Message from the President

I don’t know about you, but I’m looking forward to being back on the ice, renewing curling friendships, welcoming new members, having a Friday night fish fry (or one of Dom’s amazing steaks), and tipping an adult beverage or two at the tables. We have an amazing club.

Of course, all this amazing-ness doesn’t happen without a lot of volunteer work. The ice crew has done a phenomenal job of ice installation this season. Do take the time to thank the ice crew for their efforts. They pretty much lived at the club the last 3 weeks. Check out the new pre-printed houses on sheets 3 and 4! The sponsorship committee (Mike Lennon, Erlene Puleo, and Bryn Davis) sold sponsorships on two sheets this season—maybe next year we will get all 6 near houses and more. Also during the summer the second phase of web-streaming infrastructure was completed with the installation of cameras on sheets 2 and 5. We are now able to webstream games from sheets 2-5. We owe a debt of gratitude to Doug Smith and an anonymous patron for making the UCC channel possible. (And I never want to pull 600 feet of cable again!)

The board of directors continued to meet monthly during the summer. I would like to welcome a new board member, Tim Conboy, who replaces Marena Taverne for the remainder of her term. The board approved a conservative 2017-2018 budget in August that is within our means. Recently, the board has approved a project to install improved exterior lighting which may better illuminate the parking areas. You can always review board of directors minutes in the members-only section of the UCC web site. Finally, I would like to report that I had the opportunity to address the Rotary Club of Utica on September 29. My presentation was about the sport of curling, the history of the Utica Curling Club, and our contribution to the Utica area communities. Among the things I related is that curling in the Utica area (actually Clark Mills) is documented among the earliest records of curling in this country. Did you know that wheelchair curling started in Utica? Or that Utica has had at least one representative on every Paralympic curling team? These are among legacies of our club to be proud of as we head in to our 150th birthday.

Good curling,

Roger Rowlett, President
Our 150th year is quickly approaching! We will be starting our meetings again on Sunday, November 12 at 5:00. All are welcome to attend and help plan for this momentous year.

150th Anniversary Pins

New 150th anniversary pins can be purchased at the bar for $50
I started curling in 1952 which was the first year that Junior curling stated. I was 12 1/2 but they let me play. Thirteen was the starting age. We curled on Saturday morning and had a great time curling and going to some ones house afterwards. I went on several Bonspiels, mostly in Canada and always had a good time.

In 1968 the Evans teams made up Robert (Dad), Gary, Bruce and brother in law Mel and Kirk curled at Bay Shore Bonspiel in Wisconsin. Vince Lombardi was also there as a curler. We also went the fowling year.

At the opening party October 20, 1969 I met my currant wife Sharon who also was a teenage curler, but not in my day. In 1978 I and Bill Rotten, John Wilkinson, Garth Diehl, Joe Markinson made the first of three trips to curl in the Rotary International Bonspiel in Scotland. We curled against two World Silver Broom champions. We ended up losing to the winner of the first event the first time in Scotland.

I am a third generation curler and have had a wonderful time curling. In fact I am told the tall guy in the picture over the bar was a relative to my mothers second husband.

This will be my 65th year of curling and hope to make it to 70.

Thanks for the life I have had with curling.

R. Bruce Evans

To be featured in this series as a long-term curler or multi-generational curling family, email Curlogram coordinator Becky Schewe (kiwicow@gmail.com)
“Feed the Pig” Fund Raiser

I left the Club after the third end Wednesday evening,
I had witnessed (4) hhogged stones.
I thought; “Wow, the Club is going to make a fortune on this fundraiser!!”

To my disappointment Thursday evening, I found no quarters in her.
This got me thinking. “Maybe no one remembered that we had this new fundraiser.”

“How maybe no one had any quarters in their pocket”
Albany collects $1 for each hhogged stone. Smart, because
“We usually have $1 bills in our pockets”.

I pondered some options:

1) Raise the “Feed the Pig” donation to $1
2) Remind members to come to the club with quarters
3) Let members know, “if you do not have quarters, insert $1, and do not feed her again until you have hogged your fifth (5th) stone”
4) I could leave a supply of quarters with the bartender to make change
5) We could start a pig patrol
6) We could buy six (6) pigs, one for each table
7) We could go back to selling raffle tickets
8) I could make more signs, but there is no place else to put them
9) SOME CURLING CLUBS COLLECT $1 AND HAVE A 50/50 DRAWING AT THE END OF THE YEAR

I decided to try options 3) and 6)

This is a FUN fund raiser. It will not break us to feed the pig a quarter.

SHE IS A VERY HUNGRY LITTLE PIG AND SHE WANTS TO BE FED!!!!!!

   Tami will purchase more pigs, one for each table

   Now, EVERYONE will remember

   If this fundraiser is not successful by January, We will try option 9)

   If you have any other options or comments, please feel free to share

This was written October 15, hopefully I will find a well-fed little pig in the future

Thank you, Joyce (Glengarry Secretary)
You search online and you shop online, don’t you? Well then, you can raise money for the Utica Curling Club online while doing so! UCC is registered with the following organizations so that you raise money as you do your everyday online activities.

**Goodsearch**

Goodsearch uses the Yahoo search engine to search the web, but for every search that you do, you earn money for UCC.

Go to [https://www.goodsearch.com/](https://www.goodsearch.com/)

In the upper right corner click on the Sign Up box

Provide them your name, an email address, and password and click on Sign me up! Box. Then setup Utica Curling Club as your charity of choice.

Change your browser settings so that your default search engine is Goodsearch.

For optimum results, you’ll have to Log In when you open your browser, but you’ll still earn some money for each search if you don’t. It goes into a pool divided up among all the charities.

Some searches aren’t eligible for Goodsearch donation (e.g. search a specific URL like in step one). Read the FAQ page for more info and go to Google Play or the Applestore for apps for your mobile devices.

**Goodshop**

Yup, brought to you by the same folks as Goodsearch. Many online stores will donate a percentage of what you pay for an order to your cause. Start with Goodsearch and Log In before shopping. It’s worth the extra step and raises money more quickly than Goodsearch.

**Amazon Smile**

A large number of Amazon sellers have signup for Amazon Smile. Same deal as Goodshop, and if you’re a shop a holic, you’re in Amazon everyday, aren’t you? ;-) Start your Amazon search at [https://smile.amazon.com/](https://smile.amazon.com/) and Sign In to your Amazon account.

The rest is transparent, and you’re raising money for UCC. Read more about the program at [https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_uspo_laas_aas](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_uspo_laas_aas)
House Warming at the Our House Is Your House Bonspiel

by Carol Jones

The Our House Is Your House Bonspiel welcomed the participation of both novice and returning curlers in a fun four-end game for the start of the season. Twenty-four new curlers were treated to their first march down on the ice, game camaraderie, exceptional ice conditions, warm-room round table discussions, and a fun time at our welcoming party.

This year's Bonspiel winners were "Dawn's Dream Team" skipped by Dawn Scherer with three new curler teammates Heather Swartz, Mark Ambrosa and JoAnn Ambrosa. Runners up in the point-spiel event were “Collin’s Curlers”, a team of four new curlers Rich Collins, Clyde Vanderpool, Matt Preisendofer and James Mussi.

At the end of the evening, the Utica Curling Club gained eight more members thanks to all that made the day’s activities a fun and successful time for our new-found friends. Now that’s a house warming! Our total new member count between try curling events and the Our House Is Your House Bonspiel is now over 40! Thank you to all that made these such successful events!
UCC OPENING PARTY....WE ROCKED!!!

The music was great! The food was excellent!! The drinks flowed!! Everyone had a great time!! The curling club looked great thanks to all the hard work to prepare for this curling season. Flowers were planted outside, bushes were trimmed and the new sign was up for all to see.

The tables were decorated with a fall theme so those who wanted could sit down. Others found the bar to be a welcome place to converse. We had the largest attendance in several years, 62 enjoyed the cocktail party, including 16 new curlers! Another dozen or so wandered in during the evening to renew friendships and have a drink or two. Thank you all for your support. What a way to kick off (wrong sport), let’s say slide into the season!

Special thanks to:

- All of those who worked to refurbish the inside of the club. It looks FANTASTIC
- Bob DeSanctis for outside cleanup and outside front door decorations
- New curling club sign/letters and installation
- Glengarries and club members who decorated the inside
- JVD (Tami Dunnigan’s nephew) for the music, and to Tami for arranging it.
- Rhonda and the catering crew did a super job. There was lots of food and so good! Barb Felice who coordinated with the kitchen
- The bartenders who kept the crowd happy
- My co-chair who did all the worrying and took most of the reservations.
- Peggy Pratt for helping collect the money
- To everyone who came & made it a great and fun party. What a way to start the year!!

Peggy Rotton, co-chair UCC Opening Party
Getting the club Open
M.J. Walsh and Jen Turner

You might have noticed how clean and tidy the club and ice shed were this year when you came for the Try Curling events or to your first game or to the opening party. It's amazing how much time and how many people it took to make this happen. So, we thought that you'd like to know!

Step one: the ice shed. Several years ago, Charlie Schatz organized a crew of volunteers to clean the ice shed and get it ready to put the ice in. We actually had fun, so M.J. decided that it was time to do it again - and that the ice crew shouldn't have to be responsible for it. After all, they spend hours putting in and maintaining the ice already! We removed everything that wasn't installed and didn't have anything to do with putting in the ice. The benches were heavier than we anticipated, but we got them out. We then started at the top and worked our way down. We used a 24-foot extendable pole to dust the top of the light fixtures, and as much of the beams as we could reach. Then any ledges (scoreboard, broom hanging, windows), the scoreboards, shelves and finally the boards, and the concrete pad. For good measure, we added the wheelchair ramp cobwebs. Meanwhile, up in the warm room, everything that we removed was wiped down and/or vacuumed (yes, that included the club stabilizers) and neatly stacked as much out of the way as possible. After only 2 hours, it was time to eat. Nothing like soup, chili, and salad to end the evening. My thanks go out to my incredible crew: Jen and Bill Turner, Karen Barnes, Joyce Shaffer, Tami Dunnigan, Ben Gaetano, Shirley Hutchinson, Mike Krumme, Bernie DiMeo, Jan Rishel (first responder), Bill Krause. Kudos also to Karen Rogowski and Jacquelyn Schmidt, who volunteered for times that we didn't choose.

Step two: de-clutter and organize. Yup, you can actually move around in the club! Joyce volunteered to sell/donate items that we no longer use, including our old display case, the piano, and extra cabinets (yes, they will be leaving, soon). Brenda Citriniti, Knyoca and Kim Acosta cleared out the infamous storage closet, and M.J. tackled the desk and filing cabinets. And, we had to come up with a way to store our extra tables that didn't
involve the wheelchair ramp - yup, the town code guy said absolutely not!

Step three: Paint and beautify! Jen organized a huge army of folks that painted in 90-degree heat without complaint: Bill Turner, DiMeos, Bob Burnett and Melon Sofinski, M.J. and Roger, Dee Pfohl, Tami Dunigan, Barb Felice, Sue Hansen, Eileen Sunderhaft, Peg Rotton, Mike Hurd, Brenda Citriniti, and Jacquelyn Schmidt, to paint the dark green walls, area around desk, and hallway. Karen Barnes and Joyce Shaffer sanded and painted the benches from the ice shed. Barb Felice put a fresh coat of dark green paint on entrance to dining room. Mark Crane installed the wainscoting in the entrance. Jen, Bernie, Kathy and Dave Palazzoli and Becky Kick re-hung artwork and photos, and Bob Risley gathered paint and supplies, as well as painted and hung our new graphics on the outside of the club. John Collea installed some additional lights. Barb Felice was a jack of all trades and master of all! Whew!!

Great job everyone and thank you all!

So how can you help? After all, we want to look good for our 150th. Easy - don't clutter things up! The UCC Board is pursuing additional storage possibilities, but we'll never have enough if we don't declutter on a regular basis, so:

- Everything we keep should have a purpose, actually be used, and must be labeled
- Don't donate "stuff" to the club that you don't want without asking the appropriate person first!
- Let's try to keep the critters at bay by making sure that all food is stored in sealed airtight (hopefully!) containers
- Don't leave dishes and utensils laying around or in the kitchen sink for Dom to clean - not his job. If you use it, clean it and put it away!
- Don't leave clothing, bags, stabilizers and other items on tables and counter tops.
- Next time a call goes out to clean/de-clutter/organize, volunteer! All this work is well beyond the scope of our club manager and the house crew.

Thanks to all, including the folks that we probably forgot to mention, with our sincerest apologies!
Volunteers Needed!

WE HAVE OUR FIRST EVENT AT THE CLUB ON SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 11 AND I NEED 12 VOLUNTEERS FROM NOON TO TWO.

UPSTATE MEDICAL CENTER FROM SYRACUSE ARE HOSTING A FUNDRAISER AT OUR CLUB FOR THEIR HOSPITAL. ALL SIX SHEETS OF ICE WILL BE USED - 48 PEOPLE WILL BE CURLING. I NEED TWO INSTRUCTORS PER SHEET OF ICE.

THIS IS A LARGE GROUP - I NEED ALL 12 TO MAKE IT WORK.

PLEASE CONTACT ME EITHER VIA PHONE - 315-796-9164
E-MAIL - bzdimeo527@gmail.com
HOME PHONE - 315-733-6905

THANK YOU!!!!!!!
Bernadette

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CANDY DISHES ON THE ICE

traditionally done by the women ~for the women, is now expanded to include the men's leagues that follow the women's leagues on Monday & Wednesday nights!

generously sponsored by Mitch Rubinovich • THANK YOU!!
WHEN CAN WE PRACTICE?

MONDAYS
5:45 – 10:00 P.M. ON SHEETS 1 & 6

WEDNESDAYS
5:45 – 7:45 P.M. ON SHEETS 1 & 6
7:45 – 10:00 P.M. ON SHEET 6

FRIDAYS
5:30 – 10:00 P.M. ON SHEETS 1 & 6
and have dinner, too. Full Menu.
Planning to Practice?
Some things to consider:

Personal safety:

Always make sure you have another person on the ice with you. No one is allowed on the ice alone. No exceptions, this is club policy.

Keep things clean please:

Make sure your gripper is new, in good condition. If you borrow a gripper from the blue bins, please return it after playing. We use these for ice rentals, Try Curling events, etc. If the gripper ends up in your locker, we cannot share it. (New curlers note: the best investment you can make is a pair of dedicated curling shoes).

Clean the stone before delivery, just like you would during play.

Keep our hacks safe:

Placing a stone in front of the hack helps soften the impact of a stone that is thrown with a bit more gusto than intended.

All finished?

It’s an important curling courtesy to mop the sheet when you’re done. The next person to practice will appreciate it, as will the ice crew.

Return the stones to their original spots at the warm room end of the sheet.

Remove the hacks, place on the benches behind the sheets.

Questions?
Ask another member.
Ask one of the ice crew.

Thanks from all of us.
Welcome back to curling! Our *Welcome Back/Opening Party* that took place on October 21st, which was coupled with the *Our House is Your House Bonspiel*, was a GREAT success, a BIG THANK YOU to new and returning members who attended. Because of such a giving membership, on ice candy will be available on both men’s and women’s league nights. Thanks this year to Mitch Rubinovich for his generosity. Become involved with our 150th Anniversary celebration and bonspiel, our Olympic curling events, and our many bonspiels as well as our one day events. We are very blessed that we have such a beautiful facility and great fellow curlers.

*Don’t just read about it, become part of it!*

See you on the Ice,
Jacquelyn Schmidt
Utica-Schenectady-Albany Friendly
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

This season the ALBANY CURLING CLUB is hosting our women’s Friendly.

Two teams from UCC are on board, and will be heading east for a fun day of warm welcoming and friendly competition. Wish us good luck and safe travels.

Keep the event in mind, for next season, Fall of 2018, it will be UCC’s turn to host this Friendly.

Melon Sofinski, Chair
The Turkey Spiel is coming – Save the Date!!

Mark your calendar and plan to play in the annual Turkey Spiel on **Saturday, November 18**.

2- five ends games 5 person team with rotating positions every end.

A light snack be will provided between games and the evening will conclude with awards and a great Thanksgiving Dinner!

Watch the mixed board for more details and sign ups.
Canadian Senior Friendship Tour

This a curling event of a life time.... Please consider.

Canadian Senior Friendship Tour 2018 application due on December 17, 2017

Now is the time to apply for the Canadian Senior Friendship Tour which will take place around November 8-16, 2018. If you are 50 years old, have curled for three years or more and are a USWCA member you qualify to apply. On this tour you will travel with a group of 15 women through the beautiful Maritime Provinces including New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

This tour cost between $2,00-2,200 plus transportation to Boston, hostess gifts etc. The application form, rules, and details are on the USWCA web site. http://www.uswca.org/2018-Friendship-Tour.

I would encourage you to consider this tour. If you have any questions, I would be happy to help you. Susan Williams UCC USWCA Representative

USWCA National Bonspiel

The USWCA National Bonspiel will be held February 14-18, 2018 at the Triangle Curling Club in sunny Durham, NC.. This 32 bonspiel is open to all USWCA members with the kit party on Wednesday 2/14/18. The games are ten ends and timed. (This is not as difficult as it may sound.)

Applications need to be submitted soon. If you have any questions, please ask me.


Susan Williams UCC USWCA Representative
December 8 – 10, 2017

SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL UTICA SHEET OPEN!!!!

This is an Open Format and any past member is eligible to play!

Entry forms and additional information are on our website and on the mixed board

Let’s make the first annual Six Sheet Open a true success and fun event!

Knyoca & Conrad Law – Chairs

Brenda Citriniti – Co-Chair
Murray Bonspiel
Men’s Club Championship

The Men’s Club Championship will be held Thursday, December 14th, Saturday, December 16th and Sunday, December 17th, 2017

The draws on Thursday are 6 PM and 8:30 PM

The Murray Medal is awarded to the winning rink. This bonspiel also selects the 6 Utica teams that will participate in the Mitchell Bonspiel held here in January 2018. The first 5 teams qualify through a knockout bonspiel format. The sixth team is drawn out of the hat among the losing (a.k.a. nonqualifying) teams. Therefore, every team participating in the Murray Bonspiel has a chance of getting into the Mitchell regardless of their performance on the ice.

There is a 3-game guarantee. A team or player can play in the Murray even if they do not plan to play in the Mitchell. The sign-up sheet is located on the Men’s bulletin board by the Men’s locker room. The sign-up sheet will be posted approximately 3 weeks before the event. You can sign up as a team or as an individual.

Any questions? See Mike Platt, Pat Costello, Tom Platt, Jr. or Pete Ciaralli
Allan Roger Foote 1951 – 2017

WHITESBORO - Allan Roger Foote, 65, passed away on August 16, 2017, surrounded by his daughters after battling cancer for over a decade. Allan was born on October 6, 1951, in Parsippany, NJ, the first of the late Richard and Mary Lou (Beatty) Foote's three children. After graduating from Parsippany-area schools, Allan briefly attended Paul Smith's College, then graduated from SUNY College of Technology. Shortly thereafter, he met and married the former Eileen Schirmer, with whom he had three children.

Working for the preponderance of his career managing regional convenience store chains, Allan strived to lead his employees with a deep sense of purpose. He was happiest at work making people, be it his customers, his staff, or his colleagues, happy themselves. In years past, he brought cookies to his employees who worked on holidays such as Christmas, often bringing one of his daughters along, as well. Allan enjoyed connecting with the greater community through his company.

Music was always an important part of Allan's life. He played in several bands as a young adult, including the Lord Sterlings and The Dust Devil Band. Later in life, Allan turned to writing and eventually recording, his own music at home. Allan regularly attended rock and roll concerts with his daughters or friends and once took his entire family to see Lynyrd Skynyrd and Kansas.

Allan was a lifelong hunter and fisherman, hunting deer and turkeys for many years. He hunted in West Winfield, Cold Brook and Herkimer and fished the Adirondacks for bass and northern pike and Lake Ontario for salmon. When he was unable to hunt or fish, Allan was known to regale others with tales of his outdoor adventures, even random strangers.

Allan is survived by his daughters, Melissa and Audrey, both of Whitesboro and Jessica, of Meriden, CT; two sisters, Colleen, of Saranac Lake and Beverly, of Lake Hopatcong, NJ; his longtime friend, Sharon Parker, of Herkimer; two nephews; and countless friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.
NEW HARTFORD - Doug (DJ) Whitney, 35, beloved son, husband, father, brother and uncle, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, October 2, 2017, at Highland Hospital, Rochester, with his family by his side.

DJ's loving smile lit up the world, making it a better place. Born September 21, 1982, DJ was a 2000 graduate of New Hartford High School and attended MVCC. He could accomplish anything he put his mind to. His ability and persistence turned his dreams into realities. Being a "jack of all trades," he was employed in many capacities including owning a local business, Automotive Innovations and forming Island Adventures, in Roatan Honduras. He was an avid fisherman and always "enjoyed the catch." He mastered his ability playing drums and target shooting with his Dad. His love for adventure and need for speed made him unique and greatly admired.

Family meant everything to DJ. On Saturday, September 23, 2017, he married his true love at the Highland Hospital Healing Garden. A special thank you to Highland Hospital, their Chaplin and all staff that extended amazing generosity to make their day beautiful.

DJ is survived and will be sadly missed by his loving, devoted wife, Charlotte Elisabeth (Lerma) Whitney; daughter Olivia; his beloved parents, Linda and Richard Robinson and Douglas J. Whitney; grandmother, Eleanor Williams; in-laws, Sandy and Hank Schecher; his siblings, Lori Nicolosi, Michele Daly, Christina Dickinson; brother in-laws, Dan Daly and Peter Nicolosi; his cherished nieces and nephews, Megan, Keri and Aidan Daly, Reed and Adlyn Nicolosi, Liam and Mia Dickinson; as well as his beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and canine kids, Jigger and Stella.

We would like to express gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff at Highland Hospital for the care given to DJ, making his last days both comfortable and memorable with special appreciation to Palliative Care for the support and loving compassion received by our family. A special thanks to his nurse, Deb, for all her devotion and care; spending her day off to orchestrate and see through his wish for unity in marriage.

In lieu of flowers, for those wishing to donate in DJ's memory, please consider American Cancer Society B. Thomas Golisano Hope Lodge Hospitality House, 1120 Goodman Street South, Rochester, NY, 14620.https://donate3.cancer.org/?Campaign=hopelodgerochesterny. The memories created there will be forever in our hearts. This amazing place really eased the burden on him and our family during his extended treatment.
Angela A. (Coccia) DiMeo 1923 – 2017

UTICA - Mrs. Angela A. (Coccia) DiMeo, age 94, passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the Masonic Care Community with her loving family by her side.

She was born September 12, 1923, in Rome, NY, a daughter of the late Angelo and Beatrice Lamendola Coccia. Educated in Rome, NY, she was a graduate of the Academy of Holy Names.

On April 14, 1945, she was joined in marriage to Michael E. DiMeo in California, a blessed union of 36 years, until his passing in 1981.

Angela was a bookkeeper at DiMeo-Gale Food Brokerage for many years, until her retirement. She was a parishioner of St. Anthony/St. Agnes Church.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Bernadette DiMeo, of New Hartford; her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret (Maggie) and John Bevilacqua, of Frankfort; her beloved grandchildren, Michelle and Tom Smith, Jennifer DiMeo, John and Lixa Bevilacqua and Anthony and Danielle Bevilacqua; her beloved great-grandchildren, Thomas Smith, Olivia Smith, Leyla Bevilacqua and Enzo Bevilacqua; two sisters, Marie Rotolo and Helen Esposito, of Rome; her in-laws, Theresa DiMeo and Rosalie DiMeo; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by two sisters, Justina Cesari and husband, Nate and Josephine Coccia; her in-laws, John DiMeo, Salvatore and Josephine DiMeo, Raymond DiMeo, Sam Rotolo and Sam Esposito.

John S. Friedel, Jr. 1932 - 2017

NEW HARTFORD- John (Jack) Strom Friedel, Jr., 84, of New Hartford and formerly of St. Petersburg, FL, died October 3, 2017, at Upstate University Medical Center, surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born November 14, 1932, in Utica, the son of the late John S. Sr. and Agnes Rourke Friedel. He received his education in Utica Schools and graduated from Whitesboro High School and attended Hartwick College. He then graduated from the Simmons School of Mortuary Science, where he was selected by his peers and the faculty as the student who possesses the high ideals of the funeral profession. He also received the New York State Funeral Directors Merit Award. He received his funeral director's license in 1953.

John served in the US Army from 1954-1956 stationed in Germany with the 1st Infantry Division.

He married LaVerne L. Jones, April 28, 1956 in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Utica.

Upon discharge from the Army, he became associated with his father at the John S. Friedel Funeral Homes, Inc. and the John S. Friedel Ambulance Service in Utica. After his father's retirement he became President of the funeral home. For many years he operated the funeral home with his brother-in-law Salvatore (Sam) Coriale. He retired January 1, 1991, at that time he was President of Friedel, Williams, Coriale & Edmunds Funeral Homes, with locations in Utica, New Hartford and Whitesboro. It pleased him that the tradition of the family business continues today with his son and son-in-law as third generation funeral directors.

Over the years, John was involved in many professional and civic organizations, including, Tri-County, New York State and National Funeral Director's Associations, the Preferred Funeral Director's Association and Selected Independent Funeral Homes. He previously served on the boards of The Lutheran Home, The Lutheran Homes Foundation, and Samaritan Counseling Center of the Mohawk Valley. He also served on the Village Board of New Hartford. His other memberships included the Utica Curling Club, Ft. Schuyler Club, and the Rotary Club of New Hartford, where he was Past President, the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce and the New Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He also was active in various Masonic organizations over the years including Ziyara Shriners where he served as Potentate in 1987.
He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, New Hartford. John enjoyed life. He especially enjoyed the memories he had of time spent at the family camp on Echo Lake in Boonville and he enjoyed the 25 years of retirement that he and LaVerne had together in St. Petersburg, FL and at their home at Point Brittany.

Above all else, his deepest love was for his family, always enjoying time together with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, LaVerne; his children and their spouses, Jennifer Jones Friedel and Donald A. Edmunds, of New Hartford, John S. III and Kristin Thurheimer Friedel, of Whitesboro, Jeffrey S. and Christine Murray Friedel, of New Hartford and James C. and Jennifer Freytag Friedel, of New Hartford; his cherished grandchildren, Matthew Theodore and wife Anne Marie Orsino Edmunds, Sarah Friedel Edmunds and husband, Christopher J. Colon, Marykate Friedel Edmunds, John Strom, Friedel, IV and Grace Bernadette Friedel, Abagail Murray Friedel and Emma Kathryn Friedel and Ella Rourke, Daniel John and Claire Siobhan Friedel; his two great-grandchildren, Liam August and Madeline Elizabeth Edmunds. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by his sister, Carol.

In memory of John, those who wish may make donations to the New Hartford Fire Department or Donate Life.

Online messages of sympathy may be left at www.fwefh.com.
Instructor’s Corner
Roger Rowlett & Mary Jane Walsh
USCA Level II Certified Instructors

“There is nothing permanent except change.”—Heraclitus

Change is a-coming! The rules of curling have changed over the years as the skills of the players have evolved. The free guard zone (“four rock rule”) was established in the 2002-2003 season, as ice conditions and player skills made takeouts too easy. In the 2016-2017 season, mixed doubles adopted new rules to enhance scoring and strategic choices, by (1) moving the stationary stone farther behind the button, (2) relaxing rules on who could sweep stones, and (3) introducing the power play. Changes may be also coming to the traditional curling game, and these have been provisionally adopted for specific events. I’ll review here changes in the rules of curling for the 2017-2018 season, preview some changes for 2018-2019, and discuss a fun rule used for the first time this year in an elite curling event.

2017-2018 Rules changes

Several rules have changed for the 2017-2018 season. You can find these rules on the UCC web site under Home…About Curling. Look for the WCF rules. It is anticipated that the USCA will adopt these as well.

New rules

A player who is unable to continue to play may now re-enter the game only at the start of an end. It is no longer permissible to return in the middle of an end, prior to that player’s turn to deliver their stones. (Rule 3.d.i)

A new rule describes what to do if the wrong team delivers the first stone of an end. If the error is discovered after the first stone is delivered, then the end is replayed in its entirety. If the error is discovered after the 2nd stone of the end has been delivered, then play continues as if the error had not occurred. (Rule 5.l)

Teams that have been arithmetically eliminated (from winning) may finish the current end but no new end may be started. If a team is
arithmetically eliminated in the last end of a game, the game should stop when this occurs and the end will not be finished. (Rule 11.a)

In wheelchair curling, only head assemblies used during the 2017 World Wheelchair Curling Championship will be allowed to be used during the 2017/18 season in WCF controlled wheelchair Curling events, including the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. (Rule 13.d)

In mixed doubles, when players are responsible for placing the stationary stones before each end, 30 seconds are added to the time between ends. (Rule C6.j.1. This rule of course only affects timed play.)

**Interesting tidbits**

WCF events will no longer play tiebreaker games. Instead, ties will be broken by head-to-head records during the round robin, or draw shot challenge scores. (does not affect recreational play)

Shorts are no longer allowed in WCF competitions. (Isn’t it cold out there on the ice?)

The “in-turn” and “out-turn” have been defined for both right- and left-handed curlers.

The “Power play” in mixed doubles is defined in the glossary.

**2018-2019: Five-Rock Rule**

Beginning in the 2018-2019 season, the World Curling Federation will adopt the 5-rock rule for all events. (Rule 6.b) That is, no stone in the free-guard zone may be removed from play until 5 stones have been thrown. It seems likely that most or all national curling associations will conform to the world rules. The 5-rock rule was first experimented with in the Canadian Open in 2011, and has been more widely adopted in the Grand Slams more recently. The effect of the rule is to increase the number of stones in play, encourage offense-first strategy, and fewer blank ends at the pro level. In practice, teams that fall behind have a better chance to score a big end and catch up.

The rule especially benefits the team with the last rock advantage. With the 5-rock rules, the hammer teams can set two corner guards and draw behind before the team without hammer can start peeling. The team without hammer may be able to establish a stone on the four-foot with two center guards if left unmolested. Count on your strategy focusing more on getting to the 4-foot first with so many guards in play!
For fun: “Fredericton Rule”

This season saw a novel experimental rule introduced to the game. In a made-for-TV event, many of the top curlers in Canada were invited to a marquee event with one little, but very significant rule change: any stone completely covering the pin was scored as 2 points. The result was some pretty high-scoring games, featuring draws for “3” when lying one with hammer, and steals of 2 when lying on the pin frozen behind guards. This simple rule completely changes strategy, as you must take care not to leave the pin open for your opponent. And woe betide you if you place a stone back-button for your opponent to freeze to! This rule is not likely to be adopted for regular curling, but may gain some popularity for specialty events. Utica will try out this rule in our Open format spiel in December 2017. Come try it: it should be fun!

If you want to know more about these topics and more, check out the Instructor’s Corner archive on the Instruction Page at the Utica Curling Club web site.

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