The Curlogram

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President’s Message from Don Knapp

Well, I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and is ready to get back out on the ice. The Mixed Bonspiel playdowns should be over by now and the Mitchell Bonspiel will be coming right up. If you didn’t have the good fortune to qualify for the Mitchell please come down to watch and socialize with our out of town friends. Bob Noble is rumored to be coming back after a short absence. To our new curlers the Mitchell, along with the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel in February, are our two biggest events. You will see some great curling and get to experience the legendary hospitality that our Club is known for. The Mitchell starts Thursday, January 10 and runs through the 13th.

It has been mentioned to me that occasionally pagers and cell phones have been ringing out on the ice. In this new communication age they have become part of our culture. I have a cell phone, which is generally with me on the ice. There are times when patients need to reach me after hours. Other people also have business emergencies that may need their immediate attention. When we leave our boys with a baby sitter and go to the Club, we leave the Club number but also my cell phone number. In the event of an emergency my cell phone may ring. If your pager or cell phone has the capability to vibrate rather than ring then please use that feature if you need to bring it on the ice. If there is no pressing need to have your phone with you for 2 hours then leave it off the ice. If you get a call, please leave the ice shed to finish the call or return the page. The game can continue without you until you are able to return. Please be considerate of others. However, we all need to be tolerable of the necessity of some of these interruptions.

Sean E. Lanigan
UCC Chair of GNCC
2001-2002 Raymond Kayser Bonspiel

Are you a curler with five years or less curling experience who would like an opportunity to compete against others with the same experience as yourself from all over the northeastern U.S.? You can do so this year on the weekend of March 8, 9, and 10 when the G.N.C.C.’s Raymond Kayser Bonspiel will be held at the Utica Curling Club. Look for a signup sheet on the bulletin boards. If you have any question either ask me at the club or ask by e-mail at slanigan@borg.com. More information will follow.

“Pot Lid”

Peggy and John Caneen will organize a “Pot Lid” Bonspiel on Saturday, January 19, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.. Come out and enjoy this unique form of curling that allows no take-outs and points for each stone in the park. Sign up on the Mixed board. This is a no frills event. There is no entry fee so bring your own drink and a snack. Questions call 826-7217.

Happy Hour Curling For The 2002 Season
Ed & Bonnie Louis, chairs

Everybody’s welcome! Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. 6 ends, mixed teams, $5.00 per person. Begins January 17, 2002 (January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14, and Finals March 21).

Dates are subject to change and if so, will be announced at a later time.

Please sign up before January 5th or call Bonnie or Ed Louis at 865-4927.

It’s Party Time! 2002 Mitchell Bonspiel

January 10, 11, 12, 13, 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 10 (cost $12.00)
6:00-10:00pm - Welcome Party
Toddy Bowl & Italian Buffet
Curling 5:15pm - 7:30pm - 9:45pm

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

Saturday, January 12 (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 13
8:00am - Moose Milk & Bloody Marys
Curling 9:00 am - Finals at Noon
Hey Y’all!
Li’l Abner and Daisy Mae invite you to their
"Ladies Choice Bonspiel"
February 16, 2002
Terri Flemma, chair

There will be two four end games starting at four o’clock, followed by Moonbeam McSwine’s Toddy Bowl and a dinner auction. Just about anything goes, but there are three rules.

1. Everyone must throw at least one of their own stones.
2. You may not intentionally burn a stone.
3. Have fun!!

The object of the day is for the men to earn “Dog Patch Dollars” which are used in the dinner auction. The ladies will be given a stash of “Dog Patch Dollars” in order to buy favors from men. Anyone dressed in “hillbilly” costume will earn extra “Dog Patch Dollars”. Costumes include off-shoulder blouses and mid-thigh or shorter ragged edge skirts.

The cost is $15.00 for ladies and a dinner basket. The dinner items should be fully concealed within a brown bag, box or basket. There are no rules as to what you put into your dinner basket. It can be an elaborate dinner, Kentucky Fried Chicken, a frozen TV dinner or anything else you can think of having, but remember - you expected to eat dinner with the buyer(s) of you basket. There is no charge for the men.

Look for the sign up sheet and if you have any questions, please contact Terri Flemma at 738-4565.

USCA
Donation Program
Marcia Garber

Between January 21 and February 8, 2002 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  Out 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. All checks made payable to USCA.

Clubs that reach a minimum donation level of $8.00 per adult member registered in 2001-2002 will be eligible to receive a cash Membership Building Grant from the USCA.

Thanks in advance for your donation.

Calder, Conley and Hurd
Gary and Susan Fountain, chairs
Martha Hoffman, Vinnie Grove, co-chairs

There is going to be a stampede at the Curling Club January 31st, February 2nd, 3rd so dust off your Stetson, polish up your pistols and saddle up your mustangs for the Calder, Conley and Hurd. This is a 3 game shootout, guaranteed, in the old corral and a minimum of 12 gangs will make this a knockout showdown. Put on you feedbags for a roast beef or chicken cordon bleu dinner at the bunkhouse Saturday night. Also gather around the chuckwagon for a continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday with some kickapoo juice to wash it down. Lunch will also be served Saturday. Price: $16.00 for shootout, $16.00 for just dinner at the bunkhouse or $30.00 for both.

Shootouts available:
Shootout A: Thursday-(1/31) 6:00pm, Saturday-(2/2) 9:00am and 2:00pm
Shootout B: Thursday-(1/31) 8:30pm, Saturday-(2/2) 11:30am, Sunday-(2/3) 9:00am
Finals: Sunday at High Noon

Prizes available for best dressed cowpoke and fillie, tallest Stetson, roping contest, etc.

So mosey on up to the bunkhouse bulletin board and sign up as gangs, cowpokes, fillies or as couples. See you at the corral.
The Traveling Glengarries
Peg Rotton

Two teams will participate in the USWCA National Bonspiel at TCC. Utica #1 team includes Joyce Shaffer, Mickey Haase, Diane York and Josie Enjem and Utica #2 is Peggy Rotton, Eydie Savett, Gloria Petrie and Nancy Owens. Peggy Rotton will attend the USWCA meeting prior to the National Bonspiel as Glengarry Representative. She also serves on the 5 year and under Committee and as a past president. Three teams will represent Utica Glengarries at the Empire State Bonspiel. They are Utica #1 Alicia Sears, Ylva Cortright, Judy Giovannone and Mary Sexton; Utica #2 Marcia Garber, Gloria Cappelli, Ginger Zilliox and Marty Jones; Utica #3 Joyce Shaffer, Diane Caine, Mickey Haase and Linda Rance. The Empire State Bonspiel is sponsored by New York Women’s Curling Clubs and is rotated among the sponsors on a yearly basis. Schenectady is the host club this 48th competition.

Caitlin Costello was torch bearer of the Olympic flame when it was passed through Utica on the way to the Olympic games in Salt Lake. This special honor was awarded to only 9 people in the Utica area. Congratulations Caitlin.

Peggy Rotton also received a diploma from the International Olympic Committee paying tribute to contributions as a volunteer to the development of sport and Olympism and to the promotion of friendship and solidarity among peoples. Rotton recently completed her 5th trip to Salt Lake to teach officials and promote curling in Utah.

Glengarry meeting and Christmas Party was held on December 3rd. A short meeting was held after a delicious dinner served by Joe C. 50 Glengarries attended the evening festivities, Josie Enjem and Corinne Wightman chaired the event.

Olympic games schedule: February 11 - 18, 900 - 1400 - 1900 Round Robin (Utah time)
Finals Wednesday 2/21 900, 1400 Utah time
(2 hours later than eastern)
Finals Monday 2/22 900, 1430 Utah time
Check websites and television for coverage of games.
Kari Erickson rink and Tim Somerville rink will represent USA.

Fun & Fitness, Susan Fountain, chair

Do you feel you spend your time wisely? Not so if you didn’t participate in the Co-Ed Fun and Fitness held Thursdays at 4:00pm during the months of November and December. This year there were 9 teams who played in a very “fittingly” way and had loads of fun. Winner of this afternoon delight was the team of Jack Haggerty, skip, Renate Swiercz third, Dave Russell, second and Doreen Hayes, lead. Congratulations! Join us next year or sign up for the back to back event Happy Hour and enjoy.
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The Friendly-Early Bird Bonspiel Results
John & Peggy Caneen

We were asked to produce a short-sweet bonspiel by many curlers, due to the time of year and conflicting priorities (like what’s more important than curling?). We had draws on Saturday, afternoon, evening and Sunday morning.

Twelve teams participated in a modified points spiel format with three guaranteed games, and the usual amenities known and loved by all Utica curlers, including fast ice (great job, Jim Gleason), toddler bowl, h-d’s, a delicious buffet, continental breakfast with ample supplies of mooses, sleighs, etc... to drink.

Illustrious club-skip Fred Hicks won the Friendly trophy with vice-skip Pam Jones, and new curlers Doug and Eileen Pens, over a determined trio of male curlers led by Gloria Petrie, which included husband Rob as vice, Jim Shafer and Jack Pendrak.

The Early-Bird trophy was won by Cindy Ciarelli, with vice Barry (Barry rules!) Depot, Marge Van Slyke and Dave Cuffelli, who outpointed runners-up Tom and Marcia Garber, a few subs, and lead Symeon Tsoutolis - who gets the award for most jokes told during 8-end game.

As there were twelve teams and six sheets, everyone played in the finals and a good time was had by all. We used subs sparingly, and a total of 13 new curlers participated. This event is best run with sixteen or more teams, as the more conventional knock-out format can then be used. Until the numbers improve, however, it is better run as a points spiel.

Chairs Kathy and Dave Palazzoli, Laura and John Jacon, Art Cobb, and advisor Curleen Daley wish to thank all who helped, participated in and enjoyed the spiel... Come back next year and bring your friends.

Ladies Daytime Curling
June Balduf, chair

There’s Good News Today!! The daytime ladies came through and the Mary Clark will be played on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 starting January 8th. After a great deal of effort we will have five teams competing.

The Roemer competition was curled in November and December. Winners were the following:
Skip - Joyce Shaffer, Mickey Haase, Renate Swiercz, and Marty Jones.
Congratulations!

Ladies Evening Curling
Edie Savett

Thanks to all curlers and subs for an exciting first half of the season. In the Calder (Monday) the winners had to overcome several ties to come out on top. The Bonnie Piper (Wednesday) winners went undefeated but with some exciting games toward that end. Congratulations to the following winners:
CALDER
Melon Sofinski - Skip, Gloria Petrie - Vice, Barb Felice - Second, Jeanne Galvin - Lead
BONNIE PIPER
Caitlin Costello - Skip, Marie Costello - Vice, Cindy Brown - Second, Marty Jones - Lead.

2001-2002 Roster Corrections
Please make the following corrections to page 25 of your roster: (delete asterisk)

Plate Glass Plus: Honorary, former Resident, Resident Senior or Non Resident Member who may curl in any one (1) day event (Such as the Prize Spiel, Turkey Spiel, or Friendly) or games Scheduled to start before 5:00 pm, except they may not curl in any Ladder competition, club championship, or playdown. $105.00

Please add to the roster
Knapp, Mary Ann (Active) 1988
6 Caitlin Ave.
Sauquerr, NY 13456
Home 839-6058

Fitzgerald, Gerald (Active) 1986
1607 Holland Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
Home 724-4630

Light, Allen (Active) joined 2001
PO Box 105
Westmoreland, NY 13490
Home 336-1711 Work 449-7566
XLT reperc@TWCNY.rr.com

Bougourd, Danielle (Active) 1992
4 Dawes Ct. West
Utica, NY 13502
Home 734-0153

Halligan, David (Active) joined 1978

Reale, Nick & Ruth (Plate Glass)
94 Whiteboro St.
Yorkville, NY 13495
Home 736-7071

Withington, Art (Plate Glass)
75 Stabins Dr.
Clinton, NY 13323
Home 853-5081

Phyllis Moore (Active 2001)
3892 Fountain St.
Clinton, NY 13323
Home 853-5881 Work 337-3849

Larry Ames (Active 2001)
3854 Oneida St.
New Hartford, NY 13413
Home 723-1222 Work 793-0248 x 157
larry.ames@crtcular.com

Correction
Ed Bonham - Work 895-8470
Happenings

We note with deep regret the deaths of

Ben Swirat - former curler
Edward Flemma - father of Terri Flemma
Arthur Hahn - former curler and uncle of Lindsey Whitney
John Daly - father of Erin Clark

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 Curligram is:

Monday, January 28, 2002

VERY FIRM

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.

Chilton, NY 13323
62 College St.
Red Porter