President’s Message from Don Knapp

Impossible but this is the last Curlogram for 2001. Ring in 2002 at UCC with our New Years Eve party. Look for the signup on the Mixed Board. I would like to thank everyone who showed, voted, and talked to me about our recent By law change. All changes passed by a show of hands. This was an important step in helping the financial health of the Club.

The GNCC Playdowns for the Junior Nationals were held over Thanksgiving weekend at the Club. Our two boys teams did well. The rink skipped by Jim Gleason Jr. came in second losing only to the winning rink from Broomstones. The other UCC rink, skipped by John Costello came in third. Their only losses were to the first and second place finishers. While we had no UCC girls teams, two of our curlers. Liz Williams and Molly Hubbell, competed with out of town teams. Molly’s rink came in second and Liz’s third. Congratulations to all our junior curlers. Many thanks to Pat, Marie, and all the club members who helped over the weekend.

This month promises to be an exciting month. We have our first Mixed weekend Bonspiel, the Friendly Early Bird. Sign up as teams or as individuals. Then the following weekend is the Mitchell Playdowns. Again, sign up as teams or individuals. For our new members, if you are not curling in either event, come down and watch - have a good time. The Friendly Early Bird promises to be a good party. The Mitchell Playdowns is our most competitive men’s event. You should see some great shot making and exciting games. You might even get to try a sleighride!

Everyone should have received their rosters in the last curlogram. In addition to names and phone numbers, the Roster contains a wealth of information. It has a copy of our yearlong schedule, our rules for Men’s, Women’s, and Mixed curling. It also contains some Club rules on page 26. I would ask that all members, old and new, reacquaint themselves with these rules. Please be considerate of others and follow our rules. Thanks. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season!

Men’s Club Championship (Murray Medal)
Bill Morehouse, chair

The Utica Curling Club will hold its annual Men’s Club Championship, the battle for the coveted MURRAY MEDAL, on December 14th, 15th, and 16th. At least 16 of our top men’s teams will attempt to keep Bill Morehouse’s rink (Dr. Mike Kessler, Jim Gleason Jr., Rich Czernastek) from winning a 3rd consecutive Murray Medal.

The competition will be tough, with a strong field of competitors attempting to dethrone the 2-time champions. The teams with the best chance, if the “Morehouse Rink” falters, are current Mitchell champion Don Knapp’s Rink (Tom Everson, Tom Luker, Mike DeGironimo) and perennial Murray favorite Paul Giovannone’s Rink (Dean Kelly, Dan Boerger, Mike Sexton, Dave Halligan).

The top 8 teams qualify for the Mitchell Bonspiel in January.

“Kiltie Korner’s” Annual Christmas Sale
December 10th-13th 4:30pm - 8:15pm Marty Jones, chair

SHOP FOR YOUR CURLING NEEDS
Pants, Shoes, Brooms, Sweatshirts, Golf Shirts, Hats, Jewelry, Note Paper, Pins, Gift Certificates and More. Don’t Miss This!
Mixed Playdowns
Chairs: Bob Risley and Jacquelyn Schmidt
Co-chairs: Mike and Liz DeGironimo

This year's mixed playdowns will be held January 3-6, 2002. The Playdown is a competitive event which is a qualifier for the Marie Cobb Mixer Invitational Bonspiel to be held February 21-24, 2002. The sign-up deadline is December 22, 2001.

In addition, the mixed committee has established the following rules of eligibility for participation:

- Participants in the mixed playdowns must be available to play in the mixed Bonspiel.
- Any curler who participates as a regular team member in the playdown and fails to play in the event without good cause (illness, injury, etc.) will be barred from both events for a period of one year.
- Substitutes for all teams shall be assigned by event chair from playdown teams in the order of their playdown rank.
- Members of the UCC may play as members of other clubs so long as they have not participated in the playdowns as either regular team members or substitute, and make up no more than 50% of the team.
- The order of application receipt shall determine acceptance for out of town teams, except that when the event is over subscribed out of town teams without UCC members shall have preference over such teams with UCC members.
- The mixed Bonspiel is an invitational event and the committee reserves the right to decline any invitation that,

Crawford
Chairs: Bob Risley and Jacquelyn Schmidt
Co-Chairs: Dave and Kathy Palazzoli

The sign-up sheet for the Crawford is on the mixed board. There is no mail-in sign up. Because this has been a popular event in recent years we are offering a three draw, six end game format. If participation does not warrant 3 draws we will go back to a 2 draw, eight end game format with draws at 5:45 and 8:00. The entry fee is $5.00 per person. Curling begins on Friday, January 18, 2002. Sign-up deadline is January 6, 2002.

Family Night Is Coming Again
Chairmen - George and Cindy Brown
Bill and Deb Morehouse

That's right, it's almost time for the Annual Family Night! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26, 2002 from 4:00pm - 7:00 pm. Keep checking the Mixed Board for the sign up sheet. This event is open to EVERYONE - young or old, regardless of your curling ability or status. Family night allows you to curl with other family members (children, teens, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, ... you get the idea) that you wouldn't otherwise have the chance to curl with. You can sign up as a family...or if you don't have kids, you can sign up to adopt-a-family or just help out. It's great fun just watching everyone out there together. There, of course, will be food for everyone and prizes for all of the kids and possibly some other special awards.

Daytime Ladies Curling
June Balduf and Doreen Hayes, chairs

The consensus of opinion of the daytime ladies is that they feel they would like to continue the ladder competition with the Mary Clark at 10:30 on Tuesdays, AM.

However, we do need two more lady curlers for this competition to be run January 8th through February 19th. If we cannot secure two women for this competition it would probably be necessary to retire the Mary Clark and go to the Glengarry Challenge where we can invite the boys to curl with us.

Please call June Balduf at 797-4349 or Doreen Hayes at 736-0394 by December 11th. You could be the woman to keep the Mary Clark alive!!!

Ladies Evening Curling

REMINDER - I want to encourage all ladies who want to curl Monday and/or Wednesday evening to sign up NOW. The DEADLINE is December 15, 2002. You should contact Eydie Savett by phone, 732-0244; e-mail, ehsave@juno.com; or mail response to 3 Wills Drive, New Hartford, NY 13413. Please indicate which night, one or both, curl or sub, or if you are flexible. I am asking that you speak to the new curlers and encourage them to participate in the Ladies Evening Curling.

It's Party Time! 2002 Mitchell Bonspiel
January 13, 14, 15, 16, 2002

Come join the excitement as 36 Top Teams from the U.S. & Canada compete for the famous "Mitchell Medal". Our very own President, Dr. Don Knapp and his stellar rink (Tom Everson, Tom Luker, Mike DeGironimo) will be defending the "Mitchell Medal" which they won in 2001. Don's team will be available for autographs ($10.00 each) and photos ($20.00 each) with all proceeds being donated to the Little Rocker Program.

All members are encouraged to attend some or all of the events listed below. For tickets, call Bill Morehouse.

Thursday, January 13
(cost $12.00)
6:00-10:00pm - Welcome Party
Toddy Bowl & Italian Buffet
Curling 5:15pm - 7:30pm - 9:45pm

Friday, January 14
(cost $32.00)
7:00pm - Dinner Dance
Prime Rib Dinner - Live Band
Curling 9:00am - 11:00am - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Saturday, January 15
(cost $12.00)
11:00a-3:00pm - House Parties
5:00-10:00pm - Joe's Famous Fish Fry
Curling 9:00am - 11:00am - 2:00pm
4:00pm - 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Sunday, January 16
8:00am - Moose Milk & Bloody Marys
Curling 9:00 am - Finals at Noon
Another Kind of December List
(but this one doesn’t involve Santa...)

Things to do now to get ready for the February 21-24. Marie Cobb Mixed "Kingdom of Curlalot" Invitational Bonspiel
1. Rent Men in Tights or Prince of Thieves to get ideas.
2. Gather around the fireplace with a bottle of wine, then donate the empty bottle to the theme committee. (raffle wrapped base preferred)
3. Check out costume websites. Be ready to be inundated with ideas. (Take a glass of that wine to the computer, you'll be there awhile.)
4. Call Donna Calo (735-2041) or Dave Palazzoli (853-2042) to volunteer your singing, dancing or thespian talents.
5. Consider a donation to the UCC Raffle which is held during the Bonspiel (items or cash equally acceptable; coordinator Martha Hoffman will gladly turn cash donations into enticing raffle items if you wish)
6. Search the attic for chain mail or suit of armor (hey, you never know...)
7. Sign up ASAP for the Mixed Playdowns January 3-6. Five UCC teams are guaranteed entry to the Kingdom of Curlalot.

Questions, comments or to volunteer to help, please contact:
Chairs: Brian and Marj Moore. Co-Chairs: Gary and Susan Williams / George and Cindy Brown

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 fredpm@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.

Junior National Playdowns
Pat Costello, Chairman

The Utica Curling Club was the host site for the GNCC Junior National Playdowns, November 23-25. Five Junior Men Teams (Broomstones I and II, Utica I and II and Philadelphia) competed in a round robin-double knockout format to decide who would represent the GNCC at the Junior National Championships in Kettle Moraine, Wisconsin, in January. Utica I (Jimmy Gleason, Skip, Jason Gleason vice, Mike Lennon 2nd, Alex Duncan lead) finished the round robin with a 3-1 record but lost to the Event winner, Broomstones I 9-8 in a playoff game. Utica II (John Costello skip, Brady Clark, vice, Greg Roberts 2nd, Ryan Sunnerlin lead) finished the Round Robin in 3rd place with a 2-2 record. Also competing from the UCC in the Junior Women’s competition was Elizabeth Williams, vice skip for Plainfield, N.J. and Molly Hubbell, 2nd for Broomstones. Philadelphia Jr. Women won the 3 team Junior Women’s Competition in a second play-off game.

Many thanks go out to Utica Curling Club members who so generously gave of their time over the busy Thanksgiving weekend. Head officials leading the way were Eydie Savett and Bill and Peggy Rotton. Others helping out by officiating games were Gloria Petrie, Sue Williams, Dave Mishalanie, Ralph DeSantis, Jr., Barb Kicinski, Pat Costello, Gil Hurd, Judi Giovannone, John Davis, Pam Jones, Fred Hicks, Jim Sokolowski, Diane Bednarek, Nancy Owens, Teri Flemme, and Tom Flishing. Many thanks also go out to the ice crew - Jim Gleason, Tom Clark, Tarren Williams and others for such fantastic ice over the weekend. Finally, thanks to Marie Costello, Paul and Michelle Mac Enroe and anyone I may have forgotten to mention, that made this event such a smooth and successful week-end.

MEN'S LADDER COMPETITION

Name ____________________________

Times available:  
Monday 8:00 ___  
Tuesday 5:45 ___  
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Number of leagues I want to curl in: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___

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Junior Playdown Officials
Eydie Savett and Peggy Rotton - Co-Head Officials

We would like to thank those listed for volunteering much of their holiday weekend by officiating at the Jr. Playdowns thereby promoting the “Spirit of Curling”. Although the hours were long and cold, we got to enjoy some exciting games and meet some terrific young people. Many thanks also go to Paul and Michelle MacEnroe for providing hot soup and sandwiches for the officials. Congratulations and good luck go to the winners and all the participants.

Bill Rotton
Pat Costello
Gloria Petrie
Sue Williams
Ralph Desantos

Pam Jones
Fred Hicks
Terri Flemma
Tom Firching

Judi Giovannone
Dave Mishalanie
Nancy Owens
Gil Hurd

Barb Kicinsky
John Davis
Jim Sokolowski
Diane Bednarek

Please Note Change!
Kings Cup Dinner
Thursday, December 13th
Joe C’s Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner
Reservations Required - $12.50
Bulletin Board Sign-up
Time on Sign up sheet!

New Curler Bonspiel
Committee: Pam Jones and Fred Hicks - Dave and Kathy Palazzoli - Alfred and Lynn Moretz

The Bonspiel was played Friday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 3rd. An informal party Saturday night helped everyone to mingle and get to know the new curlers. Pizza and wings replaced the customary sit-down dinner and were served with the Toddie Bowl and hors d’oeuvres.

Twenty-four teams curled in the Bonspiel, eight in the first draw, ten in the second and six in the third. Forty new curler played in the event. Scoring was on points and one set of prizes was awarded. The championship went to Brian Moore’s team that included Marj and two new curlers, Brian Shepardson and Valerie Tofoni.

A “Blind Contest” was held for the first game on each sheet that had new curlers. The contest was blind because only the skips knew what the contest was or even that it existed. On one sheet, the prize was for the first new curler to make a draw. On another for the first to hog a stone, etc. Gag gifts were awarded immediately after the game.

We especially appreciate all the current members who helped make the event enjoyable for the new curlers. We had so much fun that we hope someone runs the event again next year.

Turkey Spiel 2001
Chair: Lis DeGironimo
Co-Chair: Sue Ernest

Turkey Spiel 2001 was held on November 17. Sixteen teams, with a total of nine new curlers, participated in the event this year. Prizes, which included turkey basters, cranberry sauce, turkey potpies, an dinner bells, were awarded to each participant. One of the more coveted prizes was a turkey field dressing kit, which included a large plastic bag, a shoulder carrying strap, latex gloves, and wet wipes.

In many mixed Bonspiels, the goal is to be “in the silver.” In the turkey Spiel, the goal is to be “in the meat.” Bringing home the most meat this year (18 pound turkeys) was the winning team skipped by Gary Williams. His team included Liz Williams (vice), Peter Giornetti (second), and Joyce Lyman (lead). A total of seventy-six (76) tasty turkey dinners were served.

Many thanks to Sue Ernest and Sue Fountain for their assistance and to Joe C. and his helpful staff for a delicious dinner.

Happy Hour
Watch for sign up.
Starts January 17th, 4:00 pm.
More to Follow.

Calder Conley Hurd Bonspiel
Chairs: Gary and Susan Fountain

Got a new calendar from Santa? Be sure to write in the Calder Conley Hurd! February 2 & 3. Three Game guarantee...more to come!

Charity Challenge

On October 27, 2001, the 3rd Annual Charity Curling Challenge was held at the Utica Curling Club. This year the fundraiser had 10 area business teams participate with 9 distinct charities benefiting from their efforts “Curling for a Cause.” A total of $5688 was collected. The teams were piped on the ice at 1:00 pm. Teams from the Dental Office, WalMart, Tri State, the US Postal Service, HCT, the Observer-Dispatch, Carbone Auto Group and Clear Channel Communications-WOUIR competed in the four and event.

The Bonspiel Grand Champion was team Carbone with a total of $1223.50 raised for the UCP Promise Room. The winning team was made up of skip-Tom Warren, vice-Joe Gabel, 2nd-Sharon Winn and lead-Cheryl Condo.

Other Charities include
Operation Sunshine $327.50
Clear Channel Disaster Relief Fund $490
Little Falls Family YMCA $555
American Red Cross $344.50
American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund $102.50
Westmoreland Marching Band $1580.00
United Way 911 Fund $782.50
Doug Fluty Jr. Foundation for Autism $282.50

All of the donations collected by the teams are distributed to the charities. To help defray the cost of the Bonspiel, black or navy blue embroidered windshirts were sold. A few are still available, the cost for each is $20.

Many thanks to the committee: Ed Koslick, Bob Caine, Hal Rance, Carol Jones, and Paul MacEnroe. Also thank you to Eydie, Marty Jones, Diane Caine, Linda Rance, Michelle MacEnroe and Barb Devlin for help during the event.
2001-2002 Roster
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Arthur "J" Cobb's telephone area code to...561
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The Broom Hildas' Say!

If possible - and deeply appreciated...
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on letter size paper so we can use the fax
and as uncreased as possible.

Deadline for the December Curlogram
is:

Wednesday, December 26, 2001

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Please send news items to:
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or
Betty Hurd - 8 Knollwood Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413

Thanks for your cooperation. "The Broom Hildas"
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