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

As many of you know, curlers from our club made up the bulk of the highly-successful US National Wheelchair Team. Against very difficult competition, our guys brought home the Bronze Medal. We are all very proud.

As a benefit of most of us being members of the USCA, we are entitled to access to the CurlTV website, showing many exciting curling events. Joe Gaebel has the user names and passwords for each of our eligible members. If you haven’t heard from him already, contact him for yours.

Donna Evans did a great job of neatening the coat room. Thanks, Donna. She noted that there are a number of coats and sweaters that may have been abandoned. Please look through them and take any that belong to you. At the end of the season, any remaining “orphans” will be donated to charity. Thanks.

The Annual Meeting is coming up soon. It seems like it happens every year. We have two great dinner choices and, as always, will have interesting and spirited discussions along with elections of officers and the Nominating Committee. The meeting will be April 2 and the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the ice machine. Dinner will be at 6:00 with the meeting following at 7:00.

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

Attention Ladies:
Glengarry closing meeting will be a brunch April 13th at 12pm. Further details will be posted in the ladies locker room on the bulletin board.
WHAT HAPPENED IN . . .? 1978 22nd Men’s Nationals  
Dr. Robert W. Hurd, Chairman

Bruce Robert’s Minnesota team was highly favored to win the 22nd Men’s Nationals at the Utica Curling Club, being the defending champions two years running, and the 1976 Silver Broom champion. Wisconsin also had a great team with Bob Nichols, 1974 Silver Broom champion third, substituting as skip for Bud Sommerville, who was recovering from heart surgery. Both teams, tied with a 6-0 record, met Thursday morning on sheet #2. With the teams tied at 3-3 in the final end, Roberts missed an open take-out with the hammer and Wisconsin was victorious. Minnesota, rattled by its loss to Wisconsin, lost its evening game to Washington, 5-4. Wisconsin went on to take the tournament with a perfect record of 11-0. Minnesota, mathematically eliminated Friday night, caught an early flight back to Duluth, forfeiting their Saturday game with Illinois. A hastily selected team of Utica curlers, skipped by George Johnson provided an opponent for Illinois’ final game. Wisconsin went on to Winnipeg and won the Silver Broom later that March.

Ed Note: Two players from that team, Bill Strum, third, and Bud Sommerville (who didn’t play in 1978 because of hospitalization) played in the 1992 Winter Olympics with their sons, and won the Bronz medal for the U.S.A.

CAPTAIN CHAIRS
If you notice spokes that have come unglued, push Spoke back in and tie a ribbon (located over ice machine) on back of the chair. Dave Russell will take home for repair.
On December 19th the Glengarry Christmas party was held at the Utica Curling Club. Sam and Margaret Silverman put out a holiday spread that we won’t soon forget. Curried pumpkin soup followed by a fillet mignon topped with garlic shrimp and surrounded by pasta and spinach sauce was the main event. Then all enjoyed chocolate rolled cake garnished with chocolate holly sprigs. We celebrated Pat Mihalko and Marj Moore’s birthdays with song and candles and those with birthdays closest to June 20 took home the center pieces. Barb Felice, president of the Glengarries buzzed through a quite adequate business meeting and the evening culminated with a jovial gift exchange. Good fellowship, good food, and a good celebration!!

Thank you all for coming. Susan Williams

1ST ANNUAL UCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

It’s almost time to put away your brooms and get out the golf clubs! Members of the UCC are planning the first annual summer golf tournament to benefit our curling club.

Tom Thorngren has graciously agreed to get the ball rolling before baby Thorngren arrives in April. Tom has booked Pine Hills for Saturday June 7th. The tournament will be open to the public and we encourage you to team up with some non-curlers and give them an opportunity to see how much fun we are!

The day will start with lunch at 11:30 and tee off at 12:30. The format will be captain and crew (“scramble”) and all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Even if you have never or rarely golfed, the captain and crew format is designed to allow you to have fun and not worry about your personal score. In the evening after golfing, there will be a cook your own steak dinner and probably a drink or two to be had.

A tournament committee is forming but we will need lots of additional help to make this a successful event. We will need several people for the following: solicit prize donations, find hole sponsors, fill goody bags, create a sign up flyer, be beverage cart studs/babes, sell 50/50 and/or door prize tickets and much more.

This should be a great opportunity to get together, have some fun and possibly recruit some new members! More detailed information will follow as plans develop. If you are interested in making a donation, helping in any capacity or have suggestions, please let Anne Stuhlman know (astuhlman@adelphia.net or 368-7776).
Dear Ms. Manners,
I’m a new curler and I wish someone would ask me to join their team. What should I do?       -- Feeling Left Out

Dear Lefty, This is an age old problem that goes back to caveman!

First, new curlers have to fluff their feathers and let the world know you want to curl. That means signing up the minute a bonspiel poster goes on the board, introduce yourself and be involved. Show you want to curl well by practicing and ask for advice how to improve your game. If you want to be asked - love the game.

Second, every skip needs to make it his or her business to include new curlers on their teams through out the year. They need to be willing to teach and help the inexperienced curler. All curlers need to make it their business to meet new curlers.

Lefty- You need to realize curlers have special team they want to play with. Finding a balance is tricky.

Love the game and you will also have that special team.

Ms. Manners

SWEET HEART BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate!!!!

Congratulations to Carl Thomas and Jeanne Galvin winners of the Glengarry Sweet Heart Basket Raffle. Carl took home the large basket full of goodies and Jeanne the smaller basket.

Thanks to the following for donating to this month’s basket: Michelle MacEnroe, Jackie Streiff, Barb Felice, Marj Moore, Ylva Cortright, Brenda Card, Karen Rogowski and Peggy Rotton.

Thank you for supporting our basket raffles –our next basket raffle will be “Fun in the Sun”
Charity Curling Challenge Results

The Ninth Annual Charity Curling Challenge to benefit local charities was held at the Utica Curling Club on Saturday, January 19th, 2008. The success of the event was made possible through joint sponsorship from Biogenics Dental Corp. and Sew What. This year was the largest turn-out to date; with sixteen teams of novice curlers “curling for a cause” and raising $3466 for twelve different charities. Curling is a team sport and rarely does a single person on a team receive individual recognition, however Heather Shaw received honors as the individual raising the most money for her charity. Team “Curl Scouts” won honors for raising the most money as a team. Team Faxton “3 Men and a Little Lady” won highest curling points.

Team “Avalanche” from Davis-Standard, LLC was named Bonspiel Grand Champion for their combined fundraising and curling ability. Team members were Sally Godfrey, Jerry Godfrey, Jessica MacIntosh and Jimmy Bohrer with Heather Shaw as coach. The monies they raised went to benefit the American Parkinson Disease Association.

Other teams and charities included:
- St. Elizabeth’s Healthcare “On the Rocks” – BPOE 2158 Booneville Elks
- “Curl Scouts” – Foothills – Girl Scout Council
- HCCC “Herkimer Ice Champs” – Excel Peer Tutor Scholarship Fund
- HCCC “Town Hooligans” – Excel Peer Tutor Scholarship Fund
- Faxton St. Lukes Healthcare “Beefy Stones” – Childrens Miracle Network
- Faxton St. Lukes Healthcare “Stone Cold” – Stevens Swan Humane Society
- Holland Patent Middle School “Shot Rocks” – Stevens Swan Humane Society
- Sofinski’s Sweepers – Food Bank of Central New York
- Holland Patent High School “Crocodile Curlers” – Hope House
- Holland Patent High School “Fantastic Four” – American Cancer Society
- ConMed “Stone Hedge” – Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- ConMed “Hard Rockers” – Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Faxton Operating Room “Orange Breasted Faxton Penguins” – Cystic Fibrosis
- Faxton Operating Room “3 Men and a Little Lady” – Hospice
Attention All Glengarries!!

Don’t miss the Glengarry Challenge March 5th, 6th and 8th. This event is the equivalent to the Murray Men’s Bonspiel and “crowns” the winners as the #1 Women’s team in the Utica Curling Club.

Tentative schedule (may change based on number of entries):
1st Draw – Wednesday March 5th @ 5:45
2nd and possibly 3rd draws – Thursday March 6th @ 6:00 & 8:15 (later draw only if needed)
Remaining Draws: Saturday March 8th.

**Awards and Wine Pairing Event – Saturday March 8th**

*beginning at 7:00pm*

Last year’s wine pairing dinner party was the talk of the year! This year’s event promises to be just as great! Travel the world as you traverse through four stations of wine and food; starting with appetizers of humus, falafel, muhamara, flat bread and tzatziki sauce of Middle East flavor; followed by a trip to Greece with moussaka made from scratch. The adventure continues to Spain with pork skewers marinated in Spanish spices and a finale of French crepes au caramel et Beurre Sale’. Sam’s creative capabilities shine in this exceptional evening’s event.

**Bonspiel:** $30  
**Dinner only:** $25  
**Deadline:** February 27th.  
**48 hour cancellation required**

For information, please see/call: Denise Fusco, Diane Higgins, Marj Moore or Carol Jones.
The 2008 Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election. Officers are elected for a one-year term. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting, Wednesday April 2, 2008 at the Utica Curling Club.

President:  Marjorie Moore  
Vice President:  Michael Swiercz  
Secretary:  Sean Lanigan  
Treasurer:  Brad Anderson

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates to serve a three-year term as Board of Directors. Two will be elected.

Paul George    Tom Platt Jr.    Jerry Stevens

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Williams, Dale Jones, Pat Costello, Neal Burns, and Tom Clark

When Irish Eyes Are Curling

Attention all lasses and ladies – join us for an Irish spiel on Saturday, March 15, 2008. Two four-end games will be played (4:00PM and 5:30PM). Beimedh a gole (let us be drinking) will be at 5:00PM and 6:30PM. Dinner will be at 7:15PM (corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and dessert). Good curling, good friends, good food, snacks and prizes all for only $20.00. Dinner only, $17.00 – curling only $5.00.

There will be a twelve team limit so sign up early (on the Mixed Board). Plate Glass Plus members are also eligible as well as all our Irish members and those who want to be!

Chairs: Hal & Linda Rance and Don & Ginger Zillioux
**Ladies SUMMER Lunch**

Beginning Monday, May 12
June 16, July 21, August 18, Sept. 22 mark your calendar
HOOK Restaurant @ Noon
All Ladies who can get away for lunch one day of the month are welcome.
Sign up on the bulletin board in the ladies locker room
If you think you might be able to join us
SIGNING UP IS NOT A COMMITMENT
It only tells me that you are interested
I will send email/reminders monthly & you can let me know if you plan to attend so I can give the Hook a number count each month!!!!

JOYCE SHAFFER 735-0433
joyceshaffer@roadrunner.com

**Reminder**

UCC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2008
@ UCC 6:00 P.M.

**Happenings....**

We note with sadness the following losses:
Richard Owens, father of Nancy Owens, on 1/22/08
Gerald Strife, father and father-in-law of Paul and Nancy Strife, on 2/2/08.

Our sympathies are with the families.
USA wins bronze at the 2008 World Wheelchair Championship

Marc DePerno

Congratulations to Team USA for winning its first-ever medal at the 2008 World Wheelchair Curling Championship.

UCC members Augusto Perez, Jim Pierce, Jimmy Joseph and Bob Prenoveau along with Jacqui Kapinowski of the Plainfield Curling Club guided USA to a bronze medal after defeating Canada 8-1.

USA skip Augusto Perez reported, “We have a strong team and great chemistry. Throughout the week we had some highs and lows, but we really worked together to pull through. It was definitely a team effort.”

In the gold medal game, Norway repeated as champions defeating Korea 5-3.

Based on their performance, USA has secured a position at the 2009 World Wheelchair Championship as well as the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, which will both take place in Vancouver, British Columbia.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and members of the Utica Curling Club for their long-standing support of the wheelchair curling program. Countless hours have gone into the development of these athletes and I believe you are all deserving of a World Championship medal!
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