MARIE COBB MIXED BONSPIEL
At The Utica Curling Club
Presents

FEBRUARY 19-22, 1998

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1998 MIXED CURLING WINTER OLYMPICS

THURSDAY: All members (Active, New, & Social) are invited to the Bonspiel's opening party, Toddy bowl and Hors D'Oeuvres from 6:15-9:15, curling begins at 6:30.

FRIDAY: Curling all day (beginning at 8:30), with the Banquet at the Curling Club at night. Please Join us for a wonderful meal prepared by Joe. Cocktails at 7:00, Dinner 8:15, Dancing 9:00-1:00 to the music of the Joe Angerosa band.

All members, hosts and hostess planning on attending the banquet, please sign up on The Mixed Committee Bulletin Board!

SATURDAY: Curling all day, beginning at 8:30. After The in-house dinner parties (8:30 P.M.), all Members are invited to the club for partying and dancing.

SUNDAY: Moose Milk, Bloody Marys and Brunch (Dutch Treat) at 9:00 A.M. The Piper and finals begin At 10:30 A.M.

Lunches available Friday and Saturday (Dutch Treat). Sign up sheets for all parties are on the Mixed Board. For any questions please call Don or Jennifer Edmunds 735-3713. We look forward to seeing all Utica Members participating in the fun events of the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel.

USWCA 50th ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL BONSPIEL

The Utica Glengarries are proud to host the USWCA 50th Anniversary National Bonspiel at the Utica Curling Club Thursday, February 12, through Sunday, February 15, 1998. Not only will this year commemorate the Golden Anniversary of the USWCA National Bonspiel, it is also the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Utica Glengarries. 32 teams are involved in the bonspiel representing clubs from all over the United States, including Alaska. Proudly representing Utica are: Erlene Daley, Skip; Denise Fusco, 3rd; Marj Moore, 2nd; and Carol Jones, Lead.

There will be many games to watch and other activities for club members to participate in.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WED. 2/11: USWCA Annual Meeting Notice: All USWCA members and guests are invited to attend this meeting. 9AM Grand Ballroom I, Holiday Inn. • The Kit and Welcoming Party will be held in the Grand Ballroom I, Holiday Inn, from 6:30PM to 9:30PM.

THUR. 2/12: Opening Ceremony 7:30AM at the Curling Club with Local Dignitaries, Piper, and TV coverage. Everyone is invited to attend-curlers and spectators. Draw times 8AM, 11AM, and 2PM. • Banquet and Meeting at the Yahnundasis Country Club. Cocktails at 6PM, Dinner at 7PM. Sign up on the bulletin board in the ladies locker room. Donna Caleo has planned great entertainment!

FRI. 2/13: Draw times 8AM, 11AM, 2PM, 5PM and 8PM. Lunch available and Joe C will serve a special buffet 5:30 until 9:30 PM.

SAT. 2/14: Draw times same as Friday. Lunch and dinner available at the club.

SUN. 2/15: • Finals. The Procession onto the ice at 8:45AM, with games beginning at 9AM. Continental Breakfast available from 8AM until 9:30AM, followed by Brunch from 9:30AM until Noon. The awards ceremony will take place at 12 Noon.

The weekend will be filled with good curling and fellowship. Make plans to take part in this Golden event!
Mixed Playdowns 1998 Results

Linda Whitney & Dick Robinson, Chairs

Congratulations to the following teams which will be representing the Utica Curling Club in our Annual Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel.

Utica #1  Skip, Frank Giovannone, Judi Giovannone, Tom Sweeney & Barb Sweeney - Winner of the “A” Event

Utica #2  Skip, Don Knapp, Ylva Cortright, Les Cortright & Mary Ann Knapp - Runner Up of the “A” Event

Utica #3  Skip, Bill Morehouse, Sharon Brown, Dave Halligan, Deb Morehouse - Winner of the “B” Event

Utica #4  Skip, Bill Sewell, Erline Daley, Mike Kessler & Kim Freeley - Winner of the “C” Event

Utica #5  Skip, Jim Dell’Annno, Denise Fusco, Howard Feldman & Donna Calco - Winner of the “D” Event

The following teams may or may not be in the bonspiel depending on the number of Utica teams allowed or they will be asked first as subs.

Utica #6  Skip, Dave Palazzoli, Sue Williams, Gary Williams & Kathy Palazzoli - Runner Up of the “B” Event

Utica #7  Skip, Tom Garber, Marcia Garber, Dick Trost & Robbie Trost - Runner Up of the “D” Event

Utica #8  Skip, Pat Costello, Joyce Shaffer, Nick Reale & Mickey Haase - Runner Up of the “C” Event

A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped out. Our co-chairs, Dale and Carol Jones who helped in spite of Carols’ mother being in the hospital, Bob Caine for a great draw, Jim Gleason & “crew” for beautiful ice, Harvey & Diane York who assisted with Toddy Bowl on Saturday and of course, Joe C. for all his delicious meals. Thanks, also, to Pete Ciaralli for the Pictures of the team winners.

Be sure and support our Utica teams at the Marie Cobb Mixed Bospel and sign up for the Banquet. It is going to be at our Club this year and surely will be great fun and great food. Sign up is on Mixed Board.
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**Notes:**
- Kitchen Open: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Kitchen Closed: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Closed: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Menu Items:**
- Happy Hour: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Specials:
  - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: $5.00 Pizza
  - 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM: $5.00 Wings

**Special Events:**
- 2/9: Happy Hour
- 2/16: Wing Night
- 2/22: Pizza Night
Mitchell Bonspiel
Results:

Mike Semeraro, Chair

Despite the worst ice storm of the century, that caused 9 Canadian teams to cancel on the day of the Bonspiel, the Mitchell was a HUGE success. With almost no notice we replaced 5 of the missing teams with Utica Curlers. We juggled the schedule and Draw, including playing games until 2AM Friday. Somehow it all worked out, and by Friday afternoon we were back on schedule. I would like to thank the entire club for all their help including the last minute teams, the Luncheon Hostesses and the Party Hostesses. Most of all, thanks to Draw Master, Lee Gibbard who drove around Lake Ontario to get here and change the draw from 48-44 teams at the last minute. Finally, thanks to Eydie Savett and Denise Fusco without whom I would surely have gone insane on Thursday.

Results
Mitchell Medal - Hylands - Pierre Galant, Skip
Runner-up Broomstone - Grayland Cousins, skip
Allen Medal - Utica #11 - Brian Moore, Jim Osio, Neal Burns, Mike Swierz, Jim Brady (5 man team)
Country Club Medal - Utica #4 - Bill Morehouse, Skip Mike Kessler, Jim Dellano, Don Knapp
Evans Medal - Navan #2 - Kelly Oka, Skip
Friendship Medal - Richmond #2 Jim Parker - Skip,
Saranac Brewery Award - Utica #2 - Cris Boeger, Skip, Mike Semeraro, Scott Ioset, Todd Horak, Harvey York (5 Man Team)

And The Winners Are:

LADIES EVENING COMPETITION - Judi Giovannone - Chair

THE BONNIE PIPER COMPETITION - (Curlled on Mondays during November and December) was won by, Erline Daley, Skip Donna Evans, Joyce Tenca, Mary Hopsicker.

THE CALDER COMPETITION -

(curled on Wednesdays during November and December) was won by, Caitlin Costello, Skip, Lori Clark, Renate Swiercz, Elizabeth DeGironimo.

Empire State At Ardsley Curling Club

Joyce Shaffer

Two Utica teams attended the 44th Empire State hosted by the Ardwick women. Both teams lost in the semi-finals of the first event, dropping them down to the fourth event. Winners in the fourth event (Hurd Brothers Cup): Marcia Garber, Skip, Gloria Cappelli, Ginger Zilliox, Marty Jones. Runners-up in the fourth event (Pringle Sisters Saucer): Joyce Shaffer, Skip, Mickey Haase, Linda Rance, Sue Hilton.

New Years Eve 1997-98

Diane & Harvey York, chairs

This years party was a huge success. There were 102 dinners served with lots of merry making. Tom Burke D.J. Played music from 7:30-1:30, concluded with some competitive karaoke between the males and females.

The weather outside was frigid, but the party inside was “HOT”

Thanks to Joe C. and his staff for their delicious dinners, Erlene & Ellie who helped with the decorations, all that brought Hors D’Oeuvres and to our Co chairs Ed & Ellen Boeger.

A Half Century With the Glengarries

by Anne Burchesky

Chapter V - National Affiliation

When the 80 year old Utica Curling Club voted in 1948 to accept the “women curlers” as Class II members and permission was also given for them to join the United States Womens’ Curling Association. The USWCA had started the year before with Sara Tray of Wausawato, Wisconsin the organizing chairman. Sara later moved to Utica and curled with the Glengarries from 1970 to 1983. Our club was the second group to join after the five charter clubs and immediately offered to host a national bonspiel - the first in the East! So, the 4th Annual Bonspiel was held in 1952 in Utica with Dot Lortz serving as chairman. Seven of the 30 teams came from Wausawato and the seven new Glengarries provided entertainment at the banquet by playing a Scottish tune on toy bagpipes. The second time we hosted the Spiel was the 13th one in 1962 and Cam Reimers was chairman. The third time was the 34th National Bonspiel in 1982 with Helen Gilroy, chairman. This was the national organizations peak year with 5,151 members! The fourth time is this year, the Glengarries Golden Anniversary year and the 50th Bonspiel for the USWCA. Chairman of this Bonspiel is Robbie Trossett.

The only time the Glengarries have been the winners of the Bonspiel was in 1967 when Connie Storms, Beulah Fitzgerald, Helen Hurd and Regina Sears were victorious at the Saddle and Cycle Club in Chicago. The Glengarries honored them with a banquet and much fanfare.

We have had a representative from our club every year and many have attended meetings with the Glengarries paying travel expenses. When attendance was not made, members were kept informed of all special events and encouraged to attend and apprise of rules, etc. One of the Glengarry Reps served for nine years, Anne Burchesky. Six Glengarries have been elected officers in the USWCA. Beulah Fitzgerald and Peggy Rotton have both served as President, Sharon Halligan was Secretary and serving each for two years as Treasurer were Helen Hurd, Anne Burchesky and June Balduf.

Many avenues have opened up for women curlers all over the USA through the efforts of the oldest national curling organization, the USWCA.

The “All American” event began in 1966 as an intra-club event and the USWCA gives 4 pins each year to the club winners. June Balduf, as Skip has won this the most in our club.

The United States Championships began in 1977. We have never won this but one Glengarry Skip has won the Grand National Curling Club playdowns 4 times to qualify to enter. Sharon Halligan’s team won in 1978 and competed in Duluth, MN, and in 1980 and competed in Seattle, WA and 1982, progressing to Bowling Green, OH and in 1997 to go on to Seattle, WA. Quite a record!

The USWCA organizes a tour exchange between USA and Scotland every five years. We have entertained the visitors here in 1958, 1963, 1971 and 1991 and once we had one member who went on the tour there, Peggy Rotton in 1986. She also served as
one of the couriers on the 1991 tour here.

In 1981, USWCA started a Senior Women Bonspiel and in 1989, Polly Glenn skipped a team that went to Alaska. At the same time, newspapers were full of the unusually frigid weather but it didn’t stop our Glengarries. The Glengarries have participated in 9 of the Senior Woman’s Bonspiels.

In 1990, a Senior Friendship Tour began with Canada and in 1994, Joyce Shafer was one of the lucky sixteen women who toured the Maritime Provinces.

In 1993, a “Five Year and Under Challenge” was begun and Chris Gleason skipped the winning team in the Grand National Competition in Albany in 1994.

Because of the upcoming world Olympics where curling will be an official sport for the first time, the USCA now controls the championship. Peggy Rotten has been a USCA Director since 1991 and has been reelected to serve until 1999. She is the National Course Conductor for officials and has served at the Mens, Women’s and Junior Championships and Coordinator of drug testing at the Trial in 1997. She now travels extensively but still calls the Utica Curling Club “home” as all of the Glengarries are hopefully proud to call the UCC our “home club”

**Roster Update**

Page 15 - Add to Active - James Osio, 4967 Rt. 5 Vernon, NY 13476 - 829-3842
Page 8 - Correct address and phone Clark, Marianne, 12B Madison St, Hamilton home phone 824-0167 work phone 824-3300
Page 25 - Balduf, Gordon (Bus), Joined 1955

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**Happenings**

We Note With Deep Regret the Death of:

Mary Murdoch Adkins
wife of active Utica Curler
Reverend Bob Adkins
Mary was also former glengarry

The sympathy of the entire Membership is extended to his family

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**Deadline for February Curlogram**

CURLOGRAM DEADLINES ARE VERY FIRM!!

Deadline is **Tuesday, February 24th**

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 Hildas”

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