A Message From the President - Duane Farr

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be your president this year and I want to thank everyone for your help in making this curling season an exciting and successful one.

Special thanks go to the Broom Hilda's, Ellen Boeringer, Betty Hunt and Peggy Tuttle for their continuing hard work with the Curlogram; Ken and Darlene Knight for all their delicious meals; Chuck DeMonte, Jim Glasson and their helpers for our terrific ice; Dan Bareiss for all his help with the kitchen and bar; Our club manager, Terry Brown, who somehow keeps the bar and club running smoothly and Dave Palazzolo and Dave Russell who work behind the scenes to maintain everything in the club.

Congratulations to our U.C.C. Board for the 2005-2006 Season: Fred Hicks, V.P.; Denise Fusco, Sec; Brad Anderson, Treas; and our newly selected three-term members, Marty Jones and Stu Card. Many thanks to Kathy Davis and Pat Costello for their past three years of service.

We had a very busy 2004-2005 season. It kicked off with the biggest garage sale in history by the Glengarries. They presented the club with a check for $4000.00 from the proceeds, which have been used to pay down the mortgage. Thanks to a very persistent Dean Kelly, we hosted the largest cash spiel in the U.S. and most of Canada. Dean convinced us, State to sponsor this event with a $250,000 donation and the "I Love NY" open was born. Dean also chaired the USCA Round 1 men’s qualifier for 2005. The Mitchell run by Don Knapp and our Marie Cobb mixed Bonspiel head by Mary and Brian Moore were big winners again. We also hosted the Ross Tarlton and the US Wheelchair National Championships. Thanks to all our dedicated members who made these events so successful.

Looking forward to the 2005-2006 season, the Mohawk Valley Quilters will be using our club for the second year in September. Next season we will host the GNCC Seniors, the Gordon International and hopefully the 2nd "I Love NY" open. We have bids out for the 2008 world seniors, the 2006 US National Wheelchair Championship and to the WCF for the World Wheelchair Championship in 2007.

It’s very expensive to run our club. The two major expenses are the property taxes and our mortgage, which accounts for almost $40,000 per month. Our property taxes are on a ten-year escalator of $22,000 per year. After 10 years, the tax will jump to $25,000. We hope to reduce this tax by going to grievance. If this doesn’t work our next step will be to small claims court. Our mortgage started out at $330,000. We now have a balance of $245,000 at 5.25%. Our $1,588 monthly payment ($775 toward principle and $1,113 for interest) Is a commercial mortgage which adjusts every 5 years. This $2265 mortgage payment is in effect until 2022. Marcia Garber has graciously volunteered to head a "Burn the Mortgage" Campaign to reduce our principle. Keep Tuned!

Our membership was down this season. Over the summer, think of the Glengarrys [Cultivate curlers for the Utica curling club] get people interested [anything but bribery] get them to the curling center, mentor them and they will get hooked. We need your help!

Don’t forget that we will take a vote regarding the juniors and little rockers regarding their dues in the parking lot of the curling club on May 11. See further details elsewhere in the curlogram. Have a wonderful summer!

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Log Your Volunteer Time - Brad Anderson and Peg Rotton

This is a friendly reminder to count the hours you have contributed to the club and submit to Peggy Rotton (bproton@borg.com). Please identify your area of volunteering. We need to substantiate that our collective, unpaid volunteer time exceeded the paid staff hours. The Club would like to give special thanks to Laura Jaco and Sue Fleming for their volunteer incentive program sponsored by Verizon.

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* * * Notice Of Special Meeting * * *

In response to members concerns voiced at the annual meeting regarding the dues charged for Little Rockers and Juniors, the Board of Directors of the Utica Curling Club in accordance with the club By-Laws; Article X, Section 2, hereby call a Special Meeting of the membership of the UCC.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to vote on the following change to the dues structure for Class 6 (Little Rockers) and Class 8 (Juniors) from $40.00/year to the following:

1. Dues for membership Class 6 and 8 will be $20.00/year
2. Children sponsored by a Resident or Sr. Resident member of the UCC will have their dues waived.

This meeting will be held at the UCC at 5:30pm on May 11, 2005. If you are unable to attend, you may send a written vote to that eligible member. Please note that the By-Laws state that we must have 20 voting members in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Respectfully Submitted, Denise M. Fusco Secretary

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Glengarry Report - Linda Robinson, Glengarry President

We began our year in September when the Glengarryes held a huge Garage/Craft/Bale Sale, in the club. This fundraiser was a wonderful success thanks to the long hours of help from many club members. As a result of the sale, the Glengarryes transferred $4,000.00 to the main account which was used to pay down the principal of the mortgage on the club. Thank you to everyone who helped.

The Opening Glengarry dinner was held on September 27th at Daniele’s Valley View. Our Glengarry members donated canned goods to the food bank at the December Holiday party. Our closing brunch/meeting was held at the Yahnundasis Country Club with 56 Glengarryes attending. We welcomed our new Glengarryes with one of our new Glengarry patches. We have not had patches for several years so it is nice to have them available again. They will be for sale at the Kitsie Komom.

We are very proud to have had one of the newest Glengarryes, Missy Keiser, represent our club at the World Wheelchair Championships this year. Congratulations to the whole US National Championship team, Missy has also been appointed as a representative to the USCA Athletes Advisory Committee.

Many of our women went out of-town bonspiels throughout the year and did very well. I am hoping to have more of these results in future curlograms.

Thank you to the event chairpersons and their committees. Our events ran smoothly and were enjoyed by the participants. Thank you to all of my committee chairs for whatever you did to make my job easier. A special thank you to my executive committee for their encouragement, support and especially for working around my schedule this year. Finally, thank you to the entire membership. The success of the Glengarryes is due to the support of both men and women in our club. I have very much enjoyed serving as the Glengarry president this year and look forward with anticipation to next year.
Senior Women’s Friendship Tour
Peg Rotton

16 women over 50 are invited to go on tour to Manitoba, Canada for 12 days. The tour will be from November 1 - 13, 2006. Approximate cost of tour will be between $1500-$2000 (not including air fare). Applications are on USWCA web site or from Peggy Rotton. Deadline for applications is December 1, 2005. The Canadian ladies visited Utica in 2003 and demonstrated to us what a wonderful curling friendship exists between the two countries. This is a chance to go to Canada and enjoy their hospitality. Selection is by pulling the names out of a hat. This tour is sponsored by the United States Women’s Curling Association. UCC active members are eligible.

Happy Hour 2005
Gary and Susan Fountain, chairs

After 8 weeks of hilarious fun, Happy Hour came to a close with our banquet - provided by Kevin, Darlene and Barb - and our awards ceremony sponsored by Dollar General and 99 cent City. It was the usual team action whereby the “grasshoppers” leaped “on-the-rocks” but were stung by the “singapore slings” and stung by the “stingers”. (We had to control the “pink squirrels” who went nuts when the “sloegin fizzes” fizzled out.) The “kamakazes” came in for the kill and won the event. Congratulations to kamakaze skip, John Davis, and team members Bill Rotton, Barb Bonham and Susan Weber. Plan to join us next year on Thursdays and find out what this craziness is all about. Warm up with Fun and Fitness in the first half of curling and continue on to Happy Hour. We are a great and fun-loving group.

Also, many thanks to Chuck DelMonte and helpers for wonderful ice!

The 2005 Glengarry Challenge

This year’s edition of the Silver Teapot was fought by 8 teams. 32 UCC women curlers were there to eat and party. The dinner and snacks were wonderful. Eric Brown provided great background music for the dinner. Everything went very nicely, even breakfast on Sunday with the usual treats along with breakfast pizza for all. Oh, the curling was good too. The round-robin format left 2 teams in the hunt on Sunday. The final pitted Cindy Brown and the Killer Bees against the Liz DeGironimo Banditos.

True to their name, Liz stole the first 4 ends. In the 5th end, Cindy and the bees came buzzing back with a big 3. From there on in however, the banditos stole the show. Liz made a great draw in the 6th, a great freeze in the 7th, and left Cindy a miserable double in the 8th to sit three for the tie. Cindy hit it perfectly, but one of the target stones didn’t clear the house leaving the score 6-5 and crowning the new champions: Liz DeGironimo, Anne Stuhlmans, Betsy Minutti and Terri R. Sullivan r-up Cindy Brown, Kathy Palazzoli, Cindy Ciarelli, Barb Felice.

Next year the winning team chairs the event. They have already promised a wild time for all, so get your team into the Open Competitive League next fall, practice hard and you too might someday stand with the Silver Teapot in hand.

Rose Bonspiel and Closing Party 2005
Co-chairs Susan and Gary Williams and Jennifer and Bill Turner

The Rose Bonspiel was held March 23-26, 2005. There were 28 teams that competed.

The awards went to the following teams:
- Three game high: (40 points) Mike Platt, Diane Higgins, Tom Platt Jr. and Gary Williams.
- Two game high winner (35 1/2 points) Don Knapp, Marianne Clark, Dale Jones, and Carol Jones (it is nice to see her back).
- Two game high runner-up (32 3/4 points) Kip Wagner, Barbara Kacinski, Mike Singer, and Donna West.
- One game high winner (24 1/4 points) Chuck DelMonte, Shelly DelMonte, Rich Minutti and Betsy Minutti.
- One game high runner-up (23 1/2 points) David Mishalanje, Donna Caleo, Mike McLoughlin, and Tammy Mishalanje.

Note: First year curlers names are in bold print.

During toddy bowl, the evening surprise on “center stage” turned out to be a group of young figure skaters entertained us with four different performances. Thanks to Terry Sullivan and her students.

The Closing Party Dinner was attended by 120 participants. Darlene, Kevin and crew served a delicious meal.

After dinner the world renowned troupe of thespians, The Plate Class Players, presented a sketch based on those silly things that go on behind the “glass.” Thanks goes to the players. Let’s hope they can perform again.

UCC President Duane Parr then told the story of Jack and Ann Rose, a lesson in generosity and caring for your fellow man. The Roses represent the many generous people that do so much for UCC.

The program ended with the drawing of the $1,000 vacation. It was a little disappointing that the winner was not present, yet it is good to know that our club is supported by a wide circle of friends.

The evening continued with dancing and partying.

Thanks go to all the people that brought h’ord eourves, the many people that helped with checking the math on the score cards, and Patty and Terry at the bar.

Thanks also to Shelly Del Monte for arranging for the silver prizes and engraving. It was great that Betsy and Melon helped with setting the table. Thank you, Betsy and Rich Minutti for serving the Toddy Bowl. Thanks to Daryl and Linda Chesebro for taking money on Saturday night and calculating the winning teams. And lastly to all the people that substituted for the many players that were not able to play.

In addition, thanks also to Chuck DelMonte and his crew of volunteers for preparing the ice and of course Dan Bareiss, for helping us arrange the food.

A good time was had by all!
The 2005 version of the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel took Utica curlers and their guests on a jungle safari. Lions and tigers, tribal visitors of all descriptions, gorillas in the mist expedition parties, wildlife photographers, witch doctors and every shade of khaki imaginable showed up at the Utica Curling Club that weekend in February. We even had an ancient volcano erupt during the costume contest on Saturday night.

Thanks to Terry and Patty for keeping the jungle juice flowing at the bar and to the Knights for the fabulous food throughout the weekend. Cameo Voltz created the popular shooter specials for the bar and of course, Shelley DelMonte and her raffle sales staff kept the jello shots coming for any lucky raffle participants (who needs to win the raffle when half the fun is attempting to win and then trying one of those jello shots...)

Thursday night’s opening party was again coordinated by Gary and Susan Williams and they made sure all Utikans and their guests were well fed and entertained. Many club members provided hors d’oeuvres and other food items, which was much appreciated. The Utica Zoomobile made a visit this evening as well. Thanks, Chuck DelMonte, for making these arrangements. Teams had their photos taken and hammed it up for our photographer, Ed Michael. The back drop this year was a special creation of Alicia Giovannone and all the teams enjoyed taming their tiger (also known as their skip). Thanks, Alicia for sharing your artistic talents!

After curling all day on Friday, the highlight of the night was the bonspiel banquet, with the program coordinated by “George of the Jungle Brown” and his jungle Queen, Cindy. A rollicking skit, starring some of our own tribal talent, followed the meal. A wild and crazy group with a flair for the offbeat, they had the crowd’s attention with their own rendition of “Guitarzan” – Dave Palazzoli, Teal Labarbera, Bob Risley, Marianne Clark, Jennifer Turner, Chuck DelMonte and Linda Chesbro, with behind the scenes assistance from Gary Williams (sound/lighting) and Donna Caleo (choreography). Utikans and their out of town guests continued partying into the wee hours, dancing to the sounds of the John Hutson Band.

Saturday brought more curling games and then off we trekked to the house parties for a little food, fun and camaraderie at members’ homes. Special thanks to Chuck and Shelley DelMonte, Dave and Tammy Mishalanie, Karen Rogowski and Barb Felice, Bill and Jennifer Turner and John and Cynthia Weed for their hospitality. The evening brought more curling (semi-final games) while the natives got restless to the sounds of Bernie Clark and the Rhythm Sharks. An entertaining costume parade and contest during a band break topped off the evening, with the “WaterWalkers” of Richmond taking the top prize. Thanks to Paul MacEnroe and Lisa Magnarelli for their efforts in coordinating the parade and contest.

Sunday final games were not for the timid. Entertaining games were going on up and down the ice sheets, but in the end, the “A” event final captured everyone’s attention as Brian Moore’s Utica team prevailed with some great strategic shotmaking in the last ends to defeat the NY Calendonia club skipped by Jeff Lesuk. Congratulations to all the winner and runnerup teams.

Great Bonspiels don’t just happen. Every year, many people spend countless hours contributing to the success of the Marie Cobb Mixed Spiel. An extra loud tarzan yell of appreciation to all those already mentioned in addition to the following who helped in a variety of other ways: Tom Garber (invitation, logo and drawing board design), Lis DeGeronimo (drawing board printing and house party invitation design/directions), Michelle MacEnroe (photos, Sunday slide show), Terri Sullivan (snacks, host/hostess and homes coordination), Heather Swiercz (welcome bags), Mike Swierz (team signs, name tags and other assorted duties), Mike Kessler (draw), Kathy Palazzoli (bonspiel treasurer), Cindy Brown (banquet program design), Dan Rariess (food coordination), Joan Dewar and Gloria Capelli (toddle bowl hostesses), Tony Mutt, Sr. (trophies), Charlie Knox, Bill Turner and all others who assisted with the drawing board maintenance during the weekend, Shelley DelMonte and her “Stitch and Bitch” Tuesday night crew (decorations, raffle baskets, jello shots and who knows what else!)

Wondering about next year’s theme? It’s “Viva Las Vegas”! We’ll be rolling those dice, trying to court “Lady Luck”. If you know anyone who’d like to receive a 2006 invitation, please forward their email address to Brian Moore (madmax59@adelphia.net). Most mailings are in email form now unless snail mail is absolutely necessary. As always, the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel will be the third full weekend of February. Mark your calendars and round up your curling friends!

The Winners and Runner-Ups of the 2005 Utica Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel:
A Event - Winner - Presidents Bowl Utica #4 Moore, Brian / Moore, Marj / Jones, Dale / Giovannone, Judy Runnerup - Curler’s Cooler NY Calendonia Lesuk, Jeff / Gestring, Robin / Russek, Jay / Jaco, Laura
B Event - Silver Tassie Winner - Utica #5 Fleming, Al / Caleo, Donna / Bareiss, Dan / Bareiss, Clare
Runnerup: Utica #3 Cortright, Les / Stuhlman, Anne / Rees, Don / Cortright, Ylva
C Event - Ice Box Winner: Carleton Heights #2 Warren, Ed / Hansen, Betty / Hansen, Paul / Warren, Linda Runnerup: Ardsley #1. Silverman, Scott / Yeh, Alice / Bussy, Mark / Bussy, Sue
D Event - Friendship Trophy Winner: Richmond Parker, Jim / Parker, Marnie / Rochon, Francois / Rochon, Kim Runnerup: Nashua Dinsdale, Darryl / Dinsdale, Nancy / Clark, Ed / Clark, Candice
E Event - *Lost in the Jungle* Winner: Utica #2 Palazzoli, Dave / Williams, Sue / Williams, Gary / Palazzoli, Kathy Runnerup: Utica #8 Costello, Pat / Shaffer, Joyce / Costello, Brian / Haase, Mickey

Thank You Thank You
- Gary and Susan Williams
To all who donated hors d’oeuvres for the opening party of the Marie Cobb Bonspiel, we appreciate your generosity. We were able to feed everyone Thursday and we were also able to provide snacks with the toddler bowl on Friday and send all our guest home with a sandwich lunch on Sunday, it all worked out perfectly. Thanks so much.
Twas the day of the tankard
And all thru our rink
People worried and fretted
So we started to drink
All the sleighrides were gone by exit 34
When we arrived at Rochester We fell out the bus door.

Rochester was ready. Food, booze, and good ice, you see
It was slow it was curvy, but you could read it quite easily.

We set up our teams, 16 women, 16 men
Rochester did the same, fewer women more men

To the ice shed we went it was ready to go
We stretched and we slid, but the games started slow

We knew at once that it would be quite rough, Enron,
Mark and Caitlin would be very tough
We put up Laura, Pat, Dave, and Bob, we hoped that they could do the job.

But Dave lost his game, Pat did the same
Utica found themselves under the gun, Utica was -5 rocks down after draw 1

Draw 2 started fast, Rochester ran out of gas
Thank Karen, Les, Melon, Michelle
Draw 2 ended with us up plus 9, Utica really did quite well

Draw 3 what a sight we were in a tough fight
Caitlin, Mark, Ron made their hits
And after draw 3 we were only plus 6

Draw 4 disaster hit, Utica almost stepped in it
But Les held his ground, Michelle came around, we stayed alive and won it PLUS 5

Somewhere there is singing and kids run and play
Somewhere birds are chirping and happiness rules the day
Somewhere the day is warm, and somewhere the sun is out
But the MONKEY stayed on Deep Rock Road
Mighty Rochester had struck out

We had homemade wine and sausage, champagne, Grey Goose, sleighrides, cookies, pepper and egg sandwiches, donuts, muffins, jello shots, candy. We watched movies, partied and had a ball.
Terry and I co-chaired and thank you one and all.

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**GNCC 5 Year & Under Challenge**

16th Annual Women's Competition. This popular GNCC event was held in Rochester this year, 18 teams entered. Three teams from the Glengarries attended.

Winner of the first event - Anne Stuhlman, skip; Karen Rogowski, 3rd; Terri Sullivan, 2nd; Liz Nolan lead. Winner of the second event - Nancy Owens, skip; Marge Vanslyke, 3rd; Shelley DelMonte, 2nd; Joyce Lyman, lead.

Pins for all the event winners and finalists were presented by Peggy Rotten who with Gwen Krailo donates pins to the 5 Yr. & Under Women's challenge. The event is co-sponsored by GNCC & USWCA. Congratulations to the winners.

**Ladies Evening Curling**

Bonnie Piper / Winner Diane Higgins - skip, Laura Jacon - vice, Cheri Gaebel - 2nd, Edie Savett - lead
Calder / Winner Anne Stuhlman - skip, Lis DeGironimo - vice, Shelly DelMonte - 2nd, Liz Nolan - lead
Lambert-Grant / Winner Donna Caleo- skip, Yva Cortright - vice, Claire Bareiss - 2nd, Liz Nolan - lead
Glenplaidie / Winner Denise Fusco - skip, Laura Jacon - vice, Bryn Piersma - 2nd, Jennifer Crane - lead

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**Daytime Ladies Scottie Winners:**

Meredith Roefaro-Hobika; skip: Marge VanSlyke, Susan Fountain, Doreen Hayes. Congratulations Ladies!!!!!!!

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**Crawford Results**

Heather and Mike Swiercz, Event Chairs

Well another year of Friday night curling has come to a close. Hopefully everyone has had a great time curling and enjoyed many delicious fish fries. The finals were held on March 18 at 6:00 pm. The top six placed teams from each draw faced each other in the finals. The winners are as follows:

A Event winner - Sue Williams, Rich Minutti, Betsy Minutti, and Gary Williams. Runner-up Scott Lent, Heather Swiercz, Bruce Blundell, and Mary Gajawski
B Event winner - Don Reese, Donna Caleo, Ryan Brown, and Cameo Veltz. Runner-up Laura Jacon, Tom Platt. Sr., Monica Spath, and Marty Jones
C Event winner - Chris Mazzotta, Jim Schaffer, Ed Revere, and Peg Webster. Runner-up - Pat Costello, Gloria Capelli, Jim Sokolowski, and Marie Costello
E Event winner - Charles Knox, Terri Sullivan, Mike McLoughlin, and Peter Webster. Runner-up - Don Zilioux, Ginger Zilioux, John Weed, and Cynthia Weed
F Event winner - Erlene Puleo, Joe Puleo, Roger Rowlett, and Mary Jane Walsh. Runner-up - Duane Farr, Diane Farr, Jerry Stevens, and Teale Labarbera

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Friday night league. We would like to thank everyone who supported the 50/50 raffle, and congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 raffle as well as the prize raffle.
Happenings

Congratulations to
Maureen and Stephen Fodera on the birth of Joseph
Jennifer and Jim Friedel on the birth of Daniel
Licia and Jim Gleason on the birth of Samantha

House Committee Summer 2005
Many hands make light work
Many hands make light work
If you can spare time to help repair, fix, renovate,
clean please contact Dave Palazzoli at 853-2042 /
dave@myatc.com.
The club is almost 10 years old and we have much to do.
Your help is needed and appreciated.

From The Broom Hildas’-
The Broom Hilda’s thank you all for your help and info. Have a good summer -
Good Bye!

Sympathy

We note with deep regret the deaths
of
Joe De Santis - mother, Rose
David and Brigit Kammer - their infant son, William
Bernadette and Michael Di Meo - mother Olivia Zammillo
and Les Cottright on the loss of his sister

The sympathy of the entire membership
is extended to their families

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