President's Message from Don Knapp

Well it has been a pretty busy first weeks. It was great to see so many people at the Opening Party. Thanks to Sean and Suzanne and their committee for a fun evening. The All American featured some great curling capped by an exciting finals. Congratulations to Caitlin and her rink on winning. Carol, Paul, and their legion of helpers had a very busy and successful New Curler introduction topped by the New Curler Bonspiel, chaired by Pam and Fred. Great job to all involved. To me, the highlight, so far, was the Third Annual Charity Challenge, Curling for a Cause. (And not only because my team did well) Colleen, Bob, and Hal, with an assist from Ed Koslick, Carol, and Paul put together a really exciting, fun event. For those of you who have never been down to watch, don’t miss next year. Not only were the teams enthusiastic, especially one team that will go nameless, right MikeI, but there was some great shot making. The coaches who volunteered their time should be commended. This event raised a great deal of money for local charities but also increased community awareness of our Club to Colleen, Bob, and Hal, our thanks for pulling together and putting on a great event again.

Please read the accompanying article concerning the special General Membership Meeting that we are having to discuss some bylaw changes.

General Membership Meeting Called for November 15th, Thursday 6:00 pm

Don Knapp

The Board of Directors has called a General Membership Meeting on November 15th at 6:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to consider several changes to the UCC bylaws.

Since the fire that destroyed our old Club, we have been faced with a difficult, but not impossible, financial situation. Dues were increased dramatically from what they were on Francis Street. Membership has grown but so have our expenses. There are 3 major areas of expense in our budget: mortgage payments, energy costs, and taxes. These are areas we have little or no control over. The mortgage has to be paid, taxes are assessed on the building, sales tax is paid on commodities we purchase, (even on our dues) and energy is required to make and maintain the ice, as well as to keep the lights on and the beer cold. We have 5 sources of revenue: dues, bar sales, the Kittie Corner, advertising, and donations. Dues income is related to how much we charge and how many members we have. We have had a great program for member recruitment and all Club members have contributed in bringing in new curlers. Unfortunately, we lose members each year as well. Advertising and donations also help defray costs. The bottom line is that it would be nice to have more income and less expense.

The UCC is a not for profit organization, but we are not a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. It was thought in the past that Curling Clubs don't meet the IRS requirements for what is called a 501c3 tax-exempt organization. Over the past 5 years some curling clubs have applied for and have been granted 501c3 status.

Others have not. Last year the Board decided to attempt to achieve tax-exempt status. The financial benefits are:

1) Exemption from certain taxes, such as sales tax on dues, NiMo bills, and a portion of our property taxes. All of which adds up to a substantial amount of money.

2) Donations to the Club would be tax deductible, as are donations to the United Way or Red Cross.

Thus we would reduce expenses and potentially raise income. Both of which are good things!!

Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 10 need to be amended before we can apply for 501c3 status. Most of these changes are minor word changes. The only substantial change is in Article 5. Currently if the members decided to disband the UCC and sell off our assets, each full member of the Club would receive equal portions of the profit. The members of a 501c3 tax-exempt cannot profit from the sale of such an organization. Any profits would have to go to another tax-exempt organization. This seems logical when you stop and think about it. More importantly, I would hope none of you are thinking of disbanding the UCC. So in my mind these changes are a no-brainer. If anyone disagrees, please feel free to speak to me or other Board members before the meeting so we may consider all viewpoints. Otherwise, please read the changes that are posted at the Club, call me or any Board member with questions. See you on the 15th for this important piece of business. If you are unable to attend the meeting you may give a proxy to another member to vote in your place.
Glengarry President’s Message - Yvone Cortright

Here were are at the beginning of yet another curling season. Hopefully, you’ve had a chance to come to the club and experience the excellent ice conditions. I’m really looking forward to the start of the regular season so that old friendships may be renewed and new acquaintances made. Let’s show that great curling spirit and make everyone feel welcome.

Last season, the Glengarries kicked off a great Kiltie Korner. We hope to continue this year. Be on the lookout for new merchandise and special sales offers along with our tried and true curling supplies. There should be a staff member in the Club to help you find what you need or answer any questions you might have. There is a price list posted on the counter for some of the most basic curling supplies and you can always ask for Renate Swiercz or myself.

We should have another fun and exciting season with everyone’s help.

Strut Your Stuff

Anyone interested in helping out with the entertainment for the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel on February 22nd, please contact Donna Galeo. We need dancers and/or singers willing to participate in the entertainment portion of the Bonspiel Party. There will be approximately 4 or 5 rehearsals on the Sundays prior to the party starting in January. Rehearsals should not last longer than 1 1/2 hours.

“The Kingdom of Curlalot” - this year’s Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel theme! Step through the gates of this magical kingdom on February 21-24th and you’ll find yourself in the midst of those who love to curl - a lot. You’ll also find these lords and ladies know how to have a good time. We of the Utica Curling Club are their hosts in the Kingdom of Curlalot. Jousting, feasting and merriment will rule the days of this fine festival, so mark your calendars now. Be sure to invite all the valiant knights and fair maidens that you meet in your curling travels. Extra Mixed Bonspiel invitations are available from the display by the club’s front entrance or give addresses to one of the chairs. (email addresses are extra nice and cost-efficient, too, so try to get these as well as a regular mailing address)

Our reputation for one of a kind bonspiel experience is spreading far and wide throughout the land (and the land to the north, too). Please volunteer by talking to any member of the organizing committee - we need you! Lots of hands make the job so much easier and we guarantee you’ll have fun and meet others, too. Preparations are already underway and we are looking for the following items - do you have or know someone who has:

- Pewter or pewter-like candlesticks (do not have to match in any way)
- Wine Bottles (empty) with raffia covered base
- Wooden serving boards and bowls - especially large sized ones
- Yardages of bold, plain colored fabric (will be used for banner making and draping)
- Medieval or Renaissance-era props for team photos
- Small to medium size shade tents or awnings such as used by craft vendors. These will be used Thursday night for “booths” at our Opening Night “Faire”.

Chairs: Brian & Marj Moore, 735-1960, madmax@borg.com
Co-chairs: George & Cindy Brown, 733-2260, gcnbrown@adelphia.com
Gary & Susan Williams, 339-7382, bearbone@borg.com

Ladies Evening Curling

Eydie Savett & Michelle MacEnroe

We have just barely started the first half and here we are enclosing forms to be completed for the second half and returned no later than December 15, 2001. Please indicate on the form your preference of curling either Mondays or Wednesdays, both evenings or if you are flexible and can curl whenever we need you.

Lambert Grant (Monday) Competition will begin January 7, 2002 at 5:45 PM. This event is the second or middle rung of the ladder competition and is 8 ends. The dates for the competition are January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, & 18. Skips should plan on attending the team selection meeting on Sunday, January 6, 2002 at 2:00 PM at the curling club. Skips will then contact their teams. If any skip is unable to attend this meeting, please make arrangements for someone to choose your team and let me know who that person is.

Glenplaidie (Wednesday) Competition will begin January 9, 2002 at 5:45 PM. This event is the third or highest rung of the ladder competition and is 8 ends. The dates for the competition are January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, & 20. Skips should plan on attending the team selection meeting on Sunday, January 6, 2002 at 3:00 PM at the curling club. Skips will then contact their teams. If any skip is unable to attend this meeting, please make arrangements for someone to choose your team and let me know who that person is.

NOTE: I am asking all experienced curlers to make any new curlers on their current teams aware of this procedure so that they are not left out of the second half of curling. Your continued cooperation in being flexible for scheduling purposes is greatly appreciated.
Men’s Ladder Competition

Fred Hicks

The Men’s Ladder consists of four leagues played on three nights during January, February, and March. Three of the leagues play at 8:00 and one at 5:45 so you can play whether you are an early bird or late night person. It is called the Ladder because skips move up or down each year based on their results from the previous year. The top competition is the Sims, played at 8:00 on Wednesday. Next is the Allen at 8:00 on Tuesday followed by the Veterans at 8:00 on Monday. This “entry level” league for new skips is the Rink, played at 5:45 on Tuesdays.

The skip’s sign-up sheet is posted outside the men’s locker room. Please let me know if you plan to skip again this year. Returning skips that did not skip last year should sign up as members who want to start in the Rink. New rink skips will be selected based on years of membership in the club.

Curlers can sign up to play in the leagues in three ways:

1. Fill out the form below and send it to me telling me which leagues you are available for and how many leagues you want to curl in.

2. e-mail me at fredpam@dreamscape.com with the information.

3. sign up on the sheet posted outside the men’s locker room.

If your name is not listed on the sign-up sheet, write it in at the bottom.

Each curler is guaranteed one night in the Ladder. I will try my best to accommodate everyone who wants to curl more than once per week.

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The Friendly-Early-Bird
Bonspiel 2001
December 8 & 9, 2001

Kathy & David Palazzoli, chairs
pala@borg.com - 853-2042
Art Cobb & Erline Daley, co-chairs

Please make sure to save these dates to curl in this Friendly Mixed Event with medals for the first and second event winners.
3 GAME GUARANTEE,
SATURDAY EVENING TODDY BOWL,
DINNER & MUSIC
The sign-up sheet will be posted on the mixed board with full details
Don’t miss this chance for a medal-winning event!

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MEN’S LADDER COMPETITION

Name: ________________________________

Times available:  
Monday 8:00 ___  
Tuesday 5:45 ___  
Tuesday 8:00 ___  
Wednesday 8:00 ___

Number of leagues I want to curl in  1 ___  2 ___  3 ___

Mail to: Fred Hicks, 5958 Central Corners Rd., Vernon Center, NY 13477

CURLOGRAM RESPONSE 2nd HALF
Glengarry Evening Curling January - March 2002

Name: ________________________________

Phone: (H) ____________________________(B) __________

Lambert Grant - 8 ends - 5:45 PM - Mondays

Willing to: ( ) Curl ( ) Skip ( ) Sub

Deadline: December 15, 2002 • Return to: Eydie Savatte, 3 Wills Drive, New Hartford, NY 13413

Glenplaidie - 8 ends - 5:45 PM - Wednesdays
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, & 20.
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Turkey Spiel 2001
Saturday,
November 17th

Liz & Mike DeGironimo,
chairs - 733-5807

Calling all curlers...Don't be a turkey;
sign up for the annual Turkey Spiel.
The Turkey Spiel is a one-day, fun
event with two, four-end games
separated by a delicious turkey dinner.
Thanksgiving related prizes will be
awarded to all
participants!
Sign up as
singles or
couples. The
sign-up sheet on
the Mixed
Committee
Board has all
the details.

Hope to see you there!

Opening Party

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

The OPENING PARTY was held on
Saturday, October 20, 2001 to kick off
the new season. Joe served up his
delicious dinners as always. Music was
provided by Steve Bennett (who
graciously started playing early for our
entertainment). It was great to see a
good turnout for our first event. A
special thanks to Sharon Halligan for
her assistance at registration.

Get Well,
Paul Shaffer

All American Results

Gloria Petrie, chair

The USWCA All-American Bonspiel was held on November
22, 24 and 26. Eight teams competed in an outstanding
competition. The final game for the A Event was a "nailbiter" going into a tie
breaking 9th end. The final results were:

A Event Winner
S - Caitlin Costello
3 - Pam Jones
2 - Donna Evans
1 - Jane Mahoney

B Event Winner
S - Ylva Cortright
3 - Gloria Capelli
2 - Jacquelyn Rizzo-Schmidt
1 - Josi Enjem

C Event Winner
S - Peggy Rotton
3 - Ginger Zilioux
2 - Cindy Ciarelli
1 - Michelle MacEnroe

E Event Winner
S - Joyce Shaffer
3 - June Balduf
2 - Kathy Palazzoli
1 - Doreen Hayes

Runner-Up
S - Lis DeGironimo
3 - Erlene Daley
2 - Melon Sofinski
1 - Heather Swiercz

Runner-Up
S - Marj Moore
3 - Judi Giovanni
2 - Peggy Caneen
1 - Marty Jones

Runner-Up
S - Diane Caine
3 - Donna Caleo
2 - Eydie Savette
1 - Terri Flemm

Runner-Up
S - Diane York
3 - Kathy Davis
2 - Renate Swiercz
1 - Madonna Schmidt

Thanks to all who participated and to the Ice Men for great ice.

The Broom Hildas' Say!

If possible - and deeply appreciated...
please send your news items typed or neatly written on letter size
paper so we can use the fax and as uncreased as possible.

Deadline for the December Curlogram is: Wed, Nov. 28, 2001

Please send news items to:
Ellen Boerger - 209 Hartford Pl., Utica, NY 13502
or
Betty Hurd - 8 Knollwood Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413
Thanks for your cooperation. "The Broom Hildas"

You may send items as early as you wish -
so you don't forget.