87th Annual Mitchell International Bonspiel
January 8, 9, 10 & 11, 1998
Chair Mike Semeraro

The most prestigious and by far the largest men's Bonspiel in the Eastern U.S. will be held for the 87th year in our club. This year's Mitchell will be the largest in its history, with forty-eight rinks competing for the coveted Mitchell metal.

Don't miss the chance to see the finest curling you will see in Utica with some of the best curlers in the Northeast and Canada in action on our ice. To make the Bonspiel a real success and live up to our Utica reputation for friendliness and hospitality, we need the support and attendance of all our Utica Curlers, particularly to back our own Utica rinks who will be in the Bonspiel.

Schedule of Events
Jan. 8 - Thursday Night Reception, Teddy Bowl, Buffet Dinner and Dancing ......................... $12.00
Jan. 9 - Friday Night Fish Fry with Karaoke and Dancing .................................................. $12.00
Jan. 10 - Saturday Night Prime Rib Dinner with Live Band and Dancing ........................ $30.00
Jan. 11 - Sunday Brunch with Bloody Marys and Moose Milk ........................................... $7.00

You can buy a book of tickets for all of the above events for $55.00, saving yourself $6.00. Tickets for any of the events can be obtained at the bar or from Mike Semeraro.

Curling starts Thursday @ 5 pm and continues thru midnight. Curling continues all day Friday, Friday night and Saturday until 10 pm. The Bonspiel concludes on Sunday at 10:30 am with the championship finals in all six events.

The Mitchell Banquet
Saturday Night Prime Rib Dinner will be held at the Utica Curling Club. Non-participants who plan to attend the banquet must obtain tickets on Thursday 1/8 (or earlier). See Mike Semeraro to make your reservation and purchase tickets.

Of course there is no charge at any time to come down to the club and watch the curling and support the Utica Rinks.

It's the Biggest Bonspiel in the east and it's right here in our club. For the best curling and the best time of the year, be sure to be here.

Help Wanted
The Club is looking for members (and a Chairperson) to work on an advertising committee. We have many opportunities for business to advertise their services and products at the club, such as the scoreboards, in ice, the roster, event programs, and the Curlogram. We need someone to develop and run a program. We believe that the club might gain several thousands of dollars a year from a well run program. If you are interested in serving or chairing such a committee, please contact Bill Sewell.

Mitchell Playdowns won by Giovannone Rink
Don Knapp
The Playdowns for the Mitchell Bonspiel were held Dec. 11 - Dec. 13. This event qualifies the teams which represent our club in the Mitchell Bonspiel in January. The Murray Medal, which goes to the winner of the first event was won by skip Paul Giovannone and his rink of Danny Boerger, Dave Halligan, and Mike Sexton. They defeated Cris Boerger and his rink in the finals. The Boerger rink will be Utica 2 in the Mitchell. Utica 3 will be the Joe Giovannone rink which defeated brother Frank in the 2nd event finals. The third event, which went an extra end, was won by Bill Morehouse and his team over the Brian Moore rink. They will be Utica 4. The fourth event was won by Gary Capelli (on a great draw) over Tom Garber. Capelli's team will be Utica 5 and the Busdrivers also qualified as Utica 8. Utica 6 is Dave Mishalanie and his team who defeated the Bonham/Hubbell rink. The Bill
Sewell rink is Utica 7. They defeated Brad Anderson and his team in the sixth event finals. Also qualifying for the Mitchell Bonspiel was Ed Boerger, Ed Michael, Jack Haggerty, and Gil Hur. The Mens Committee awarded this spot to this rink to honor their 167 years of combined continuous membership in the Utica Curling Club.

Kiltie Korner Update

The Kiltie Korner staff will wear identification tags after January 1. If you need to make a purchase, please ask any one of them for assistance. There will be a Kiltie Korner staff assistant available every week during the week from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Staff includes Eydie Savett, Jacqueyn Schmidt, Renate Swiercz, Cindy Ciarelli, Susan Ernst, Marty Jones and Joyce Shaffer.

1998 Calder-Conley-Hurd-Bonspiel

Chairs: Sharon Brown & Neal Burns
Co-Chairs: Colleen & Carl Thomas

Last year’s “hatspiel” was so much fun, we’re sticking to the same theme for this year’s Calder-Conley-Hurd Bonspiel at the Utica Curling Club! Please reserve Fri., Sat., & Sun., February 6, 7 & 8 for this in-house, 5-event bonspiel open to all mixed curlers. Medals will be awarded to the first 3 events (the Calder, the Conley, and the Hurd), with prizes to the other event winners and runner-up teams.

Back by popular demand is the Hat Contest. Judging will occur throughout the weekend for various categories including Best Team Theme, Most Original, Best-Curling-Related Theme, (can anyone top Lisa Cox’s or Stu Card’s hats?), Prettiest, Ugliest, and others. The winning hat heads will be awarded prizes on Saturday evening following dinner.

The Calder-Conley-Hurd “hatspiel” is a great opportunity to also meet and mingle with both new and veteran curlers. Snacks will be provided along with Saturday morning’s special moose milk and bloody mary’s. Saturday evening festivities begin with “The Ten Gallon Hat Teddy Bowl” of margaritas, followed by Joe’s delicious stuffed pork chops. Look for sign-up poster on the mixed board, and join in the fun of the 1998 Calder-Conley-Hurd bonspiel!

Happy Hour Curling

Chairs: Mahoneys

Happy Hour Curling will resume on Thursday, January 22 at 4:00 pm and will continue for six Thursdays: January 22 and 29, February 26, and March 5, 12, and 26. Like previous years, this will be mixed curling, welcoming curlers of all ages and experience. Light supper will be available. Jane and Dave Mahoney will again chair this fun event. Please call them at 823-3354, or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by January 17! Remember, this event is designed for fun, and all are welcome! ($5.00 fee for snacks and prizes)

Junior Curling News

Chairs: Marie & Pat Costello

The Utica Club hosted the Junior National Playdowns over the Thanksgiving weekend. Our two junior teams performed very well considering the experience competition they faced. The boys team from Ardsley and the girls team from Broomstones will represent the GNCC at the Junior Nationals in Wisconsin this February. Many Utica curlers helped out with officiating this competition. Thank you goes out to Bill Rotton and John Davis who led the officiating crews. Other members helping out during the weekend were Peggy Rotton, Mike Kessler, Paul Giovannone, Judy Giovannone, June Balduf, Jaye Blatter, Sue Williams, Gil Hur, and Carl Thomas. Thank you also goes out to Jim Gleason and the ice crew. Thanks to the coaching efforts of Dave Halligan and Pat Costello.

The Junior round-robin Sunday league is well under way. The second half will begin on January 11, 1998. Utica Juniors will host a teenage bonspiel the weekend of January 30 - February 1. We will be in need of housing and transportation help on this weekend.

Battle of the Sexes ’97

Chairs: Hal & Linda Rance, Neil Burns, Erlene Daley

Due to popular demand, the Battle of the Sexes was reinstated this year on Saturday, November 22nd.

This was a rather unusual event, being the only one we know of where bizarre behavior is allowed on the ice and, as it were, beneath the sheets (you had to be there...). Speaking of sheets, the cold ones that is, we’re happy to say that they were filled.

Six men’s teams curled against six ladies teams and there were many unique costumes - to say the least.

In the end, the guys have won but all involved truly had some fun.

The girls have vowed revenge next year so that they can take back the new “trophy” that was introduced this year.

Special thanks to Neil Burns who engineered a way that we could all be under the sheets together what a guy!

The Friendly - Early Bird 1997 - Results

Chairs: Erlene Daley & Marty Jones

The Friendly-Early Bird was played on December 4, 5 & 7 with 18 teams participating. Each team consisted of at least one trial member or a second year member.

Congratulations to everyone!

A Event - The Friendly

Winners: Bill Morehouse, Skip, Deb Morehouse, Mike Kessler, Kim Freeley

Runners up: Tom Everson, Skip, Erlene Daley, Pete Ciarelli, Cindy Ciarelli

B Event - The Early Bird

Winners: Howie Feldman; Skip, Ylva Cottrell, Reid Porter, Terry Feldman

Runners up: Ed Bonham; Skip, Barb Bonham, Bob Petrie, Gloria Petrie

C Event

Winners: Bill Krause; Skip, Carla Wallaesa, Don Barrett, Fran Small

Runners up: Sharon & Dave Halligan, Skip, Chris Gleason, Don Ernst, Sue Ernst

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Winners: Jim Dell'Anno, Skip, Donna Caleo, Mike Singer, Patti Hays
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Runners up: Don Knapp; Skip, Denise Fusco, Chad Elthorp*, Mary Ann Knapp
We would like to give a big thanks to:
1. Our co-chairs Joan Dewar, Bill Krause, Pete & Cindy Ciaralli for all their help.
2. Joe C., his staff & bartenders. The meals were excellent.
3. Mike Kessler for doing the draw for us.
4. Matt Cashion as our DJ.
5. The ice men for the great ice.
6. Deb Morehouse for the newspaper article.
7. Everyone who brought an Hors d’oeuvres.
8. And to all the curlers & subs, we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

Co-Ed League Finals
“Kings’ Cup”
Chairs: Hal & Linda Rance
Co-Chairs: Don & Ginger Zillioux
The finals of the Co-Ed League-Kings’ Cup were held on Friday, December 19, 1997, at 6:30 pm. The results of the six events are as follows, with new curlers being indicated with an asterisk:
1st Event Winners: Dave Mishalanie (s), Marianne Clark, Donald Barrett and Bill Lamphere*
Runners-up: Carl Thomas (s), Brenda Card, Bob Petrie and Jackie O’Neil*
2nd Event Winners: Don Knapp (s), Jennifer Edmunds, Dave Salsberg and Jane Mahoney
Runners-up: Dave Palazzoli (s), Cathy Darche, Charles Knox and Gina Galuilo
3rd Event Winners: Bill Sewell (s), Robbie Tosset, Alan Pickard and Debra Walker*
Runners-up: Vinnie Grove (s), Colleen Thomas, Lisa Cox and Bob O’Neil*
4th Event Winners: Erlene Daley (s), Sean Lanigan, Mary Lou Cosentino and Michael Singer*
Runners-up: Don Zillioux (s), Barb Bonham, George Reynolds and Terry Feldman
5th Event Winners: Ed Bonham (s), Jaye Blatter, Bob Adkins and Marty Jones

Runners-up: Tim Hilton (s), Mary Ann Knapp, Neal Burns and Ruth Reale
6th Event Winners: Bill Blatter (s), Diane York, Sue Ernst and Virg Malecki
Runners-up: Bill Krause (s), Sharon Brown, Dick Troset and Jo Enjem*
We wish to thank:
The King family for the Kings’ Cup Trophy which was presented by Kathy Palazzoli along with the silver cups to the winners of the 1st event.
Joe C. for his wonderful food each Friday plus the great snacks and special drinks which were included for all Co-Ed participants on the night of the finals.
The Icemen for the extensive work they put in every week to make for a better curling experience.
All those who helped us with these events and, of course, all the curlers & both old and new, without whom this event would not have been possible.

Glengarry “Thank You”

Bob Axelson for making the podium and xtra bulletin boards
Bob Risley and Dave Halligan for hanging bulletin boards and coat racks
Don Zillioux for all the new locks on the Kittle Korner cases
Ed Michael for photographing the trophies in our trophy case
Anne & Bob Burchesky for donating three security cases to store Glengarry history records
Dee Roberts for donating the Mary Kay products in the ladies locker room

Glengarry Christmas Party
Sue Hilton and Linda Rance
Through your generous contributions we were able to grant Christmas wishes to 3 House of Good Shepherd children.
Thirteen-year-old LaToya asked and received a radio/CD player, a $25 gift certificate from the record store at Sangertown Mall, and a watch. We were also able to adopt two more children and satisfy some of their wishes. Tonya S. asked for and we provided a Boom Box and $10 worth of gift certificates from the “Wall” and Justin T. requested a “snake lite” which we were able to provide.
Thank you again for your generosity and good cheer which helped those less fortunate than us with a happy holiday season. (A musical one, too!!)

A Half Century with the Glengarry
by Anne Burchesky
Chapter IV - Pins and Trophies
The original Glengarry pin was designed by a charter member, Lynda Moore. At the same time, she created a “companion” one for the men. Both were curling stone figures. The men’s pin looked like a male with white in the center and a “U” for Utica around it in black. The ladies’ pin - like a female with red in the center and a white “U” surrounding it. The male had a Balmoral hat and the female a Glengarry type hat. These Scottish hats were worn by most of the curlers and exhibited the pins the individual had won or exchanged with a competitor. These pins were referred to as brother and sister pins.
An old familiar slogan among curlers was “Wha’re brothers a.” But as Len Wilbur wrote for the newspaper about that time: “Watch out men, the ladies are doing just fine” so the word sisters should be included in that slogan! The year after the Glengarry organized, mixed curling began and so these two stone heads were combined on the Bonspiel winners pins.
After a few years of the Glengarry travel-
ing to other clubs, several women felt that they also needed a second pin to exchange. So another club pin was designed by Lynda. This is the shield made up in the voted for Glengarry colors, Blue and gold. The outside is blue and the center white with a Glengarry hat, crossed brooms, a stone and a thistle. This is also used on the Past President’s pins.

The first trophy was donated by Dr. William Roemer (who enjoyed watching the women curl). It is a small ceramic curling stone hollow inside to hold plates with winner’s names on them. The pin is a small red and silver curling stone with laurel surrounding it. The most winning skip of this is Helen Gilroy - 6 times.

The next trophy was donated in 1950 by the first president Marjorie Foster. It was called the Glengarry trophy and is a silver vase. The pin is in the shape of a Glengarry hat. Helen Gilroy has won this 7 times.

When another competition was needed, a trophy was given by Mary Clark and named the same. It is a silver female curler on a base. The pin is yellow with crossed brooms and a scarf tied around them. Anne Burchesky skipped 3 winning teams for this.

The next trophy was given by Lambert Grant who owned a book store. The trophy looks like a book in between two book ends. The pin is an open book with a thistle on it.

The Calder was named by the Glengarrises in memory of John W. Calder (father of Elizabeth Calder Childs) and a great promoter of curling. The pins have the words “Be Mindful” on the top. This was on the original Calder crest but it might also remind curlers to keep their mind on the game.

When the Glengarry membership was at the peak in 1959 with 154 women, there was curling every afternoon with the Calder for Junior Skips on Mondays, the Roemer for Senior Skips on Tuesday, the Clark then next to the top of the ladder on Wednesday, the Grant (second on the ladder) on Thursday and the Glengarry on Friday which became a challenge type of competition. Another challenge for Skips with under 5 years experience was needed and Doris Hurst donated this one and called it the Bonnie Piper. The pin is a replica of bagpipes.

In the ‘61-’62 season many women had become business women so an evening competition began, “the Glenplaidies,” with Mary Louise Bauder the first chair. The trophy was donated by Fran and Harold Williams. The pin is bronze with laurel all around. Sharon Halligan has the record for the most wins as the Skip with 13 times! (Who better to coach our Junior Girl’s for championship curling? Keep up the good work, Sharon!)

The Glenplaidies bought a second trophy to create a ladder competition, leaving the Glenplaidies as the top. This was called the Scotties. Following that was the Marjorie Middaugh given by her husband in her memory. The trophy is a large heavy wooden one with a replica of a curling rink on it.

In the 1967-68 season, the board voted to start replacing all trophies with plaques so they could all be seen.

All of these trophies may be seen in the beautiful trophy case given to the Utica Curling Club by the Blodgett family in memory of Robin Blodgett, a past Glengarry President. The various plaques are about to be placed on the walls of our new club at 8300 Clark Mills Road in Whitesboro, NY.

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**CURLOGRAM DEADLINES**

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**Deadline for February Curlogram**

Deadline is **Sunday, January 4th**. Please send news items to Ellen Boerger - 209 Hartford Place, Utica, NY 13502 or Betty Hurd - 1 Jordan Road, New Hartford, NY 13413. Please be sure they will be received by that date.

Thanks for your cooperation “The Broom Hilda”

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