

**Message to Members**  
— Fred Hicks, President

On a sad note: most of you already know about Gil Hurd’s death. I can think of no appropriate words so I won’t say anything more.

On a happier note: the Fun and Fitness has a full draw (12 teams) for the first time and the King’s Cup has two full draws. This is partly due to the number of new curlers we have this year. Please make them welcome as we were welcomed when we were new.

One way to help the new curlers (and some of us with feeble memories) is to wear our nametags when at the club. I know I am one of the worst offenders but I will try to wear mine more often. It’s sometimes hard for us to learn the names of 40 or so new people but think about how hard it is for them to remember the 200 or so returning members. Thanks.

Improvements continue at the club with the most recent being in the kitchen. See Dan’s article.

We are hosting two National Championships this season. The event chairs, Dean Kelly for the Men’s and Women’s and Peg Rotton/Gloria Petrie for the Wheelchairs (see Gloria’s article), will need volunteer support. We are also hosting the GNCC Junior Championships and Liz DeGironimo also needs help (see Liz’s article). Please feel free to contact the chairs directly to see how you can help. New curlers: don’t feel like your lack of curling experience keeps you from volunteering. Many of the tasks don’t require a lot of curling background.

Please watch the bulletin boards for sign-up sheets for all events. Included this year is a “once in a decade” visit by curlers from the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in Scotland. See Bob’s article.

See you at the club.

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**WHAT IS . . . ?**

**The Mitchell Bonspiel**

Alexander Mitchell, a Scot from Aberdeenshire, moved to Milwaukee in 1839 as the representative of a Scottish insurance company. He became a leading banker and industrialist and later became President of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. In December of 1884, he donated the Mitchell Gold Medal for annual competition to be “played in the Eastern and Western sections alternately with the Gordon Championship Rink Medal”. Mr. Mitchell died of pneumonia in the spring of 1887 and the last time the medal was played in the Western Division was at St. Paul in February of 1898. After that it was held in the east, and in 1916 it was decided to make the Utica Curling Club the permanent host of the bonspiel.

**Scotchman and Caledonian Advertiser - December 13, 1884**

“The Mitchell Medal will be the most handsome and valuable in the possession of the GNCC. It is of pure gold, the centre bearing a representation of a curling scene in which four curlers are at play. The background gives a view of the distant hills, covered with snow, brought out in the fine artistic style with frosted gold. At the foot of the hills is the ice-covered pond, defined by polished gold, while the stanes with which the curlers are playing are composed of real bloodstone, embossed into the field of polished gold. The medal is circular in shape and two inches in diameter and is surrounded by a raised wreath of Scotch thistle. The whole is surrounded by a golden spread eagle, holding in its talons, instead of arrows and a palm branch, a pair of “Cowes” which hang down on either side of the eagle with the medal. The whole is a exquisite piece of goldsmith’s art-chaste, unique and complete in design.”

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**NEW YEAR’S DAY at the Curling Club**

Leave your party clothes on their hangers and come to the UCC for an informal afternoon of football, curling, food, drinks and family feast. Watch for more information on the Mixed Bulletin Board.

Questions?
Call Jen & Bill Turner, 724-5074.

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**The Crawford**

— Shelley & Chuck DelMonte

The Crawford starts on Friday, January 5. All games are 6 ends starting at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. You can sign up as individual, couples or a substitute. Scoring is based on win/loss record, with plus/minus points used as tie breaks. Draw time preferences are on a first-come, first-serve basis; so sign up early. You can sign up on the Mixed Bulletin Board. Deadline is December 22. The dates are: Jan. 5, Jan. 19, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9, March 2, March 16, March 23. The finals are on Saturday, March 24. A one-time cost of $10 per person is due on the first Crawford night, January 5. If you have any additional questions, please contact the chairs Shelley or Chuck DelMonte at 736-4515.
We have lost some real legends at the UCC in the last few years:
Tom Garber, Gil Hurd, Jim King, Ed Michael come to mind, among others. We have so much to remember about them, so many good times and great stories, so much spirit, so much talent, and they were good curlers, too. The best stories have little or nothing to do with winning the “BIG GAME.” They are all about friendship, fellowship, sportsmanship and contribution. The Utica Curling Club was built by the reputation of fine people such as these.
Throughout the GNCC as well as Ontario and Quebec, these were our diplomats. They were admired by all. Ed’s magic with film and lens (before digital), Tom’s stories, Gil’s unbelievable energy (and the Hurd Curling Dynasty), Jim’s uncanny draws are the basis for so many fond memories and great after-dinner stories.
Who can hear the term “Three-Legged Pig” without smiling? Who hasn’t enjoyed hearing the saga of the “Mystery of the Missing Hurd Metal?”
Who doesn’t remember the story of “The Snake?”
Who can drive by the Utica Auditorium without seeing the stone handle sticking out of the top?
Who is going to replace these legends, step up, fill these shoes?
Where are the next true sportsmen and women of the U.C.C. now? Hint, they aren’t necessarily the best curlers, although they could be.
All of us should stop and think of what we remember best about these wonderful people.
Now think of the other members still around us, take a minute to listen, share a drink, laugh, and enjoy the camaraderie, enjoy the stories when we hear them.
Floating around the club is a history book of the UCC that was put together in the early 1990’s by compiling stories passed down, records kept and memorabilia shared. The next chapters are still to be written. The best that we all can do is keep the fires burning. We have many new members this year, a few veterans have returned after extended vacations, and some real stalwarts are still among us.
Make everyone feel welcome, the next new member might be the next shining star.
We are all important to the success of curling. It has created a community within a community in the Utica area. We pull together in bad and sad times, party in the good times. Curling, like golf, transcends all age groups and both genders. It is a truly honorable sport. Over the next few weeks, you will hear many ask for a moment of silence in honor of...
Please remember Alan Fleming’s toast from last year’s Mitchell banquet. “Let’s hear a minute of applause in celebration and appreciation!!”
Heaven is a long way from here. I think the celebration noise has a better chance of getting their attention, considering how noisy it has to be at the bar there....
This very special article was sent to us unsigned. We have no idea who the author is. We are very touched and impressed with these inspiring thoughts.

Can You Imagine...

Dear Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

I don’t have the heart to tell my teammate that her sweeping etiquette is not helping our team clean up!

Ms. Manners

Dear Swifter,

Here are a couple of thoughts about sweeping. Stay between the hog lines and on the side lines when the opponents are “up,” and stand still when they are throwing their stone. Also, be ready when it is your turn to sweep, and move out of the house as soon as the stone stops. Finally, don’t walk down the middle of the sheet – it is not nice to hold up the game! Hope this helps.

Ms. Manners

R.C.C.C. SCOTS’ TOUR

On Tuesday, January 30, twenty curlers from the Royal Caledonian Curling Club will be in Utica as a part of their curling tour of 31 US cities within 11 states. Sixteen of these curlers will compete against 16 of our own in Utica. The entry fee of $85 covers curling and the banquet, as well as paying for our guests’ meals and some USCA expenses for the tour. Our guests will arrive at the UCC for a 1:30 lunch, followed by curling at 2:30. A Toddy Bowl is scheduled for 7:30 in the evening followed by a banquet at 8:00.

Our Scottish guests will be staying in private homes overnight on January 30. They are to be housed two to a home. With twenty curlers, an escort, and a driver, we will need 11 host homes. The hosts will be expected to pick up their guests after curling (around 5:00) take them home to settle in and freshen up, return them to the Toddy Bowl by 7:30, and take them home following the banquet. On Tuesday morning hosts are to provide their guests with breakfast and return them to the club by 7:45, in time to board the bus for their next destination. Curlers, hostesses and hosts are invited to attend the Toddy Bowl before the banquet. Hostesses and non-curling hosts, along with other club members, are invited to attend the banquet at a cost of $25.

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Men’s Locker Room with provision to sign up to curl, to host, and for non participants who want to attend the banquet. Sign ups are on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for signing up is Friday, Dec. 8.

Any questions can be directed to Bob Caine.
The Utica Curling Club in conjunction with the United States Curling Association proudly hosts the 2007 US Curling Men’s and Women’s National Championships.

The Utica Curling Club is proud to once again bring the top curlers in the country to the Mohawk Valley. This championship will consist of ten men's teams and ten women's teams playing in a round robin format, to win a National Title and also the right to compete for the United States at the World Championships in April 2007. The Utica Curling Club has brought four National events to our community over the last six years. We thank the community for their enthusiasm and support of this great Olympic sport. The event will take place at the Utica Curling Club from February 17-24, 2007.

The USCA and the UCC are seeking corporate partners to support the US Curling National Championships to enhance the sport of curling and receive marketing benefits in return.

**Granite Sponsor Benefits: $250**
- Use of the UCC/USCA and US National Curling Championship marks, logos and terminology (as approved by the UCC in writing)
- 6 Daily tickets to The National Championships
- Inclusion advertisement with other Granite level sponsors, in the Official Event Program
- Name listed on select pre-event and event materials, which may include but is not limited to:
  - UCC/USCA National Championships website
  - Daily newsletter during the Championships
- Opportunity to use officially licensed UCC/USCA merchandise for consumer or promotional incentives (at sponsors cost)

**Friends of the Event Sponsor Benefits: $100**
- 5 Daily tickets to The National Championships
- Name listed with other Friends in the Official Event Program

**Program Book Advertising Opportunities:**
- Full page promotion $150
- Half page promotion $100
- Quarter page promotion $60

**For more Information call Dean Kelly (315) 731-5512**
Volunteers are Needed

2006 USCA Wheelchair National Championship

The Wheelchair National Championship will be held at our club December 7-10th. As in past years, we are looking for volunteers to move and clean stones during the practices and games and assist on the ice as needed. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Gloria Petrie at 853-6486 or at gapetrie@adelphia.net.

Many To Thank for Kitchen Improvements
—Dan Bareiss

In showing our kitchen to prospective caterers over the past few years, the single point of concern has been the dishwasher set up. The single door, under the counter, seven minute cycle machine might be great for home but is not suited for a Club that serves as many meals as we do.

Our new caterers, Sam & Margaret, knew of an auction that had a commercial dish machine, and with board approval to spend $800.00, traveled to Governor, NY. They won the bid on a Hobart corner pass through machine, complete with tables, drove an hour to rent a trailer and brought it back. That was the easy part (almost like buying a boat), getting it installed and running in ten days was the challenge.

Charlie Marsland, Tom Firsching, Sam & Margaret spent all day Sunday tearing out the old, installing waterproof walls, and setting the machine in place. Charlie (who just happens to be in the business) returned a few days later with a co-worker and re-plumbed most of the job. Tom returned on a Saturday to finish the plumbing and tiding up the many loose ends. Charlie continued changing gaskets, gauges & hoses, as well as donating $300.00 worth of chemicals. Dave Palazzoli’s expertise, advice, patience, and time spent doing the electrical end of things during all this was tremendous. Chuck DelMonte, who we all know puts in mega hours at the Club, stayed late on Saturday after scraping the ice to help re-hang the cabinets.

I estimate these volunteers put in over 60 hours in a 10-day period, the end result is we now have the most efficient set up possible. Purchased new, this unit with tables would cost about $12,000.00 - total cost to the Club when all is said and done is $800.00. My thanks to all who were involved in making this huge improvement for the Club.

P.S. - If anyone is interested in purchasing a commercial, stainless steel, under the counter dishwasher, I know where you can find one.

Wheelchair Ramp Fund

We would like to thank Christopher Reeve Foundation for a $5000 grant and The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., grant of $10,000 toward the construction of an enclosed wheelchair ramp. Carla Barrett deserves special thanks for her grant writing skill that was responsible for the work necessary to acquire these funds. Estimates for the ramp are $36,000. Anyone who knows of other funding sources, please contact Peggy Rotton.

Kiltie Korner News

As the new Curling season is upon us, the Kiltie Korner has been busy trying to get off the ground for another season of supplying clothing and curling gear to our members and guests.

We are working on having the Kiltie Korner staffed by our members who curl on a specific night. There will be a sign posted at the Kiltie Korner of our workers and the nights they are in on a weekly basis. Delivery time is at least two weeks.

Curling shoes and supply orders will be sent in on a weekly basis. Delivery time is at least two weeks.

If you care to offer your services to help at the Kiltie Korner contact Sharon Brown-Burns @ 738-1233. She has agreed to coordinate this effort. Thanks, Sharon!

Please support the Kiltie Korner and Good Curling!!!

2007 USA National Championships: February 17-24, 2007 —Dean Kelly

The 2007 US Nationals are fast approaching, and our plans to host the best event in history are progressing well. We expect significant media coverage of the event, as our two Olympic teams will most likely be here, and we will have many spectators all week long. The week begins with opening ceremonies and an opening dinner, sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse, on Saturday February 17th. The festivities culminate on the 24th, immediately after the men’s finals, with a closing banquet, and the band Classifried providing the entertainment. This event provides a tremendous opportunity to show off our club and the warm hospitality we have to offer, as well as raise some sponsorship money to support it.

As with the many events we hosted in the past, we need many volunteers during the week to help make this very successful. Among the key areas we will need help are: officiating, ticket sales and front door ticket taking, opening and closing party planning and set-up, parking cars and directing traffic, team hosts, scoreboard updating, ice signage, and ice crew. There will be other needs as well. If you want to volunteer to help in any of these areas, please call me at 731-5512, or 734-1571, or send e-mail to dkelly@usatwood.com.

Thanks for your interest.

Good Curling!!!
Glengarries Proposed By-Laws Changes
Regarding Article IV - Nominating Committee

Section 1
The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members. Ten (CHANGE THIS TO EIGHT) names shall be submitted by the Nominating Committee of which four (4) shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Past Nominating Committee Chairperson shall remain on the committee for one (1) year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The Chairperson shall be determined by the largest number of votes.

Section 2
The four (4) Officers shall be elected annually by the membership at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office until their successors shall be chosen (ADD:)

The President shall hold office for two (2) years and one (1) year as the Immediate Past President.

The Vice President shall hold office for two (2) years and then serve as President.

The Secretary shall hold office for one (1) year or until a successor shall be chosen.

The Treasurer shall hold office for one (1) year or until a successor shall be chosen.

Section 3
The three (3) Members-at-Large shall be elected by the membership. The Nominating Committee shall, each year, present one (1) name to be a Member-at-Large for a three (3) year term. Additional nominations may be made in writing to the Secretary at least three (3) days before the annual Meeting. Names of Officers, Member-at-Large, (ADD USWCA REPRESENTATIVE) and Nominating Committee shall be put in writing and sent to members at least ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting.

Section 4
The USWCA Representative shall be elected for three (3) years. (NO CHANGE)

Section 5
The Nominating Committee shall keep (ADD AN) accurate record and tally of all votes. Any vacancy of Officers or Members-at-Large shall be filled by four (4) affirmative votes of the Executive Committee.

All of these changes have been approved by the Utica Glengarries Executive Committee and now require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at our December Regular Meeting.
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WOMEN’S EVENING LEAGUES
2nd half January 3 - March 27, 2007

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Tel: (home) __________________ (work) __________________ (cell) __________

email: __________________________________________________________

MONDAYS 5:45 p.m. (Lambert-Grant):
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26
March 27 (playoff, if necessary)
(   ) curl (   ) skip
(   ) sub (   ) sorry, not curling Mon. this half

WEDNESDAYS 5:45 p.m. (Glenpladdie):
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24; Feb. 7, 14, 28; March 7, 14, 21
March 22 (playoff, if necessary)
(   ) curl (   ) skip
(   ) sub (   ) sorry, not curling Wed. this half

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

Reply Deadline: December 15, 2006
Send via email to: jchanatry@mail.colgate.edu
or U. S. Mail to: Julie Chanatry 3 Proctor Ave, Clinton, NY 13323

Ladies’ Evening Leagues
Second-Half Sign Up
Hello Ladies, it’s time to sign up for the second-half evening leagues.
Leagues take the ice at 5:45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for eleven weeks this half. Please sign up for one (or two evenings) and also encourage new curlers to join one of these evening leagues.

There is a sign-up sheet in the women’s locker room. If you have not signed up there already, please return this form to Julie Chanatry.

OFFICIALS NEEDED FOR
GNCC JR. CHAMPIONSHIP

The UCC is hosting the GNCC Jr. Championships from Thursday, Dec. 28 through Sunday, Dec. 31. If you are an official and are willing to volunteer for one or more draws, please call Lis DeGironimo at 733-5807. Thanks!

Daytime
Ladies’ Curling
- Joyce Shaffer & Marge VanSlyke, Co-Chairs

The Roemer Ladder Competition will begin Tuesday, January 2 @ 10:00 A.M. Skips will pick their team. Tuesday, January 19 @ 12:15 p.m. @ the UCC
NOTE: Sign up will be posted on the bulletin board in the ladies locker room. Check to make sure your name is on the list. If your name is not on the list and you wish to curl, PLEASE call Joyce Shaffer @ 735-0433 immediately.

Sign-up deadline, Tuesday, December 12. PLEASE NOTE: We try very hard to accommodate everyone who wants to curl, but this is not always possible. Teams members will be picked on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is an “overflow,” you will be placed on the sub list. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Skips should call team members by December 20th.

Roemer Competition Sign Up Return Slip

Name: __________________________________________________________

Please note: Competition begins Tuesday, January 2 @ 10:00 a.m. There may have to be a “cut off”. First preference given to earliest sign ups!!!
Also, This season we do not curl TUESDAY, January 30, due to RCCC competition. Curling is tentatively scheduled for MONDAY, January 29.

If you are Not available to curl, PLEASE GIVE dates BEFORE Skips Pick:

Dates not available:____________________________________________

Return to Joyce Shaffer, 5 Chestnut Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413
Deadline: December 5, 2006

Glengarries Christmas Party

All women are invited to the Glengarry Holiday Party on December 20, 2006, starting at 7:30. Come and enjoy a roast pork dinner with all the trimmings. Bring a small wrapped gift to exchange. There will be a 50-50 raffle with proceeds going to the Salvation Army Kettle Fund. Please make reservations with Susan Williams at 339-7382 or sign up in the ladies’ locker room. Don’t forget to bring a friend.
**Happenings**

**WE NOTE WITH DEEP REGRET THE DEATHS OF**

**GILBERT HURD**
friend to all,
active curler for 60 years,
husband of Betty Hurd
and father of Douglas Hurd

**AND**

**ARTHUR J. COBB**
Past President,
long-time curler and
supporter of the Utica Curling Club

The sympathy of the entire membership is extended to their families.

We congratulate Kathy & Dave Palazzoli on the birth of their new grandson David James.

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**From The Broom Hildas**

The Broom Hildas are back!

If possible - and deeply appreciated . . .
Please send your news items typed or neatly written on letter-size paper so we can use the fax, and as uncreased as possible. If you wish to fax to Ellen Boerger, please call her in advance.

DEADLINE for the January Curlogram is
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2006.

Please send news items to:

ELLEN BOERGER
209 Hartford Place, Utica, NY 13502
fax: (315) 735-1182

or

BETTY HURD
8 Knollwood Road, New Hartford, NY 13413
fax: (315) 797-1584

Thanks for your cooperation.
“The Broom Hildas”

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**The Success Keeps on Going**  —Carol Jones

A warm welcome to all our new members and hearty congratulations to our crew for a successful new member drive. The entire club pulled together for this and a thank you goes to everyone who coached, played, hosted and sponsored new members. To name everyone who helped out would require us to list half of the club. That is a great credit to the effort everyone put in and it speaks highly of the commitment all of you have to making the Utica Curling Club the best in the nation.

Our job is not over yet. The goal is to help all of our new members transition into the club and have them all become active, satisfied members of the club. It is our job to welcome everyone and enjoy the benefits the club gets from new blood and a fresh outlook.

Whenever the opportunity, get to know the newest members of our curling family; they are super people…and from the looks out on the ice, I would say they are super curlers as well!


**COLLEGE:** Tim Barry, Justin Brant, Doug Collins, Jill Ferris, Dave Hamilton, Greg Huffaker, Blake Hulnick, Tom Irvin, Alissa Lintala, Garrett Morgan, Erin O’Keefe, Erika Rader, Julianne Tylko, Allyssa Walsh.

**JUNIORS:** Andy Ahemet, Dan Barefoot, Austin Black, Alicia Citriniti, Andrew Citriniti, Dominic Citriniti, Carolyn Copeland, Justin Hinman, Matt Miller, Louis Moskowitz, Michael Przybyla, Chris Pulliam, David Snow, Alyssa Tassone.

**LITTLE ROCKERS:** Cara Brement, Catherine Coonradt, Andrew Kammer, Justin Martin.

Again, thanks for all you did and for all you will do.

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**The USWCA Wheelchair National Championship**

will be held at our club on December 7-10. We would like to thank the following donors to the event:

**GOLD**
- Mohawk Hospital Equipment, Inc., restricted to team use.

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- Dave Jones, Hanger Prosthetics & Orthodontics, Lennons-Wilcox Jewelers, Symeon’s Greek Restaurant, Peggy Rotton, Gloria Petrie

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- Donald & Carla Barrett, Edward MC Fadden, Utica National Insurance, Bill Rotton.