



## Message to Members -----

Fred Hicks, President

Many of you have heard about the break-in we had at the club recently. The glass was broken out of the front door, bypassing the alarm system that only monitors opening of the door. The thief pried the “drop safe” up from the floor behind the bar and dragged it out. This drop safe was bolted to the floor with bolts inside the safe but the floor material was not strong enough to withstand the pry bar or whatever tool the thief used. Insurance will cover replacement of the safe and door along with the slight damage to the carpet caused by dragging the safe across it. A different style of door is being considered to provide more security against this method of breaking in.

Theresa, who provides the meals during the weeknight leagues, had left about \$100 in the safe. Our insurance policy does not cover lost cash. Theresa, being a small business owner running a low profit margin, cannot absorb that loss. She has raised the price of the meals by \$1 (from \$5 to \$6) until she has recovered her loss. I think this is very fair and reasonable. Our daily bar receipts (several hundreds of dollars) were also there. The Board of Directors is considering whether to absorb the loss or try to recover it in some fashion.

On a different topic, the rosters, which were delivered to the membership last month, had a small error. The calendar had the Months of January and February from last year instead of this year. The calendar included in this Curlogram is correct.

Good curling everyone and I’ll see you at the club. Fred

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

## WHAT HAPPENED IN . . .? 1964 8<sup>th</sup> Men's Nationals

12 teams competed on 6 sheets of ice in the brand new Utica Memorial Auditorium, with Bob Magie's Duluth, Minnesota rink winning the round robin with a 10-1 record, its only loss coming from the defending champion Grafton, North Dakota rink. Michigan, North Dakota and Illinois finished tied for second with 83 records. Minnesota was awarded the Marshall Field Trophy and went on to compete in the Scotch Cup World Championship in Calgary.

### *Observer Dispatch – March 8, 1964, Len Wilbur's column*

“I didn't receive a complaint, and that's most unusual!”

That's the way Lincoln Seibert, President of the United States Men's Curling Association, summed up the very successful week-long national championships which concluded at the Utica Memorial Auditorium yesterday.

The excellent ice setup prepared under the direction of Erik Christensen was the talk of the curlers. Several said this was by far the best ice of any U.S. tourney and Seibert was even more emphatic, calling it “the best U.S. tourney ever held.” One of the rinks suggested that the national event be held in Utica every year with a different club as the sponsor yearly.

The cooperation of the auditorium staff was highly praised along with the hospitality of the Utica curlers. Ideal seating conditions for the spectators allowed thousands to get their first view of curling (Y.A. Tittle, the NY Giant quarterback was in the audience) and we know there were many converts. It was good to hear the curlers say they want to come to Utica again. It was good to hear the national curling writers and other officials toss orchids at Utica's hospitality. And it was wonderful to hear the area folks asking questions about the game, watching intently for hours. It is sure to be a boon to area curling.

Now that the national event has gone let's try and get the world curling championships for Utica. It's being held in Calgary March 16-18, and we, the Utica curlers, join with other officials in bidding for the event. It may be two or three years but we're sure the world curling folks have already heard how well Utica handles curling championships.”

## **MITCHELL BONSPIEL**

Don Knapp

The 97th Mitchell Bonspiel and the 123<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Mitchell Medal will be held at UCC from January 10-13, 2008. This event brings together 36 men's teams from Canadian and the United States. 6 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 US. 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 two who have come for 35, and 48 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 830 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 8:00PM. There is no curling from 1 to 3 during the Luncheon house parties. There will be a Fish Fry dinner available from 5 to 9 on Saturday night as well as music and dancing. On Sunday the last semifinals begins at 830 AM with the Finalists being piped on the ice at 1130. 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 five 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.

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?

Conscionable

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.

**The Mitchell Bonspiel is Thursday January 10 through Sunday January 13.**

There are many little jobs, selling raffle tickets, changing the plate glass and scoreboard signs, updating the drawboard, helping with snacks 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.

- From Cindy Brown:
- My apologies for putting the wrong calendars in the Roster book!
- Please feel free to cut out the calendars in the curlogram and place them in the roster book. March is correct!

■ **Membership Status Corrections**

- Ylva Cortright – Active (information is located in the “Plate Glass” section)
- James Belouin – Fall Season
- Denise Fusco – Fall Season

■ **Phone Number Corrections:**

- Mike and Heather Swiercz – Home: 292-6830
- Ann Keabian – remove other phone numbers – add cell 825-1047
- Glenn Chapman – Home: 794-1480; email – [glenn46r@gmail.com](mailto:glenn46r@gmail.com)
- Mike Semeraro – Work: 794-4907
- Eugene Riordan – Home: 406-498-6723

■ **Email Corrections:**

- Gary Olivella – [garyolivella@omh.state.ny.us](mailto:garyolivella@omh.state.ny.us)
- David Crittelli - [dcrittelli@plctrenching.com](mailto:dcrittelli@plctrenching.com)

■ **Address Corrections:**

- Kevin Burnside, 1409 Neilson St., Utica, NY 13501

**Daytime Ladies Curling, Marge VanSlyke, Chair  
Joyce Shaffer/Susan Gardner Co-chairs**

**2007 Mary Clark**

**Winners: Susan Gardner, Skip; Joyce Shaffer, Donna Evans,  
Pat Evens**

**Runners Up: Gloria Petrie, skip; Marcia Garber, Diane Farr,  
Lee Russell**

***This year's Cobb Mixed Invitational Bonspiel is  
scheduled for February 21-24. During past years we've  
been able to raise some significant cash for the club***

***during the bonspiel with a raffle of themed baskets and a Silent Auction. Your help is needed to continue these fun and profitable traditions.***

***If you have items appropriate for a silent auction or know a business who would be interested in exchanging advertising for a silent auction donation please contact Bernadette DiMeo or Mary Gajewski, Silent Auction Co-chairs. Shelley DelMonte will be coordinating donations for the themed raffled baskets. Watch the Mixed Board for a list of suggestions from Shelley (or suggest one of your own to her!)***

***All donors will be acknowledged in the 2008 Cobb Mixed Invitational program booklet. Businesses who wish to trade advertising space for a donated item will need to provide a business card or artwork as desired. Deadline for all donations is Feb. 15.***

## 2007 Murray Bonspiel

Don Knapp

The Murray Bonspiel, which is the Mens Club Championship as well as the playdowns to get into the Mitchell Bonspiel was held in December. 17 rinks played down for the Murray Medal.

The winner, in a close match that came down to last rock, was the rink of Skip Brian Moore, Mike Sweircz, Dale Jones and Neal Burns.

The runnerup was Skip Scott Lent, Dan Bareiss, Dave Mislania, and Jerry Stevens.

The other three teams winning the B, C, and D events and therefore qualifying for the Mitchell Bonspiel were: Utica 3: Dave Palazzoli, Dave Kammer, Paul MacEnroe, and Rich Minutti. Utica 4: Paul Giovannone, Bill Morehouse, Mike Sexton, and Dave Cragolin. Utica 5: Mike Kessler, Tom Clark, Howie Feldman, and Paul George.

Utica 6 is drawn out of the hat. This year's lucky team, for the second time in 3 years, was: Goose Perez, Jimmy Joseph, Jim Pierce, and Bob Preneveau.

Thanks to all who helped out and thanks to all who came down to watch.

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**UTICA CURLING CLUB**  
**2008 MIXED CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**& MIXED PLAYDOWN BONSPIEL**  
**JANUARY 24, 26 & 27**  
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ENTRY FEE & DETAILS ON MIXED BOARD

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

SNACKS AFTER DRAWS  
THURSDAY EVENING DUTCH TREAT AVAILABLE  
SATURDAY MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & MOOSEMILK  
SATURDAY DUTCH TREAT LUNCH  
SUNDAY MRNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & MOOSEMILK

SATURDAY EVENING BUFFET DINNER  
CURLERS & NON-CURLING GUESTS  
CUSTOMARY 48-HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY

SILVER AWARDS TO THE WINNERS OF THE FOUR EVENTS

**AUTOMATIC INVITATION TO THE COBB BONSPIEL**  
**FOR THE FOUR WINNERS AND THE A-EVENT RUNNER-UP**  
***PLUS ONE LOTTERY-PICKED WILDCARD TEAM***

**SIGN UP YOUR TEAM TODAY**

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

Daryl Chesbro & Mary Gajewski, Chairs  
Brenda & Phil Citriniti Co-Chairs

***Happenings....***

We note with deep regret, Ann Pyne, sister of  
Debby Batt passed away.

The sympathy of the entire membership is  
extended to the family.



January 2008

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><i>Notes: USCA &amp; GNCC events at our club shown in BOLD</i></p>		<p>January 1  NEW YEAR'S DAY</p>	<p>January 2  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>3  Happy Hour 4:00 Calder Conley Hurd</p>	<p>4  Crawford Fish Fry Rental 9:00</p>	<p>5  Calder Conley Hurd</p>
<p>6  Calder Conley Hurd  Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:00 College 4:00</p>	<p>7  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>8 Women's 10:00  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>9  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>10  MITCHELL</p>	<p>11  MITCHELL</p>	<p>12  MITCHELL</p>
<p>13  MITCHELL Finals Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:30 College 4:00 Board meeting 4:00</p>	<p>14  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>15 Women's 10:00 Curlogram deadline  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>16  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>17  Happy Hour 4:00 Charbonneau play- offs – 1<sup>st</sup> round 6:30</p>	<p>18  Crawford Fish Fry Rental 9:00</p>	<p>19  Charity Challenge 10:00AM</p>
<p>20  Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:00 College 4:00</p>	<p>21  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>22 Women's 10:00  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>23  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>24  Happy Hour 4:00  Mixed Championship</p>	<p>25  Crawford Fish Fry Rental 9:00</p>	<p>26  <i>Mixed Championship</i></p>
<p>27  Mixed Championship  Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:30 College 4:00</p>	<p>28  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>29 Women's 10:00  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>30  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>31  Happy Hour 4:00  Charbonneau play- offs Finals 6:30</p>		

February 2008

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><i>Notes: USCA &amp; GNCC events at our club shown in BOLD</i></p>					<p>1  Crawford Fish Fry Rental 9:00</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3  Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:00 College 4:00</p>	<p>4  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>5 Women's 10:00  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>6  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>7  Happy Hour 4:00</p>	<p>8  Crawford Fish Fry Jr. Invit. Bonspiel</p>	<p>9  Jr. Invit. Bonspiel</p>
<p>10  <i>Jr. Invit. Bonspiel</i> W'Chr 2:30 College 4:00 Board meeting 4:00</p>	<p>11  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>12 Women's 10:00  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>13  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>14  Happy Hour 4:00</p>	<p>15 Curlogram deadline  Crawford Fish Fry Rental 9:00</p>	<p>16  Rochester Friendly (In Utica)</p>
<p>17  Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:00 College 4:00</p>	<p>18  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>19 Women's 10:00  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>20  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>21  Cobb Mixed Bonspiel</p>	<p>22  <i>Cobb Mixed Bonspiel</i></p>	<p>23  Cobb Mixed Bonspiel</p>
<p>24  Cobb Finals Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:30 College 4:00</p>	<p>25  Lambert Grant 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00</p>	<p>26 Women's 10:00  Rink 5:45 Allen 8:00</p>	<p>27  Sr. Men's 2:00  Glenpladdies 5:45 Sims 8:00</p>	<p>28  <b>Kayser (&lt;5 yrs)</b></p>	<p>29  <b>Kayser (&lt;5 yrs)</b></p>	<p>1  <i>Kayser (&lt;5 yrs)</i></p>