President’s Message
Duane Farr

“Happy New Year”
from the President and the Board

“See you on the Ice”

Message from Dean Kelly

The Utica Curling Club played host to the World Curling Tour on October 28th-31st. We had twenty-four of the best curling teams in the world playing for cash prizes totaling $43,000. Three teams from Europe, Tom Brewster from Scotland, Andreas Schwaller, from Switzerland, the 2002 Olympic Bronze medalist, and Markku Ussipaavalniemi, the 2002 fifth place Olympic team participated in the inaugural “I Love New York” Open. We also had the Australian national team, as well as teams that came from as far as Calgary and Newfoundland in Canada. The level of play displayed by all these teams during the Open was probably some of the best ever played on our ice. The quarterfinals were comprised of eight teams from Canada, with Wayne Middaugh winning first prize, and Darren Moulding winning second place. The complete results can be found at www.worldcurlingteam.com.

This event was made possible by the many sponsors who participated, especially the New York State Dept. of Tourism, also known as I Love New York, who was the naming sponsor. This list of sponsors will be prominently displayed in our ice during the curling season, so please be sure to thank them for making this event possible.

During the weekend, I received many compliments from the players, who commented about the great facility we have, and the quality of the ice. Many comments were also made about the wonderful hospitality of the Utica Curling Club members. I think many were pleasantly surprised to find such a club in upstate New York.

We are still tallying the revenues and expenses associated with the event, but I think in the end we will raise in excess of $9,000 for the club. We will have a final number to report for the closing party.

The “I Love New York” Open couldn’t have been possible without the help of many gracious volunteers. Among those who helped make this event as successful as it was include: Deb Morehouse, Mike Kessler, Don Knapp, Tom Garber, Dan Bareiss, Jim Gleason and the ice crew, Terry Sullivan, Barb Felice, Peg Caneen, Ed Bonham, Shelley Del Monte, Bill Rotton, Peg Rotton, Bob Foley, Denise Fusco, Mike Swiercz, Ed Revere, Lis DeGeronimo, and many others who helped out. We also thank the kitchen staff, who had a busy weekend, and Terry and the bartenders, who had several very late nights. Thank you all.

We look forward to hosting this event next year, but first we need sponsors. We will begin that process immediately. If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring next year’s event please call me at 731-5512, or send me an e-mail at dkelly@dreamscape.com.

Team New York Wins the 2004 US Wheelchair Curling Championship
-Gloria Petrie, chair

Congratulations to our wheelchair curling team! They will represent the USA at the 2005 World Wheelchair Curling Championship in Glasgow, Scotland in January. Our Utica team skipped by Mark Taylor with teammates Jim Pierce, Jim Joseph, Melissa Keiser and Bob Prenoveau defeated the team from Belfast, Maine in the tie-breaker on Saturday morning. It was a very closely contested game against the defending champions skipped by Wes Smith with teammates Danell Libby, Sam Woodward, Loren Kinney and Mary Dutch. In fact, the entire weekend was a nailbiter! Maine won the first match, 7-5 New York came back with an 8-6 victory on Friday and won the tiebreaker 5-4 on Saturday morning.

So many people were involved in the success of this event. The efforts of Coach Bill Rotton of the UCC and Marc DePerno of the Sitrin Rehabilitation Center’s RecNet Program have been the backbone for the success of our local wheelchair curling program. Their dedication is exceptional! I also wish to thank everyone from Sitrin and the Utica Curling Club who supported our wheelchair curlers in so many ways - from advertising to cleaning stones to keeping stats to cheering at the games. I am grateful for the generosity of our sponsors, both businesses and individuals, whose financial support allowed us to have a successful event. The Knights offered wonderful lunches. Chuck DelMonte and Jim Gleason provided these curls with the best ice! I would like to offer a very special thanks to my Co-Chair, Peggy Rotton, who gave so much of her time, effort, and expertise (and food) in preparation for this event.

It is such a privilege to work with these curlers. Their camaraderie and enthusiasm is inspiring to all of us associated with them.

To Team USA “Good Curling” from all of us.
2005 Calder-Conley-Hurd Bonspiel
Ukrainian Christmas Buffet
- The Williams & Robinsons

On Saturday, January 8, 2005 Halayna Gnapp, her daughter and sister will entertain us with Ukrainian music and traditional costumes during the toddy bowl. Ms. Gnapp is a Utica City School District music teacher and her daughter is in the process of recording a CD of Ukrainian music. They are very excited to be coming to our club and sharing their music and heritage with us.

So what are traditional Ukrainian dishes? Many of you have asked. Saturday’s buffet dinner will include pyrogyies, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut, pickled beets and baked fish. We will also serve baked chicken, rice pilaf, steamed vegetables, and a green salad. Hopefully there will be something for everyone.

Please call us if you would like to join us for what we hope will be an enjoyable evening of music, culture and good company.

Susan and Gary Williams 339-7382 and Linda and Dick Robinson 733-4074.

USCA Donation Program - Marcia Garber

Between January 17 and February 14, 2005 I will be running the campaign for the USCA Donation Program, "Keep the Rocks Roarin". Just sign up on the Mens, Womens or Mixed Bulletin Board in the appropriate space with your name and donation level. Payment can be made in cash/check (payable to USCA). I will collect the money and hand out the pins at the end of the campaign.

Your donation helps support the USCA which provides the following programs:
- Membership Marketing Seminars
- Educational Brochures (every club receives an annual supply)
- Instructional Videos
- Junior and Adult Curling Camps
- Instructors Training Camps
- Curling in the Gym
- College Curling (regional tournaments and a national tournament)
- Championships for competitors
- United States Curling News
- USCA Web Site, www.usacurl.org (more than a million hits annually)

The levels of donation are:

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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 25 total pins purchased by the adult membership registered in 2004-2005 will be eligible to receive a cash Membership Building Grant from the USCA.

Thanks in advance for your donation.

2005 U.C.C. Mixed Championship Bonspiel
January 20-23, 2005
Chairs and co-chairs Kathy, Dave Palazzoli, Linda and Daryl Chesebrough

Pack your sunscreen, bug spray, hiking boots, t.p. and sunglasses, you may be going on African safari. Dr. Livingstone I. Presume will be inviting a limited number of U.C.C. curlers to join him on African Safari. To meet Dr. Livingstone, sign up to play in the U.C.C. Mixed Championship Bonspiel, January 27, 29 & 30, 2005.

Five winning teams plus one wild-card (by lottery) team will be invited to join the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel on safari, Feb. 17-20, 2005 at the U.C.C.

The U.C.C. Mixed Championship is a 3-game guaranteed bonspiel, providing breakfasts, lunch, toddy bowl and appetizers. Saturday evening also features a lavish dinner with music and dancing for a small additional donation. Guests are welcome.

The sign-up sheet goes up New Year's Eve, so be there. Sign up as a mixed team, couple or single and let Dr. Livingstone arrange a tour group for you.

You can't go on safari without meeting the good Doctor. Join us in January. His good friend, Dr. (Chuck) McGilliecutty, will be there, too!

Women's League
Donna Caleo, chair

5:45 Mondays - 5:45 Wednesdays
If you haven't signed up for the second half from the women's sign-up board in the ladies locker room, please contact me by phone at 735-2041. We are picking teams on the 30th of December at 7:00 & 7:30 pm.

Your Pins - Marty Jones
If you have any Curling Pins (From: U.S. Canada, Scotland, England, etc) that you would like to donate to the Kiltie Corner - please call Marty Jones (724-1395) Thank you.

Please Note
Peg Rotton
All American pins are awarded by the Unites States Women's Curling Association
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Turkey Spiel 2004 - November 20th
William Shakespeare

The Pilgrims have landed. More than four score, They curved four ends, nosed, curling four more. They were led by notables such as Bonham and Reese A Thanksgiving crowd, sporting comfy Club fleece.

The teams battled laughing and ever so close We present for your enjoyment the teams with the most Team Giblets: Gary Fountain, Sue Fountain, Cindy Kelly, Doreen Hayes - Turkeys Mayflowers: Ed Bonham, Barb Bonham, Roger Rowlett, Melon Sofinski - Turkey Breasts Cranberries: Erline Puleo, Joe Puleo, Gloria Cappelli, Joe Puleo, Sr. - Cornish Hens gobblers: Don Zilliox, Ginger Zilliox, Ron Fellows, Madonna Fellows - Turkey Meatballs Sweet Potatoes: Karen Rogowski, Jeff Lutz, Cheri Gaebel, Joe DeSantis - Wild Turkey & Mugs

Least we forget and mention we should Other great players, with assorted can goods From Kicinski, DelMontes, Platz and Felice To accommodating co-chairs taking home fowl feet.

The Dinner was delicious, Our Chef made a treat All appreciate the effort, home style and great sweets. The Bar Room was festive, decorations divine A thank you to Patzy, Ginger, the girls on the line.

Most of our prizes were given away An expression of charity, from Pilgrims at play We want to thank all that sold to our sheets Your giving, and laughter and spirit so sweet.

A special thanks to co-chairs Williams, our Sue Her and Gary always know what Pilgrims should do And next year we hope, we all will find You joining the Indians, for the best of a time.

The Murray Championship
- Bill Morehouse

16 men’s teams vied for the club championship and one of the 5 coveted spots in the Mitchell Bonspiel. When the dust settled Brian (Slow Motion) Moore defeated Joe (Let’s Discuss this Shot) Giovannone in the longest game in the Murray history. The actual time of the game is unknown because everyone had left the Club by the time they finished. Rumor has it that Team Moore won the game on the last rock to regain the Club championship.

The Winning teams:
Utica #1 - Utica #2 - Utica #3 - Utica #4
Brian Moore - Joe Giovannone - Bill Morehouse - Don Knapp
Mike Swiercz - Reid Porter - Mike Kessler - Tom Everson
Dale Jones - Pat Costello - Dean Kelly - Mike DeGironimo
Neil Burns - Sal Inserro - Jim Gleason Jr. - Steve Dudek
Utica #5 - The Lucky #6 Team (which was pulled from a hat)
Alan Fleming - Dave Mishalanie
Dan Bareiss - Bob Burnett
Chuck DelMonte - Jim Shafer
Tom Garber - Jerry Stevens

Roster Corrections - Additions:
Ralph DeSantis, Sr., 907 James St., Utica, NY 13501 home 733-1573 Cheri Gaebel: correct e-mail address cgaebel@netscape.net Susan Weber, 7877 Kellogg St., Clinton, NY 13323 home 853-7891 Barb Kicinski, correct work 738-5355 PLATE GLASS: Virginia Malecki, 1416-1418 Flag Ave., Utica 724-2098/711-421-1220TDD

Happy Hour
Gary and Susan Fountain, chairs

Fun & Fitness curlers get rippling muscles - maybe - but what happens to Happy Hour curlers? Sign up and see!! Thursday afternoon at 4:00pm, 6 end games. Entry fee is $7. Games begin Jan. 6 followed by the 20th, 27th, Feb 3rd, 10th, 24th, Mar 3rd and 10th. See you there!

Name ________________________________
Position Skip___ 3rd___ 2nd___ Lead Willing to Sub___

Mail to:
15 Upper Woods Road, New Hartford, NY 13413 or call 732-8148.
Happenings

We congratulate Bruce Blondell on his recent wedding.

We send best wishes to Jack Haggerty who became a grandfather of twins on November 25 John James and Paige Lynn.

Our sympathy is extended to Don and Ginger Zilioux on the death of their sister-in-law on October 20.

From The Broom Hildas’ -

We are back - those witches... 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 Boerger, please call her in advance.

Please send news items to:
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fax: 735-1182
or
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8 Knollwood Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413
fax: 797-1584
Thanks for your cooperation.
"The Broom Hildas"

Deadline for February Curlogram is Saturday, Jan. 15