADDRESS/PHONE# and/ or EMAIL

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Membership Classification 2009-2010 Season

_____Resident/Senior _____fall _____spring _____Jr. Plus

Please note: there may have to be a “cut off”. First preference given to earliest sign ups!!!

“Not” available to curl. (Give dates)

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Return to Joyce A Shaffer, 5 Chestnut Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413
Deadline October 21, 2008
Attention All Utica Glengarries:
Please join us for the opening party and general meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at Valentino’s Banquet Hall; 3899 Oneida St., New Hartford (Washington Mills).
A cash bar will be available at 5:30pm with a buffet dinner served at 6:30pm.
   Menu: Penne Alfredo with Broccoli, Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley, Chef Salad, Hot Italian Bread, Tomato Pie, Garlic Pizza and coffee, tea and decaf coffee.
   (Michelle MacEnroe has generously offered to provide home-made dessert.)
Dinner price is $16.75 per person inclusive of service charge.
A meeting will follow to update everyone on the exciting curling season ahead of us.
Please RSVP by Friday, September 11 to: Karen Rogowski at 315-794-6121 or email: krogo@roadrunner.com.
We look forward to seeing everyone!!

FUN AND FITNESS 2009 - Thursdays at 4PM
Chairs: Gary and Susan Fountain

"What is a mermaid? A deep-she fish." If you met any mermaids during the summer months, have them sign up for Fun and Fitness, starting Oct 29th at 4PM on Thursday afternoons. It is a six-end game of curling, Betty Crocker appetizers, "budget" prizes for everyone at the awards banquet, and an opportunity to learn or master the game with a fun group of curlers (not fit, just fun!) Deadline for sign up is Oct 23rd. See you soon!

NAME_________________________________________
Phone # _______________________________
I would like to play: Skip_____ 3rd _____ 2nd _____ Lead _____
Mail to: Gary and Susan Fountain    E-Mail: maris09@aol.com
        15 Upper Woods Road
        New Hartford, NY 13413
THE UTICA CURLING CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Invites ALL UCC members to a

Special evening of fun, food and festivities to

Celebrate YOU—the members who give so much
to make the Utica Curling Club a great place to be!

Kick off the 2009-10 season with

A PARTY IN YOUR HONOR!!!

Saturday, September 19

7:00—10:00 PM

@ The Vinyard

(Oneida St., Washington Mills)

Complimentary hors d’oeuvres served, starting at 7:00 PM
(Stuffed mushrooms, variety of pizzas, muffalata sandwiches, tossed antipasto, eggplant/greens, variety of bread rolls)

Cash bar

Door prize drawing at 8:30 PM

RSVP REQUIRED

By Tuesday, Sept. 15

Contact Barb Felice

797-7627 or

bfelice@roadrunner.com
KING’S CUP  
The Mixed Committee

It’s time to put away those golf clubs and dust off that curling broom!!

It's now time to sign up for the Friday night mixed curling. Games will be 6 ends with 2 draws beginning at 5:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.; unless 3 draws are necessary. The scheduled dates are October 30, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, and 18 (Finals).

A $10 per person snack fee is required to be paid on the first night. Positions will be accommodated based on availability and in order applications are received, so be sure to rank all positions in the order you would like to be considered. We also ask for your patience, as there may be changes to accommodate new members as they sign up.

Please fill out the form and mail back to Conrad & Knyoca Law at: 3 Samoset Dr; Whitesboro, NY 13492 or if you prefer, you can e-mail the form to kjl79@juno.com

PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTE THE NEW DRAW TIMES!!!

KINGS Cup
6 end games starting at 5:30 and 7:15 PM (9 PM will be added if needed)
PLEASE NOTE NEW DRAW TIMES!!!

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Please be sure to rank both draw time and all positions in order you would like to be considered. Positions will be accommodated based on availability and in order of when applications are received.

Send to: Knyoca & Conrad Law, 3 Samoset Dr., Whitesboro, NY 13492
IMPORTANT REMINDER: $10 per person snack fee is required on
Come Join Us "Try Curling" (Open House) Week

"Try Curling" will be 7:30 PM each night Thursday through Sunday, October 15 – 18. Music will be playing, munchies on the tables, and ice a plenty in the glasses and in the shed!

Come down and join us for the fun. Bring a friend! (Ask them to bring along a clean pair of sneaks for curling). If you can’t bring a friend, come anyway, hold a broom and drink a brew…we need you in the house and at the bar to make a festive crowd!

Tell us when you're coming, it helps us prepare accordingly. Call Carol Jones at home: 865-7700, work: 624-3801 or e-mail: cjones@tristate.biz

Clinics this Fall

Clinics will be offered this fall for both new and intermediate curlers. Learn to Curl clinics are appropriate for anyone who has not participated in the sport, or is coming back out of “retirement.” We’ll cover delivery, balance, line of delivery, release, sweeping, etiquette, and basic strategy. Cost, $10.00 per person. Schedule:

Learn to Curl clinic: Oct. 19, 22 at 6:00pm

Monday October 19, 6:00 PM
Thursday, October 22, 6:00 PM

Look for intermediate clinics a bit latter in the first half, when we all have our legs under us again! If there’s something particular that you’d like to see covered, let Roger Rowlett or M.J. Walsh know.

Calling all Instructors

We’ll need all hands on deck to help with new curlers this year. In addition to the Try Curling events and Learn to Curl Clinics, there’s Curling School Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. We’ll need a minimum of 6-12 instructors at the beginning of the season. Numbers do drop as we progress, so consider helping out at the beginning, even if you can’t commit to the entire first half. It’s a great chance for all you USCA registered and certified Instructors to keep your hands in. Carrie and Marena will need help with their new junior program (see next page). They’re out advertising in the schools and hope to have a increase in numbers this year. If you can help out, please let folks know: Carol Jones (Try Curling, Learn to Curl), Roger or M.J. (Curling School), and Carrie or Marena (R.O.C.K.S.)

Utica Curling Club website http://uticacurlingclub.org/
For the latest news and events, plus links to posters, sponsorship forms, and more!
Know a child that wants to be a ROCK Star?

As you know the Junior Curling program has been looking for new leadership this upcoming curling season. Marena Taverne and I are heading the program in a new direction this season. First, we have come up with a new name: R.O.C.K.S. (Rink Of Curling Kids School). Second, we have designed a curriculum for children aged 10-18, to engage them in the sport of curling. Third, we have set a goal for ourselves. Our seven weeks of on ice instruction containing lessons on strategy, game play, and sportsmanship will prepare the kids from our program to participate in one (or more) of the three junior bonspiels available to them within close proximity to our area. This might even encourage and lead Utica to host a Junior bonspiel.

We have the ideas and the plan but what we need are the kids! This is where we need your help! Start thinking of your children, grandkids, nieces, nephews, your co-workers children, children that attend your church, or live in your neighborhood. If a child has a connection to a member of the club, they are more likely to try it. We are in the process of making flyers to distribute to area schools once they are back in session. Another set of flyers will be available for people to hand out, place, or put up around town with tear off information including a phone number to contact us. Now is the time to find the new generation of talented young curlers.

Look for more information on the UCC website soon.
-- Carrie Casab & Marena Taverne

Happenings

Sympathy to
Pat Mihalko, on the death of her brother, Philip Gunzinger
Meredith Roefaro, on the death of her brother
Gary Fountain, on the death of his mother, Audrey Fountain
Joyce Shaffer, on the death of her sister-in-law, Marie Arcuri
Steve Byington, on the death of his sister-in-law
George Reynolds, on the death of his wife
Kim Freeley, on the death of her brother.

From the Editor—
All UCC members who have an email address in the roster will receive the Curlogram electronically. You will receive an email each month with the file as an attachment, and a link to the copy posted on the website. If you want to receive a paper copy you MUST MARK THAT CHOICE ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM. Please help us to save paper and postage fees by accepting the electronic version if possible. Thanks! —Ann Kebabian (akebabian@colgate.edu)
The Utica Glengarries will enter (2) two teams in the Empire State Bonspiel being held in Utica, January 21, 22, 23 & 24, 2010. **All eligible women are encouraged to participate.**

To determine the two (2) teams that will represent Utica, playdowns are scheduled for the following dates: Thursday, November 5 @ 6:45 pm, Thursday, November 12 @ 6:45 pm., Thursday, Nov 19, 6:45 pm. Additional dates will be scheduled if needed. Only full-dues paying members are eligible to play down and they must sign up as a team. **Deadline for sign up is Wednesday, October 28th.**

**Sign up and Playdown Rules in the ladies locker room, please read.**

**ANY QUESTION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY, please call Joyce Shaffer 735-0433**

**The winners of the play downs must be available to play in the Empire State Bonspiel.**

WE WANT NEW CURLERS!

Remember all those folks that said they want to try curling? Now's your chance to get them to curl! Call or e-mail Carol Jones with their contact info and we'll send them a personalized invite for "Try Curling" week. We send the invite... you follow up and meet them at the club...we provide instruction and fun... you look like a hero for giving them something fun to do for the winter! Please provide Carol their name, street address, city, zip, phone number. Provide an e-mail address if you prefer an electronic invite. Curling starts next month so don't delay! Call Carol 24/7 to leave info at 624-3801 or e-mail: cjones@tristate.biz.
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Looking For A Healthy, Fun Way To Pass the Winter?

Go Curling!!
It’s the hottest thing on ice.

Check out any of these upcoming events at the Utica Curling Club in Whitestown!

* **Try Curling!** Bring a clean pair of sneakers and warm comfortable clothes. We’ll supply the equipment, instructors, and fun!
  Thursday – Sunday, October 15 – 18 at 7:30 pm.

* **Learn-To-Curl Clinics** provide classroom and on-ice instruction on delivering stones, sweeping skills and the strategy of the game.
  Monday, October 19 or Thursday, October 22 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

* **“Our House is Your House” Bonspiel** (that’s curling jargon for game). Geared for people who are new to the sport, this half-day event offers fun and fellowship and allows people a chance to experience the spirit of bonspiels.
  Saturday, October 24th

See http://uncacurlingclub.org for details, or visit: [http://uncacurlingclub.org](http://uncacurlingclub.org)

Look for the poster on the website, and print a full-size version! Or contact Carol Jones (315-624-3801) and she’ll send you copies to post. Don’t forget to add your name and contact information!
Crawford Final Results

The results for this year’s Crawford. Twelve teams competed in the finals held March 20, 2009. Congratulations to all!!!

A Final:
Winner: Chuck Skinner, Marena Taverne; Joe Cosentino; Tom Platt Sr (Liz Nolan)
Runner Up: Bob Caine (Dale Jones); Diane Caine; Charlie Schatz; Kathy Capozella

B Final:
Winner: Brenda Citriniti; Fred Hicks (Paul MacEnroe); Erica Bareiss; Phil Citriniti
Runner Up: Shelley Delmonte; Chuck Delmonte; Barb Revenaugh; Jim Revenaugh

C Final:
Winner: Pat Costello; Julie Chanatry; Bob Prenoveau; Marie Costello
Runner Up: Roger Rowlett (Tom Clark); Jen Turner; Marv Carey; Jim Barefoot

D Final:
Winner: Conrad Law, Knyoca Law; Jim Schafer; Bernadette DiMeo
Runner Up: John Davis, Kathy Davis; Jim Rishel; Jan Rishel

E Final:
Winner: John Caneen; Peggy Caneen; Ed Bonham; Michelle MacEnroe
Runner Up: Pete Sheridan; Ann Kebabian; Stu Card; Bill Turner

F Final:
Winner: Neal Burns; Sharon Brown-Burns; Steve Byington; Jill Gates
Runner Up: Dan Bareiss; Clare Bareiss; George Reynolds; Paula Flisnik

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Crawford League. We had 9 new curlers!!!! It would not have been as successful as it was without the help of all involved. A special thank you for the ice crew for the wonderful ice conditions. See you all in the fall!!!!!

Knyoca & Conrad Law
Brenda & Phil Citriniti
Men’s Leagues

Charbonneau
Men’s League
8:00pm Mondays, 5:45pm Tuesdays or 8:00pm Wednesdays
The Charbonneau is the Men’s league starting the week of October 26, with teams playing on Mondays at 8:00pm, Tuesdays at 5:45pm and Wednesdays at 8:00pm for the next 8 weeks through the week of December 21. The medal is awarded to the winner of the playoffs between the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday champions plus a wildcard. We will try to match new curlers up with their sponsors so please indicate new curlers you would like to have on your team. Because of anticipation of a large new curler sign-up, there may not be as many slots for players wishing to play two nights in the Charbonneau as there were in the past. Selection of those playing two nights with earliest postmarks, fax dates or e-mail dates or people sponsoring more than one new curler.
Fill out the form on the return slip and send it to: Mike Kessler, 50 Blackburn Court, New Hartford, NY 13413 793-3330 or email doctormjk@aol.com no later than October 21.

Charbonneau
Men’s League 8:00pm Mondays, 5:45pm Tuesdays or 8:00pm Wednesdays
Send to Mike Kessler, 50 Blackburn Ct, New Hartford NY 13413 - 793-3330
doctormjk@aol.com
Name _______________________________
Day telephone ________________________
Night telephone _______________________
Night I’d like to play (M, T or W) ________
I’d also like to play a 2nd night (M, T or W) if sign-up allows ________________________
Deadline October 18, 2008
Position I’d like to play (Sk, 3rd, 2nd, Ld)
1st choice ____________________________
2nd choice ____________________________
Please pair me with new curler ____________

13413 793-3330 email doctormjk@aol.com.
Because we are starting early we need to receive your rosters by October 10.
Open League

Any gender in any position, limited to 14 teams
Tuesdays Mostly at 8:00pm
The Open League will be starting early this year with the first game Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00pm. The next game will be Tuesday, October 20, also at 6:00pm. Following games starting October 27 will be at 8:00pm for 9 straight Tuesday nights through December 22. This league was formed to provide practice for teams who will be competing outside the club. Men’s, Women’s, Junior, Kayser, Women’s Challenge or Dykes, etc., teams may enter, so sign up as a team on the return slip and send it to: Mike Kessler, 50 Blackburn Court, New Hartford, NY 13413 793-3330 email doctormjk@aol.com.
Because we are starting early we need to receive your rosters by October 10.

“Our House is Your House”
Formerly known as New Member Bonspiel
Saturday, October 24th, 2009

This is when we introduce novice curlers to the spirit of bonspieling. Reminiscing shots around the table, meeting friends for dinner, cheering shot makers through the plate glass… If your fondest curling memories revolve around experiences such as these, join us for this bonspiel.

It’s the perfect first event for friends who have not curled before and want to try something different. It’s a great warm-up for you as well! Why not get in touch with a former curler to join you for this one, fun game!

Members who bring someone into the club will be paired with them if they wish. Otherwise teams will be made up by the committee.

The day’s events include on-ice instruction (for those who want it) or practice (if you feel you must!) followed by light snacks and a four-end game. The evening ends with a finger-lick’n dinner, prizes and entertainment! (Take off your curling shoes and put on your dancing clothes!)

Details to follow.

Pre-Registration is required by Wednesday, October 21st.
Sign up at the club or Call Carol Jones at 315-624-3801

This filled up last year, so don’t delay!!
Ladies Evening Leagues – First-Half Sign Up

Hello Ladies, with curling season just a few weeks away, it’s time to start thinking about the evening leagues. It’s officially time to dust off the curling shoes, get the brooms out of the closet and sign-up for the first-half leagues (see sign up form below). Leagues take the ice at 5:45 pm on Monday and Wednesdays for seven (7) consecutive weeks this half. Please sign-up for one (or two evenings) and also encourage new curlers to join one of these evening leagues.

Because there is not much lead time for the first-half leagues and scheduling can get a bit tricky, the timely return of your form will be a tremendously appreciated by the scheduling committee.

There are two leagues for women in the first-half. The first-half Monday evening night league is the "Calder" which is the first rung or step of the women’s ladder competition. This is an opportunity for less experienced curlers to try their hand at skipping. Teams are formed by a skips draft from the pool of curlers who sign up for this league. The first-half Wednesday evening league is the "Bonnie Piper" which is a non-ladder competition. Many of our veteran skips participate in this league. The objective of this league is to have fun while providing instruction and game experience to less experienced curlers. The teams are assigned by the scheduling co-chairs.

Sign-up form on next page

Members-Only Website Section

You’ll notice a new section of the UCC website for Members Only. It will contain minutes of Board meetings and the by-laws of the Club. Check your copy of the Curlogram for the username and password.

Shh!! It’s a secret!

Sponsors Wanted

Over the summer a group put together a new sponsorship flyer. Check it out on the website (click on the Sponsorship Opportunities in the left menu). You can help us raise money by talking to local business about our members helping them increase their business. Let’s get the mortgage paid off!
WOMEN’S EVENING LEAGUES SIGN-UP
1st half Oct 26 – Dec 23, 2009

Name:____________________________________________

Tel: (home)___________(work)_________(cell) __________

email__________________________

MONDAYS 5:45pm (Calder): Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Dec. 7, 14
Dec. 21 (playoff, if necessary)
( ) curl ( ) willing to skip, if spot available
( ) sub ( ) sorry, not curling Mon. this half

WEDNESDAYS 5:45pm (Bonnie Piper): Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 (playoff, if necessary)
( ) curl ( ) willing to skip
( ) sub ( ) sorry, not curling Wed. this half

Ladder Skips Only: ( ) I do ( ) I do not plan on skipping
2nd half

Reply Deadline October 15, 2009
Send via email or U. S. Mail to:
Julie Chanatry, 3 Proctor Ave, Clinton, NY 13323,
email: julie.chanatry@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!!!!
October 10, 2009!!!! OPENING PARTY!!!!!!

Mark your calendars to join us for the Opening Party,
October 10, 2009. What better way than this to kick off
another curling season with friends!!

More information to follow!
Charity Curling Challenge
Curling for a Cause
To Benefit Up to Twelve Area Charities

Date: Saturday, Nov. 7th, 2009
Time: 11:00 AM - 4 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 Cheer for your Favorite Team

You're invited to enter a team of High School or College Students for the 11th Annual Charity Curling Challenge.

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

Sign a team up today!!! Call Carol Jones for details! 315-624-3801 or e-mail cjones@tristate.biz

THE ROSE RESULTS
3 Game Winner: Alex Ryan, Rachel Ryan; Mike Kessler; Kim Freeley
3 Game Runner Up: Fred Hicks, Barb Felice; Joe Cosentino; Liz Nolan
2 Game Winner: Joyce Shaffer; Tom Platt Sr; Mickey Haas; John Spicer
2 Game Runner Up: Brian Moore; Marj Moore; Jim Schafer; Melissa Foote
1 Game Winner: Dan Bareiss; Laura Jacon; John Jacon; Gloria Cappelli
1 Game Runner Up: Sue Williams; Gary Williams; Monica Spath; Mike DiMeo

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this a wonderful and successful event. It was a very close match with all three event winners winning by less than 1 point!

The event chairs hope everyone enjoyed the food and the band and had a memorable time. Thank you to everyone!

Bernadette & Mike DiMeo- Chairs
2009 Glengarry Challenge Results

By Cindy Brown

The 2009 Glengarry Challenge was held on March 18, 19, and 21. There was a slate of ten very strong 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. As always there were very exciting and close matches throughout the weekend. The finals were a rematch of the 2008 Glengarry Challenge between Team Brown (Cindy Brown, Barb Felice, Kathy Palazzoli, and Liz Nolan) and Team Rogowski (Karen Rogowski, Heather Swiercz, Julie Chanatry, and Lisa Magnarelli). It came down to the last few rocks. Team Brown was trying to fight back and had the house set up for the tie or the win when Karen made a beautiful draw down, making it nearly impossible for Cindy to remove her shot for the win. Cindy’s shot was just not enough to pick Karen’s stone out and Team Rogowski emerged triumphant. Congratulations to Karen and her team!

The winners of the other 4 events were: B Event winner was Team L. Williams; C Event winner M. MacEnroe; D Event winner M. Sofinski, and E Event winner M. Clark.

The dinner on Saturday evening was, of course, wonderful. Sam and Margaret Silverman put together a Wine Tasting event. As Sam told the ladies, he thinks that dining should be an experience and should not be hurried. This venue is definitely a forte of Sam and Margaret. Frank from the Vineyard in Washington Mills provided the selections of wine for the event and Sam and Margaret paired the wines with delicious dishes. Thank you Sam and Margaret, Frank, and the bar staff for a wonderful dinner.

Special thanks go to Paul MacEnroe who worked diligently on the ice for our event. He did a scrape before each of our draws and his hard work really paid off. We had wonderful ice. Thanks, Paul!

Glengarry Wine Basket Raffle Winner

Congratulations to 1st year curler Paula Flisnik the winner of the Wine Basket!! Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for the Glengarry Wine Basket. It was a huge success.
Dear Ms. Manners,
Some of my close friends show an interest in curling over the summer. But when fall comes they don’t seem to make it down to the club. I know they would love the sport. How can I introduce them to the sport without being pushy? — Passive Recruiter

Dear Passive,

Many people are curious about the sport but are afraid to commit to membership. The beginning of the season is chock full of opportunities to introduce your friends to curling without obligation to become a member. The key to them having a good time is that you be with them at the club and curl with them when possible.

Tell them you will be at the club at the “Try Curling” events the opening week of our season. Ask them to join you any one of the evenings, Thursday through Sunday, October 15-18th at 7:30 PM. Don’t worry if you can’t teach them to curl, there are instructors at the club to get your friends geared up with equipment and out on the ice. All you need to do is be on the ice with them to show them a good time (and oh, yes, perhaps hold a broom or snap the camera).

If they want a bit more of an in-depth lesson, they can attend a “Learn To Curl” Clinic. These three hour classes include both on the ice and classroom instruction.

For fun and fellowship and a four-end game, curling with your friends at the “Our House is Your House” Bonspiel (previously known as the New Member Bonspiel) will provide you with memories you’ll talk and laugh about for years to come!

See other articles in this newsletter for various event dates, times and details.

Ms. Manners
The GNCC has initiated a fund raising program to lay the foundation for developing new curling clubs. The program will replace all handles on existing GNCC curling stone sets (currently 14 sets of 16 stones each or 224 curling handles). The tax deductible donation to the handle sponsorship program will place a new handle on a curling stone inscribed with the donor’s name and the programs’ slogan. Handles will be replaced in sets (16 donations for 16 handles). The donation per handle is $100. The slogan is “Strong Foundation from GNCC Stones”

The program will perform the following:
1. Create funds to allow the GNCC to purchase and maintain an inventory of curling stones that can be rented to developing curling clubs.
2. Provide new handles to replace the current gooseneck handles on GNCC stone sets
3. Provide solid foundation for new clubs by supplying curling stones that allow curling clubs to focus on getting new members and teaching with proper equipment.
4. Build a Club One Stone at a Time!

The particulars of the program:
NAME: “Sponsor a Handle” Fund Raising Program

DONATION:
• Make check of $100 out to GNCC
• Send to: Jim Nagy; 463 Tryon Road; Utica, NY 13502; nagyj@roadrunner.com.
• Remember to send the name you want inscribed on your sponsored handle.
• Donation is tax deductible

PURPOSE: Assist new and developing curling clubs with properly maintained and functioning curling stones.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Jim Nagy at address above or call (315)725-3430

From this To this
“Making a strong foundation for curling clubs through GNCC stone rental program”
BROOM HANGING

Late during the 2005 curling season the Board received a request from a Club member. The request was to be able to select a spot on the broom rack for their own broom. For this privilege the member was willing to make a donation to the Club. At first the Board thought this was not a particularly good idea. I was astonished that the Board was turning down a potential revenue source. As is often the case, when you open your big mouth it comes back to haunt you. At my urging the Board decided to implement this program, with myself as the Chair.

You may be wondering “Why anyone would want to pay for a spot to hang your broom?” How many times have you played against a, shall we say, deliberate, analytical skip. By the time you are finally off the ice you are hanging you broom down by the compressor room and the next time you curl it takes you 5 minutes to find your broom because you can’t believe it is way down there. Or worse yet you get picked in a league by a deliberate and analytical skip and this happens for 10 weeks in a row. Or even worse you are married to a deliberate, overly analytical skip and you begin to think the King’s Cup is the best event of all time because you don’t have to curl with your deliberate, analytical spouse.

To help all these people out, and to help the Club also, the Board began a new program. For a $50 tax deductible donation to the Burn the Mortgage Fund, any member of the Club can select a spot to hang one broom or crutch. The member is responsible for securing their broom. People who purchased a spot previously can reserve their current spot by contacting me. Checks can be made out to the Utica Curling Club and can be mailed to my home address: 2549 Sulphur Springs Road Sauquoit 13456. Any questions please contact me at 794-8657 or docdbk@yahoo.com

I would also like to welcome Jill and Roger Gates to the “Broomhangers”. They signed up over the summer. The walk to your brooms just keeps getting longer and longer for the rest of you. Sign up now, it’s good for you and good for the Club. --Don Knapp

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 2nd Annual UCC Golf Tournament on June 6th was again a great success thanks to a complete field of 36 teams who enjoyed a beautiful day of golf and camaraderie. We were excited to have more than 70 non-curlers and one Canadian curler participate in our tournament this year. Hopefully some non-curlers will try curling in the fall!
The tournament began with a pre-golf lunch before the teams were piped out to their starting hole. Throughout the course, golfers had opportunities to win prizes in various contests for the longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line, casino hole and the 50/50 hole. Following golf, the participants, volunteers and guests gathered for a delicious cook your own steak dinner and prizes were awarded to the winning teams, contest winners and raffle winners:

**Men's team winner (-11):** Team (Howard) Dodge, Randy McCanney, Wayne Gentile, Ron Poccia  
**Mixed team winner (-9):** Team (Julie) Chanatry, Marj Moore, Ephraim Woods, John Miano  
**Women's team winner (-1):** Team (Alison) Tipple: Penny Trojan, Maria Alberico, Maryann Bump (won in a tie breaker for the 2nd year)  
**Senior team winner (-5):** Team (Fred) Hicks, Pam Jones, John Davis, Kathy Davis

**Skins Winners ($207 each):** 3 skins awarded for eagles to: Team Citriniti and Team Tipple (won 2 skins).  
**Longest Drive:** Phil Citriniti (men), Sharon Halligan (women)  
**Closest to the pin #1:** Bill Kelly (men), Heidi Rausch (women)  
**Closest to the pin #2:** Ephraim Woods (men), Linda Clark (women)  
**Closest to the line:** Eric Bjornland (men), Maryann Bump (women)  
**50/50 Raffle Winner ($290):** Suzanne Ernst

Several other prizes were raffled off with Knyoca Law bringing home the top prize of a 2009 Pine Hills golf membership. Congrats to all!

Like curling we could not put on a successful tournament without the help of our many volunteers who work behind the scenes and out on the course to make the day enjoyable for all. A HUGE THANKS to: Charlie Schatz, Eydie Savett, Doreen Hayes, Heather Swiercz, Dawn/Joel Scherer, Barb Revenaugh, Paul/Michelle MacEnroe, Joyce Shaffer, Tom Luker and the lovely beverage babes – Melissa Foote, Carrie Casab, Jessica McIntosh, Jen Turner and Lucille Costello. After tallying the ballots, which were audited by a UCC representative, it was determined that Jen and Lucille win the 2009 Most Decorative Golf Cart contest. Their young counterparts will need to get their creative hats on to compete next year. Congrats to Jen and Lucille for their styling cart!

The Golf Committee wants to thank all who participated, volunteered or generously supported the tournament through sponsorship or donations as well as those who joined us after golf for dinner or to socialize for the evening. Your support and presence is greatly appreciated!

A list of our community sponsors and donors will be posted in the locker rooms during curling season to remind you of those who have supported our tournament. Please try to patronize their business in return when possible since the proceeds from this tournament benefit the ongoing operation of our curling club.

Thanks again - hope to see you in 2010!

*The Golf Committee: Tom Thorngren, Anne Stuhlman, Barb Felice, Don Knapp, Jim Schafer, Brenda Citriniti, Phil Citriniti, Knyoca Law and Conrad Law*