WHO WAS...?

Cupid on ice
Utica Daily Press – January 8, 1934
The Marrin’ Judge
GANBROMBONE – CAVALARO

When Michael A. Gabrombone, 631 Catherine Street, and Elizabeth M. Cavallaro of 644 Catherine Street, found the office of Justice of the Peace, Dan T. Burke, deserted in the Arcade Building, Saturday afternoon, where they went to get married, they hustled up to the Utica Curling Club, where they heard Justice Burke might be found. As the justice was engaged in a curling match, the game was halted briefly, and the ceremony was performed just outside the rink while club members looked on.

Utica Daily Press – February 23, 1934
CUPID CURLS

“Cupid at the Curling Rink, or Keeping a Justice on Ice,” by Imino Hurry.

The story opens in the Utica Curling Club, 1413 Francis Street, where a game is in progress. Enter two couples. They inquire for Justice of the Peace, Dan T. Burke. He is curling. Would they wait? Yes.

For half an hour they watch a wielding of brooms that might put to shame many a Mrs. Newlywed. Finally the game ends.

They have a rather unusual request. They realize it is 11 pm but could Mr. Burke find it possible to perform a marriage. Yes, they had a certificate. They would be glad to transport Mr. Burke to his office.

They did. And so it came to pass Wednesday night, shortly before midnight, that Mary Alice Beaudin, 23, Utica, and Floyd Butler, 26, Syracuse, were made man and wife. The witnesses were their companions, Annitah Byrne and George A. Cambridge, both of 1004 Dudley Avenue.”

Message to Members

-Fred Hicks, President

I hope everyone enjoyed the annual meeting and dinner. The discussions gave the board something to do during their spare time over the summer. This is the last Curlogram for this season but you can look forward to the dues statements coming in July and the next Curlogram in September.

Many heartfelt thanks to the Broom Hilda’s for all their efforts in keeping us informed throughout the years.

SHARE THE JOYS OF CURLING

-Carol Jones

Right when the newer curlers have conquered the curling delivery and the bonspiels are rocking one right after another, the season alas, is over with. It was evident by the smiling faces that this year was a great one! Many people have voiced to me their pleasure in having taken up the sport. I know I have thoroughly enjoyed my newfound friends at the club.

I wish you all are able to return next year. I also hope you are able to introduce more of your friends to the sport of curling in the fall. We have a lot on the pallet for next year’s freshman class that is educational AND fun!

Keep an eye out for any prospective curlers throughout the summer. They may be your acupuncturist, sailing instructor, bartender, or perhaps your lawyer. As you come across interested people, jot their names down immediately!! Don’t count on your memory to come up with all their names in the fall. Then call me (24 hours a day), and leave me the information. Just call Carol Jones at 624-3801, or send an e-mail to cjones@tristate.biz. Please provide the following information:

Prospective members name(s): __________________________
____________________________________________________
Street Address: _______________________________________
City: __________________________________________________
Home & Business phone (if available): ____________________
Sponsor (that’s you!!!): _________________________________

The committee will be happy to send them invitations on your behalf to the open house and clinics held in late October.

We’re looking forward to a year of excellent curling, exceptional social atmosphere, and a heck of a lot of fun! Why not share it with others whose companionship you enjoy!!

Adios
On the Utica Ice
2007 UNITED STATES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- Dean Kelly

The US Championships were held from February 17-24, and by all accounts were a tremendous success. I heard many compliments from players, fans, and USCA officials about our club, the ice quality, the food, the community, and the hospitality received both from club members and the community.

It was great to see so many spectators come to the club to take in the action. During the week I heard several people comment who had never seen the sport live before, and were happy to have the opportunity to visit the Utica Curling Club. I received a great e-mail comment from a couple from Syracuse who came to watch the finals, and again complimented everything from the club itself, the hospitality, and the great play of the teams. As members, we were all happy to see the great games played by our home team, the Stuhlmans, and their opportunity to get into the playoffs in the tiebreaker game. It was also great to see Caitlin Maroldo, and her team with a chance for the championship. The opening ceremonies were also terrific to watch, with the Mohawk Valley Frasers leading all the teams on, and the great honor of the ceremonial first stone, delivered by Mickey Haase, with the other three generations of the family ensuring it was thrown to the button.

An event of this magnitude is not possible without a great volunteer base, to ensure it runs successfully. As Chairman, I would like to thank everybody who lent a hand during the weeks leading to the event, or during the event. Even if you volunteered, and we didn't assign you a job, I thank you for wanting to be a part of the event. I would like to especially thank the following people, who were like this year, it is truly remarkable to watch, with the Mohawk Valley Frasers leading all the teams on, and the great honor of the ceremonial first stone, delivered by Mickey Haase, with the other three generations of the family ensuring it was thrown to the button.

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Nice job members!

What Happened in Sweden
- Jim Griebsch, Coach

While the weather was plaguing the Nationals here in Utica, the Wheelchair Worlds were taking place in the wonderland of Solleftea Sweden. Well, wonderland might be a stretch, with 6 below zero temperatures, curious food, with five varieties of cabbage at every meal (not the same fine fare as here at UCC), and luke-cold water in the showers, but spirits were very high.

We left Utica on February 14th in the Storm of the Century; good thing that the century is so young. Adirondack Trailways had cancelled our chartered bus the evening before, and we had to scramble to find another. Our intrepid driver Greg from Rochester did a fine job, and there was really no problem in making the trip to Newark where we boarded our flight to Stockholm. Twenty-three hours later, we arrived in the little village of Solleftea, Sweden, which is about the size of Tupper Lake, NY.

The level of curling was high, the ice was quite good, and our scores were tight. The games began on Saturday with our first two games against Norway and Sweden, followed by games with Russia, Japan, Denmark, Scotland, Switzerland, Canada, and Korea throughout the week. By the end of the round robin play, we were tied for third, with playoffs that would take us to either the medal rounds, or drop us to fifth place. Our last stone in the tie breaker, an intended draw to the 4 foot, drifted about 5mm too far, and we gave the game to Switzerland, who then moved on to take Silver, leaving us in a tie for fifth place with Japan.

At the awards ceremony, the Swiss lost the Gold medal game with almost identical unfortunate last stone that drifted approximately 5mm too far for them as well (the curling gods have strange humor). With our standing, Team USA is guaranteed a spot in Sursee, Switzerland for next year’s World Games, and we have 5 1/2 points toward our Olympic bid in 2010.

One of the more odd moments occurred at the awards ceremony when the Sportsmanship Award was being presented (in a thick Swedish accent) to Augusto Perez. Who ever calls Goose Augusto! There was a short delayed reaction, and then broad smiles and applause. Congratulations Goose.

I am proud of our wheelchair athletes and their performance as Team USA, and proud of the membership of UCC for all of the support and participation throughout the year. Next year we will again be looking for gold, and like this year, it is truly within reach.
Wheelchair Curlers News!

– Peg Rotton

Bob Prenoveau and Dennis Williams have been invited to compete in a week-long Invitational International Wheelchair basketball tournament in Rennes, France. They are the only US team who will compete in this event. The 8 players were sponsored by The Rochester Rehab Center Sports Network. Congratulations!! Bob and Dennis have been playing basketball with this group for some time.

Jim Pierce and other members of the National Wheelchair Team will be subjects for a short video prepared by Syracuse University masters program for Sports Broadcasting media students Joe Cognetta and Anna Hwang. They have been at the club interviewing the team the weekend of 3/23-25. Copies will be given to USCA for website.

Roger Gates will never wear his unlucky sweater again – he claims that’s how his team came to lose 8 ender to the John Davis team.

...and away we went —

Many Utica teams have been away to Bonspiels

– Peg Rotton

This shows great support of the other clubs holding bonspiels.

Dykes: Gerry Stevens, Roger Rowlett, Dan Stuhlman, Charles Marsland
Kaiser: Gerry Stevens, Heather Shaw, John McMahon, Kristin Glass
Women’s Challenge: Heather Shaw, Marena Taverne, Brenda Citriniti, Carrie Casab
Death by Chocolate: Marge Van Slyke, Nancy Owens, Sue Gardner, Peggy Pratt
Rochester: Joyce Shaffer, Mickey Haase, Ginger Zillioux, Marie Costello
The Albany Mixed: Ann Stuhlman, Chuck DelMonte, Paul George, Shelley DelMonte
Brockville: John & Kathy Davis, Peggy & John Caneen
GNCC Sr. Bonspiel: Fred Hicks, Joyce Shaffer, Jerry Stevens, Marcia Garber
Albany
Niagara Falls: Denice Fusco, Carol Jones, Kathy Palazzoli, Diane Higgins, Barb Felice
Gordon International: Duane Farr, Jim Griebusch, Gary Olivella, Bob Hanna (Lake Placid)
Quebec ????: Bob Caine, John Davis, Dave Palazzoli, Conrad Law
I have been told Brian Moore took a team also – got names Roger Rowlett, Dan Stuhlman, Doug Hurd

Many curlers are heading for The Left Handers Bonspiel, The Fisherman’s and the Niagara Falls Men’s Bonspiel on the last weekend of March.

Gordon Emmett: Carl Thomas, Chuck Harter, Bill Turner, Daryl Chesboro

Ladies’ Daytime Curling 2007 ROEMER

– Joyce Shaffer & Marge VanSlyke, Co-chairs

Winners:
Joyce Shaffer, Skip; Mickey Haase, Peggy Pratt, Jackie Strife
Runners-up:
Marge VanSlyke, Marty Jones, Lee Russell, Pat Mihalko

GNCC Senior Mixed Championships

Albany, NY—
Winners of the RYER BOWL “B” Event (displayed in the trophy case): Fred Hicks, Skip; Joyce Shaffer, Jerry Stevens, Marcia Garber
The Glengarry’s concluded a successful year with a wonderful closing brunch held at the club on Sunday April 5th. Sam and Margaret prepared and presented a fantastic meal of omelets, French toast and fruit. Thanks to Laura Jacon for handling all the details of this event.

Pins were presented to the following league winners:

**Daytime:**
Roemer (fall 2006): Joyce Shaffer, (skip); Mickey Haase, Peggy Pratt, Jackie Strife
Mary Clark (spring 2007): Joyce Shaffer, (skip); Mickey Haase, Jeannie Galvin, Jane Bolan (new curler)

**Evening:**
Bonnie Piper (fall 2006): Melon Sofinski, (skip); Cheri Gaebel, Claire Bariess, Sarah Hapanowicz (new curler)
Calder (fall 2006): Laura Jacon, (skip); Donna Caleo, Michelle MacEnroe, Colleen Welch
Lambert-Grant (spring 2007): Lisa Miller, (skip); Anne Stuhlman, Colleen Welch, Cindy Wydysh
Glenpladdie (spring 2007): Anne Stuhlman, (skip); Bryn Piersma, Claire Bariess, Knoyca Law

The Glengarries welcomed 13 new curlers who participated in either the daytime or evening leagues. We encourage all women to come and participate in our leagues, we have room!!!

**Glengarry Executive Committee for 2007-08**
Barb Felice - President
Kathy Palazzoli - Vice-President
Jackie Strife - Secretary
Michelle MacEnroe - Treasurer
Peggy Rotton - USCWA Rep
Laura Jacon, Brenda Card, Karen Rogowski - Members at Large

Finally, thanks to all those that chaired the various different committees and events this past year. We all appreciated your time and effort that you gave for the women curlers in the club.

Have a great summer!!!!
Happy Hour
- Gary and Susan Fountain, Chairs

Happy Hour – home of the new and fabulous three – women of teams of “Charlie’s Angels” (skip, Chuck DelMonte) and the “Happy Hour Hotties” (skip, Gary Fountain), where nipping the ice is done at the bar with “what’s on sale this week” appetizers in hand, where opportunities to try playing a different team position as well as learn strategy from the more experienced curlers are always available, and where we just relax on a non-competitive Thursday afternoon of curling and enjoy being together. Congratulations to the winning team of Jimmy Joseph, Jimmy Pierce and Goose Perez who clipped Charlie’s Angels’ wings by a very narrow margin. We had a great season and it ended with our customary “awards” banquet with luscious desserts brought by our talented Happy Hour chefs — thank you to all that contributed. Join us in the Fall starting with Fun & Fitness and if you can’t commit on a weekly basis, then be a sub; you are just as important!

Rose Bonspiel and Closing Party

We had a terrific turnout for the Rose Bonspiel and the Closing party at the UCC. The Rose took place on March 25 through March 31 and concluded with the closing party on Saturday evening, March 31. We had 20 teams compete in two draws and we had 100 people join us for dinner and the closing party. The three-game high winners were: Dan Bareiss, Laura Jacon, John Jacon and Claire Bareiss. The three-game runner-up winners were: Cindy Brown, George Brown, Sharon Brown-Burns and Neal Burns. The two-game high winners were: Mike Platt, Bryn Piersman, Tom Platt Jr. and Cindy Kelly. The two-game runners up were: Bob Burnett, Mary Ellen Sofinski, Conrad Law and Knyska Law. The one-game high winners were: Jim Pierce, Daryl Chesebro, Greg Batt and Bernadette DeMeo. The one-game runners up were: Dave Palazzoli, Kathy Palazzoli, Jim Revenaugh and Barb Revenaugh. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up. At the closing party, we also honored to Mickey Haas for her 50 years of Utica Curling Club membership. The closing party was a great success and everyone had a terrific time. As folks know, you cannot run a bonspiel without a lot of help from a lot of people. I want to thank all of the people who helped me during the bonspiel and the closing party. A special thanks goes out to Dave Palazzoli, Paul MacEnroe, Roger Rowlett and Dave Russell for their help with the ice (Great job, Dave P!). I also want to thank Jen and Bill Turner and Linda and Daryl Chesebro for all their help and support with the Rose and the closing party.

Julie Chanatry
Mixed Committee

The Crawford Finals

We hope everyone had a great time on the ice and off the ice. We look forward to seeing you again in the Crawford League again next year. There were two full draws at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. We had 96 people participated and of those 21 were new curlers. The chairs wish to thank everyone who helped make the Crawford run smoothly and thanks to Shelley DelMonte for the great snacks. Here are the winners of the Crawford Finals held March 25, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.:

A EVENT
Winner: Stu Card, Brenda Card, Jerry Stevens, Phil Alley
Runner-up: Chuck DelMonte, Sue Williams, Jim Griebsh, Carol Griebsh

B EVENT
Winner: Chuck Harter, Colleen Welsh, Chuck Skinner, Marena Taverne
Runner-up: Pat Costello Marie Costello, Roger Gates, Jill Gates

C EVENT
Winner: Dan Bareiss, Clare Bareiss, Alex Ryan, Rachel Ryan
Runner-up: Joyce Shaffer, Tom Platt Sr., Mickey Haase, Marty Jones

D EVENT
Winner: Scott Lent, Heather Swiercz, Pete Sheridan, Carrie Casab
Runner-up: Duane Farr, Shelley DelMonte, Bob Prenoveau, Mary Gajewski

E EVENT
Winner: Jim Nagy, Mary Jane Walsh, Rob Baker, Kristin Glass
Runner-up: James Pierce, Goose Perez, James Joseph, Danell Libby

F EVENT
Winner: Ed Bonham, Barb Bonham, Tom Thorngren, Anne Kebabian
Runner-up: John Caneen, Peggy Caneen, Dave Russell, Lee Russell

The Broom Hildas’ Last Words

We are off!!

It’s been great working with you all these many years. We thank you for your help and loyalty.

We may fly by now and then — so watch out!

Julie Chanatry
Mixed Committee
Happenings

We congratulate
*The Jimmy Joseph family*
on the birth of a daughter

We note with deep regret
the deaths of

**FRANK MARIANI**
father of Melissa Kowalsky

**JOAN ANDERSON**
sister of Fred Hicks

**DR. ROBERT WALLACE**
and

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

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**Thank you membership!**

Our Curling School, Charity Challenge, October
Open House, March Open House, MetLife Event,
DoubleTree Event,
and various School Group Showings
were all successful this year!

To all of you who:
Handed out grippers, Brought hors d’oeuvres, Instructed on ice,
Coached a team, Worked registration, Made presentations,
Ran for more food, Bartended, Welcomed newcomers,
Developed brochures, Organized helpers,
Made folks feel welcome!

Thank you from the membership committee!
YOU ARE WHO MADE THESE EVENTS GREAT!

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Aloha

See ya’

Ciao