President’s Message

Membership Recruitment. This being an Olympic year as well as the start of our 150th celebration represents a special opportunity for publicity and membership recruitment. We will open the curling club to the public on Saturday, February 24, 10AM – 4PM ($10 per person, ages 12 and up) to give folks a chance to experience curling. Please take a moment to volunteer some of your time that day to make this a successful event, and potentially recruit new members. There are plenty of different tasks to which you could contribute, from welcoming and shepherding visitors, helping participants get equipped, on-ice instruction, and encouraging visitors to consider enrolling the Olympic Curling School or even joining for 2018-2019. Check out the signup sheet on the mixed board and sign up for a shift. The club has invested effort in securing considerable publicity, including signage, radio, and TV exposure, so we are expecting a large crowd. Please give us a hand.

Curling on TV! WSTM-TV from Syracuse will be at the club on Tuesday February 6, at 5:30 AM (yes that’s right!) to promote curling on their morning show. Some board members and officers will be there, but if you are interested in joining us and helping to explain curling and why you curl, contact me.

St. Patrick’s Day Parade. If you are not curling on Saturday, March 17, consider participating in the annual St. Patrick’s Day parade with the Utica Curling Club contingent. The parade starts at 10 am. Contact Erlene Puleo for details, or consult the signup sheet at the club. This is another opportunity to gain community exposure for the curling club.

Capital Campaign and Debt Reduction. The board of directors believes that
with a modest capital campaign we may be able to replace the aging warm room carpeting with something more durable, moisture-resistant, and attractive prior to our 2018-2019 season opening. Members of the board have already pledged up to $3000 to match dollar for dollar membership contributions toward a goal of approximately $15,000-$20,000 for full replacement. At present, approximately $8,000 has been raised for this effort. Any level of contribution will help us toward our goal, and having our club look its best for its 150th birthday next year. Our goal is to complete this campaign by the end of the curling season, so work can commence this summer.

A new and pressing need for the club is the replacement of a failed compressor in our ice plant. One of our 5 compressors experienced a part failure which renders one of our two cooling circuits unreliable or unusable. The cost of replacement is estimated at $9,500, and will have to be done sooner than later. Consider the defrayment of this essential repair cost as another donor opportunity. We have already raised $2,000 toward financing this necessary expense.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the “150 Free” campaign has attained a successful end. Thanks to Jim Rishel, who spearheaded this effort, we raised over $30,000 to reduce our outstanding facility mortgage. The balance of the mortgage was paid off, due in part to a generous membership arrangement that has allowed the remaining mortgage debt to be financed under much more favorable terms.

The generosity of our membership is very gratifying, and has allowed the Utica Curling Club to remain a premier curling facility in the Eastern U.S. However, the club is still carrying a substantial amount of debt service related to our former mortgage, ice plant, dehumidifiers, and lighting improvements. I am sure there will be new financial challenges in the coming years. While the board is grateful to everyone who has contributed in the past. Retiring this debt in the next 5 years will be critical, and will be less challenging with the help of member contribu-
tions. Charitable donations of any amount to help reduce this debt service would be much appreciated.

Please consider targeting some of your charitable contributions to the Utica Curling Club, and maintaining our club as a model curling facility. In addition, please keep the club in mind as you make your estate plans. If you have any questions or would like to make a charitable donation to any or all of our current priorities, please contact me or Jim Rishel.

Survey. If you have not done so already, or missed the first notice, do take time to fill out the club survey. You can find it at https://goo.gl/forms/P7kfsxyicA95pb883 and will take only 10 minutes to complete. Your input is appreciated.

A big mid-season thanks. Let me state for the record again that I am amazed by the dedication of our club volunteers. It’s been one of the most action-packed, hectic seasons ever at Utica. I appreciate everything you do as volunteers for the club, making it possible for your fellow members to enjoy this wonderful sport. There are many needs at the club for volunteers. If you have particular skills you think would be helpful, and are interested in donating some time to the club at any time of the year, please let me know.

Good curling,

Roger Rowlett
President
Charity Curling Challenge

Co-Sponsors:
Dr. Don Knapp – Optometrist
Focal Point Corp.

Benefits Up to Twelve Area Charities
Curling for a Cause

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM - 4 PM
Place: Utica Curling Club
8300 Clark Mills Road
Whitesboro, NY
⇒ Exciting Fund Raiser
⇒ Nineteenth Annual Event!
⇒ Winter Sport at Its Best
⇒ Spectators Welcome!

You're invited to enter a team for the 19th Annual Charity Curling Challenge. Entry fee: $50 per team of four ($10 for additional team members).

At least three members of the team must be non-curlers. One person may have one year's experience as a curler, but must play lead position. Any existing curler may coach a team. Teams pick the charity of their choice. This is a great way to introduce non-curling friends to this fun sport!!!

Start talking it up at work....at the local pub....at your yoga class! This almost ALWAYS oversubscribes, so be ready with your team when the sign-up poster goes up or e-mail Carol Jones at cjones5342@aol.com with your team!
Olympic Open House
Saturday, February 24th, 10 AM - 4 PM

It’s a once every four years event! And it always fills the house!

Community interest in curling is at its peak during the Olympics and people want to try the sport and see what it is all about. Our Olympic Open House provides a stream of people throughout the afternoon to see our club, experience the ice, throw a rock or two, and wet their appetite to join our March Curling School if they want more! This year the Olympics take place during our 150th anniversary. What a wonderful opportunity to show off Our House!!

We expect 500 or more to come through our doors and we need volunteers for a number of activities: keep the music playing, keep the appetizer table stocked, registration, waiver station, gripper station, on-ice instruction, manning information table, curling school sign-up, announcements.

A volunteer sheet will be posted at the club. Please join us in making this a fun-filled event for all!

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Carol Jones (cjones5342@aol.com; 315-868-8520)

Print the flyer from the next page to share the event!
Curling Rocks at the Utica Curling Club!

You’ve seen it from this view,

![Image](image1)

Now experience it from this view!

![Image](image2)

**TRY CURLING**

You’ve seen it online and on TV, now see it from on the ice! Join us for our Olympics Open House on Saturday, February 24th from 10:00am to 4:00pm and throw a rock or two. Carry in a clean pair of sneakers and wear warm, comfortable, stretchy clothes. Cost $10 per person, ages 12 and up; minors must be accompanied by a guardian.

Where: Utica Curling Club, 8300 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro, NY
St. Patrick’s Day Parade!!!
Saturday - March 17, 2018!!! Utica, NY at 10:00am

***IMPORTANT***
Last year in the parade, the Utica Curling Club was referred to as a Hidden Gem!!!
Yes, it is a Gem and Celebrating “150 years”, it shouldn’t be hidden anymore!!!

Let’s get out into our community and get the recognition by Proudly Representing Our Curling Club in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade!!!

Asking All Members and Families to Participate!!!

Also needed – 1. Members to help with the float
2. Members to dress up in curling clothes & brooms from 1868 to 2018!!!
More details to follow

The Sign-up will be on the Mixed Board!!!
Deadline is Wednesday, February 21, 2018

We had so much FUN last year but we NEED Everyone to Participate this year to Celebrate Our Clubs’ 150th Anniversary!!!

Any questions, Call, text or email
Erlene Puleo
315-982-3476, curlenep@aol.com
The UCC Glengarry Challenge

March 1, 3, and 4

More information and sign-up in women's locker room!

◊ Thursday evening curling
◊ Saturday all day curling and dinner!
◊ Sunday finals

Please join us for a fun weekend!

Your committee,
Bryn, Carrie, Cindy and Kathy
THE COBB MIXED WILL SOON BE HERE!!!
WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION AND THE RAFFLE BASKETS
THE BASKETS CAN BE WHATEVER YOUR CREATIVITY COMES UP WITH
A BEER BASKET, TOOLS, COFFEE, TEA JUST TO NAME A FEW FROM YEARS PAST
~~DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION ARE NEEDED ALSO~~
CONTACT KNYOCA WITH ANYTHING YOU HAVE
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!!!!!
It is a tradition of this bonspiel that our members provide the food for our guests.

Please watch the mixed board for a sign-up sheet for food donations. Thank you in advance for your help.

Knyoca Law
COBB Chair
We have paid the membership dues for 93 women in the Utica Curling Club. All first year, resident, senior resident, and plate glass plus members along with Elizabeth, our teenage curler, are members. This membership gives you access to the All American, USWCA circuit, eligibility to attend the Senior and National Bonspiel, participation in the Scots tours both here and there, Friendship tours and the Gift and Grant program which provides money for women's travel and education/promotion programs.

Jacquelyn Schmidt and Susan Williams will be attending the winter USWCA meeting in Durham, NC, February 12-14. The remainder of the week will be spent competing in the Women's National Bonspiel along with Dee Pfohl and Becky Kick. At the bonspiels banquet, we are hoping the name of a UCC member is pulled from the hat for the Senior Friendship tour in the Canadian Maritimes. Keep your fingers crossed!

CIRCUIT: If you anticipate curling in at least three US women's bonspiels that are USWCA CIRCUIT sponsored either in the remaining of this year or in future years, it may be to your advantage to get in on the fun and join the USWCA Circuit. The Empire State Bonspiel was a circuit sponsored bonspiel.

In a nutshell, an individual throws 30$ in the "pot". At each bonspiel, points are accumulated based on how well one places. At the end of the season, your accumulated points determines how much money is returned to you. The kicker is that there needs to be two CIRCUIT players on a team to accumulate the points at a bonspiel. There is a complete list of rules and procedures too numerous to mention here at www.uswca.org. See the pull down tab on the home page.

Good Curling,

Susan Williams, USWCA Representative
To kick off our second half of the Curling season, the Utica Curling Club held a mixed bonspiel themed as Studio 54. The hair was high and the boogie shoes were on! The teams were in rare form. Dinner was hosted by CNY Comedy group with a trivia contest that was a pleasantly fun surprise to all. The winners of trivia ... table team Williams and Schatz. After, music was mixed with a play list provided by Tom Wilkinson.

16 teams played their hearts out on the ice.

* Calder winners: Team Law
* Finalists: Team Shaffer
* Conley winners: Team Acosta
* Finalists: Team Lent
* Hurd winners: Team Ciaralli
* Finalists: Team Palazoli
* Crawford winners: Team Sewell
* Finalists: Team Moore

We had six new curlers in this event, and we were piped on by the lovely Clara, granddaughter of the Palazoli’s. Clara was our first piper to bring us on our ice starting off our 150th year anniversary!

Special thanks to the subs who helped keep our bonspiel running: Tami Dunnigan, Dave Schroeder, Bernie and Mike DiMeo, Michelle MacEnroe, Becky Schafer, Don Knapp

Thanks to the fabulous ICE CREW, our wonderful kitchen and bar staff, and the chairs and co-chairs the Acostas, Mike Hurd and Becky Schafer! Until next year!
102nd Mitchell Bonspiel

Brian Moore

The 107th Mitchell Bonspiel, played on January 11-14 at the Utica Curling Club, marked the 133th anniversary of the Mitchell Medal. This was also the 106th anniversary of the Allen Medal (B Event Winner). Thirty-six teams from Canada and the U.S. attended. The results are tabulated below. Congratulations to the winners.

This year’s Mitchell Bonspiel continued the tradition of being one of the finest Bonspiels around. It is still the largest Bonspiel in the GNCC, as well as the oldest. Besides the excellent curling other highlights were acknowledging those curlers who have reached Mitchell Bonspiel attendance milestones

2018 Milestone Pin Honorees

10-year award
Dennis Mellerup, Ardsley
Tom Anderson, Ottawa
Peter Lyons, Granite
Doug Krailo, Granite
Brian Damon, Schenectady
Marc Bourguignon, RCMP
Marek Rzonca, Schenectady
Jeff Muha, Schenectady
Tom Tennian, Rideau
Kyle Burchesky, New Pond

15-year award
Doug Sinclair, Hylands
Roger Lesperance, Penetanguishene
Jeff Mayott, Schenectady
Ed Wong, Navy
Art Merkley, Schenectady

25-year award
Gordon Walton, Smith Falls
The 2018 Mitchell was a great success again this year based in feedback from many (most all) participants. An event as big as this requires a lot of volunteers – and this year’s Mitchell had many.

House Parties: Sharon Brown-Burns and Neal Burns
Conrad and Knyoca Law
Joyce Shaffer
Jan and Jim Rishel

Registration: Dale Jones / Kevin Stevens

Draw Board: Pat Costello with Ed Novak, Don Knapp

Drawboard Signs: Joe Falcone

Team Envelopes: Bob Caine / Fred Hicks

Snack / House Party Coordinator: Marj Moore

Snacks: Jan Rishel, Vicki Sheardown, Barb Felice, Carol Jones

Breakfasts: Joel Scherer, Dave Palazolli, Marj Moore

50/50 Raffles: Carrie Casab and Melissa Foote

Mitchell History Display: Mike Krumme

Mitchell Program: Mike Krumme

Prize Raffle: Blake Hagbert tackled this job with great enthusiasm and the results showed with our best year to date.

Banquet Set-up: Barb Felice, Marj Moore, Erich Krumme, Corey Buckley, Justin Schultz, Tom Wilkerson

150th Ice Photo Set-up: Erich Krumme, Kory Buckley, Tom Wilkerson, Justin Schultz, Scott Lent, Israel Acosta

Friday Entertainment: Kim Freeley, Mike Kessler, Michelle MacEnroe

Photography & House Party: Michelle MacEnroe (especially appreciated by the guys on Friday night for the 150th Photograph)
Toddy Bowl Staff: Vicki Sheardown, Knyoca Law, Karen Barnes, Bernie Dimeo, Anne Stuhlman, Michelle MacEnroe

Ad, Raffle, Event Sponsors:
Please support their businesses and say a big thanks!

Jay-K, From Soup-to-Nuts Catering, Killabrew Saloon,
Seneca Wine & Liquors, Brehmers, The Beer Hub,
Speedy Engraving, Don Knapp, McCraith Beverage,
Royal Landscaping, Focal Point, Don Edmunds
Molson (Spirit & Sanzone), Inserra’s Flooring Outlet

Event Sponsors: Jim Rishel, Mike Krumme, Erich Krumme, Brian Moore

Also – to many others who helped in many other jobs.. I didn’t forget you but there are so many. Big Thanks.

Finally, a huge thanks to Kevin Stevens, who did a ton of great work this year on entries and invitations, setting up cloud storage for the event, and did an outstanding job as co-chair to keep the event running smoothly and keep it on the right path. The only thing bad (in my mind) he did was to twist my arm to help run the event another year.

Thankfully,
Brian
The annual Murray Bonspiel was held at the UCC the third weekend of December 2017 to crown the UCC Men's Club Champion and to determine the Utica rinks to qualify to compete in the 2018 Men's Mitchell Bonspiel the second weekend in January.

This year's winning Club Championship rink was skipped by Mike Platt, Pat Costello Vice, Tom Platt, Jr. 2nd, and Pete Ciaralli lead. This win qualified the Platt team to participate in the 133rd Mitchell Bonspiel as Utica #1. The runner-up in the A-event final (Utica #2) was team Bill Sewell skip, Blake Hagberg vice, Sean Lanigan 2nd, and Gary White lead.

The other teams qualifying for the Mitchell Bonspiel were Utica #3, skip Matt Hames, Mike Kessler, Jason Brien and Jason Golubski. Utica #4, skip Conrad Law, Joel Scherer, Dan Bareiss, Jr. and Mark Crane. Utica #5, skip Brian Moore, Howie Feldman, Neal Burns, Dale Jones and Dan Stuhlman.

Sixteen teams participated in this year's Murray Bonspiel. All 16 teams had a chance to participate in the Mitchell Bonspiel as all non-qualifying teams became eligible to be picked out the hat for the Utica #6 automatic entry. This year's lucky Utica 6 entry was Bill Morehouse skip, Mike DeGironimo vice, Tim Twomey 2nd.

Thanks to all who participated, helped out, or came down to watch the games.
Ice Sheet Monitors

You’ve undoubtedly noticed the new LCD ice sheet monitors. These were possible due to the generosity of Ed Novak, Gary White, Mitch Rubinovich, Jim and Jan Rishel, and Bill and Jen Turner.

From Bernadette DiMeo:

A thank you to Dan Reed, Anne Stuhlman, Sue Hansen, Ed Novak, Sara Keene and Michael DiMeo for helping with the Try Curling outing for the Fed Ex employees from the Marcy office on January 21. They had a wonderful time, enjoyed their instructors and look forward to returning. Thank you all for making their outing a great experience!

A very special thank you to Dan Reed for helping me with a Try Curling outing for the 9 Mile Point Nuclear Plant - Delta Shift, Oswego, NY.

They had their holiday party at our club - along with a Try Curling on January 17. They were a great group and I hope they return.

Another special thank you to Carol Jones who instructed a Try Curling outing on Friday, January 19 for a group of people. I appreciated Carol helping me out as I was to participate in the Empire that weekend.

Thank you both for introducing curling and providing a memorable outing to new people.
The beginning of teen age Curling at UCC as related by Roger Storms
Typed by Peggy Rotton

Teen Age Curling began in 1953. Organized by T. Foster, the first year (1953) was just a teaching year, made up of games with whomever showed up. The games were played on Saturday mornings from ~ AM until noon. Stanley Storms and T. Foster were the main instructors assisted by other adults who stayed to help and or watch the games, 1954 was the first full year of Saturday AM Curling with the teams picked for the whole year.

The officers for the first year were: Scott Foster, Pres, Roger Storms V.P. The second year Roger Storms was Pres. and Scott Foster was VP. The winning team the first year was: Roger Storms, skip, Sue Saponero lead, Wayne Nicol, second; Sandra Redmond, vice. The second year Scott Foster's team won the competition.

The first teen age bonspiel was in 1955. This may have been the first International teenage Bonspiel. The next year, Utica was invited to Canada for a number of Bonspiels. A team from Brockville, Ontario won the 1st Bonspiel at Utica. The second event was won by Roger Storms, skip with Jim Smith, Bruce Evans and Robert Smith.

Another First
In 1957 T. Foster put together a father & son curling team. Scott Foster was lead, Roger Storms, 2nd, Stan Storms, vice & T. Foster skip. They went to Schenectady to curl in the Grand National Gordon. They won their first event. This is believed to be first father-son team in US. The games were 12 ends, Utica only won 5 ends but managed to win the game. In 1961 the team of Wallace Sweet, lead, Dr. Robert Hurd, 2nd Fred Parkinson, 3rd & skip, Roger Storms~ 4th won the right to represent N.Y. in the USA Nat'l Championships at Fargo, ND. Round robin score was 4 wins 1 loss; they lost the first game in the playoffs. One of the best showing for GNCC curlers for many years.

Submitted by Roger Storms, retired and in Florida. His sister is Diane Farr. Roger curled for a number of years after moving to Norwich, NY. Roger’s parents Stan & Connie joined in 1950. His wife Dale was also a member at one time.
L - R
Jim Smith, Bruce Evans, Robert Smith, Roger Sturm - Skip

Winner 2nd Event
1st Utica Team Bonspiel
Hello Fellow Curlers,

My name is DeAnna Bay and when I am not curling, I am also serving on the advisory board for Camp Kesem of Syracuse University. Camp Kesem is a camp (held in the Adirondacks) for children 6-18 years of age that has a parent(s) with cancer. The camp is completely free of charge for the families and is run entirely by Syracuse University students. If you or a family you know may be interested, more information about the camp can be found on their Facebook page or by visiting the link here: http://campkesem.org/syracuse. Please also let me know if you have any additional questions at: dlbay@utica.edu.

Thanks everyone,

DeAnna Bay
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