Past President’s Message
– Duane Farr, Past President

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your president the last two years and I want to thank everyone for helping me making them exciting and successful.

Special thanks go to the Broom Hildas, Ellen Boerger, Betty Hurd and Peggy Tuttle for their hard work with the Curlogram; Kevin and Darlene Knight for all their delicious meals; Chuck Del Monte and 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 Palazzoli and Dave Russell who work behind the scenes to maintain everything in the club.

It has been very busy during my tenure at the Utica Curling Club. We kicked off the season with the biggest garage sale in history by the Glengarrys. They presented the club with a check for $4,000.00 to pay down the mortgage.

With very short notice, Clare Bareiss organized a group of adults and UCC Juniors to travel to New York City’s Rockefeller Center and appear on the Today show on NBC!

We hosted the following special events (chairpersons in parentheses): The largest Cash Spal in the U.S. and most of Canada for two years the "I Love NY Open" (Dean Kelly); the USACA Round 1 Men’s Qualifier for 2005 (Dean Kelly); the Ross Tarlton (Vinnie Grove); The Gordon International (Fred Hicks); the 2005 US Wheelchair National Championships (Gloria Petrie); Paralympic Wheelchair Team Selection (Peggy Rotton) the CNCC Senior Men’s (Fred Hicks) and the Empire State (Joyce Shafer). Thanks to all our dedicated members who chaired and helped with these events and made them so successful.

The most successful Wheelchair program we could ever imagine was chaired and coached by Bill Rotton. His efforts sent our curlers to the 2005 World Wheelchair Championships in Scotland and after the Paralympics trials at our club, four of our curlers, Jim Pierce, Jim Joseph, Augusto Perez and Danniell Libby went to the Paralympics in Torino, Italy, with Melissa Keiser and Tom Hanson selected as alternates. We are as proud of all the curlers in the Wheelchair program and all that you were able to accomplish!

The good news is that all these efforts have made their way to the bottom line of our financial statement reflecting the following increases in assets and decreases in liabilities.

Our net cash position has improved in the last two years from $77,000 on 3/31/04 to $122,000 on 3/31/06 by our hosting special events along with our club and invitational events by the Mixed, Men’s and Glengarrys.

With all of these efforts combined with our normal payments and the generous donations of $8,000.00 to the Tom Garber Memorial Fund, our mortgage has been reduced by $33,000 from $265,500 to $222,500. Normal reduction of principal would have only been $19,000.

Once again Carol Jones worked long and hard recruiting new membership. She added another open house and curling school in March after the excitement of the Olympics and over 200 adults and children showed up! After $3 paid to attend the curling school, we had 23 new 2006 members (12 men, 3 women and 9 youths). Thanks, Carol.

I want to thank all the members of the UCC Board for their time, help and support. And best wishes to Fred Hicks as our new president.

Have a great summer.

Glengarry Report
– Linda Robinson, Glengarry President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Glengarrys for all of the help and encouragement and for making my time as your president a time I will always remember.

This has been an eventful year. Congratulations to one of our newest glengarrys, Danell Libby, who was not only the sole female on the first U.S. Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Team in history but also the winner of The Paralympic Spirit Award for the 2006 U.S. in the Female Category. Congratulations to all of the Glengarrys who won both UCC and out-of-town bonspiels throughout the year. The thanks for the success of our club events this year go to Laura Jacon for the All American and team Lis DeGironimo for the Glengarry Challenge.

We have the Empire State Bonspiel at our club this year, a huge thank you to Joyce Shafer and her committee. It was an enormous job and you ran a beautiful bonspiel.

Donna Calleo with help from Julie Chanatry worked very hard and did a great job with evening scheduling as did Joyce Shafer and her co-chair Marge VanSlyke with daytime scheduling. Thanks to all of you our leagues ran successfully.

Renate Swierz with help from Diane Farr did a super job of running the Kitie Korner this year with record sales. Thank you very much for all of those long hours.

Thank you to all of my committee chairs for everything you did to make my job easier. I would like to extend a very special "thank you" to my executive committee for their encouragement, support and especially for working around my schedule for the past two years. Finally, thank you to the entire membership. The success of the Glengarrys is due to the support of both men and women in our club.

I have very much enjoyed serving as the Glengarry president; thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Glengarrys Plan Ahead
ALL AMERICAN BONSPIEL

To be held in OCTOBER.
Watch for more information in future Curlograms.
Welcome New Curlers!

Congratulations to Graduates of the March Curling School! Twenty-two have already enlisted to become Utica Curling Club members for the 2006-2007 season. We welcome you and look forward to curling with you next season.

P.S. to our membership – I've watched these folks – they are great! Keep their names handy and snatch them up for your team, 'cause if you don't, you'll suffer playing against them!


Youth Curlers: Alicia Citriniti, Dominic Citriniti, Andrew Citriniti, Michael Przybyla, Alyssa Tassone, Louis Moskowitz, Daniel Barefoot.

Thank you, Membership!

Our Olympic Drive, Business After Hours, Newcomers Night, Charity Challenge, Curling School, and various Private Group Showings were all successful this Spring!

To all of you who:

- Handled out grippers
- Brought hors de'oeuvres
- Instructed on ice
- Supplied the projector
- Ran for more food
- Coached a charity challenge team
- Brought more hors de'oeuvres
- Worked registration
- Made presentations
- Ran for more food,
- Bartended
- Welcome newcomers
- Developed brochures
- Organized helpers
- Did I mention ran for more food?

Thank you from the membership committee!
YOU ARE WHO MADE THESE EVENTS GREAT!

SHARE THE JOYS OF CURLING

– Carol Jones

Right when the newer curlers have conquered the curling delivery and the bonspiels are rocking one right after another, the season, alas, is over with. It was evident by the smiling faces that this year was a great one! Many people have voiced to me their pleasure in having taken up the sport. I know I have thoroughly enjoyed my newfound friends at the club.

I wish you all are able to return next year. I hope you are able to introduce more of your friends to the sport of curling in the fall. We have a lot on the pallet for next year's freshman class that is educational AND fun!

Keep an eye out for any prospective curlers throughout the summer. They may be your acupuncturist, sailing instructor, bartender, or perhaps your lawyer. (I have several new prospects from my stay at the hospital.) As you come across interested people, jot their names down immediately!! Don't count on your memory to come up with all their names in the fall. Then call me 24 hours a day, and leave me the information. Just call Carol Jones at 624-3801, or send an e-mail to cjeones@tristate.biz

Please provide the following information:

- Prospective member's name(s)
- Street Address
- City
- Home and Business phone (if available)
- Sponsor (that's you!!!)

The committee will be happy to send them invitations on your behalf to the open house and clinics held in late October.

We're looking forward to a year of excellent curling, exceptional social atmosphere, and a heck of a lot of fun! Why not share it with others whose companionship you enjoy!!

A FAMOUS GLENGARRY!

Dannell Libby was honored with the 2006 Paralympic Spirit Award in the female category based on her performance. Thanks go to all of the curlers and Sitrin employees who voted for her each day of the competition. $5000 was given to Sitrin Health Care Center in her name. Congratulations, Dannell.

The Kiltie Korner

– Renate Swiercz, Chair
– Diane Farr, Co-Chair

Many thanks to all our UCC members who patronized the Kiltie Korner this past season. Your purchases made this the most financially successful time ever! A special thank you to Clare Bareiss, Ylva Cortright, Carol Jones, Joyce Shaffer, Anne Stuhlman and Heather Swiercz for making sales while at the club. Your help is greatly appreciated.

TRAVELLERS RETURN

– Bill Rotton, Assistant Coach

The Team USA members returned to USA on March 20. All agreed that this was an unforgettable experience for each of them. While the 2-5 record was disappointing to the team, they did retain bragging rights to North America by beating the gold medal Canadian team. They spoke of the tremendous support by the volunteers, the enthusiasm of the Italian public and the pride of being the first competitors to represent the USA in Paralympic Curling. They wish to thank all of the Curling Club members who have been so supportive of their efforts.
FF and HH Memories
– Sue & Gary Fountain

What's this? If you are a saver, you're probably searching through old Curlograms for a clue. If you participate in most Club bonspiels or one-day events, you're probably trying to recall when this event was played and how did you miss it. But, if you're a participant, you know that FF is Fun and Fitness and HH is Happy Hour, played on Thursdays at 4 p.m. with snacks, prizes for all, laughter and friendships. This year we had 40 curlers plus an eight-ender by the team of Jim Griebsh, Carla Barrett, Sue Gardner and Dave Forbes. You can't beat that! The winning team for Fun and Fitness was John Davis, Jeanne Galvin, Jerry Stevens and Jackie Strife followed by the winning team of Gary Fountain, Hal Rance, Carol Griebsh and Sue Forbes in the Happy Hour event. Join us next year and maybe you will be on a winning team too. This is a very relaxed and fun event.

Pictures
– Peg Rotton

Save the pictures for the Scrapbook/Out-of-town Publications. Peggy Rotton would like to have 4x6 or 3x5 photos for the Glengarry scrapbook. No discs please. If we are to retain any memories of our events and/or special occasions we need to do this. Please put name and date on back of photo and email or give them to me. I would also like any out-of-town winners to send to USA Curling or GNCC curling, Names, Event on back, please.

TRAVELS
– Peg Rotton

The 5-Year-and-Under Challenge was held at the Chesapeake Curling Club. Representing UCC were Anne Stuhlman (skip), Karen Rogowski (3), Cheri Gaebel (2), and Shelley Delmonte (lead). They won the Bonspiel and first place medals of the event. This regional (GNCC) event has been won by a Utica team four of the past five years and consecutively for the past three years. Congratulations to the winning team.

Daytime Curling — 2006 Roemer Competition
– Joyce Shaffer

Winners: Peggy Rotton, Skip; Ginger Zillioux; Diane Farr; Susan Gardner.
Runners up: Meredith Roefaro, Skip; Marcia Garber; Marty Jones; Missy Keiser

Wine-Tasting Event

To be held on Wednesday, May 17th, at the Vineyard (next to Tony's Pizza), Washington Mills. Event will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come sample some of the best wines in the area while enjoying delicious appetizers in a great atmosphere.

Here is a chance to bring friends who may be interested in joining the club to a fun social event! All this for only $15.00 per person.

If you are interested in participating in this fun event, contact Anne Stuhlman at 368-7776 or by e-mail astuhlman@adelphia.net.

2006 Glengarry Challenge
(Women's Club Championship)
– Anne Stuhlman

The 2006 Glengarry Challenge was played on March 9th, 11th, and 12th. Eight teams participated in this year's Challenge for a chance to win their place on the Silver Teapot trophy. The teams were separated into two pools with each pool playing a round robin format. After the round robin, three teams in each pool held a record of 2 wins and 1 loss. The top two teams in each pool (based on a points tiebreaker) moved into the semi-final round on Sunday morning.

The finals provided an exciting match-up of Team Fusco (Denise Fusco, Diane Higgins, Marj Moore and Shelley Delmonte who was subbing in for Carol Jones who participate in the round robin play) versus Team Brown (Cindy Brown, Kathy Palazzoli, Barb Felice and Cindy Garalli). It was a very close back-and-forth game that went down to the last few rocks with Team Fusco hanging on for their first Glengarry Challenge Championship. Congratulations to Team Fusco!

Also to note, Kevin and Darlene Knight provided a wonderful lunch and dinner for the ladies on Saturday and breakfast/brunch was served both Saturday and Sunday morning. Gary Williams, Dave Palazzoli, and Charlie Galullo provided musical entertainment during dinner Saturday night. Dave also maintained the ice for the weekend. Thank you, Kevin, Darlene, Gary, Dave, Rich Minutti, Paul MacEnroe, Laura Jacon and the bar staff for your help throughout the weekend!

2006 Rochester-Utica Friendly Wrap-up
– David Palazzoli

Rochester showed up with 36 curlers and one monkey. They drank Moosemilk, we chose up teams and we were ready to go. Rochester had red rocks and the hammer in every game. Eighteen each 6-end games were played, Rochester won a few, Utica won the rest. The final score: Utica 110, Rochester 88.

It wasn't even as close as the score indicates. We really poured it on. Special thanks to the Utica skips, they really pulled it off this time. Utica has now won 3 years in a row, and next year in Rochester, we go for the four-peat.

In fairness to Rochester, we should mention how difficult it is to win this event at the opposing club. We have fast ice that demands that you hit the broom and not overthrow your shots. Rochester curlers aren't used to those conditions. When we go to Rochester, we try to deal with slow and swingy ice that demands early sweeping calls. Thankfully, we aren't used to those conditions.

After each draw, food was served and drinks were available at reasonable prices. Many thanks to the kitchen and bar staff, the ice crew and the decorating committee for all their hard work. Special thanks to the Utica curlers who provided the wonderful homemade snacks, juices and monkey decorations.

Mary Gajewski co-chaired this event and will chair next year's road trip as well. She is very good at remembering the details and has infinite patience. I hope everyone will help her as much as everyone has helped us all along. This year we had a full sign-up sheet in 3 days. Next year I hope it fills in 3 hours.

Rochester left with 36 curlers, a case of Labatt's, a monkey and a healthy respect for the Utica CC. We were complemented at every turn for the fine event and hospitality. GREAT JOB DONE by EVERYONE!
2006 Member Anonymous Survey  

We have surveyed curling school attendees, will survey former members over the summer, and are now surveying prospective and current members. We are trying to answer a few simple questions:

- **What brings potential new curlers in through our doors the first time?**
- **What causes them to walk back out again versus what causes them to join?**
- **What causes trial members to drop after one year versus what causes them to return?**
- **What causes full members to drop to less active membership classes or to drop out versus what keeps our members satisfied so we come back to curl each fall?**

We also are gathering some demographic information to help us attract advertisers and sponsors, so we can maintain and improve our facilities and programs while avoiding dues increases. Unless you choose to identify yourself, so that the appropriate Director, Officer or Committee Chair can follow up with you on a particular concern, your responses will remain anonymous, they will be aggregated with those of other members and used in statistical form only for your benefit.

We really want to know why you joined, why you might ever have considered dropping down or out and why your are still with us. If the survey questions don’t completely capture that information, please write any further comments or suggestions on a separate sheet of paper and mail it to me. Likewise, if you don’t have access to the World Wide Web, which we are using to conduct the survey, please call me at home and I will “snail mail” you a printed version of the survey that you can mail back to me. Leave the return address off your hardcopy survey, any additional comment pages and the envelope if you want to remain anonymous. PLEASE take the survey at [http://www.survey2.com/TakeSurvey?id=43589](http://www.survey2.com/TakeSurvey?id=43589) or contact me for a hardcopy!!!

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**The 2006 Glengarry Challenge – Tea Anyone?**  

- Kathy Palazzoli

This is an unauthorized and unsolicited report chronicling the events leading up to the capture of the 2006 Teapot Trophy.

The competition ensued with a draw on Thursday, followed by two draws on Saturday and two draws on Sunday. Eight teams participated, and nobody dominated!

The competition was very tight, most games were contested right until the last and shots were completed. One team did struggle a little more than the rest, but honestly, watching their games, the shots were close, an inch here, a quarter-inch there is all that separated good shots from bad. They all were fun to watch. Everyone seemed to be having a good time enjoying the competition. You frequently saw members of both teams toasting to a good shot made. Check it out, Mitchell curlers! You also saw team outfits that matched, it didn’t look like a garage sale out there.

The event was run as a two round-robin format, 4 teams each. The teams with the best records then moved on to the semi’s and finals. There were 6 teams tied at 2 wins - 1 loss so a tie-breaker formula was used. I believe it was the combined score of the number of letters in the skip mother’s maiden name multiplied by the mean ice temperature, added to the number of points scored by the opposing teams in the fourth end of their second games, then divided by the average age of the team. Whatever.

Excellent food, drinks and snacks were provided all weekend. We at UCC are so spoiled in this regard, the UCC cannot be compared to any other GNCC club.

We were also reminded that curling can be dangerous when one member took an awful spill and had to leave the club on Saturday afternoon, but prayers and good luck prevailed, she is doing better now. Maybe helmets are needed? Or at least butt-cushions?

Sunday morning semi-finals pitted new curlers against not-so-new battle-hardened skips against, well, not-so-hardened skips? Both semi’s were played to the end. Denise Fusco played against Liz Williams (or was it Bryn Piersma?), Cindy Brown played off against Michelle MacEnroe. Neither eventual winner got a run-away victory. I watched 1- and 2-year curlers make great shots and great sweeping calls. I saw some top-shelf strategic calls made and executed. I didn’t see an angry gesture or impolite action all weekend. We were treated to end after end of fine curling.

The final game was Denise Fusco, Diane Higgins, Marj Moore and super-sub Shelly DelMonte (playing for Carol Jones) against Cindy Brown, Kathy Palazzoli, Barb Felice and Cindy Ciarelli (this team has played in the finals for four years in a row). It took 9 ends to decide the victory. Denise triumphed with a nice hit on the nose of Cindy’s last hit-and-roll, which had rolled almost to a perfect freeze on second shot rock, on the side of the four-foot. The final shot was made a little easier because Denise’s first stone was still sitting second shot.

The trophy was presented by Peg Rotton, donor of the Silver Teapot Trophy, to Denise’s team. Pictures, pizza and rest followed. Many compliments and kudos to the bonspiel committee, last year’s winners Betsy Minutti, Anne Stuhlman and Lis DiGironimo.

What is needed for next year? Sponsors for a second and third event awards, so more people can enjoy the finale. The ice will be keener with more people curling, and more spectators will be watching.

Now, let’s all help Kristen find a job locally!

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**LOST!!**

**CHECK THIS OUT! PLEASE!!**

8-inch water pitcher with handle-engraved  
"The Rose – 1995"  
It contained roses on the bar at the closing party.  
Please call Don & Ginger Zillioux at 733-0111.
Wow, how time flies! The Crawford has come and gone again. We hope everyone had a great time on the ice as well as off the ice. We look forward to seeing all of you again in the Crawford League again next year. There were two full draws at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Ninety-six people participated and, of those, 20 were new curlers. The Chairs wish to thank everyone who helped make the Crawford run smoothly and thanks to Sue Williams for all the great snacks. Here are the winners of the Crawford Finals held March 19, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.

A Event Winner: Scott Lent, Heather Swiercz, Jerry Stevens, Mary Jane Walsh  
Runner-up: Dave Palazzoli, Kathy Palazzoli, Jim Sokolowski, Teale LaBarbara

B Event Winner: Roger Rowlett, Monica Spath, Tom Thomgren, Amanda Thomgren  
Runner-up: John Davis, Kathy Davis, Dave Forbes, Susan Forbes

C Event Winner: Pat Costello, Diane Farr, Duane Farr, Marie Costello  
Runner-up: Charles Knox, Dan Kenney, Linda Kenney, Jim Schafer

D Event Winner: Melon Sofinski, Bob Burnett, Mike DiMeo, Susan Williams  
Runner-up: John Canal, Danell Libby, Peggy Caneen, Marty Jones

E Event Winner: Bryn Piersma, Tom Platt Sr., Michelle moss, Heather Shaw  
Runner-up: Gary Fountain, Sue Fountain, Chris Roberts, Rebecca Roberts

F Event Winner: Joe DeSantis, Dave Schroeder, Bernadette DiMeo, Michael McLoughlin  
Runner-up: Marcia Garber, Fred Hicks, Kathy Heuss, Craig Heuss

As most of us know, Kevin and Darlene Knight have moved on and will not be returning to our Club next year. We were fortunate to have them as our caterer for three seasons - the challenge now is to find someone to fill their shoes. If you know of anyone who may be capable and interested in doing so, please have them call Dan Bareiss at home 853-3837 or work 734-2328.

FROM THE WORLD – Peg Rotton

A number of local curlers attended the Men's World Championships at Lowell, MA. Volunteers for the event included Carl Thomas, Dean Kelly, Bill Morehouse, Eydie Savett, Peggy Rotton. Spectators included Bill Rotton, Mickey Haase, Marie Costello, Ann Stuhlmann, Marcia Garber and Helen Hum, Jim Gleason served as iceman during the event. The games were exciting and U.S. came in 4th place. Scotland won in a close match against Canada to become the new World Champions. There was a reunion of Scot, Canada and U.S. tour teams on Friday. Marcia and Helen were honored guests at the event. Scots will be visiting U.S. next year and one of the scheduled stops is Utica. Many of the former Scottish curlers asked to be remembered to their hosts and friends in Utica.

Women’s Evening League  
– Donna Caleo, Chair  
– Julie Chantry, Co-Chair

There were 6 teams in The Bonnie Piper, which is a non-ladder league played in the first half on Wednesday Nights. We had 2 new curlers in that league: Pat Milhalki and Heather Shaw. Congratulations to the winning team: Cindy Brown, Skip; Kathy Palazzoli, 3rd; Lisa Magnarelli, 2nd; and Pat Milhalki, Lead.

There were 9 teams in The Calder League, which is the bottom of the ladder and played on Monday nights in the first half. We had 2 new curlers in that league: Heather Shaw and Amanda Thomgren. Because of the odd number of teams, we had to add one more night which half of the teams played ahead of time. Everyone knows that I am in big favor for continuous play so that we could play every night possible and count. But with odd number of teams, all of that becomes impossible. We did start out with 8 teams, but 2 curlers signed up late. So my decision was to add another team which brought back a curler who graciously backed out of Monday night, and I called everyone that was not curling on Monday night and got a yes from a new team to add to that 9th team. That new curler was Heather Shaw.

Congratulations to the winning team: Heather Swiercz, Skip; Anne Stuhlmann, 3rd; Julie Chantry, 2nd; and Sharon Brown, Lead.

There were 7 teams in The Lambert-Grant, which is the middle of the ladder played on Monday nights in the second half. We had 5 new curlers participating in that league: Heather Shaw, Amanda Thomgren, Pat Milhalki, Sue Gardner, and Peggy Pratt.
Happenings

We note with deep regret the deaths of:

Ed Michael
member/great photographer
fellow curler and
husband of Estella

Paul Shaffer
husband of Joyce Shaffer.

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

From The Broom Hildas

Flew off for the summer... 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 uncrowed as possible. If you wish to fax to Ellen Boerger, please call her in advance.

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