**President’s Message**

It has been a record year of curling at Utica as we celebrate the beginning of our 150th birthday. (Of course, like any good party, we will keep it going next season as well, which is still 2018!) We have had a record number of events at the club, including a 7-week stretch that included the Calder-Conley-Hurd, Mitchell, Empire State, Mixed Championship, Kayser, UCC College Bonspiel, and the Cobb. Whew! We are indebted to all the bonspiel organizers and especially the ice crew for coping with this busy event schedule. I have heard many compliments from new visitors to our club about the quality of playing conditions, our hospitality, and welcoming atmosphere. Utica knows bonspiels.

**College Curling.** You may know this, but Utica has one of the largest college curling programs in the nation, with over 50 college-age members. We recently capped the college curling season with a record 18 teams in the UCC College Bonspiel. The final featured perennial favorites RPI and SUNY Poly. The three colleges that call our club home (Colgate, Hamilton, and SUNY Poly) have all qualified to participate in the USA Curling College Championship in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, March 9-11. Your mentoring of college curlers in league play has allowed many of these players to learn more about the game and hone their skills among skilled and experienced players.

**UCC in the news.** Thanks to Pete Ciaralli and the media/marketing team, the Utica Curling Club got loads of exposure in the run-up to the Olympics, with extensive TV spots in both the Syracuse and Utica/Rome markets. In addition, we were on the radio, and signage is everywhere, including a 30-foot banner on Genesee Street advertising our February 24 Olympic Open House. Thanks to everyone who contributed, including those who made the 5:15 AM start for live shots on WSTM in Syracuse.
Olympics Open House. As you know, our Olympics Open House is scheduled for Saturday, February 24 coinciding with medal weekend for curling at the Olympics. Please sign up to volunteer to help make this a successful event, and help recruit some new members for next season. There are lots of tasks to choose from, including on-ice instruction, welcoming visitors, registration, equipment fitting, and membership benefit education. It would be great if you could come and share your enthusiasm for our wonderful sport. Our current members are our greatest asset to new member recruitment.

Capital campaign. Please consider making a charitable contribution to help us move forward on several fronts: (1) compressor repair, (2) installation of new flooring, and (3) reduction of our long-term debt. You generosity so far has been enormously gratifying. A small group is working to negotiate a lower cost of the repair of our compressor. We have raised at least $3,000 toward that expense. I would really like to see us have new flooring installed in time for our fall opening. Board members will match dollar for dollar up to $3,000 or your contributions toward this goal. Retiring of some of our long-term debt will also go a long way toward keeping our dues under control, and provide budgetary space for keeping an adequate reserve for inevitable repair and renovation. If you would like to give, please contact me or Jim Rishel, and indicate what preferences if any you have for your contribution.

Good curling,

Roger Rowlett
President
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 11th ANNUAL
UTICA CURLING CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

(OPEN TO CURLERS AND NON-CURLERS)

PINE HILLS GOLF CLUB
(Jones Rd. Frankfort)
SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2018
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!
Congratulations to the winners and runners up for the 2018 Mixed Championships.

A Event
Winners (Skip’s Mace)
   Mike Kessler, Anne Stuhlman, Kevin Stevens, Karen Rogowski
Runners Up: (Searle Pitcher)
   Dave Palazzoli, Cindy Brown, George Brown, Kathy Palazzoli,

B Event
Winners (Rose Bowl)
   Erich Krumme, Audrey Foote, John Spicer, Melissa Foote
Runners Up:
   Bob Caine, Donna Caleo, Mike Semeraro, Becky Schewe

C Event
Winners (Mixed Committee Plate)
   Roger Rowlett, Michelle McEnroe, Howie Feldman, M. J. Walsh
Runners Up
   Bill Morehouse, Sue Hansen, Mike DiMeo, Bernie DiMeo

D Event
Winners (Haase Trophy)
   Conrad Law, Brenda Citriniti, Joel Scherer, Knyoca Law
Runners Up
   Jim Rishel, Dee Pfohl, Mike Hurd, Becky Kick
FEED THE PIG FUNDRAISER (update)

The “Feed the Pig” fundraiser has seemed to have slacked off

Two (2) possible reasons:

we are curling better and not hogging our stones

or

2) We are forgetting

If it is option #2, maybe our teammates or the opposing team
will help us to remember to feed the pig 25¢

Thank you
Utica Glengarries
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
42 teams participated in this mixed bonspiel that consisted of 2 men and 2 women with 5 years or less experience. Teams came from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and New York. Peggy Rotten began the first Thursday draw by throwing the ceremonial first stone. The theme for the weekend was "Animal House" which included a Toga Party on Friday night with the band Gallows Road and a good time was had by all.

All the draws moved along and started on time. Sunday finalists were piped on with Utica curler Tim Crofton (along with a fellow piper and drummer), and Mike DiMeo trumpeted the National Anthem. It was awesome!

Winners of the 2018 Kayser are:

Triangle #4
Skip: Trevor Gau, Vice: Emma Kwiatkowski, Second: Chris Wishart, Lead: Leah Antkiewicz
Runner Up:
Cape Cod #1
Skip: Mark Wilson, Vice: Dana Gerlach, Second: Mark Boardman, Lead: Francesca Delle Femine

Potomac Medal (B Event Winner)
Triangle #1
Skip: Marc Audy, Vice: Kerry Redigan, Second: Andrew Pearson, Lead: Lindsey Larre

St. Andrews Medal (B Event Runner Up)
Broomstones #4
Skip: Allan McNab, Vice: Ellen Linch, Second: Dennis Hinton, Lead: Sid McNab

Caledonian Medal (C Event Winner)
Norfolk
Skip: Jonathan Zwick, Vice: Shannon Zwick, Second: Mike Lazzaro,
Lead, Maura McCarthy

Collins Medal (C Event Runner Up)
Philadelphia #4
Skip: Mark DeSouza, Vice: Ingrid Lux, Second: Jeff Ishibashi, Lead: Lee Alexander

Hastings Medal (D Event Winner)
Potomac #3
Skip: Andy Inglis, Vice Lauren Luethy, Second: Craig Markwardt, Lead: Stacy Tedesco

(D Event Runner Up)
Triangle #2
Skip: Matt Henning, Vice: Mariam Terninko, Second: Christopher Richard, Lead: Rebecca Knowles

E Event Winner:
Utica #3
Skip: Isreal Acosta, Vice: Kimmi Acosta, Second: Tom Wilkinson, Lead: Sarah Keene

E Event Runner Up:
Philadelphia #3
Skip: Shawn Boyle, Vice: Martha O'Connor, Second: John Moylan, Lead: Jeanne Moylan

F Event Winner:
Long Island
Skip: Keith Wisbauer, Vice: Mariann McDonald, Second: John Pac- cione, Lead: Erika Davidson

F Event Runner Up:
Rochester #2
Skip: Andrew Schubart, Vice: Erika Schubart, Second: Jon Popick, Lead: Starla Ford Daniels

The committee would like to thank all those who volunteered to help make this weekend a huge success. No small task went unnoticed. We couldn't have done it without you!!
Brenda Citriniti- Chair
Dawn & Joel Scherer- Co-chairs
It is my honor to represent Utica Curling Club at the USWCA meetings. Our club has a fine reputation throughout the country for good curling, fun, fine hospitality and friendly members.

At the USWCA's winter meeting I attended committee meetings regarding Financial Stewardship and Reference. Financial Stewardship raises funds through letter requests, and raffles. Reference Committee is charged with managing the paper and digital files that documents USWCA's work. This committee is at the crossroads. What to keep, what to toss, what to keep digitally, and where to put the paper files is a summary of our work down the road. There is much to do in both committees.

I also attended meetings regarding Gifts and Grants, the philanthropic work that provides money to assist developing clubs, and women and junior teams; governance committee which oversees the projection of USWCA, and the Scots Tour. Incoming 2011. Later this year all USWCA member clubs will be invited to host the incoming Scots Ladies Tour in 2011.

Jacquelyn Schmidt attended the communications committee. Did you see the interview of Peggy Rotton by Jacquelyn in USA Curling news?

MJ Walsh did not quite have the curling gods and stars in alignment as her name was not drawn from the hat for the Canadian Senior Friendly team. There were 17 names from the east of which 4 were picked. Please try again.

Dee Pfhol, Jacquelyn Schmidt, Becky and I had a great time at the National Bonspiel at Triangle Curling Club. We won three games and lost 2. Two of our games were very close, coming down to the last rock. Triangle Curling Club offered wonderful southern hospitality, sunny weather, and beautiful ice.

Looking down the road, this is what you can look forward to.

National Bonspiel
2019 - Chicago Curling Club. February 13-17
2020 - Hibbing Curling Club Dates TBD
2021 - Madison Curling Club. February 17-21
2022 - Utica Curling Club. Dates TBD

Senior National Bonspiel (age 55 plus)
2018 - Centerville CC. Galesville, WI Nov. 28- Dec 2, application is due 9/6/18
2019 - Albany CC, 11/20-24, 2019
2020 - Columbus CC, Columbus Ohio 11/11-15/20
2021 - Denver CC, dates TBD

Super Senior (age 65 plus)
This event will be held Wednesday Nov. 27, 2018 the day before the Centerville CC's senior bonspiel. This is the second year this event will be held. It includes two 6 end games made of put together teams with a lunch in between....a completely civil event. One enters as an individual rather then a team.

5 year and under open bonspiel sponsored by USWCA
Watch for locations and dates

I am sure there is more to be reported, but enough for now. Watch the bulletin board in the ladies room or share with me what is on your mind. Let's have a conversation!

Susan Williams
What a great time we had with a great group of people. The Utica Curling Club hosted the Matt Brewing Company Sales Team for a Try Curling outing on February 6. This is their second try curling outing as they enjoyed their first experience so much, they asked the company if they could return and we were excited to have them back.

To move 29 people quickly, I thank Pam Jones and Barb Revenaugh for getting the waivers signed quickly and moving the group to be fitted with grippers.

A very special thank you to Mike DiMeo, Bill Turner, Mitch Rubinovich, Mellon Sofinski, Jacqueline Schmidt, Jim Revenaugh, Colleen Welch, Fred Hicks and Mike Ross for providing the curling instructions.

I thank our apprentice, Dee Pfohl for staying and learning how we teach curling and look forward to her help in the future.

Thank you all for spending your time with me, introducing curling to new people and being great representatives of our club.
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.

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**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
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