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

The first half of the season is winding down. The leagues appear to have been very successful, although the Wednesday night Charbonneau didn’t go according to MY plan (darn that Brad Anderson anyway). The coed leagues are fully subscribed which is a first for the Fun and Fitness.

The second half leagues are starting up and we have several in house bonspiels coming. Sign up early and often.

**WE HAVE A NEW WEB SITE:**
[www.uticacurlingclub.org](http://www.uticacurlingclub.org) Please note that it is org, not com.

The first of our two National Championships was held the first weekend in December (see Gloria’s article). The event chair (Dean Kelly) for the Men’s and Women’s will also need LOTS of volunteer support. The upcoming GNCC Junior Championships are between the holidays and Lis DeGironimo also needs help.

Please continue to watch the bulletin boards for sign-up sheets for all events.

See you at the club.

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**Don’t Miss This — HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

- Rave reviews from all who have enjoyed our Friday nite “FISH FRY” — and to say FISH FRY in no way comes near to describing the great menus — Treat yourself and your friends.

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**Note:** The following is one of a series of articles shamelessly plagiarized from the booklet generated by Tom Garber for the 125th anniversary of the Club. - FH

**HOW DID IT START?**

*Invaded by the Northern Huns (They just didn’t like our ice.)*

Utica Morning Herald – February 13, 1884

“The Burns Curling Club of Ogdensburg, came to Utica Monday night to play a match game with the Utica Curling Club for the International District Medal. They brought a satchel full of medals which they had won in the roaring game, and while they claimed to have had but little practice, they exhibited the medals as evidence of the fact that they understood the game.

Knowing that Ogdensburg has ice nearly half the year and that Ogdensburg curlers have the advantage of frequent games with their Canadian brethren, the Uticans feared the invasion of the formidable Northern Huns would result disastrously to themselves. Nevertheless they enjoyed in anticipation the sport which the game would afford, let the result be what it might.

About 10 a.m. yesterday, the curlers gathered at the rink. It was a mild winter day and the ice was not the best, still it was better ice than the Uticans have often played on. It is only a few weeks ago when they played with the Albany Club and when it rained throughout the game.

The Utica men, considering the condition of the ice, and at the request of the visitors placed the goals four yards nearer together than they usually are. The visitors indulged in practice for a few minutes, and finding that they could not put the stones over the hog line, decided not to play!

The youngest as well as the most venerable men of the Utica Club took the stones of the visitors and shot them not only into the park, but past the hack. Still the visitors did not think themselves possessed of the courage or the muscle necessary to play tho’ they offered to give up the medal. Utica suggested that the Norsemen keep the medal and play a friendly match of a few heads. The visitors however, thought discretion the better part of valor. They gave up the medal and took the first train for home.

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MITCHELL BONSPIEL

– Don Knapp

The 96th Mitchell Bonspiel and the 122nd Anniversary of the Mitchell Medal will be held at UCC from January 11-14, 2007. This event brings together 36 men’s teams from Canada and the United States. Six UCC teams are reserved spots in this event. They earn entry through the Murray Bonspiel held in December. This is the largest and oldest Bonspiel in the U.S.

There is a waiting list to get into the Mitchell each year. What makes the Mitchell unique is the comradeship and 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 three who have come for 30, 32, and 47 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 semi-finals 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. In my four years being the Chair of the Mitchell the bigger problem has been 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. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Mitchell House Parties

– Don Knapp

If you would interested in hosting a House Party during this year’s Mitchell Bonspiel on Saturday, January 13th from 12 to 3, please let me know. All food is provided by the Club of course all you need to do is supply the hospitality. Any questions please contact me at 794-8657 or docdbk@yahoo.com. Thanks.

HELP!

The 96th Mitchell Bonspiel is Thursday, January 11 through Sunday, January 14. There are many little jobs during those days which the Committee could use help with. If you can donate a couple hours of your time, while you are watching some curling, it would be much appreciated.

Contact Don Knapp, Mike Kessler, Fred Hicks.

If you have been in the men’s locker room you may have noticed that over the summer tags were placed on lockers that were full. So far, all but 17 of the tags have been removed indicating that these lockers are in use by current members of the club.

The plan is to empty all lockers with tags prior to the Mitchell. Locks will be cut off, and the contents will be placed in the lost and found. At the end of the curling season anything not claimed will be sent to the Salvation Army.

If you have a locker that has a tag on it, please remove the tag now. Also check with any of your kids.

The intent of this effort is to make as many lockers available to our members and guest as possible.

– Paul M.

USA Curling

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2007 United States National Championships

February 17-24, 2007

– Dean Kelly

We are in need of many volunteers during the week of the National Championships, being held here in February. Among the tasks we need people to help with are; ticket sellers at the front door, parking assistance especially during the evening draws, set up help for the opening and closing parties, officials and timers, scoreboard signage and standings board updating, and members to help spectators learn and understand the game, or as otherwise called ambassadors of the Utica Curling Club.

Please call me at 794-0356 if you are interested in helping.
Charity Curling Challenge
To Benefit Up to Twelve Area Charities
Curling for a Cause

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2007
Time: Orientation 10 A.M.
      Practice 11 A.M.
      Game Time 1:00 P.M.
Place: Utica Curling Club
       8300 Clark Mills Road
       Whitesboro, NY

- Exciting Fund Raiser!
- Eighth Annual Event!
- Winter Sport at Its Best

Spectators Welcome - Bring Signs and Bells and Cheer for your Favorite Team

You’re invited to enter a team from your company or organization in the Eighth Annual Charity Curling Challenge!

Teams are comprised of non-curlers. First year curlers may also play but must play front end positions. Any existing curler may coach a team. Teams pick the charity of their choice.

This is a great way to introduce non-curling friends and co-workers to this fun sport!!!

Sign a team up today!!! Call Carol Jones for details!
Wk: 624-3801, Hm: 797-6356 or e-mail: cjones@tristate.biz

ATTENTION: We need 32 intrepid curlers who are willing to brave the snows and travel to Rochester in order to defeat the Rochester curlers who desperately want to give the monkey back to us! The monkey wants to stay in Rochester. We want the monkey to stay there!
Help us help the monkey. Join us in a fun day of curling in Rochester on January 20. Look for more info on the Mixed Board or talk to Dave Palazzoli or Mary Gajewski, Chief Zookeepers!

Penguin Shenanigans at UCC!!
- Mary Gajewski, Lisa Magnarelli

On November 30 and December 2 there was a heavy (flock - herd - gaggle) of Penguins seen roaming around the Utica Curling Club. A total of 32 curlers both seasoned and first year (including Jim Bohrer, Nancy Roberts, Rob Baker, Eugene Casab, Carrie Casab, Aley & Rachel Ryan) competed in the Friendly-Early Bird Bonspiel.


Thanks to all the curlers who helped as well as Sam and Margaret Silverman for a fabulous meal. A great time was had by all.

Dear Ms. Manners

I am having a difficult time understanding the selection of substitutes that I see on the ice. Are there guidelines for selecting subs?

Dear Conscionable,

We understand how difficult it is to obtain a sub. If you are attempting to find a sub for yourself, you should try to select a sub that has approximately the same experience level you have. If you don’t know the sub personally, use the “year joined” in the roster book as a guideline in your selection. If you are asked to sub on a team, ask in advance who you will be replacing. If you don’t feel it is an equitable substitution, ask them to consider you only if they have depleted all other options. Lastly, if the only substitute available is a higher caliber player than the normal team member, have both skips discuss before the start of the game. The opposing skip may ask you to rearrange the team members to make it more equitable if the league allows. Always be considerate of our fellow curlers when replacing an absent member. Remember, honor and good sportsmanship should prevail when selecting a sub.

Ms. Manners
ROSTER UPDATES
Please Correct Your Roster

MEMBERSHIP STATUS CHANGES:
Bob Burnett  Active (not Spring Season)
Paul MacEnroe  Active (not Plate Glass)

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PLEASE ADD:
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madyankee3@adelphia.net

Mary Anne Wells
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Hm: 269-3904  Wk: 624-3619
mwells@mccraithbev.com

Jordan Ross
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Hm: 708-3471  Wk: 381-7591
jross@indium.com

USCA National Wheelchair Championship
- Peggy S. Rotton, Chair

Two Utica Curling Club teams played off for the opportunity to represent USA at the World Championships to be held in Soileftea, Sweden February 17-24, 2007. The winner was Jim Pierce, skip, Augusto Perez, Jimmy Joseph, Danell Libby. Runner-up team was Mark Taylor, skip, Tom Hansen, Bob Prenoveau, Missy Kelser. Both teams showed extremely precise curling, draws to the button, delicate take out and rolls. All with no sweeping!

First stone was thrown by Bill Rotton, chair of the Wheelchair Committee and coach. Broom was held by Jim Griebsch, coach.

Medals were awarded to the winning team by USCA VP Chris Moore.

Congratulations to the teams was given by Duane Farr past president and Peggy Rotton who also expressed her gratitude to her co-chair Gloria Petrie, the ice committee and to the volunteers who assisted in making the event a success. Officials for the event were Herb Kupchik and Eydie Savett. A special plaque will be presented to the Utica Curling Club for hosting this event by USCA with their appreciation to be hung at the curling rink.

Turkey Spiel
- Bryn Piersma, Chair

The 2006 Turkey Spiel was a success from enjoyable curling to a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Five-person teams with a rotation for play created an exciting day on the ice. Each team was awarded a prize in the theme of Thanksgiving. The first-place winners, the “Drumsticks” including Carol Jones, Dale Jones, Phil Citrinitti and Brenda Citrinitti, received the whole turkeys. The second-place winners, the “Sweet Potatoes” including Hal Rance, Linda Rance, Gloria Cappelli and Heather Shaw, received the turkey breasts. The third-place winners, the “Mashed Potatoes” including Roger Rowlett, Mary Jane Walsh, Peggy Pratt, Bill Turner and John Spicer, received the cornish game hens. The famous turkey spam was won by the “Gobblers” Melon Sofinski, Bob Burnett, Deb Batt, Greg Batt, and Cheri Baebel. Many thanks also to Julie Chanatry and Daryl Cheseboro for all their coordination in this great yearly event.

Women’s Nationals

Congratulations to Ann Stuhlman, Laura Jacon, Lisa Mitchell (Broomstones) and Karen Rogowski who will represent New York at the Women’s National Championship to be held in Utica February 17-24 at the Utica Curling Club! Good Luck and Good Curling! We’ll be cheering for you.
Out-of-Town Bonspiels Attended By Local Curlers

Four women’s teams attended the Silver Belle Bonspiel at Broomstones:

   Marje Moore  Laura Jacon  Lisa Magnarelli  Mickey Haase
   Carol Jones  Lisa Mitchell  M.J. Walsh  Peggy Pratt
   Barb Felice  Karen Rogowski  Ann Kebabian  Sue Gardner

Won B Event  Won C Event

Two teams entered the Maple Leaf Bonspiel at Baie Dufrie:

Dave Palazzoli  Bob Caine
Cindy Brown  Diane Caine
George Brown  Fred Hicks
Kathy Palazzoli  Pam Jones
Won A Event  Won B Event

Men’s teams attended the “10 and Under” at Schenectady

Dan Stuhlman  Joe Gaebel  Conrad Law
Roger Rowlett  Chuck DelMonte  Marvin Carey
Chuck Marcland  Glen Chapman  Phil Citriniti
Tom Thorngren  Rich Minutti  John McMahon

All-American Results

– Marge VanSlyke & Nancy Owens, Co-Chairs

The USWCA All-American Bonspiel was held on October 23, 25, 27, 2006. Seven teams participated in this exceptional and enjoyable competition. The A Event came down to the “nail-biting” eighth end with the final results as follows:

WINNER

A EVENT: Skip - Mary Hopsicker
3rd - Sue Williams
2nd - Sue Gardner
Lead - Cindy Kelly

B EVENT: Skip - Michelle MacEnroe
3rd - Gloria Cappelli
2nd - Carla Barrett
Lead - Heather Shaw

C EVENT: Skip - Anne Stuhlman
3rd - Kathy Palazzoli
2nd - Jackie Strife
Lead - Gaire Bareiss

D EVENT: Skip - Judi Giovannone
3rd - Melon Sofinski
2nd - Lee Russell
Lead - Sue Fountain

RUNNER UP

A EVENT: Skip - Petty Rotton
3rd - Julie Chanatry
2nd - Cheri Gaebel
Lead - Lisa Miller

B EVENT: Skip - Diane Higgins
3rd - Heather Swiercz
2nd - Mary Gajewski
Lead - Peggy Pratt

C EVENT: Skip - Donna Caleo
3rd - Marianne Clark
2nd - Jeanne Galvin
Lead - Marty Jones

D EVENT: Congratulations to the winners and to all those who participated!

ATTENTION ALL OFFICIALS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FEBRUARY 17-24

– Peg Rotton

Timers, on-ice supervisors and timing supervisors are needed for National Championships There are 18 draws and we need to cover all sheets each draw. First draw starts on Saturday and will be over when we have a men’s and women’s champion. Please check Bulletin Board due dates and times you might be available. You get the best seat in the house to watch USA’s best curlers. Call Peggy Rotton 797-2975. We will also need beds for out-of-town officials who have volunteered to help at the Nationals. If you can provide housing for one or two volunteers who come to town to assist us, I would appreciate it if you would pick up the phone and call me at 797-2975.

Empire State

– Bryn Piersma, Chair

The Empire State Bonspiel is hosted by three clubs, Ardsley, Schenectady and Utica on a rotation basis. Each club is guaranteed two slots in the bonspiel. The playdowns were held in November to determine the two teams to play in the Empire State Bonspiel held in January at the Schenectady Curling Club. The playdowns were held on November 9th, 11th and 12th, and the two teams playing in the Empire State Bonspiel are: the rink of Cindy Brown, skip, Kathy Palazzoli, Barb Felice, Cindy Ciarelli and Diane Higgins; the rink of Marge VanSlyke, skip, Nancy Owens, Sue Gardener and Jackie Stryfe. The alternate team is: the rink of Joyce Shaffer, skip, Mickey Haase, Susan Fountain, and Linda Rance. Good Luck at the Empire State Bonspiel in January!
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