President's Message  Don Knapp

For the past 3 weeks I have been thinking about what I wanted to say in this month's curlogram. Usually it is pretty easy but for a while this month I had a hard time finding anything good to say. I was taught that if you can't say anything good it is better to say nothing at all. Then we had the Mitchell, and while it was a disappointing weekend on the ice for me, off the ice it was great. Seeing people who came to it for 10, 20, 30, and even 41 years! Hearing them say what a great club we have and how wonderful the people in the club are to them. Seeing how many Canadians came, even thought the $280 translates to $465 Canadian, because they love our Club so much. Hopefully we can show the same friendship and understanding to each other all year long that we seem to show to our out-of-town guests.

I would like to thank Bill Morehouse, Teri Flemma, Colleen Thomas, Chris Gleason, and Pete Ciaralli, They were the main force behind the Mitchell again. Many other people were involved and I don't mean to overlook you. Thank you for all your time and effort. It was Bill's second year as chairman. As with any event, it gets easier to put it together each time you run it. Hopefully it will keep getting easier for many years to come. Bill. February brings us to a couple of our bigger events. We start the month off with the Calder Conley Hurd Bonspiel. The signup is up on the Mixed Board. Then later in the month is our biggest event the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel. Brian the Stout and his committee look to be setting up another great event. Brian and Marge have been running the Mixed Bonspiel for several years now and just seem to be making it better and better. The highest honor that the UCC can bestow on a member is Honorary Life Member. This is done only by unanimous vote of the Board. The criteria are service to the Club above and beyond the call of duty. Earlier this month we added our twelfth member to this group: Betty Hurd. Thanks Betty. The other Life Members are: Ken Blodgett, Ed and Ellen Boerger, Anne and Dr. Robert Burchesky, Arthur J. Cobb, Gil Hurd, Helen and Dr. Robert Hurd, Jim King, and Bob Noble.

Congratulations to Caitlin, Chrissy, Maureen, Eline and Danielle for repeating as GNCC Women's Champions. They will be representing the UCC and the GNCC Women's Champions. They will be representing the UCC and the GNCC in the Women's National Championships being held in Mesabi, Minnesota March 1-9. Good luck. We are all very proud and happy for you.

Ice Is Nice (thanks to you!)  By Jim Gleason

I would like to thank those of you that have helped maintain the ice by doing all the little things that help so much; like sweeping, taking scores down, cleaning hacks, arranging rocks, etc. These things make the ice committee's work so much easier.

I would also like to put out a kind reminder about kneeling, resting your hands, elbows and arms on the ice. It will distort the ice surface and cause rocks to travel off line. I think a lot of people do it without knowing. I would ask if you might give others a kind reminder after they shoot. This would insure better ice conditions.

Most of you have noticed the large button areas! These are intentionally large to incorporate advertising on the buttons. If you know anyone who might want to see their logo and ad in the center of the house, call Deb Morehouse at 734-1475. Deb can give you the scoop on advertising rates.

Service to Other Clubs - We Go Far & Wide

Eydie Savett has served as an official for Men's District Playdowns at Rochester, Mixed playdowns at Rochester and Women's GNCC playdowns at Ardsley, Peggy and Bill Rotton were at Norfolk District III men's playdowns as officials and Peggy also served as an official at the Women's GNCC playdowns.

Sweet Points 2002

Renate Swiercz, Les Cortright - Chairs

If you missed the opportunity to participate in last December's Sweet Points, want another stab at it while your shots are still fresh in your mind; or, want to learn more about shot-making, take note. Sweet Points 2002 is coming in February.

Sweet Points is a contest in which you will be presented with nine different shot situations. Our courteous assistants will set up each shot even hold the broom for you. All you need to do is pick where you want the broom and shoot. You get four tries - two using the in-turn and two using the out-turn. No skips. No sweepers. Yes, that's right, it's you, the stone, and the ice.

For each shot you can score 2 points for making it, 1 point for nearly making it, or 0 points if you miss. For example, one of the shots calls for throwing a Centerline Guard. If your stone touches the centerline and comes to rest in front of the house, 2 points are awarded. If the stone comes to rest +/- 6 inches from the centerline, 1 point is awarded. If the stone is hogged, touches or goes through the house, or is nowhere near the centerline, zero.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Don't think twice about not having the experience to win. Sweet Points 2002 is where you will gain it! Medals and prizes are awarded to the top Men's, Women's, and 5-Year and Under participants.

Draw time is Saturday, February, 16th at 1:00 pm. We will provide you with scorecards, give a brief introduction to each of the nine shots and their purpose, and review the rules of play. There are three courses. The draw will take about 2 hours with 8-10 people per course. Sign up is on the Mixed Bulletin Board.

We will also need 6 people (our courteous assistants) to set up shots and hold brooms. It can be a cold and nasty job, but volunteers would be appreciated. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please call Renate Swiercz 737-8838 or Les Cortright 737-5261.
Ice is available for practice the following times.  
Tuesdays  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - 2 sheets  
Thursdays  
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm - 2 sheets  
Fridays  
9:00 pm to 11:00 pm - 3 sheets  
Sundays  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - 6 sheets  

For daytime weekday practice, please call Club and check with Joe Cornachia to see if club is open (736-1724).

The Rochester-Utica Mixed “Friendly”  
Chairs - Kathy and Dave Palazzoli - 853-2042, pala@borg.com  
It comes annually, the format is simple. On March 2, 2002 at 10:00 am a busload of Rochester Curlers come to Utica to play two draws against a similar number of Utica Curlers. The event is total points Utica vs. total points Rochester. Snacks, lunch, and etc...included.

Winners hold the Sacred Tankard for a year, along with bragging rights. Losers take possession of the Cursed Monkey, and must endure verbal abuse.

Sign up sheet will be posted on the Mixed Board. Teams will be assigned on the day of the show. All Utica members are eligible for this one-day prize.

Forty of us went to Rochester last year and were hustled, robbed, mugged, cursed and sent drinking into the night with the Cursed Monkey as our only prize.  
THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!  
YOU MUST ENLIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE MUST REIGN DESTRUCTION ON THESE PRETENDERS FROM THE WEST. WE MUST DROP A HOUSE ON THEIR SISTER AND STALK THE RED SHOES. (Oops, wrong story - sorry...) Please sign up for this important event.

Prize Spiel  
John and Laura Jacon  
Re-live Olympic glory on Saturday, March 23 by entering the Prize Spiel. More details coming next month about this fun event, where all are welcome.

New Year’s Eve 2001  
Chairs: John and Peggy Caneen - Co-chairs: Gary and Sue Fountain and Martha Hoffman  
New Year's Eve 2001 was a fun time for all that attended. The club was decorated in a red and white theme.

Ninety people attended the event, the largest number of people in quite a few years. The club was decorated for the occasion in a red and white theme. Soundsoinc (Joe Puleo, Jr.) was the DJ.

Our thanks to Joe C. for the delicious dinner, to Pam and Fred, Doug and Eileen Pens, Sue and Gary Fountain, Sean Lanigan, Martha Hoffman, Erlene Daley and Jack Pendrake for helping with the decorating and clean up.

Also thanks to Doug and Eileen Pens, and Chuck and Shelly DelMonte for helping with the Toddy Bowl.

The Finals of the Kings’ Cup Co-ed League, 2001 Report  
Event Chairs: John and Peggy Caneen, Sue and Gary Fountain  
The finals of the Kings' Cup Co-ed League were held on Friday, December 21. The top 12 of 28 teams competed. Five teams each came from the 5:45 and 7:30 draws and 2 teams from the 9:00 draw.  
The results of the finals are:  

1st Event Winners: Bill Morehouse (skip), Ginger Zilliox, Doug Pens and Eileen Pens  
Runners-up: Fred Hicks (skip), Gloria Petrie, Dave Salberg, Monica Spath  

2nd Event Winners: Vinnie Grove (skip), Kathy Davis, Bob Foley, Linda Rance  
Runners-up: Harvey York (skip), Eydie Savetti, Dave Mahoney, Mary Gajewski  

3rd Event Winners: Bob Burnett (skip), Josie Enjem, Dave Schroeder, Barb Schroeder  
Runners-up: Stu Card (skip), Linda Whitney, Clare Bareiss, Tom Platt, Sr.  

4th Event Winners: Mike De Gironimo (skip), Cindy Kelly, Rosemary Muench, Alan Light  
Runners-up: Bob Caine (skip), Diane Caine, Al Moretz, Jane Mahoney  

5th Event Winners: Mike Swierc (skip), Laura Jacon, Dan Bareiss, Troy Cerny  
Runners-up: Terri Flemma (skip), Dave Enjem, Rich Minutti, Betsy Minutti  

6th Event Winner: Barb Bonham (skip), Chris Mazzotta, Chuck Del Monte and Shelly Del Monte  
Runners-up: Sue Williams (skip), Jim Sokolowski, David Prezyna, Bob Trudel  

First year curlers are identified with an asterisk. It is interesting to note that the first event winner, the 4th event winners, the 6th event winners and runners-up each had 2 new curlers at the front end. Awards were presented immediately following the finals, with the Kings' Cup Trophy and silver cups presented to the winners.

Our thanks to Sue and Gary Fountain for all their help.
The Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel at the Utica Curling Club Presents
The Kingdom of Curlalot

By Proclamation of Good King Brian the Just, Lover of Stout, Protector of Granite and Defender of the Button and His Good Queen Marjorie, Ice Polisher and Keeper of the Broom, you are hereby invited to enter the gates of the Kingdom of Curlalot February 21-24 and join in the merrymaking and shotmaking that will mark the Kingdom's Winter Curling Fest.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Draws 4:45, 7:00 and 9:15 pm
Welcoming Party  Beginning at 6:00 pm

Welcoming party with substantial munchies and toddy bowls. Taste some of our special wassail. $6.00 for non-curling participants, 1/2 price for any Utica member dressed in costume. Renaissance Games, and surprises. Welcome our guests to the Kingdom of Curlalot!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Continental Breakfast 8:00 - 10:30 am
Draws 8:30 am, 10:45 am,
1:00 pm, 3:15 pm
Dutch Treat Lunch 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Toddies Bowls and Hors'Doeuvres 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Prime Rib Dinner 8:00 pm
Entertainment by UCC Members 9:15 pm
Music and Dancing to the Sounds of "Crackerjack Stew" 9:30 pm - 1:30 am

All UCC members are invited to the banquet. Don't miss out on all the fun! $27.00 per person includes all activities from 7:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Reservations are required. See the Mixed Board to reserve your space. 48 hour cancellation applies.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Continental Breakfast 8:00 - 10:30 am
Draws 8:30 am, 10:45 am,
1:00, 3:15, and 8:30 pm
Dutch Treat Lunch 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Cocktails & Dinner at UCC Members' Homes 6:15 - 8:15 pm
DJ and Dancing 9:30 pm - 1:30 am

The Kingdom will be rocking on Saturday night! Everyone is invited to watch the Semi-Final Jousting. Dancing with our DJ Host Tom Burke of the DJ Network. Raffle Drawing, Prizes for Best Costumes and Trivia Contest Team Winner, too.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Moose Milk, Bloody Marys 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Dutch Treat Brunch 9:00 am
Semi Finals 11:45 am
Piper Parade 12:00 noon
Finals 2:15 pm

Interested in Helping Make the Kingdom of Curlalot Mixed Bonspiel Come Alive?

Here's How You Can Get Involved!

1. The Kingdom of Curlalot Mixed Bonspiel will feature games of fun and chance on the opening night, Thursday, February 21st. There will also be a team trivia contest as well as a costume during the bonspiel weekend. Please consider donating one of the prizes for these. Any item in the $5-$15 range is much appreciated. A large blue box is located in the UCC foyer for your convenience. Please place items here or give directly to any member of the Games Committee. Committee: Lis and Mike DeGironimo, Michelle and Paul MacEnroe, Laura and John Jacon or Marj and Brian Moore.

2. Drink Chianti - and then donate the bottle to be used for the table centerpieces (raffia covered base preferred). We need 12 more bottles to make our goal. So, start drinking. Please give bottles to make our goal. So, start drinking. Please give bottles to either Marj Moore, Linda Whitney or Cindy Brown.

3. Plan to join us to set up the many, many things that need to be done to transform the club. We'll be having a work party on Saturday, February 16th and Sunday, February 17th. Both days we will start at 10:00 a.m. The chill pot will be on for lunch or BYO or we'll order pizza. Join in the fun of creating the Kingdom of Curlalot.

4. Sign up for the banquet on Friday, February 22nd - don't miss the best party of the year! See the Mixed Board for details. 48 hour cancellation policy applies.

5. We need many hors doeuvres for the Thursday night opening party. See Susan or Gary Williams or the Mixed Board for details. Our out of town guests will really appreciate your donation of scrumptious nibbles for the King's Table.

6. Sell raffle tickets throughout the weekend. See Martha Hoffman if you are interested. It's a lot of fun and helps us raise extra money for the club. Sellers needed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Drawing to be held Saturday night.

Hear Ye!

The King of Curlalot would like members of UCC to bring their finest, heartiest hors d'oeuvre for the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel opening party. Your hearty hors d'oeuvres are needed Thursday, February 21st at 5:45 p.m. Please sign up on the mixed board. There are a few specific items that have been requested. Thank you in advance for making this a special event. Susan and Gary Williams 339-7382.

• A SPECIAL SHEET - SAVE FOR REFERENCE •
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Albany, Schenectady, Utica Friendly
Josie Enjem and Linda Whitney - chairs

We are hosting a one-day Ladies Bonspiel in Utica on Saturday, March 23, 2002. Continental breakfast, lunch, fun-curling and awards.

Come join us! Sign-up sheet in Ladies Locker Room.

Glengarries on the Go

Two teams of Glengarries attended the USWCA Bonspiel at The Country Club, Brookline MA. A team skipped by Joyce Shaffer, lost the semi-finals of the second event and a team skipped by Peggy Rotton won the 4th event. The trophy sponsored by the Utica Glengarries was won by a curl Mesabi's team from the club who hosted the USWCA Senior Ladies Bonspiel and is the site of the Men's and Women's USCA Championship this year.

Winner of the GNCC Women's Championships was Caitlin Costello, skip. Other team members included Elrene Daley, 3; Maureen Haase-Fodera, 2; Crissy Fink, lead; Danielle O'Connor, 5th. The playoff was held at Ardsley Curling Club. Seven teams participated in the double knockout competition. The team will compete at Curl Mesabi, Eveleth MN for the USCA Women's Championships March 1-9. Eydie Savett was the Head Official for the competition. Peggy Rotton serves as Women's regional chair for Championships.

The Empire State Bonspiel was held in Schenectady January 24-27. Three Utica Glengarry teams attended the event, which is sponsored annually by Women Curers in New York State. The Empire State Medal is the only medal in competition with the New York Seal. Winning the Ardsy. 3rd event Trophy was the Team of Alicia Giovannone, skip; Ylva Cortright, 3; Mary Sexton, 2 and Judi Giovannone, lead. Marica Garber skipped a team which included Gloria Cappelli, 3; Ginger Zilouk, 2; and Marty Jones, lead. Marica also presented the Hurd Trophy to the winners of that event. Also attending was a team of Joyce Shaffer, skip, Diane Caine, 3; Mickey Haase, 2; and Linda Rance, lead. Next year the Empire State will be held at the Utica Curling Club.

The 5 Year and Under Women's Challenge will be held at Cape Cod Curling Club. March 22-24. Contact Barb Felice if eligible and interested.

Observer Dispatch Weekly Winners
Joyce A. Shaffer

Good News!!

In an ongoing effort to promote our favorite sport, Tammy Mishalanie and Deb Morehouse have arranged to have the weekly winning teams printed in the OD.

It is our hope that a friend will see our names and ask us about curling.
This is an excellent way to increase our membership!!

Cindy Kelly will take over when I am away curling.
Look at the "scores" page of the sports section daily.

2002-2002
Roster

Correct . .
Danielle, Bourgad O'Connor 1992
Home phone 793-0621

Add to Roster . .
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Waterville, NY 13480
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Barb Agan-Sweeney 1991**
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Congratulations to . . .

Bob and Kelly Belouin
on the birth of their son
NATHANIELE CALEB
7 pounds, 6 ounces
on January 23, 2002

Rita Sears ! ! !

Super story about you Rita. Congratulations!

Happenings

We note with deep regret the deaths of

BETTY BERG
- mother of Betty Hurd, Grandmother of Doug Hurd

MARION DALLAQUILA
- mother-in-law of Joseph Puleo Sr.
and grandmother of Joe Puleo, Jr.

The sympathy of the entire membership is extended to their families.
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:
Monday, February 25, 2002

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.