President's Message

Don Knapp

The first half of the season was a great success. All of our events enjoyed greater turnouts than last year. The second half promises to be even more exciting.

We start off with the GNCC Men and Women's National playdowns starting on Thursday, January 4th through 7th. This event qualifies teams for the National Championships. There will be several strong Utica teams as well as teams from the other GNCC Clubs. It should be great curling and all members are welcome to come and watch the games.

January 11-14 is the Mitchell Bonspiel. This event brings teams from all over the eastern US and Canada, as well as some teams from the Midwest, to UCC for some excellent curling and some excellent fun. Come and socialize with our friends from out of town and enjoy the curling.

Then the following weekend are our club playdowns for the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel. A sign-up sheet is up. Sign up as teams, couples, or singles. A minimum of 5 teams qualify for the Mixed Bonspiel in February. We will be closing out the month with the Francis Dykes Bonspiel. This is a GNCC event for men with 5 years or less curling experience. It rotates between GNCC clubs each year and this year we are lucky to be the host club. Any five year and under curler is eligible to sign up for these Bonspiels. Look for sign up sheets. Bonspieling is a great part of curling. It gives you an opportunity to meet other new curlers and form friendships that last for years.

All this in addition to the start of our second half Women's, Men's and Coed Leagues should make for a great start to the second half. Two other things which I want to remind everyone of: Supervised children are welcome in the viewing area and dining room except after 6:00 PM on Saturdays or during special events as noted in the curlogram. Children are not allowed to congregate in the bar area, including the 6 round tables except during youth events. Smoking is allowed only in the area adjacent to the bar and at the 6 round tables. Smoking is also allowed in the stairwell by sheet one but only by those people who are on the ice. Cigar and pipe smoking is permitted only after 11:00 PM in the above areas. In these matters please be considerate of your fellow members.

The Crawford

Friday Night Mixed Curling

Sean Lanigan & Suzanne Ernst, chairs
Bob Risley & Jacquelyn Schmidt, co-chairs

Holidays are over. To help you through the January slump, sign up for Mixed Curling on Fridays. Dates are January 26th, February 9th, 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Draws are 5:45 and 8:00. Cost is $5.00 per person. Either sign the sheet on the Mixed Board or call Sean at 736-8105 or Suzanne at 737-7661. Deadline for sign-up is January 15th.

Don't Get Left On The Launch Pad...

Sign Up For The Best Inter-Galactic Curling Around!

Jacquelyn Schmidt & Bob Risley

We're talking about the MIXED PLAY DOWNS to be held at the UTICA CURLING CLUB on JANUARY 18-21, 2001. The Mixed Playdown helps to determine which team will be eligible to curl in the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel to be held in February 15-18, 2001.

Entry fee for curling is $16.00 per person and includes: A three game guarantee, snacks, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sun-
day, Toddy Bowl, Hors d'oeuvres and music for dancing. Also trophies and awards.

Dutch treat dinner on Saturday night - $14.00 per curler. Choice of Chicken Francaise or pork. Guests welcomed. 48 hour cancellation.

Deadline for sign up is January 10, 2001.

Attention
New Curlers

The Francis Dykes Memorial Men’s Bonspiel is February 1-4, 2001. It’s for curler’s experienced 5 years or under. Come join us for food friends and great curling. Sign up as a team or individual on the bulletin board near men’s locker room.

If you are not curling, come and watch or volunteer to help out. To volunteer contact: Sean E. Lanigan, Harvey York or Charles Knox.

Back By Popular Demand!

The Intermediate Curling Clinic would you like to brush upon your sweeping styles? Perhaps you want to further develop your delivery. You might be a new Curler ready to move on to the next level of competitiveness. Maybe you just want to learn some new strategies.

Here’s a chance to get a grip on the game before some major competitions the end of the season.

An Intermediate Curling Clinic will be held Saturday, January 27th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Items covered will be:
• Troubleshooting Delivery (Balance, Direction, Weight Control, Turn & Release)
• Sweeping (Brooms, Gripper Method, Timing the Ice, Timing the Delivery, Communication)
• Strategies (Knock-Out Competitions, Point Spiel Competitions, Tick-Tack-Tee)
• Practice and Delivery Evaluations

Call to reserve your spot today. Space is limited!!

Carol Jones at 624-3801.

USCA Donation Program

Marcia Garber

Between January 22 and February 7, 2001 I will be running the campaign for the USCA Donation Program, “Keep the Rocks Roarin’.”

Your donation helps support the USCA which provides the following programs:
– Membership Marketing Seminars (32 clubs have taken part)
– Educational Brochures (every club receives an annual supply)
– Instructional Videos (every club receives copies)
– Junior and Adult Curling Camps (over 250 curlers participate annually)
– Curling in the Gym (40 clubs have received the program)
– College Curling (regional tournaments and a national tournament)
– Club Liability Insurance Program (56 clubs are covered)
– United States Curling News (goes to every USCA-member household) USCA Web Site (over a million hits annually)

The levels of donation are:
Under $20.00 Our thanks
$20.00 and up Lead pin
$35.00 and up Second pin
$100.00 and up Third (silver pin)
$200.00 and up Skip (gold pin)
$300.00 and up All four pins

Note: Donations are fully deductible charitable donations on your federal income tax return.

Clubs that reach a minimum donation level of $8 per adult
Its Coming . . . to a Galaxy Near You!

The Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel
“2001 - A Curling Space Odyssey”
February 15-18

To all Utica curlers - YOU are invited to join the assembled space travelers and alien beings from other galaxies for a weekend of galactic glee you won't soon forget! Rather you are curling in the Bonspiel or not, this is the place for out-of-this world fun from Thursday night's Opening Party right on through to the "star wars" finals on Sunday. Everyone is invited!

Five Utica teams are guaranteed slots in this 32 team Bonspiel, as determined by the UCC Mixed Playdowns in January. All other teams are ranked for substitutions as needed in the Bonspiel.

Bonspiel Protocol for All Participants
- Must maintain a solid state within the limits of the earth's gravity, atmosphere and ambient temperatures.
- No oozing or vaporizing on the ice.
- Exhibit at least one (but are not limited to): heads, eyes, arms, legs, sex, hands, claws, feet or tails.
- Only one mouth per creature may be operational during meals and open bar times.
- No electric, galvanic, electronic, solar, stellar, magnetic, anti-gravitational, atomic, plutonic or universtic powered performance enhancing devices will be allowed. Leave your rock magnets home!
- Even though we all know the Intergalactic Language is DOS it is advised that all participants should have at least a rudimentary understanding of Ancient English for social intercourse (that's laughter, fun discussion and partying, by the way) among the assembled creatures.

Thursday, February 15th

The Opening Party - with A Special Games Area for all Space Commanders to try their skill and luck. Prizes for the winners. Speciality Drinks with limited edition glasses. Aliens serving shooters you just gotta try! Space TV and Movie Trivia. Roll the Dice for your Raffle Tickets. Toddie Bowls and Great Hors d’oeuvres. No reservations necessary. $6.00 per person at the door or $3.00 per person if in costume. All Utica members encouraged to dress in costume tonight to greet space travelers as they arrive. Curling draws at 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 16th

Curling all day. Watch some interesting intergalactic tactical warfare take place on the ice of the Utica Curling Club today!

All Utica members - please join us for the Bonspiel Banquet on Friday night at the Curling Club. All those planning to attend, including hosts and hostesses, please sign up on the Mixed Bulletin board. Reservations required. 48 hour cancellation rule applies.

The evening blasts off with Toddie Bowls and Hors d’oeuvres, with live music during the cocktail hour by our evening’s entertainers, Chauvette and Watts. This duo is regularly heard in the Alex Bay area in nightclubs and dance clubs but tonight they are all ours! Dinner will be Prime Rib with all the trimmings, prepared by Joe C. and staff. Raffle drawing. Special Entertainment by Donna Calcio and the Calcio Players (we hear they've really outdone themselves this year, so don't miss it!). Team introductions, toast to the Queen and President, national anthems and special surprises. Dancing to Chauvette and Watts 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Lots of variety for all musical tastes. Get ready to dance under the stars!

Curling all day with some semi-final matches in the evening. Who will fall into the "black hole" today on the ice?? Who will survive to fight another intergalactic foe in the next round?

Evening house parties for teams and their Utica hosts and hostesses. Following the house parties it's back to the curling club. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. Prizes for the best costumes (think of it as an "intergalactic beauty contest... and we use that term loosely...) Tonight look up and down the UCC bar and imagine the Cantina scene from Star Wars - remember that?? Well you just might see an even wackier version this evening. We've heard through the curling galaxy grapevine that some teams are already working on their costumes and there are sure to be some genetic mutations, space invaders and aliens of every description.

You gotta see it to believe it! Dancing and partying tonight are under the command of our favorite DJ Tom Burke of the DJ Network. Everyone is invited. No charge.

Sunday, February 18th

Moose milk, bloodyies and branch (duch treat). Some semi-final matches in the morning. Finalist parade with piper, followed by finals. Come watch the Curling Space Commandos in action! Curling followed immediately by the awards ceremony.

See the Mixed Bulletin Board for ways you can help make this the best Bonspiel in the galaxy. We need all space buckaroos - and that means YOU!

And don't forget to sign up for the banquet - reservations are required - 48 hour cancellation policy applies.
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10:30 a.m. Tuesdays

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Willing to: Skip _______________ Curl _______________ Sub _______________

Reservations Deadlines: January 9
Return to: June Balduf, 150 Genesee st., Apt. C-32, New Hartford, NY 13413
or call June at 797-4349

Happy New Year

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Frankfort, NY 13340

Cut and paste into your roster.
90th Annual Mitchell
Come join the excitement,
January 11,12,13,14, 2001

The festivities begin Thursday with the first draw at 5 p.m., our famous Toddy Bowl from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. and a buffet dinner.
Friday features curling all day long with a Prime Rib dinner, live band with dancing, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Saturday there is also curling all day, for your viewing pleasure, with House Parties in the afternoon (members are encouraged to volunteer to help) Saturday night brings Joe's famous fish fry dinner, followed by music and dancing.
Sunday morning finalists will be piped onto the ice at 11 a.m. for the championship matches. "Hair of the dog" will be available for those in need.
Tickets for all events will be available at the club or by calling Bill Morehouse.

Men’s Club Championship
Murray Medal

The 2000 Men’s Club Championship was held December 15-17. Sixteen very athletic, finely tuned curling machines took to the ice in quest of a championship. When the fog had cleared Sunday morning, the Bill Morehouse rink led by Dr. Mike Kessler, Jim Gleason Jr., Rich Czternastek and super sub Bill Krause had emerged victorious for the second consecutive year.
The top 8 teams from the Men’s Club Championship qualify for the Mitchell Bonspiel. When you see these curlers at the club congratulate them on job well done, and come support them when they play against Canada’s finest in the Mitchell Bonspiel.

Utica #1 Bill Morehouse, Mike Kessler, Jim Gleason, Rich Czternastek, Bill Krause
Utica #2 Bill Sewell, Frank Giovonnone, Mike Semeraro, Tomy Sweeney
Utica #3 Joe Giovonnone, Reid Porter, Pat Costello, Sal Insera
Utica #4 Sean Lanigan, Paul Norton, Mike Marusic, Dan Yager
Utica #5 Paul Giovonnone, Dean Kelly, Dave Halligan, Mike Sexton
Utica #6 Dave Mishalanie, Tom Clark, Paul MacEnroe, Bob Burnett
Utica #7 Fred Hicks, Bob Caine, John Davis, Dave Palazzoli
Utica #8 Don Knapp, Tom Everson, Tom Luker, Mike DeGironimo
member registered in 2000-2001 will be eligible to receive a cash Membership Building Grant from the USCA.

Thanks in advance for your donation.

Daytime Ladies Curling
June Baldus, chair
The Mary Clark will begin Tuesday, January 16 at 10:30 a.m. We need daytime Ladies. Call June at 797-4349 if you are not signed up and can curl. Join us for a fun morning.

Early Notice
CALDER - CONLEY - HURD
February 10th and 11th
Saturday and Sunday
Farr's & Fountains, Chairs
Mark these dates on your calendar now so that you won't forget this Bonspiel is a fun two day medal event which includes Saturday night dinner music and dancing. Many more enticing details will follow soon.

The sign-up sheet will be up in January 2001.

Kiltie Korner News!
Marty Jones, chair (giftware)
Many thanks to Gloria Petrie for making the Curling note paper.

“The Tuesday Morning Curlers” for folding, counting and stuffing all the note paper. All Lady Curlers who volunteered to work at the “Kiltie Korner” Christmas Sale.

Sue Fountain for making the beautiful Christmas Balls.

Joe and Jeanette Brindisi for the curling jewelry and curling pins.

Betty Hurd for the “One of a Kind” Curling Christmas pillow.

Renate Swiercz who worked every day and night selling, selling.

Mrs. Lewus (Mary Boeger's Mom) for the Flying Curling witches and cute curling snowmen.

And to all of you who did your shopping at the “Kiltie Korner” Good Curling, Happy New Year.

The Friendly Early Bird Results

Chairs: Erlene Daley & Art Cobb
Co-chairs: Dave & Kathy Palazzoli
The Friendly Early Bird Bonspiel was played Saturday and Sunday, December 9th & 10th, 2000 with 16 teams participating. This year it was played as a point spiel with set draw times. Each team had at least one curler that had 3 years or less experience.

The Winners of “The Friendly” or First Event. 3 game high were: Skip - Caitlin Costello, Mike Platt, Maureen Haase, Tom Platt Jr.*, Runners up: Skip - Ed Bonham, Chrissy Fink, Jim Sokolowski*, Tammy Merrick*

The Winners of “The Early Bird” or Second Event, 2 game high were: Skip - Vinnie Grove, Martha Hoffman, Barry Depot*, Theresa Murray*, Runners up: Skip - Harvey York, Diane York, Dave Enjem*, Josie Enjem*

The Winners of the “Third Event”, I game high were: Skip - Don Knapp, Erlene Daley, Joe Puleo*, Marge VanSlyke, Runners up: Skip - George Brost, Cindy Ciaralli, Bob Burnett*, Melon Sofinski*

*3 year and less curlers

Congratulations to all!

Thank You To:

* Joe C and Staff
* The ice committee
* Toddy Bowl - Betsy* & Rich Minutti*, Joyce Lyman* & Joe Puleo*
* Snacks & setting the tables – Joe Puleo*
* Our DJ's - Dana*, Caitlin. Maureen. Chrissy & Mike Platt*
* Those who brought Hors d'oeuvres
* And ALL, the curlers that participated

We hope everyone had as much fun as we did!

Glengarry Christmas Party

Susan Fountain, chair
The Glengarry Christmas Party was well attended, merry and scrumptious! Through the generosity of the Glengarry's a tremendous amount of new books were
collected for the Thea Bowman House and Dr. Seuss, Harry Potter, The Velveteen Rabbit, Clifford, etc. etc., are now residing with a delighted audience of youngsters at the center - a very enthusiastic and heartfelt thanks from the Thea Bowman House!! Thank you to Glengarry Barb Kicinski and friends at the Utica Post Office who donated a carton of books and living books books on CD, to Joe and staff for a delicious dinner and to Doreen Hayes for all her assistance.

Friday Fish Frys

Joe Says . . .

Due to event scheduling there will be no fish fries on January 5 and January 12.

The Broom Hildas Say!

Deadline for the February Curlogram is Friday, January 25, 2001.

Please send news items to:
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Thanks for your cooperation. "The Broom Hildas"