**A Message From the President**  
_Duane Farr_

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual year end meeting will be held at the UCC on March 30, 2005. A sign up sheet will be posted regarding dinner reservations. A 48 hour notification is required regarding cancellations.

The Utica Curling Club nominating Committee will post on a bulletin board the slate of officers and board members to be voted on at the general meeting March 30th at the Utica Curling Club. Nominations can also be taken from the floor.

Thank you,
Nominating committee,
Susan Williams, chair, Richard Robinson, Marjorie Moore, Elisabetta DeGironimo, and Dale Jones

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**41st Annual Rose Bonspiel**

Gary and Sue Williams and Jennifer and Bill Turner, co-chairs

The Rose Bonspiel will be held March 23, 24, 25 and 26. There are three draws from which to choose.

Draw "A" plays Wednesday at 5:45 PM, Friday at 8:00 PM and Saturday at 1:30 PM. Draw "B" plays Thursday at 5:45 PM, Friday 5:45 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM. Draw "C" play Thursday 8:00 PM, Saturday 11:15 AM and Saturday 3:45 PM.

Sign up on the mixed board as a team, a couple or an individual. We'll put together teams.

This is a point spiel. The scoring works like this: 5 points for a win, 1 point for each end, 1/4 point for each point and 1/2 point for a dead end. Top two teams winning 3-game, 2-game and 1-game are all eligible to win over $600.00 worth of silver prizes.

What sets the "Rose" apart from other bonspiels is the second game when the leads and seconds and vices and skips switch positions. Don't worry - we've all survived this switch-a-roo! Don't worry - you'll be curling against a team in the same situation. For 41 years, we have played this bonspiel just this way.

Darlene and Kevin will offer a light supper on Wednesday and Thursday night, dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

So - get your teams together and plan to participate in this very special event. Look for the sign-up sheet on the mixed board. You can sign up as a team, couple or single individual.

Co-chairs - Susan and Gary Williams 339-7382
Jennifer and Bill Turner 724-5674

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**Glengarry Closing Annual Meeting**

"KEEP THIS DATE OPEN:"
_Joyce A. Shaffer; Chair_

_Sunday, April 10th at Yahnundasis Golf Club_

Noon Brunch - Buffet $16.00
Please make check payable to Utica Glengarries
Sign up on bulletin board in ladies locker room or call Joyce at 735-0433
48 hour cancellation rule applies.

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**Closing Party**

Join us for the closing party, March 26th, Toddy Bowl, Hors d'oeuvres start at 7:00 buffet dinner starts at 8:00 with awards, and story telling following. Dance to live music and skate on real ice (assuming play-off's are complete) after dinner. Does life get any better?

Oh, and don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for the $1,200 vacation package. The drawing will take place that night. Come and see the excitement - maybe your name will be pulled from the hat!

Reservation deadline is March 19. 48 hour cancellation is required.
Sign up and be part of the celebration of our tradition, history and the sport we all love.
For reservations, call Susan and Gary Williams 339-7382 or sign up on the mixed board.
Jennifer and Bill Turner co-chair
Charity Curling Challenge
To Benefit Up to Twelve Area Charities Curling for a Cause

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2005
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Utica Curling Club
8300 Clark Mills Rd., Whitesboro, NY

Exciting Fund Raiser
Sixth Annual Event
Winter Sport at Its Best
Spectators Welcome - Bring Signs and Bells and Cheer for your Favorite Team

You’re invited to enter a team from your company or organization in the Sixth Annual Charity Curling Challenge. Teams are comprised of non-curlers. First year curlers may also play but must play front end positions. Any existing curler may coach a team. Teams pick the charity of their choice. This is a great way to introduce non-curling friends and co-workers to this fun sport!!!

Sign a team up today!!! Call Carol Jones for details! Wk: 624-3801, Hm: 797-6356 or e-mail cjones@tristate.biz

UCC International Junior Bonspiel 2005
Submitted by Terri Sullivan

The first UCC Junior Bonspiel since 2001 is over. The Curling Club was filled with young curlers ages 9 - 20 beginning on Friday night. Those who dared to cross into the “zone” found couches and floors covered with kids playing X-box and Gamecube, watching TV’s and playing cards, Jenga, Mancala or playing foosball (Dan Barriess brought his table down to the club). On Friday evening after the Crawford 7:30 draw, numerous Adult curlers stayed to watch the “entertainment” and played foosball until after midnight. On Saturday night there was a dance with DJ Matt Raisman from Rock 107.3 playing a diverse selection of music until 11:30 pm.

Fortunately, the event went very smoothly and was a huge success according to those who curled as well as their parents. We had 15 teams compete culminating in six championship games at noon on Sunday. Typically the Juniors age is 12 years or older. We allowed “Little Rockers” (provided they could throw the 42 lb. curling stone) to curl in this event to encourage participation in a competitive environment and to aid in developing competitive curlers from our club as well as others. This bonspiel was not a sanctioned event although the GNCC did post it on their website for us. Many curlers who attended had not been away from home for a competitive curling event. This afforded new opportunities to almost half of the curlers who had never been to a bonspiel before.

Junior bonspiels usually have families at the hosting club who provide housing for the visiting teams, if they choose - some want the indoor pool at the hotels. We were able to house 36 curlers with 10 host families. We had 15 teams (3-4 curlers on each team). The bonspiel went remarkably well. It was the first in 6 years and a promise for another (goal is 24 teams) has been made. Plans are already underway for the UCC Junior International Bonspiel for 2006.

Every person who runs a bonspiel knows it is impossible to do alone. Enormous thanks go out to numerous people to include: Dan Barriess, Jr., Jared Wydshy, Dan and Clare Barriess, Joe and Kim Martin, Kathy Platt, Tom Clark, Mike Kessler, Lisa Degironimo, all those who housed curlers (most of whom did not have children curling) and all the Youth Coordinators at the visiting clubs who took the time and energy to organize and send your curlers to the Utica Curling Club. Thanks also to Duane Farr and the Board for your support of this Bonspiel.

WKTV was contacted and was able to report briefly on this event Saturday 2/12 at 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm and the Observer Dispatch reported on 2/14 and 2/15. Finally, we are planning to have a membership drive for the Junior/Little Rocker program next fall.

Results

A Event
Winner Broomstones 1
Runner-Up Schenectady

B Event
Winner Cape Cod 1
Runner-Up Utica 1

C Event
Winner Philadelphia
Runner-Up Albany 3

D Event
Winner Brockville
Runner-Up Broomstones 2

E Event
Winner Albany 1
Runner-Up Nashua

F Event
Winner Albany 2
Runner-Up Utica 3

Skip - Dropkin, Vice - Sailmarsh, 2nd - Welsberg, Lead - Salsberg
Skip - Aragose, Vice - Culligan, 2nd - Frohne, Lead - Mackintosh
Skip - Brandenberg, Vice - Collachio, 2nd - Johnson, Lead - Bareiss, E. (UCC sub)
Skip - Bearis, D., Vice - Sunderlin, 2nd - Clark B., Lead - Marsland
Skip - Anderson, Vice - Anderson, 2nd - Pickering, Lead - Todd - Marone
Skip - Smith, K., Vice - Reedy, C, 2nd Goldstein, Lead - Reedy, K.
Skip - Fox, Vice - Yendon, 2nd - Carter, Lead - Burns
Skip - Tyneil, Vice - Dolan, 2nd - Hallsey, Lead - Baker
Skip - Wright, Vice - Wolfe, 2nd Frohne, Lead - Kenney
Skip - Clark, Vice Hennessy, 2nd - Barclay, Lead - Sullivan. K (UCC sub)
Skip - Beebe, Vice - Smith, L. 2nd - Smith, K. Lead - Bates
Skip - Lutz, Vice - Sunderlin, R., 2nd - Lead Sunderlin, N.
**Broomsters**

Ask most people what the first sign of spring is and they will tell you it is the robin, but ask a Broomster at the Utica Curling Club and they will say it is the klunk of the broom in the closet, and the klank of the golf clubs in the trunk - league has begun! Continue the friendships throughout the summer on Tuesdays at Sauquoit Knolls Golf Club. Tee time is 1:00 pm followed by drinks (of course) on the deck and a light supper at Packy's. For further information contact Doreen Hayes or seek out a smiling broomster. Aint we got fun!

Soo...what are you going to do this summer? Curl???? I don't think so. Well!!! For many years some adults mostly "of a more interesting age" have had a golf league. We play Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm May through August at Sauquoit Knolls. We play 9 hole matches all pre-set. Men, women, husband, wives all mixed up. You have a permanent partner. we will help you find one if necessary. Curlers, former curlers, friends of curlers, any one who might be interested. Want to join us? Call Doreen Hayes 736-0394. We have a mid-season event at Sauquoit Knolls and a final meet- ing at Newport. League dues are $15.00 and your weekly greens fees and cart rental.

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**Irish Blessing**

May you always have these blessings...

A soft breeze when summer comes, A warm fireside in winter, And always - the warm, soft smile of a friend.

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KAYUTA LAKE BONSPIEL
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or

SHOOT, SHOVEL, SWEEP, and SCORE!

Dave Palazzoli, reporter

Well, the day dawned with typical outside curling weather. The temperature lakeside was a balmy +5, winds were calm and it was snowing. 10 teams of Kayuta curlers, Utica curlers, former curlers and not-a-curlers showed up ready to play, drink, eat, and hot tub. Many former Utica members and former curlers were present, especially from the Tri-State areas. The warming shed was stocked wit spicy and hot food, the keg was tapped, and the games began.

It was obvious very soon that it would be impossible to keep two sheets clear of snow, so one sheet was offered up to the Gods and the other sheet was played upon. It was clear when the stones stopped flying that two teams were ready for the finals.

Carl Thomas, Colleen Thomas, Bill Krause, and Amy Taylor were the top points getters, Amy getting special mention for her two points every end as lead for the team.

Ed Revere, Christine Wittman, Lena Wagner, Hiroko Nagasaki were the United Nations team. They came in second, and ready to steal the title away from the Lakers.

The battle ensued with Ed getting special help from Charlie Knox, Ralph DeSantis Jr. and Barb Kacinski, as his first line team had left, presumably because of some UN duties. When the stone chips had finally settled, King Carl was still #1. Obviously, he had home ice advantage, but Ed vowed he would return next year with a secret weapon that would give him the needed advantage. As of this writing, he is not willing to divulge the nature of this weapon, believed to be some kind of pre-hangover medication. Folks, you may have missed another great one. Outside curling is as much fun as it gets, try it next year, you will love it.

2005 UCC Mixed Curling Championship Wrap-up:
- Dave Palazzoli

It was an exciting weekend for a lot of participants, we had 16 teams and served 50 dinners. The curling was very close and competitive. The draw was decided by lottery, so teams were well mixed, and it worked great. We had some first and second year curlers participating too. Many games were decided on the last rock, so it was also fun to watch.

It was fun behind the glass, too, with the bar-stool critiquing on-ice strategy for the amusement of the able patrons. (We all know that shot calls are always perfect if you make them after the shot is finished.)

The ice was as good as ever, food and libation were, too. It was very nice to see Carol Jones, Matt Cashios and the other guests at the dinner.

You don’t appreciate how good Utica ice is until you play in Schenectady! Thanks Chuck! The chairs and co-chairs appreciated everyone's help and almost everyone's input. (see above remarks.) The chairs and co-chairs were the Linda and Daryl Chesebro, Kathy and David Palazzoli. The listed winners, one runner-up and one lottery team are being invited to play in the Marie Cobb Bonspiel in February 2005. They are:

Utica 1 - Don Knapp, Lis DeGironimo, Mike DeGironimo, Sherri Gaebel
Utica 2 - Dave Palazzoli, Sue Williams, Gary Williams, Kathy Palazzoli
Utica 3 - Les Cortright, Ann Stuhlman, Don Reese, Ylva Cortright
Utica 4 - Alan Fleming, Donna Caleo, Dan Bareiss, Claire Bareiss
Utica 5 - Brian Moore, Marge Moore, Dale Jones, Judy Giovannone
Utica 6 - Fred Hicks, Cindy Brown, George Brown, Barb Felice

Wheelchair Champions -
Bill Rotten, coach

USCA Wheelchair National Championship

On Friday, January 14th, 5 intrepid Utica wheelchair curlers, Team USA boarded a bus for a trip to Newark Airport and a flight to Braehead Scotland. They were accompanied by their cheering section which included The Petries, Peggy Rotten, Missy Keiser's mother and brother, Bob Prenoveau's dad, Jim Pierce's sister and Jimmy Joseph's wife. Several members of Sitrin Rehab also accompanied the team. In Newark, the team was met by the Host Club members, loaded on to busses and taken to Erskine Bridge Hotel site of the opening and closing parties, and our home for the week. Team practice began on Monday morning followed by an impressive Opening Ceremony and a busy week of curling; two games per day Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday single games on Friday and Saturday made for a busy schedule. The teams playing were Norway, Denmark, Wales, Scotland, Russia, Japan and England twice. The team had a 4 and 4 record and came in 8th out of the 16 teams that participated. This record enables the US to have a spot in the Paralympic games in Italy in 2006, the first Wheelchair Curling to be a medal sport.

One of the highlights of the week was a visit by Princess Anne who spoke to each and every team from all 16 countries.

The team returned on January 23, pleased and proud of their first World Championship participation. This is a first for any Utica Curlers to participate in a World Championship in 136 years.

Daytime Ladies Roemer
Winners:
Peggy Rotten, skip: Diane Farr, Susan Fountain, Jackie Strife (new)
Congratulations Ladies
Roster Changes

Oooooooooooops... I guess we forget that Caitlin Costello is now Mrs. Anthony Maroldo. Please add Caitlin to our Active Members effective October 1, 2004.

Happenings

We note with deep regret the deaths of
Judson Foster - former curler
and
Linda Robinson's stepmother, Kay Warner

The sympathy of the entire membership is extended to their families.

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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209 Hartford Pl., Utica, NY 13502
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or
BETTY HURD
8 Knollwood Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413
fax: 797-1584

Thanks for your cooperation.
"The Broom Hildas"

Please include all year end reports for our year end curlogram.

Deadline for April Cureogram is Monday, April 18