**President’s Message**

Carol Jones

The Club is planning a Sponsor Appreciation Night on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 pm. It is our chance to say thank you to those who have supported the club through their generous giving and sponsorship of various programs and events. Please join us that night to say thank you to our guests. Bring a hors d’oeuvre to help feed the masses, and bring your broom to help show our guests a good time on the ice. If any of you want someone special to receive an invitation it’s not too late! Call me at 865-8967.

Speaking of appreciation, thank you to Laura Jacon and Jacqueline Schmidt along with Verizon Wireless for their generous donation to the club. For every hour a Verizon employee volunteers to a charity, Verizon will match it with ten dollars. Up to 50 hours per employee is matched. Laura and Jacqueline generously donated many hours to the club, and selected the Club as their charity of record to Verizon, who then matched the hours with $1000 donation to the club. If your employer has a "matching charity" program, please consider putting the hours you dedicate to the club to work. We hope to see Verizon at our Sponsor Appreciation Night March 4th!

Your Executive Board and Finance Committee met in early February to review the clubs finances and possible revenue enhancing opportunities for the coming years. We are not in danger of closing our doors in April never to have them open again but we must be proactive this coming year to make certain curling can be enjoyed in this community for years and years to come. I'd like to thank so many of you who have brought ideas to the board for this meeting. Fifteen great money generating ideas were presented, of which seven were selected for more in-depth study for the annual meeting. Possible programs fit one of two themes: 1) bring in potential new members which will grow the club and grow our revenue base, or 2) bring in large revenue streams to make it worth their while. Programs that expose the sport and the club to potential new members include college curling, adult education curling classes, corporate events, and hosting amateur curling championships. Major revenue boosters include aggressively seeking sponsors, a mortgage burning campaign, and a dues increase. A dues increase was last implemented in 1999. Many of the above ideas will bring in moneys from outside our club, keeping the out-of-pocket costs of our members to a minimum. We will present these projects in greater detail at the annual meeting. Please don't hesitate to approach any of your Board members with questions in the meantime. This is your club, and we are always grateful for your input.

**The Rose Bonspiel**

Susan and Gary Williams, Eileen and Doug Pens, Co-chairs

March 24th - 25th - 26th - 27th - Rose Bonspiel and Closing party. It's always a great party - full of tradition and surprises. The compressor is toasted. Ed and Ellen Boerger present the Rose trophy and tell the story about Jack and Ann Rose. The place is decorated with roses - of course. We talk about the season that has passed and share our spring and summer plans.

Everyone plays three games in one of three draws with pre-arranged times. It is a point spiel and awards are given to the top two teams winning 3-game, 2-game and 1-game high. In addition, the lead and second, and the skip and vice skip switch positions in the second game. This is one of those "tradition" situations!

Talk about surprises! This year the added event will be the drawing for the $12,000 vacation. Be sure to get your tickets. You might be pleasantly surprised!

So - get your teams together and plan to participate in this very special event. Look for the sign-up sheet on the mixed board.

**Strong Showing by Utica Competitive Curlers**

It didn't take a close inspection of the local papers to see the splash of news regarding the World Wheelchair Curling Championships. Congratulations to Mark Taylor for his success in Sursee, Switzerland. Mark helped team USA finish in fifth place with a 4-2 overall record. Teams Bill Morehouse and Caitlin Moraldo (previously Costello) will be headed to North Dakota to the US Men's and Women's Championships this month. We certainly wish them the best in hopes for continuing on to the World's! The GNCC 5 and Under Men's Event (Dyke's) this year was won by the Platt team, taking the trophy back from Broomstones after residing there 7 years. The Women's Empire State Championship, one of the oldest women's competitions in the state, was won by the Cindy Brown rink. Utica has much to be proud of!

**Events on Display**

Past major UCC hosted events are now presented in a display in the dining area. Thank you so much to our framing committee of Ed Boerger, Gil Hurd, Jack Haggerty and Ed Michael. Their Mitchell and Marie Cobb displays are a great hit with our guests as well!
Nominating Committee Selects Slate of Officers:
by Pete Caralli

The Utica Curling Club Nominating Committee, Mike Kessler, Brian Moore, Dick Robinson, Doug Pens and chairman Pete Caralli has selected. A slate of Officers to be voted on at the general membership meeting, April 7, 2004 at the UCC. Nominations can also be taken from the floor.

Board Member Carl Thomas
Board Member John Jacon
Secretary Denise Fusco
Treasurer Brad Anderson
Vice President TBA
President Duane Farr
A notice will be posted at the club.

Annual Meeting

The Annual year end meeting will be held at the UCC on April 7th. A sign-up sheet will be posted regarding dinner reservations. A 48 hour notification is required regarding cancellations.

Leading Roles Cast for Marie Cobb
by the Jacons

A new mixed curling champion for the Utica Curling Club was crowned on February 1st. In a well played match, the rink of Skip Bill Morehouse, Diane Higgin, Mike Kessler, and Sue Williams defeated Skip Don Knapp, Lis DeGironimo, Mike DeGironimo, and Cheri Gaebel. The Morehouse rink claimed the Skips Mace and seeding of Utica 1 for the Marie Cobb Invitational Bonspiel. The Knapp rink, seeded Utica 2, claimed the Searsie Pitcher.

In the “B” Event Skip Les Cortright, Anne Stuhlman, Kim Wagner, and Ylva Cortright defeated the Ed Bonham rink; earning the Rose Bowl for the seeding of Utica 3.

The Mixed Playdown Tray and ranking of Utica 4 was presented to Skip Fred Hicks, Cindy Brown, and Pam Jones for their victory over the Pat Costello rink.

Utica 5 and winner of the Eric Haase Trophy was the rink skipped by Chris Gleason, who along with Tom & Erin Clark, and Joe Usyk, overcame the Brian Moore rink.

The “Wild Card” invitation as Utica 6 was presented to the John Caneen rink.

Many thanks go out to the ice crew, bar and kitchen staff, Mike & Heather Swiercz, and all the competitors for a great weekend of curling.

2006 World Men’s Curling Championship
Marci Gartner, GNCC Representative

The 2006 World Men’s Curling Championship is being held in Lowell, Massachusetts from April 1 - April 9, 2006. Volunteers are needed to help the GNCC prepare for and host this event. For volunteers working during the event a minimum commitment of 25 hours is requested. In addition, volunteers will be responsible for their own housing, transportation, meals and an approximate $75 uniform fee.

To volunteer fill in an application on the GNCC web site www.wcc2006.org or fill out an application that is posted on the women’s, men’s and mixed bulletin boards at the UCC. Everyone who volunteers by March 31,2004 will receive a $20 merchandise certificate from Goldline.

Hosting a World Championship is the largest commitment the GNCC has ever made. The potential promotional and financial benefits are enormous to say nothing of the enjoyment curlers will get from participating in a premier curling event. It is anticipated that about 400 volunteers from all clubs and from all parts of the GNCC will be needed. So---SIGN UP!!!!

The Women’s Challenge:
March 18-21, 2004
Summer Camp
Utica

Dear Five Year and Under Curlers,
The time has come to air out your vocal chords, and polish your curling skills for the 14th Annual Women’s Challenge. Our theme is summer camp which has inspired our camp staff to provide a weekend reminiscent of your youthful camping days.

Liz Williams your 5 year representative has all the registration information. Please send in your entry form to Cindy Ciarella by February 1st to reserve a bunk in one of our draws. We encourage all eligible curlers to join in the fun of this wonderful curling tradition that blends competition and friendship.

We would also like to invite all Glengarry junior curlers to join our opening party on March 18th. A sign up sheet will be posted in the ladies locker room for those interested in attending. Campers always like a warm welcome when traveling so far from home. An invitation is also extended to the entire membership to come and watch some great curling that weekend. We look forward to a wonderful time hosting this GNCC and USWCA sponsored event here in Utica.

Sincerely yours,
Cindy Ciarella, Camp Director
Lis DeGironimo, Activities Director
Barb Felice, Unit Leader
Cindy Kelley, Camp Counselor
Gloria Petrie, Camp Publicist
Utica Glengarrys
Report of the Nominating Committee
Barb Felice, chair

The nominating committee would like to nominate the following slate of officers for 2004-05.

President: Linda Robinson
Vice President: TBA
Secretary: Julie Chanaty
Treasurer: Cindy Kelly
USWCA Rep.: Peggy Rotton
Past President: Marjorie Moore
Member-At-Large:
  2005: Diane Farr
  2006: Eileen Pens
  2007: Anne Stuhlman

Additional nominations may be made in writing to the secretary, Melon Sofinski, at least three (3) days prior to the Glengarry annual meeting.

The following names are being submitted for the 2004-05 nominating committee; four (4) shall be elected

  Brenda Card
  Betsy Minutti
  Erin Clark
  Terri Sullivan
  Joan Dewar
  Heather Swierz
  Chris Gleason
  Marge Van Styke
  Diane Higgins
  Colleen Welch

Additional nominations for the nominating committee can be made from the floor at the annual meeting, the person receiving the largest number of votes will be the chairperson, the chairperson will serve two (2) years and the other committee members will serve one (1) year each.

Income Tax Deductions
Peggy Rotton

Any one who made donations to UCC during the year 2003 may obtain a letter stating the donation from Peggy Rotton for income tax purposes. Requests must have dollar value and/or value of item donated. If donations were made to committees, the letter must be done by that committee. A copy of donations will be sent to club treasurer for her records. Many members have been most generous to our club and this generosity is appreciated. As fund raising chair, I must have information before writing letters. Please send information by letter or email to my home address.

Winners of the Snowflake Lottery
Ylva, Diane, Cindy and Peggy

During the month of January, “a flurry of fifties” produced the following winners: Carla Barrett, Kim Labounty, Vicki Adamski, Frank Giovannone, Linda Rance, & Diane Farr. The lottery netted $2254, half which goes to UCC and half to Glengarryers. The committee wishes to thank all who participated in the fund raiser, and offer congratulations to the winners.

Please Make Note!
Diane Farr

The Glengarry closing dinner meeting and awards presentation will be on Monday, March 29 at 6:00 pm at our club. Please mark your calendar. More details to follow. A sign up sheet will be in the club soon.

The 2004 Rochester-Utica-Friendly Bonspiel Report
Kathy and Dave Palazzoli, chairs

The 30th anniversary of the R-U-F was played in Utica on January 17, 2004. Utica prevailed and took home the Tankard. The score: UTICA +47.

All the rules in our rulebook were followed to the letter. We had four draws of four six-end games, on-going lunch, snacks and awards. Many first-year curlers participated.

The tankard was presented to the Utica Curling Club Vice President Duane Farr by Mark Mooney, the Rochester Club President who is also 30 years old. Duane presented the Monkey to Mark, who promised to take care of it until we visit Rochester next year.

For a full game report, visit the Utica Curling Club web page.

Congratulations
Utica Glengarrys

The 26th Empires State Bonspiel was held in Ardsley CC January 22-25. The 1st Event winner of the Empire State Pin and the Ardsley Duck was our own team Cindy Brown, skip, Kathy Palazzoli, Cindy Carralli and Barb Felice.

The 3rd Event, Hurd Brothers Cup was won by Alicia Giovannone, skip, Ylva Cortright, Judi Giovannone and Mary Sexton.

The 4th Event was won by Marcia Garber, skip, Gloria Cappelli, Ginger Ziliou and Marty Jones.
The Rochester-Utica Friendly 2004 results
-OR-
The Return of the Jedi Tankard

It was January 17 into intergalactic Star-date year 3789, earth year 2004. For 30 years, the battle to gain the Jedi Tankard had raged between the Planet Utica and its evil twin sister Planet Rock-Chester. Brave soldiers of the Utica Federation huddled in the warmth of the fossil-fueled Utica SpacePort and Curling Club, as they had heard of the possible arrival of the Death-Star bearing the Rock-Chester Empire stormcursers, their leader, Darth-Mark, and other dignitaries, including legendary Obi-Ken-Kawoodly and Phil-Living-Stoney, but missing legendary N-Ron.

(In the past, cold, dark and stormy weather had dissuaded the dreaded Rock-Chester Troopers from leaving the Deep-Rok port in a distant but familiar solar system.)

With a muted roar and loud hissing, the Death-Star settled on the Utica landing/launch ramp and began to discharge legions of dreaded storm-cursers. The transport was plush beyond belief, with soft riding-cushions, cold and warm aiming juice, on-board digested personal fuel disposal units and DVD viewing screens for propaganda purposes!

They wisely allowed their handsomest and fairest to enter first, bearing the Jedi Tankard of Victory, knowing they would be greeted warmly. The Empire soldiers were asked to share in the sipping of the powerful aiming juice, Mooseemilk, which they consumed with great vigor, knowing it would greatly improve their weapon aim later when the inevitable battle commenced. The Ape of Pain, Luke Knucklewalker, was seen grinning in the distance, frozen in space by Robbie-the-Hut and placed on display in her trophy case.

Too soon the pleasantries ended and their true evil became evident. The Empire unveiled their latest hand-to-ice combat weapon, the dread-gripped TRI-POD, and began to battle the Utica defenders fiercely. The hicks from Utica could only counter with the old reliable Ka-Nee slide, their own well-known weapon, in the presence of their supreme mentor, Ed-Bon Ham.

The battles ebbed and flowed, Utica gaining advantage, the evil Empire slashing back in earnest. The Utica defenders slowly turned the tide and started to gain final advantage in the bloody field.

The battle story will be chronicled and repeated at council fires and handed down from elders to youth in years to come. Although they possessed secret weapons, quaffed gallons of aiming juice, resorted to receiving strategy commands from voices from above (right Kevin?), the Empire fell defeated in front of the legions of extraordinary curlers in Utica.

To seal their fate, the cursed Ape of Pain, Luke Knucklewalker, attached himself to a large container of Coors aiming juice and boarded the Death-Star for the return trip, escorted by the surviving Empire Storm-cursers.

The Jedi Tankard of Victory resides in Utica, but claim will be again disputed in the near future, in the far-off hostile land of the Deep-Rockers of Rock-Chester in their far off but parallel universe.

Luke Knucklewalker awaits the loser!

Prizespiel Results
Reported by
Terri Sullivan
and Shelley Delmonte

The Aloha Prizespiel of 2004 was a success!!! On February 7th we had 10 teams who curled four ends, took a break to enjoy some appetizers provided by our members and then curled four more ends. Festive attire was worn by many and Luau decorations (and plentiful Mai-tais) made for a warm, Pacific ambience during our event. Be sure to look for pictures which will be displayed on the Bulletin Board at the Club.

The winning team, The Cliff Divers, consisted of Dan and Clare Bareiss, Lisa DeFrees and Brian Gerling. They were able to beat Charles Knox of the Seahorses and his team of Brenda Card and substitutes Shelley DeMonte, Terri Sullivan and Lis DeGironimo by only one stone. In third place was The Volcanoes with Stu Card as Skip along with Bob Burnett and Barb Kiciński. All teams were awarded theme prizes with the last place team winning Tropical Mist Air Freshener because it was said that "They Stink".

We missed those of you were unable to participate and we look forward to curling with you in next year's Prizespiel.

Daytime Women's Ladder:
Joyce Shaffer and June Balduf, chairs

2004 Roemer Winners: Joyce A. Shaffer, Skip; Brenda Card, Mary Hopsicker, Marty Jones. Runners Up: Peggy Rotton, Skip; Mickey Haase, Susan Fountain, Cynthia Weed.
Kayata Lake Winter Bonspiel 2004  
from our undercover reporter

New in 2004:
- Two sheets of ice
- 32 stones
- Official scoreboards
- Warm Room
- 12 Teams (one came from Plainfield NJ)
- New path down to the ice (steeper than the old one)
- Outside temp above 0
- More beer than we could drink
- Hot Food

The ice was fast, the stones were good. You could see the influence of quite a few GNCC clubs:
- The climb down to the ice was like Ardsley CC.
- The stones were like Rochester CC
- The warm room was just like Plainfield CC
- The ice was a lot like Chesapeake CC
- The party was definitely Utica CC
- The finals

The finals pitted the Soylant Greenbelt Warriors against the host Kayuta Ringer team. The finals also featured dogs on the playing surface and two broken stones. They throw BIG weight up there.

The winners - Dave Mishalanie, Chris and Jim Gleason, Sue Hansen of Binghamton, NY. The bonfire was hot, the food was great. Later, we went to the Dancing Bear for a dinner and more great food. Everybody thanked everybody for the good time, Don Reese made sure everyone bought a beautiful Kayuta Lake CC pin. This was FUN. If you missed it, too bad, come next year, I hear they are curling in the Brier (patch—that is).

Take the roof off of Utica CC and get back to real curling!

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Golfers - Broomsters

For many years some adults mostly "of more interesting age" have had a Golf League. We play Tuesday afternoons May through August about 1:00 pm at Sauquoit Knolls and usually end up at "Packy's" 4-4:30. We play 9 holes - matches are preset - Men, women, husbands, wives all mixed up. You'll have a permanent partner however! If you are interested call Doreen Hayes. We have a mid season event at Sauquoit Knolls and a final outing usually the Tuesday after Labor Day at Newport. We have a very good time. $15.00 league dues and your weekly greens fees with cart.

From The Broom Hildas' -

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. If you wish to fax to Ellen Boeger, please call her in advance.

Deadline for the April Curlogram is: Thursday, April 15th - VERY FIRM

Please send news items to: Ellen Boeger 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. The 15th of each month is the 2003-2004 season deadline.