

President's Message to UCC Members:

The ice has melted and the stones are put away, but things are far from quiet at the Utica Curling Club. A number of planning committees have been very, very busy since the end of the curling season. Now it's time to put their plans into action!

First, there will be a major rehabilitation of the warm room. June is the month when new carpet and a fresh coat of paint will help to refresh the interior of our club. Your help is appreciated, even if you only have a few hours to give. Painting crews are forming now for the second week in June. No special skill necessary. Joe Gaebel is in charge of the paint crews so give him a call to offer your help. Many thanks to Sexton Painting (Mike Sexton) and Jay K (Dean Kelly) for their contributions to the success of the painting project, as well as Sal Inserra's contributions to the success of the carpet project.

The first annual UCC Golf Tournament takes place Saturday, June 14th at Pine Hills Golf Club in Frankfort. If you haven't signed up yet, don't delay. You say you don't golf? Well, don't let that stop you! Volunteers are needed for many different jobs both on and off the course that day and everyone is invited to come for a cook-your-own-steak dinner (advance reservations required). Details are included in this Curlogram. Questions? Contact any of the Steering Committee members for more information: Tom Thorngren, Anne Stuhlman, Don Knapp or Barb Felice.

Two years ago an indoor garage sale was held at the UCC and it was a huge money maker for us. This year, the garage sale is back, thanks to Cindy Brown and her hard working committee. Dates are July 31, August 1 and 2. Start cleaning your garage, attic and basement NOW. To add to the festivities, Phil Citriniti and crew will be holding a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 2. Pre-sale tickets will be available, as well as a limited number on the day of the event. Many, many helpers will be needed to make this a successful weekend for the club. Be ready to say "yes" when asked to volunteer.

Or, how about telling Central NY about curling? The UCC Membership Committee will be busy recruiting new members with an information booth, complete with an interactive curling demo, at the Great American Irish Festival July 25, 26, 27. A choice of shifts is available. The curling booth will also appear at other local festivals and events between now and the beginning of the curling season. Exact details will be coming to you via email so watch for more info throughout the summer. Carol Jones will be recruiting volunteers and she wants YOU!

As you can see, the summer holds much promise for the UCC. We'll be generating some much-needed revenue, updating the club and spreading the word about curling – all while having a great time. Mark your calendar for one or more of these projects and events. All your curling friends will be there -- don't miss out!

Marj Moore, UCC President

A Slice of Utica Curling Club History

It's a funny thing, curling. Little would M.J. and I know when we took up the sport, we would discover a curling skeleton in the family closet, as it were. It turns out that M.J.'s "Uncle Harold," *a.k.a.* Harold Snyder, joined the curling club in 1946 after returning from serving the Army Air Force in the Pacific theater in World War II. Recently, "Uncle Harold" discovered his curling roster book among the many things that needed weeding out of his home in New Jersey.

The little red book, only 4 by 7 inches in size and 12 pages long, is an interesting window into what it was like to curl at the Utica Curling Club in the middle of the last century. My, how things have changed! Here are some snippets for your enjoyment. Our comments are in italics.

- There were 110 members of the Utica Curling Club; 32 were new members
- Telephone numbers were only 5 digits; some were only 4 digits
- The season apparently began in January and ended in March
- Ladies were welcome—*to watch curling*
- Visitors were restricted to the main floor. Gentlemen were allowed to go upstairs—presumably where the bar was—upon invitation of any member of good standing (*not to be confused with members still standing?*)
- The club president was a Mr. Lambert Grant; the head of the ice committee was Mr. R. Ward Murray; the head of the Plate Glass committee was Dr. W. B. Roemer. (*Many current members may recognize these names now attached to leagues and bonspiels at the Utica Curling Club.*)
- Many members owned their own stones. It was not required to purchase stones—"the Club own[ed] a great many pairs of stones available to all Curlers"—but several pairs of privately owned stones were available for sale.
- Every curler was required to own a broom
- You could buy "The Wee Scottie" Utica Curling Club pin for 75 cents each or three for \$2.

- You could purchase curling tams (the “Tam,” the “Balmoral,” or the “Glengarry” models) from \$3.50 and up
- Saturday night Bonspiel Dinners were served at the club each Saturday night starting January 11 at 6:15 o’clock. “Every member of the club should attend these dinners.” (*We don’t make you come to Fish Fry Fridays today!*)
- The Francis Dykes Bonspiel—still in its first decade of existence—was scheduled for February 15 and 16 (*I bet they didn’t have 44 teams!*) at the Country Club in Brookline, Mass.
- Members of the Utica Curling Club wishing to play in any Grand National Curling Club sponsored event (including the Douglas, Mitchell, Gordon-Emmett, and Francis Dykes bonspiels, as well as the Gordon International match between the USA and Canada) were required to post their names on the entry sheet on the bulletin board. Skips, who were elected by the board of directors, selected their rinks from the posted names.

Clearly, things have changed dramatically in the more than 60 years since the 1946-1947 curling season. I wonder what curlers 60 years from now in the 2068-2069 season will glean from a dusty old copy of the 2007-2008 roster book?

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling Bonspiel

Chairs: Hal and Linda Rance

Co-chairs: Don and Ginger Zillioux

The green was plentiful at the UCC’s recent “When Irish Eyes are Smiling” bonspiel. Green hair, mustaches, clothes, beer, parfaits, Jell-O shots and balloons all added to the merrymaking on St. Patrick’s Day. Forty eight curlers participated and the winners were: 1st Place, Neal Burns, Brenda Card, Jerry Stevens and Joan Dewar. 2nd Place: Don Knapp, Madonna Fellows, Dave Dekkers and Bob Prenoveau. 3rd Place: Ed Bonham, Gloria Cappelli, Don Fellows and Barb Revenaugh. A delicious corned beef dinner was served and a good time was had by all.

The Utica Curling Club will be hosting a Garage Sale

WHEN: July 31st - Aug 2nd (Thu-Sat)

TIMES: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (helpers need to arrive earlier)

PIT Chicken BBQ

WHEN: Aug 2 (Saturday) during the Garage Sale

Times we are hoping to have for DROP OFF

Weekdays (July 7-11 & July 14-18)9am - Noon & 5-8 pm

Weekends (July 12-13 & July 19-20) 9am - Noon

- **Start collecting your treasures now!**
- When you come to drop off items, leave time to put your items in the appropriate areas that will be marked off.
- We also encourage you to stick around and help price your items
- ...AND stay to do a little shopping while you are there

Having trouble thinking of items to donate? Here is just a sampling of acceptable items. We are also asking that you don't bring certain items.

Electronics, Sporting goods, Furniture, Outdoor Furniture, Working small appliances, Holiday themed items, Games/Toys, Silver/Crystal, Tools, Jewelry, Pictures/Art, Dishware, Linens/Home décor, Lamps, Light Fixtures, Books/Magazines, Hobby/Craft items, Strollers, Kitchenware

**NO CLOTHES
NO PURSES, BELTS, or SHOES
NO COMPUTER MONITORS**

HERE IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP:

- Your donations, of course
- People to be at the club while people drop items off (and, if possible, also help organize and/or price at the same time)
- People to help pick up items (Joe Gaebel will organize this)
- Tables (with your named marked on the bottom)
- Set up including pricing/organization
- Sellers on the floor
- Cashiers
- Talliers (helping to add up items before they get to the cashier)
- Wrapping and bagging volunteers
- Pick up/receiving items
- Clean-up (Saturday evening and possibly Sunday if necessary)
- Scheduling Workers
- People to help make signs

This is a valuable fundraiser for the club but in order to make the event work smoothly and successfully we need full involvement from club members. If you are available for the Garage Sale please make yourself known to either Carol Jones or Cindy Brown. If you can help with the Chicken BBQ contact Phil Citriniti.

Garage Sale Contacts:

Cindy Brown at H: 733-2260 C: 292-8249 or email
gncbrown@roadrunner.com

Carol Jones at H: 868-8520, W: 624-3801 or email
cjones@tristate.biz

Chicken BBQ Contact:

Phil Citriniti at H: 737-8909 or email citro5@roadrunner.com



GNCC Annual Meeting Recap

Roger Rowlett, GNCC representative

The Grand National Curling Club (GNCC, <http://www.gncc.org>) is the governing body of 40 or so curling clubs located in the Eastern U.S., including the Utica Curling Club. The national meeting was held May 16-18 in Nashua, NH. The GNCC is responsible for scheduling and coordinating participating club events, including the popular 5-and-under bonspiels, coordinating USCA instruction in the region, and assisting the formation of new clubs. Highlights of this year's meeting follow.

- Two new clubs joined the GNCC this year: The Woodstock and Rutland Curling Clubs, both in Vermont, are our newest members. Both are curling on arena ice.
- This year, by popular demand, GNCC roster books will be distributed to each primary GNCC member, and the GNCC newsletters will be mailed directly to primary member homes.
- The GNCC will be looking to purchase 2-3 additional sets of stones that can be rented to new clubs to help them get started.
- The tentative scheduling for the 5-and-under bonspiels has the Francis Dykes (men) at Utica; the Raymond Kayser (mixed) in Rochester, and the Women's' Challenge at Ardsley for this season. For you new curlers, the lot of the 5-and-under spiels may never be closer than this coming season.
- The men's and women's U.S. Club Championships will be held in Utica this coming season. GNCC Playdowns will be at Broomstones in January. If you want to make

a run at playing at the national level (not leading to the world championships) this is an ideal year to give it a try!

- The GNCC is the fastest-growing curling region in the U.S. Membership topped 3000 members in 2007-2008.
- The GNCC has led the way in instructor training. Seven of 12 USCA Level I and II instructors clinics held last season in the U.S. were in the GNCC.
- A USCA Level I instructors clinic is tentatively scheduled for Utica on October 11, 2008. Mary Jane and I will be running the clinic, and hope that many of you will be interested in learning the current USCA and GNCC instructional techniques. For those wanting to get their Level II instruction as well, there will likely be a Level II clinic in Schenectady on October 12. Look for details as they become finalized on the Utica Curling Club and GNCC web sites.
- The World Curling Federation (WCF) will keep in place its new stick curling rule for the coming season. However, the USCA, partly if not largely the behest of the GNCC, will not be adopting the WCF stick curling rule for the 2008-2009 season. The stick curling rule will remain as it has been for next season. It is likely, but not yet confirmed that the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) will follow suit. All GNCC-sponsored Canadian events (e.g., Gordon International and the Ross-Tarlton) will use the GNCC/USCA rules for stick curling.
- Regrettably, the GNCC believed it necessary to raise dues from \$11 to \$12 this year in order to help meet anticipated expenses, including purchasing new stones to continue assisting new clubs that are forming every year. The total USCA+GNCC dues this year will be \$39.

If you have any concerns or suggestions relating to the GNCC, please do not hesitate to contact me as your GNCC representative.

1ST ANNUAL
UTICA CURLING CLUB
GOLF TOURNAMENT
(OPEN TO CURLERS AND NON-CURLERS)

PINE HILLS GOLF CLUB
(Jones Rd. Frankfort)
SATURDAY JUNE 14TH

Cost: \$70 per player / \$280 per team (includes greens fees, cart, lunch and dinner)

Lunch at 11:30am with tee off at 12:30pm

Dinner will be cook your own steak with some "fixins" on the side – 5:30pm

Format will be Captain and Crew where everyone can be a Skip!
Non-golfers are welcome to join us for dinner and cocktails in the evening. Cost for dinner only will be \$20.00.

If you do not have a full team, enter your name and/or your partial team below to sign up and the committee will assign you to a team.

TEAM MEMBERS
CONTACT PHONE & E-MAIL

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

DINNER GUESTS ONLY (#) _____
NAMES _____

Please make all checks payable to the Utica Curling Club and mail entry/check to:

**Utica Curling Club
8300 Clark Mills Road
Whitesboro, NY 13492**

**FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS
MAY 31ST; Entries submitted after will be on a space-available
basis. Contact Anne Stuhlman for more information.**

1ST ANNUAL UCC GOLF TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY JUNE 14TH

It's been two months since our curling brooms have been tucked away in our closets and hopefully you are tuning up your golf game for the 1st annual UCC Golf Tournament!

Keep in mind that this is a fun, social event for both curlers and non-curlers so feel free to invite some friends. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to jump in on the fun. Whether you're firing a draw shot through the house or slicing a tee shot into the next fairway, we love you just the same!

Those of you who do not golf are welcome to join us for a cook your own steak dinner for only \$20 (please RSVP prior to the tournament). A cash bar will be available as well.

Some of the details of the event are listed below:

Food

Lunch – Hamburger and Hot Dog, chips, etc.

Dinner – Cook your own 12 oz. steak - includes corn, salt potatoes and salad

Winner's Prizes

Low gross - men's, mixed and women's division (women's only if 3 or more entries)

Longest drive – 1 male and 1 female winner

Closest to the pin (2 separate holes) – 1 male and 1 female winner per hole

Casino Hole - \$5 entry; double your money if tee shot lands and stays on the green

Win a car – Hole in one wins a car donated by Carbone Auto Group

If you are planning on golfing but have not sent in your team entry, please do so ASAP as, like any bonspiel, there is much planning and work that still needs to be done to get ready for the tournament. We are expecting 25 + teams and have room for more. If you do not have a complete team, let us know and we will find you a team.

If you are interested in making a donation, helping in any capacity or have suggestions, please contact Anne Stuhlman (astuhlman@adelphia.net or 368-7776). We hope to see you in a few weeks!!!

Wheelchair Ramp Project

Submitted by Jim Nagy; nagyj@roadrunner.com

I have volunteered to provide the program manager capabilities to the wheelchair project. I inherited the project the beginning of May. In early May, I had my first meeting by Peggy Rotton, Fred Hicks, Stu Card, and Joe Gaebel. The results of the first meeting included the development of an initial design; a 180 degree ramp contained in an enclosure off the back of the current building extended 10 feet (to collocate with the planned new door.)

My course of action is to develop an initial plan, have that plan verified and official plans developed by an architect and have certified builders bid on that plan. As noted, there is an initial design of having an expansion enclosure of approximately 50' x 12' to contain a new upper landing (12 feet by 5 feet) from the new door. Ramp from upper landing to new middle landing (28" drop in 30 feet). Then have ramp wrap back down from middle ramp to floor in front of the current egress door to provide entrance to the curling surface. This is still in the planning stages and comments are welcome. Send comments to nagyj@roadrunner.com. I also would appreciate contact information of any architects or builders who might be interested in bidding on this effort e-mailed to me as well. That or provide my e-mail address to an architect/builder to contact me directly.

I like to thank all who have assisted me thus far and look forward to moving this project to proper conclusion.

Needed – One little corner of a dry (mouse-free) attic that could house about 13 boxes of UCC historic papers. The papers are currently stored at the club, and are becoming a bit of an eye sore. In the past they have been stored at member's homes, but in the past couple of years they have been returned to the club. We would hope that they could be stored until ---when ever. Please call me if you can help. Susan Williams 339-7382

SECURITY

The deadbolt on the main door of the Club will be set for the summer. If you need access to the club, you will need to contact Anne Stuhlman to arrange for the deadbolt to be unlocked or to get a spare key. All other access codes have not changed. Thank you.

Anne Stuhlman

Rose Bonspiel

On Thurs -Sat 3/27 -3/29, the annual Rose Bonspiel was held at the Utica Curling Club. Immediately upon being named as co-chairs Bernie and Knyoca committed themselves to bringing the traditions of the Rose to the event. There were 24 teams in this mixed event and over 120 joined us for an elegant dinner on Saturday evening. Dancing followed with music provided by DVD along with help from the club. Winners were as follows:

3-Game High Winner

Chuck DelMonte (S)
Shelley DelMonte (3rd)
Rich Minutti (2nd)
Nancy Wadopian (L)
Dave Cragolin (5th)

Runner-up

Don Knapp (S)
Marianne Clark (3rd)
Jason Golubski (2nd)
Rachel Ryan (L)

2-Game High Winner

Dale Jones (S)
Brenda Citriniti (3rd)
Phil Citriniti (2nd)
Carol Jones (L)

Runner-up

Carl Thomas (S)
Joyce Shaffer (3rd)
Pat Costello (2nd)
Mickey Haase (L)

1-Game High Winner

Brain Moore (S)
Marj Moore (3rd)
Jim Schafer (2nd)
Melissa Foote (L)
Brenda Card (5th)

Runner-up

Sue Williams (S)
Neil Burns (3rd)
Sharon Brown-Burns (2nd)
Gary Williams (L)

We would like to thank our co-chairs Conrad and Knyoca Law as well as the whole mixed committee for all of their help.

Mike and Bernie DiMeo

The Utica Glengarries closing meeting for 2008 was held at Symeons restaurant on Sunday April 13th at 12:30pm. Forty two people attended. Glengarry President Barb Felice led the meeting. A new slate of officers was selected for 2008-2009. Chairperson of the nominating committee, Susan Fountain, provided eight names, of which four were selected as the new nominating committee. Barb Felice was thanked for her service to the Glengarries and given a President's pin to commemorate the occasion before officially passing the gavel to Kathy Palazzoli, the new incoming Glengarry President.

2008-2009 Utica Glengarry Officers:

President	Kathy Palazzoli
Vice-President	Susan Williams
Secretary	Jackie Strife
Treasurer	Michelle MacEnroe
Past-President	Barb Felice
Member-at-Large (2009)	Brenda Card
Member-at-Large (2010)	Karen Rogowski
Member-at-Large (2011)	Dawn Scherer
USWCA representative (2009)	Peggy Rotton

Glengarry Nominating Committee 2008-2009:

Sharon Brown-Burns
Brenda Citriniti
Knyoca Law
Heather Swiercz (chairperson)

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Wall patch and prep (Mike Sexton)	2 Wall patch and prep (Mike Sexton)	3 Wall patch and prep (Mike Sexton)	4 Wall patch and prep (Mike Sexton)	5 Wall patch and prep (Mike Sexton)	6 Wall patch and prep (Mike Sexton)	7 Wall patch and prep (Mike Sexton)
8 UCC Member point crews	9 UCC Member point crews	10 UCC Member point crews	11 UCC Member point crews Board Meeting 6:00	12 UCC Member point crews	13 UCC Member point crews	14 UCC Golf Tournament
15 Curlogram deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					Notes: GHC events at other clubs shown in RED USCA & GNCC events at our club in blue

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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