

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

The end of another curling season is here. This is my last message as president although I will still be around to irritate the board for a couple more years. Thanks to everyone who helped in so many areas.

Anyone who doesn't know what to do with their upcoming tax rebate could consider donating it to the "Burn the Mortgage" fund. Just a thought.

Have a great summer everyone. Fred

Dear Ms. Manners,

I confess. I'm the one that is often late for my games. Got any suggestions. - Belated

Dear Belated,

Make yourself show up 15 minutes early. This will give you plenty of time to change, stretch (very good for the muscles and your curling longevity), go to the bathroom get a drink and visit with a few friends. You will have time to relax and get your mind in the game. I know – there are a lot of red lights between work and the club – plan on them all being red! So – if you arrive after you team starts, please wait until the current end finishes before entering the game. If sleeping late is a problem, ask several friends to call you and set several alarm clocks. Oh – and if you are not going to arrive on time, call the club and provide your ETOA. And finally, please be gracious if you are in a situation where your team has to hang an end (or two) --- it's not the end of the world.

-- Ms. Manners

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

WHAT HAPPENED IN . . .? 1991 USCA Men's & Women's National Championships

Dr. William Rotton, Chairman

12 Men's and 9 Women's regional championship teams converged at the Utica Curling Club to vie for the 35th Men's and 15th Women's National Championships with the winners going to the World Championship in Winnipeg. Lots of former National Championship skips were on hand headed by Steve Brown, Wisconsin, U.S. Men's Champion 1982 & 1986, Mixed Champion 1984 & 1988. Others were, Doug Jones, Washington, Men's 1988 & 1990; Tim Wright, Illinois, Men's 1985; Greyland Cousins, Mixed 1987; and Lisa Shoeneberg, Wisconsin, 1988 Women's Olympic Team.

In the Women's tournament, Texas (with a 5-3 record in the round robin) defeated North Dakota (6-2) by a score of 8-7 in the semi finals and went on to meet Lisa Shoeneberg's Wisconsin rink (8-0) in the finals. The Texans were transplanted Canadians with Maymar Gemmel as skip. Tied 5-5 in the final end, Gemmel, without last rock, made a double takeout with the shooter rolling behind cover and counting one. Shoeneberg's draw to the 8-foot was too heavy and slid through the house giving Texas the victory.

Archrivals Wisconsin and Washington met in the men's finals.

"We've had a lot of frustrating losses," said skip Steve Brown. "We were runnersup in the nationals the last five years and three or four of those were to Washington." Although Wisconsin had lost to Doug Jones' Seattle rink 8-4 in the round robin, Brown's Madison foursome dominated the final game and won handily, 6 to 3. Brown's team went on to finish 3rd in the World Championships in Winnipeg.

SHARE THE JOYS OF CURLING

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 and Business phone (if available):

Sponsor (that's you!!!):

The committee will be happy to send them invitations on your behalf to the "try curling events" 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!!

---Carol Jones

SPRING arrives on March 20, 2008

The BROOMSTERS are ready to hit the Golf links once again. This is a fun golf league which starts on or about May 13th until the end of August. We play at Sauquoit Knolls Golf Club on Tuesdays – starting at 1:15 pm.

If you are interested in joining this league please contact Doreen Hayes at 736-0394 no later than April 1st, 2008.

Curler's Friday Night Golf League

Pine Hills Golf Course will again allow curler's to enjoy a casual golf league on Friday nights.

(We usually tee off between 5:00 and 6:00 PM)

This casual arrangement allows you to show up when you can! No commitment, no minimum number of days to golf!

The cost is \$13.00 for 9 plus cart.
\$8.00 without cart

The owner will have food available. In the past he has provided various types of appetizers for a flat charge per golfer and will provide other food deals with a consistent number of golfers.

This has always been a fun night to get together to golf and have a few drinks and munchies.

If you have an interest, please sign up on the board at the club or email ryleemon@aol.com.

There must be a complete list of names turned in to the course prior to the start of the season.

We will email or otherwise notify each golfer on the list as to the start date and time.

Questions?? See Colleen Welch or Chuck Harter
or call 797-2009

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:

Anne Stuhlman, c/o Utica Curling Club
8300 Clark Mills Road
Whitesboro, NY 13492

FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS MAY 31st



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Juniors Thank All

The Juniors would like to thank all who helped make this year a success. Thank you to the evening leagues in welcoming Juniors in the competition. Those Juniors who participated improved their skills immensely and deepened their love of the game. Thank you to all for supporting the Juniors during the GNCC playdowns. The hours and efforts were greatly appreciated, as well as the use of the club. The Juniors would also like to thank Tom Clark, Tom Platt, and Charlie Marsland for their weekly efforts and commitment to the Junior program. There would not be a program without them. We are looking forward to another exciting curling season!

Rock On in Utica – The Raymond G. Kayser Bonspiel 2008



The Raymond G. Kayser Bonspiel 2008 – February 28 – March 2, 2008

The Utica Curling Club hosted a very successful Raymond G. Kayser Bonspiel. The weekend was full of good curling and good fun. Congratulations to the all the participants and especially the finalists:

Kayser Medal (A-Event):

Winner: Broomstones 7 - Nicole Vassar(S), Peter Servaise(V), Lisa Vassar-Sturnberg(2), Jeff Marchand(L)

Runner –Up: Broomstones 4 – Robby Melville(S), Teri Olsen(V), Scott Olsen(2), Alina Martinez(L)

St. Andrews Medal (B-Event Winner), Potomac Medal (B-Event Runner-Up):

Winner: Utica 5 – Alex Ryan(S), Rachel Ryan(V), Jason Golubski(2), Erika Bariess(L)

Runner-Up: Schenectady 6 – Shannon Magee(S), Robb Hengerer(V), Stephaine Magee(2), Todd Tolliver(L)

N.Y. Caledonian Medal (C-Event Winner), Collins Medal (C-Event Runner-up):

Winner: Potomac 3 – Rachel Sethi(S), Brian Parsons(V), Karen Smith(2), KC McGrath(L)

Runner-Up: Utica 6 – Sarah Hapanowicz(S), John McMahon(V), Jessica MacIntosh(2), Rob Baker(L)

Hastings Medal (D-Event):

Winner: Utica 1 – Conrad Law(S), Brenda Citriniti(V), Phil Citrinit(2), Knyoca Law(L)

Runner-Up: Utica 4 – Daryl Chesebro(S), Sue Gardner(V), Peter Sheridan(2), Peggy Pratt(L)

Lalapalooza (E-Event):

Winner: Plainfield 1 – John Wilman(S), Sarah McCulloch(V), Dean Roth(2), Barbara Klug(L)

Runner-Up: Ardsley 2 – Hayle Chun(S), Jessica Willey(V), Hal Cashman(2), Jill Dexter(L)

Ozzfest (F-Event):

Winner: Potomac 1 – Jason Sethi(S), Melissa Fox(V), Jeremy VandenHouten(2), Emily Morris(L)

Runner-Up: Utica 3 – Chuck Skinner, Jr.(S), Marena Taverne(V), Chuck Skinner, Sr. (2), Carrie Casab(L)

We would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers that helped make this bonspiel a success. A special thanks goes out to our ice crew (Chuck DelMonte, Chuck Harter and Paul MacEnroe), Mike Kessler, Karen Rogowski, Michelle MacEnroe, Fred Hicks, Joyce Shaffer, Mickey Haas, Cheri Gaebel, Carol Jones, Melon Sofinski, Bob Burnett, Heather Swiercz, Paul George, Jennifer Turner, Knyoca Law Dave Palazzoli, Kathy Palazzoli, Gary Williams, Teale LaBarbara, Anne Stuhlman, Dan Stuhlman, Liz Nolan, Barb Felice, Brian Moore, Marj Moore, Lis DeGironimo, Charlie Schatz, Terry Brown and the crew at the bar – Patty, Stephanie, Stephanie and Audrey and Sam, Margaret, Dave, and the catering crew.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE

On March 14th, 2008, two Utica teams journeyed to the Rochester Curling Club to indulge in chocolate and play the occasional curling match at the ladies' Death by Chocolate bonspiel. The Jones rink of Carol Jones (S), Heather Shaw (V), Erin Hauser (2) and Kristie Aldrich (L) played their first game Friday night. It was a close match, but they came in second and went to the "B" event; the loss putting their next draw time at 8:30 AM Saturday (ugh!). Apparently the team plays well when they are still half asleep and managed to squeak out the next two wins to make it into the "B" finals. Team Jones kept it close in the final game against a Rochester opponent until the 7th end, when Jones missed a takeout to sit six and allowed the opponent to draw for two. Behind three coming home with the hammer, team Jones was unable to build a park large enough for the win. The loss in the final game meant the difference between chocolate syrup and hot chocolate mix, but the team was happy with their prizes.

The MacEnroe "junior" rink of Michelle MacEnroe (S), Erika Bareiss (V), Alyssa Tassone (2) and Jessica Anderson (L) played their first game Saturday morning to make sure Jessie had enough time to recover from her day-long bus trip up from Pittsburgh. They won their first game, and outlasted a Canadian team in the second. The second game was in doubt for a while as they worked to make up a 5-1 deficit after four ends. They were able to steal one in the seventh, steal two in the eighth to tie, and the skip's draw to the back 4' as her last shot of the ninth end was good enough to steal after the opposing skip missed her takeout on her final shot.

Carrie Casab hitched a ride with a co-worker and made it out to the RCC on Saturday night to fill in for Jessie in the last game on Sunday. Jessie's bus for Pittsburgh left at 8:30am, the same time as the A final against another Canadian rink. Rochester now has special insert rocks on their championship sheet (sheet B) and the difference was immediately noticeable - guards on sheet A were draws to the back of the house on B. Serious adjustments were needed from both teams. The girls held it tied through 4, but unfortunately the game was 8 ends; down by 4 after the seventh, the team thought that shaking hands was the better part of curling valor. When prizes were distributed to the finalists, the youth of the MacEnroe rink allowed for more Godiva liqueur available to the rest of the participants in the B and C event finals. The skip, however, snagged a well-deserved large bottle of mudslide mixers.

In addition to a "ginormous" amount of chocolate, we were able to watch the Brier page playoffs on RCC's big screen TV and witness Martin's comeback against Saskatchewan in the 1-2 game on Friday night. (Was this inspiration for Saturday's second game? Hmm...)

Did Rochester meet their stated goal of "all participants to not want to see another piece of chocolate for at least a week"? Alyssa and Michelle say "not a chance", but Erin emphatically declares, "Yes, thank you!" Did we meet our goals of having way too much fun to want to come home? All of us say, "Absolutely!" Both teams received support from their families, friends and fellow curlers. Thank you to all!

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<p>Daytime Ladies 2008 Roemer Competition Winners: Joyce Shaffer, Skip; Mickey Haase, Ginger Zillioux, Jane Bolan</p>
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Glengarry Challenge Results

The Glengarry Challenge was held 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.

This year's event fielded ten teams competing for the coveted teapot trophy. Superb play on the ice was followed with a superb meal of four stations in the round paired with four wines from around the world.

This year's reigning champions are Team Brown with Cindy Brown as skip, Kathy Palazzoli-vice, Barb Felice-second and Meredith Roefaro-lead.

Winners of the Glengarry Cup are the **runners-up of the final event, Team Rogowski. The team was skipped by Karen Rogowski with Heather Swiercz-vice, Julie Chanatry-second and Lisa Magnarelli-lead, with Sharon Brown-Burns subbing as lead in the final event.** The game was a thriller coming down to the final shot, game tied, with Rogowski sitting two rocks in the four foot and Brown needing to make a perfect hit and stay on one of them to inch out the win.

Many thanks go out to Peggy Rotton and Eydie Savett for supporting the women's club championship with medals for the finalists.

Other event finalists were:

B Event

Winner: Marianne Clark, Donna Caleo, Melon Sofinski, Ylva Cortright

Runner-up: Heather Shaw, Sarah Hapanowicz, Dawn Scherer, Carrie Casab

C Event

Winner: Marge VanSlyke, Nancy Owens, Lori Clark,
Kristin Glass

Runner-up: Brenda Citriniti, Jennifer Turner, Knyoka
Law, Jessica MacIntosh

D Event

Winner: Anne Stuhlman, Carol Jones, Diane Higgins,
Marj Moore

Runner-up: Joyce Shaffer, Colleen Welch, Sue Gardner,
Peggy Pratt

E Event

Winner: Michelle MacEnroe, Sue Williams, Marena
Taverne, Barb Revenaugh

Runner-up: Mary Hopsicker, Pat Mihalko, Jeanne Galvin,
Tammy Delano

It has been a pleasure to run this event for the last two
years and see it grow as it has. We challenge all
Glengarries to talk this event up to your fellow women
UCC members – word of mouth is the best advertising we
can ask for – let's get this up to 12 teams (or more!) next
year and fill all 6 sheets!

We look forward to next year's event and can't wait to see
what Team Brown has in store for us in 2009.

The 2008 Glengarry Challenge Committee; Denise, Diane,
Carol and Marj.

Glengarry
End of year meeting
Sunday, April 13, 12:30 PM
Symeon's Restaurant
email Laura Jacon ljacon@adelphia.net or call
732-3281 sign up in ladies locker room



\$20.00 three day cancellation required

Happenings....

We note with deep regret the death of Audrey Wagner – mother of Kip Wagner – on February 26, 2008.

We are pleased to note that Dave Russell (Whitesboro) has returned home from an emergency trip to the hospital. He had a stent installed for a 100 percent blockage. He will return for another stent in a few weeks to take care of a 70 percent blockage.

Congratulations to Bryn Piersma and Jim Davis on their engagement and upcoming marriage.

UCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

***** NOTE DATE CHANGE *** – Saturday June 14th**

The Golf Tournament Steering Committee is getting excited for our inaugural golf tournament! The planning has begun and now we are requesting the help of our members and any others who may be interested in helping to make this a highly successful and fun event.

SPONSORS

A vital role in the success of this fundraising effort is securing sponsors to provide donations and/or sponsorship money.

Do you own a business or know a friend, relative or business associate that would be interested in being a sponsor? Opportunities include:

- **Gold Sponsorship: \$300**
 - Hole Sponsorship, full-page program ad, \$25 off one team entry, and your choice of a three-hour corporate curling outing for up to 20 people (a \$300 value) or two fall curling memberships (\$250 value).
- **Silver Sponsorship: \$150**
 - Hole Sponsorship, half-page program ad, \$25 off one team entry, and your choice of a three-hour corporate curling outing for up to 10 people (a \$150 value) or one fall curling membership (\$125 value).

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- Bronze Sponsorship: \$75
 - Hole Sponsorship, listing in the program, \$25 off a team entry.
- Prize Donor:
 - Listing in the program
- Team Entry: \$280

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

There are many areas where we will need additional assistance from volunteers. Areas in need are:

Selling 50/50 tickets

Basket raffle tickets

Prize table tickets

Golfer registration

Curling membership information table

Goodie bags

Organizing skins contests

Hole observers for longest drive/closest to the pin/casino hole contests (min 2 per contest)

Collecting scorecards

Beer cart babes/studs

General assistance (as needed)

If you have an interest in helping with any of these areas, please contact our volunteer coordinators Phil and Brenda Citriniti.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at Pine Hills on June 14th!!!