President’s Report - Finale
Art Cobb

First I would like to thank everyone who made the last two years so enjoyable. One of my heroes is Sir Winston Churchill who once said that, while it was difficult, he could think of no job he would rather have than that of Prime Minister of Great Britain during wartime. While we obviously aren’t at war, I can think of no job that I would have rather had than President of the Utica Curling Club. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

An Olympic Effort: Thanks to the overwhelming success of the Mixed Nationals we believe we have a chance to bring to our club either the Olympic Qualifier (48-team play-down in April) or the Olympic trials (12 teams in December). We are currently working with WKTV to produce a short video promoting the club. Our plan is to send the video to USCA officers, along with a letter asking that our club be the site of one of these events. It is by no means certain that we will be selected, as other clubs would love to host this event. Thanks to the super support by the local media in general, plus the EXCELLENT support on this effort from WKTV, plus our great facility, we have a good chance of landing one of these events. Why do this; after all it would be a lot of work? The Mixed Nationals brought a lot of publicity to our club, more importantly it brought us a lot of prospective members, and we need members if we are to survive and prosper. An Olympic event in our area will draw huge publicity and many more prospective members.

Tax Exemption Status: The Utica Curling Club has been around a long time as a not for profit organization. Not for profit is the not the same as tax exempt however. In recent years several curling clubs have applied for and received status as so called a 501(c)3 organizations from the IRS. Churches and schools are examples of organizations that are tax exempt. Gaining this status would reduce our property taxes and exempt us from paying sales taxes on many things the club purchases. Clearly obtaining this status could save the club significant dollars. We are working with an attorney (a curling attorney) who has helped other clubs get their 501(c)3 status to file the necessary paper work. Hopefully by the beginning of next season we will have this resolved (there is a long form that has to be submitted and then it takes the IRS a few months to rule).

Boiler Assessment: Most members have paid this assessment, and many gave some extra on top of the $15 we required. If you are one of those who was asked to pay, but hasn’t (resident and senior residents) You will be receiving an invoice from the treasurer. Please pay it ASAP, it’s very unfair to those who have paid to hold up your payment.

New Members: Word of mouth and personal invitations are still the best way to bring in new members. Just because we had a great response to our membership drive due to the Mixed Nationals don’t forget to invite your friends, family and co-workers to next year’s open houses!

Sports Exhibit
- Ann Barchesky
April 8, 2000, was the date of the ribbon cutting for the Sports exhibit at the Oneida County Historical Society at 1008 Genesee St. in Utica. It is all on sports of Oneida County during the last 60 years. Curling, of course, being the oldest organized sport in our county, is included.

Please visit! The hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:30pm and Saturday 11:00am - 3:00pm. It will continue through to the end of 2000.

My thanks to the Utica Curling Club, the Strafers, the Green Homes and the Boeigers for loaning me several items, to Ed Boeiger for assisting me in handling some items, to Tom Strafer for creating some name plates and to Ed Michael for photographing the exhibit.

p.s. Now that curling is over for a while - why not volunteer some time at the museum? Contact the Director, Kevin Marken.
2000 Mixed Nationals

- In a Word: SUCCESS!!!

Co-chairs:
Erline Daley & Carol Jones
Publicity Chair:
Deb Morehouse

Due to numerous hours of dedication from so many members of the UCC, the Mixed Nationals were a huge success! From start to finish so many things tied in to make this a memorable event.

The Web page promoted the coming of the event months in advance and covered the Nationals in great detail throughout the week.

A special benefit was having the GNCC region represented by our own Utica Curlers, Bill Morehouse, Caitlin Costello, Mike Kessler and Erlene Daley. This helped immensely to draw the crowds and cheer on the home team. And crowds we had! Over 2,500 people came through the door during the course of the week, 1,200 of them were non-members that watched, learned and became interested in the sport of curling. With their names and addresses on the free raffles, we have quite a fall mailing list started.

Sixty-eight sponsors contributed to the success of the event with monetary and in-kind donations. The major media sponsors went above and beyond expectations in covering the event. There was constant publicity in the OD, on WIBX and on WKTV. Publicity started the week before when media members curled against each other in the Charity Curling Challenge along with other Sponsors' teams. All the curling novices had a blast along with their coaches!

A float was entered in the St. Patrick's Day Parade held the day before the Nationals began, with Team NY riding on the back of the truck and curlers of all ages walking along side handing out free tickets. Everyone had a great time!

The event itself started with an opening reception with entertainment provided by the Sauquoit Jazz Ensemble. The opening ceremony immediately followed with a parade of the ten teams from across the US led by the Mohawk Valley Frasers, ND Naval ROTC Color Guard & Cadets and UCC Junior Curlers. The Sauquoit a cappella choir sang the National Anthem, followed by the first game of the round robin.

Throughout the week there were many compliments given to UCC. The teams loved the fast ice, the beautiful facility, and the delicious food and said our people are the best! The week's games culminated with the finals on Saturday afternoon between Wisconsin and Minnesota 1. Wasn't it an impressive set up by WKTV! This was the first time ever the Nationals were Cybercast on the Internet! They were also televised on channel 76! Fantastic job WKTV!

It was a close game between the two teams with Wisconsin pulling it out for the win. The Championship Trophy was presented to Team Wisconsin, skipped by Craig Brown, Erika Brown-vice, Jon Brunt-2nd and Jill Jones-lead, in the closing ceremony. Over 140 attended the Banquet held at the Holiday Inn. With many neat items to bid on, The Silent Auction went over very well raising $2,400 for the club. During dessert, The Joe Angerosa Band did a special Elvis tribute along with a surprise Elvis (Garber) -what a scream! A lot of dancing and fun was had by all at the banquet.

With the finances still in the works, the event raised an estimated $15,000 for the club. But even more importantly, the community is now aware of our club and curling. Over 90 people attended the open houses that were held after the Nationals. With their apparent enthusiasm we hope to gain many new members this fall!

We could never have done this so successfully if it weren't for the dedication, help and support of over 120 UCC members. We appreciate it and are deeply grateful for how everyone pulled together to make it work. The smiles on the faces of those in the club say more than any words can express for the amount of fun our volunteers and members had! Thank you all so very, very much!

Congratulations to all the Teams!

The final standings for the 2000 Mixed Nationals are:

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Charity Curling Challenge a Great Success

Ed Koslick - Chair

On Saturday, March 11, 2000, March Madness prevailed at the Utica Curling Club as 12 teams of novice curlers from area businesses took to the ice to “Curl for a Cause”, their favorite charity. The 1st Annual Charity Curling Challenge served as a prelude to the 2000 U.S. Mixed Nationals held on March 19-25 at Utica. This new, unique and fun-filled event was attended by well over 200 spectators, who filled the facility and overflowed the parking lot, as they came to cheer their favorite team to victory.

As a result, $6,639 was raised to benefit 10 different charities selected by the participants. The events first year goal was $6,000.

Event chairman Ed Koslick said that the event’s significance is that 10 separate charities will benefit, and not just one. Another plus is that more people are being exposed to the sport and the 132-year old curling club and adds to the excitement of having a national event in Utica. Most attendees had never been to a curling event before and had a great time.” This was our first annual event, and the way it went, there’s no doubt there will be a second annual event,” Koslick said.

The Charter One Bank team, curling for the Children’s Miracle Network, won the grand prize in terms of helping their charity, raising $1,226 in donations and bonus money for winning their match. Jen Monaghan of Charter One raised the most money by an individual, while the Tri-State Industrial Laundries #1 team was also honored for donations received. Also, the Observer-Dispatch team, which was competing to raise money for the newspaper’s Operation Sunshine charity, won a prize for most delta points. A complete listing of distribution to the 10 charities is included in this article with all money donated going directly to charity. This was possible because expenses for this event were covered by sponsorships and donations to the event. After event publicity included photo/article in the Utica Home News and United States Curling News plus article in Utica Observer - Dispatch.

Thank You

Special Thanks to Volunteers

No event can ever be a success without the help of a large number of volunteers such as the people at the Utica Curling Club who always step forward to help. This year’s committee consisted of Bob Caine, Bruce Lauzon, Hal Rance, Colleen Thomas and Ed Koslick. Also assisting with the event were Ned Bulken, Marty Jones, Carol Jones, Deb Morehouse, Linda Rance, and Don Zilloux.

Also, there is a group who we could not have held the challenge without, and that is the volunteer coaches. They were our primary interfaces with the novice curlers and used great understanding and instruction in producing some enjoyable and quality curling from first-time curlers who had smiles on their faces for the whole event. This is a credit to the coaches who had a great influence on the future potential of new club members. Include are: Steve Bussey, Ed Boerger, Tom Clark, Brady Clark, Art Cobb, Caitlen Costello, Erline Daley, Barb Felice, Tom Fisching, Terri Flemma, Sharon Halligan, Carol Jones, Mike Kessler, Dave Mishalanie, Bill Morehouse, Dave Palazzoli, Tom Luker, Dana Hobica, Bob Risley, and Bill Sewell.

If there is someone I missed, please accept my apology and thank you for helping. I would personally like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you for your help and to all the curling club members who attended the event and provided

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Event Total $  $6,639.
moral support to the participants plus helpful comments to the spectators not familiar with curling. Thank you!!!

Thank You

Thank You From the Mixed Committee!
Co-chairs: Erlene Daley & Neal Burns & The Mixed Committee

The Mixed Committee would like to thank the UCC members that helped with the 1999-2000 Mixed Events and to those who participated in the Mixed Events and Leagues. With your help and support we were able to complete another successful season. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did!

We would also like to thank you for taking the time to fill out the surveys. Your input is important to us so if you haven’t filled one out and would like to do so, contact Erlene Daley at 724-6371.

We look forward to seeing you for an exciting and “FUN” 2000-2001 season! Until then, have a Great Summer and as always, Good “Mixed” Curling!

St. Patrick’s Day
No Frills Special

Don & Carla Barrett Chairs

On March 17, 2000, twenty-eight curlers curled a six-ender and enjoyed copious snacks all for free. Kathy Palazzoli won a 10 day all expenses paid trip for 2 to Dublin, Ireland for wearing the St. Pats hat. Don Zilliox won a 5 day all expenses paid trip for 4 to Orlando for wearing the second best hat. Dick Robinson won a 2 night all ex-

penses paid trip for 4 to Syracuse because he had to play against Bill Morehouse. Needless to say, a fun time was had by all.

Crawford Results
Susan & Gary Williams, Chairs

The 2000 Crawford ended with good friendly competition. Congratulations to all for well played games. We played seven games with the finals, the top six from the first draw against the top six teams from the second draw, being played March 10th. The Results are as follows. Thanks to Sharon Brown and Neil Burns for all their help.

The Results for this event were as follows:
Crawford medal: Tom Sweeney, Barbara Sweeney, Al Homer, Terry Murray Runner-up: Don Knapp, Mary Ann Knapp, Dave Mahoney, Jane Mahoney
Second Event: David Michelanie, Donna Caveo, Michael Singer, Dana Hobaica Runner-up: Pat Costello, Marie Costello, Edie Savett, Marty Jones
Third Event: Nick Reale, Susan Williams, George Reynolds, Ruth Reale Runner-up: Pete Ciarella, Paul George, Monica Spath, Jack Schmidt
Fourth Event: Mike DeGironimo, Lis DeGironimo, Paul MacEnroe, Michelle Kelly Runner-up: Don Zilliox, Ginger Zilliox, Kip Wagner, Joan Dewar
Fifth Event: David Palazzoli, Kathy Palazzoli, Dan Bareiss, Claire Bareiss Runner-up: Bob Caine, Diane Caine, Dick Trosset, Sue Fountain
Sixth Event: Joyce Shaffer, Mike Marusig, Virg Malecki, Mickey Haase Runner-Up: Jim Nagy, Bonita Nagy, Charlie Knox, Mike Payne

The Millenium Rose Bonspiel
and Closing Party
March 29, 30, 31, and April 1, 2000
Sharon Brown & Neal Burns - Chairs

We finished this curling season at the Utica Curling Club with a wonderful weekend of curling. A total of 28 teams competed for Silver from Wednesday to Saturday, culminating Saturday evening with a wonderful dinner by Joe and his crew, a history of The Rose Bonspiel presented by Ed and Ellen Boerger, presentation of prizes by the bonspiel committee, and a swinging party with the Clef Dwellers. What a way to close out the millennium season!

Thanks to a few very important people this bonspiel was a huge success. Martha and John Hoffman have proven their talents on the Mixed Committee with their undying efforts and support. Major kudos from the committee and the
club - you are a pleasure to work with. Also, Linda Whitney served as our “guiding light” in consulting the committee, and Sharon Halligan provided experienced support to keep the bonspiel running smoothly. Tom Garber’s talents were evident in the draw board he made, and Dick Trossset provided the elegant candlelight in our dining room. We want to thank our Toddy Bowl hosts, Denise Weatherly, Mary Ann and Chuck Spinelli, and Dana Hobaica, for their gracious help.

Thanks to all who helped and participated to make this Closing Bonspiel and Party a memorable event for all.

Those who walked away with the Silver are:

• 3 Game High Winner: Les Cortright (skip), Ylva Cortright, Paul MacEnroe, Hollmer Kelley
• 3 Game High Runner-Up: Pete Ciaralli (skip), Diane Caine, Bob Caine, Cindy Ciaralli
• 2 Game High Winner: Brian Moore (skip), Marj Moore, Mike DeGironimo, Liz DeGironimo
• 2 Game High Runner-Up: Don Zillioux (skip), Ginger Zillioux, Hal Rance, Linda Rance
• 1 Game High Winner: Bill Morehouse (skip), Deb Morehouse, Mike Sexton, Mary Sexton
• 1 Game High Runner-Up: Dave Palazzoli (skip), Donna Calio, Bear Soulia, Kathy Palazzoli

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer filled with sunshine and roses.

Sir Francis Dykes Mens 5 yr & Under Bonspiel

Utica Curling Club was represented by 3 teams at this event this year. All 3 teams played in the finals. The team of Skip Mike Marus, 3rd Jim Gleason Jr., 2nd Teri M. and lead Jim Nagy lost in the A Semi, then won the D-event. The team of Skip Harvey York, 3rd George Brost, 2nd Bob Foley and lead Charles Knox won the B-event after a close loss to the winners of the A-event in their first game. The team of Skip Sean Lanigan, 3rd Ralph DeSantis Jr, 2nd Ralph DeSantis Jr and lead Dan Baeiss lost a hard fought game in the finals of the B-event.

We had one team that could not go because the event was held at a 2 sheet club and the would only accept 3 teams from Utica. The Bonspiel is being offered to Utica for next year and that would be great because we would not have to set a limit on the teams attending. After all this is what curling is all about, as many people having fun as possible.

Kiltie Korner Giftware

Marty Jones, Chair

Many, many thanks go to the people who were so gracious to donate to the “Kiltie Korner” - Betty Hurd, Joe Brindisi, Joe and Pat Markason, Marge Cowley, Marcia Garbor, Sue Fountain, Ted and Barb Calle, Ruth Kuchler, Molly Provansik, Ginny Antoinette and Peggy Rotton. The “Kiltie Korner” had a very successful year. “THANKS” to all who donated to all those who did their shopping at the K.K.

5 Year Under Women’s Challenge

Barb Felice, Chair

Two Utica teams traveled to Schenectady for the 10th annual women’s challenge. Fourteen teams in all participated in this event. Utica 1 Merideth Hobika - Skip,
Cindy Ciaralli - Vice, Barb Felice - Second and Laura Muthig - Lead and Utica 2 Bonita Nagy - Skip, Terri Flemming - Vice, Michelle Kelly - Second and Theresa Murry - Lead definitely represented us well. Utica 2 won their first game on Friday but fell short in their next two games. So they parted hearty in the true UCC way. Utica 1 suffered a first game setback, but came roaring back with a “6 ender” in their 2nd game and a fantastic extra end finish against team Potomac to send them to the B finals on Sunday. Utica 1 had a chance for the game in the 8th but came up short losing to Albany 1 by the score of 8-6. thanks to Ylva Corrtight, Jodi Haier and Paul MacEnroe for traveling to support our teams. All in all many new friendships were formed and we look forward to next years competition.

**And Away We Went**

Barb Felice, chair

Utica - Schenectady - Albany Friendly was held on Saturday, March 11, 2000 at the Albany curling Club. Four Utica teams traveled for a “Fun” day of curling. Many new faces attended, first year curlers: Jodi Haier, Jean Jarozz, Theresa Murry and Donna Schmidt definitely enjoyed themselves. Others attending were: Bonnie Louie, Bonita Nagy, Marie Costello, Pam Jones, Heather Bietka, Meredith Hobika, Sue Williams, Doreen Hayes, Michelle Kelley, Sharon Evans, Barb Felice and Ylva Corrtight. The team of Donna Schmidt, Heather Bietka, Meredith Hobika and Skip Sue Williams was the Lone Utica Winner on the ice. A “Wild and Crazy” time was had by all, and we definitely showed some Utica friendliness throughout the day.

**Daytime Curling**

June Baldes, chair

Daytime Glengarry’s curled 2 ladder competitions, The Roemer, top ladder, and the Mary Clark. 2nd ladder, and ended the season with the Glengarry Challenge. The winners were:

Roemer: Linda Whitney, skip, Ginger Zillioux, Robbie Trosset, and Jeanne Calvin. Runners-up; Peggy Rotton, skip, Erin Clark, Doreen Hayes, and Bonnie Louie.

Mary Clark: June Baldes, skip, Peggy Rotton, Maureen Anderson, and Betty Reilly.

Runners-up: Erin Clark, skip, Betty Hurd, Doreen Hayes, and Mary Hapsckier.

Glengarry Challenge: Linda Whitney, skip, Erin Clark, Doreen Hayes, Maureen Anderson.

**St Patrick’s Day Parade**

March 2001

There is nothing like being prepared “early”. If you would like to help with the UCC float for next-year’s parade, call Joyce Shaffer (735-877) today and join the committee. Alicia Giovannone has agreed to help create a float that will call attention to our favorite sport. Paul MacEnroe is working with the parade committee. Hopefully, he can arrange to have the Scottish pipers march in front of our float. We are planning a June meeting to brainstorm. We need carpenters, painters, technicians, organizers etc. We need “YOU”. Don’t be left out of this fun project.

**Glengarry Report For**

UCC Annual Meeting

April 12, 2000

Robbie Trosset, Glengarry President

This has been a busy and most successful season for the Utica Glengarrys. In our fifty-second year of curling, we have entered the new Millennium on a high note. We recently hosted the 46th EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL, a beautiful event with 18 teams. From the Opening Party to the Sunday Finals, the entire Bonspiel was a great success.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Glengarry Executive Committee is the promotion and scheduling of women’s curling, both daytime and evening. This year we especially focused on rules, etiquette and courtesies on the ice to promote the sport of curling and to enhance the enjoyment of the game. We also addressed and acted on the importance of scheduling curling opportunities for all women curlers right to the end of the curling season within our current league structure and new competitive formats as well.

Thanks to the support and dedication of many Glengarrys, the Kiltie Korner continues to be an
excellent fund-raiser, enabling us to contribute this year more than twice as much in goods and money to our Club as last year. Our major contribution this season is the new Public Address System, complete with Amplifier, 30 Speakers, 2 Bullhorns for the Ice Shed and a free-standing hardwire Microphone, at a cost of $1200. Needless to say, we are especially indebted to the members who donated their time and expertise to install the new system, thus saving us the cost of labor. This year we were able to reorder 200 Glengarry competition pins at a cost of just under $600. We also supplied the Club with 24 sliders to be used from year to year in the training of new curlers. In addition this season, we were able to make a contribution to the Club Board of $750.

I sincerely thank the Glengarry Board Members, Chairpersons, the Glengarry membership, and all the members of our Club for their continued help and support in making this season so outstanding for our lady curlers.

Family Night Fun Facts

George & Cindy Brown
Bill & Deb Morehouse

The first family night of the NEW MILLENNIUM was held on February 26th. Sixty-four participants took to the ice in this the 3rd annual family fun event. It is great to see the excitement on the kids' faces over the roar’n game. The prizes didn't hurt either.

After the dust settled (about 4 ends of curling) last year's runner-up Team Fusco took top honors.

Team Morehouse was runner-up with little Billy getting his choice prize - a happy curler indeed. Special prizes went to Jared Wydish and Ron Haier who had LAST DRAW and LAST TAKE-OUT. Cindy Wydish had the MOST DRAWS. While Jeffrey DeGironimo and Brady Clark knocked down the MOST TAKE-OUTS. And yes, veteran curler, Erin “It was the Sweeper's fault” Clark had the dubious honor of MOST HOGS.

No one went home empty-handed and everyone had a great time. Special thanks goes to Bryn Piersma for baking 2 huge curling stone birthday cakes for dessert. Thanks, Chris (CJ) Boerger, for sharing your 3rd birthday with us. Thanks also go to Ellen Boerger, Cindy and Pete Ciaralli who jumped in and helped with last minute details. And thanks especially goes to our co-chairs Bill and Deb Morehouse (like they had nothing else to do this season) and my wife Cindy. Mark your calendars early for next year's event.

Junior Curling Report

Patrick Costello, chair

Nine Utica Juniors traveled to the Schenectady Junior International Bonspiel the weekend of March 3-5. This was a very successful and exciting weekend of excellent competition. Utica II, consisting of John Costello, skip, Brian Donovan, vice, Ryan Sunderlin, 2nd and Jared Wydish, lead, opened with three straight wins before losing in the A-Event finals to the Broomstones Junior Nationals Boys team in a close game. Utica I, Jimmy Gleason, skip, Brian Costello, vice, Jason Gleason, 2nd and Mike Lennon, lead, won the C-Event Munro Medal vs. Philadelphia II. Elizabeth Williams, vice for the Nutmeg rink and helped her team capture the DeCrosta Medal, D-Event winner.

Five Utica Juniors also traveled to Rochester to compete with the GNCC Juniors in an annual match vs. the Juniors from the Ontario Curling Association. The Canadians won the total rock count but our Utica Juniors won some of the individual games played in this friendly international challenge.

The second half league winner was decided in a playoff game. Jimmy Gleason's rink of Greg Roberts, vice, Dave Miliani, 2 and Katelynda DeSanctis, lead, defeated the Jason Gleason rink of Ben Fusco, vice and Jared Wydish, 2nd.

The Juniors had another good year of friendly curling and good competition. Thanks to all who helped out this year. Look for next year's fall curlogram for 2000-2001 curling season start time. Have a nice summer!!

A Happening!

Congratulations to
Dan & Carol Boerger
on the
birth of their daughter
Bridget Helen,
March 10, 2000.
The Broom Hildas Say!

It's been fun - we have appreciated your cooperation. The first Curlogram of the 200-01 season will be published at a date determined by the UCC Board and we will let you know.

Enjoy Summer

Please send news items to:
Ellen Boerger - 209 Hartford Pl.,
Utica, NY 13502

or

Betty Hurd - 8 Knollwood Rd.,
New Hartford, NY 13413

Thanks for your cooperation. "The Broom Hildas"