President's Message

By Art Cobb

Membership

Many thanks to Carol Jones and her helpers! They worked very hard to recruit new members during our open house, and to teach them the basics of the game during the clinic. Great job! I also want to thank Pete Ciaralli for the Open House sign placed beside our lighted sign, good idea! No matter how smart and hard our new member committee works, they can't make a new member feel comfortable and at home in the club without the support of ALL our members. If you meet and new member, or if you recruited one PLEASE try your best to make them feel at home.

This will be third year we have held dues at their current level, it may also be the last. That is unless we can grow our membership. A good rule of thumb is that a curling club needs about 50 members per sheet, so we can support 300 members, it looks like we may have just over 200 this year, so we have lots of room. It's never too late to introduce a prospective new member to the club, even if the open house is over and the clinics are done, bring them down, any Friday fish fry would be a great time. During November and December, we can usually find a spot for them to curl before the 2nd half of the season starts.

We have taken other steps to improve our financial performance as well as working hard to get new members. New controls on the ice making equipment, let it shut down during the hours we are not actually curling, this procedure should save a lot of energy and reduce our electric bill considerably, without any harm to the quality of the ice. We can also hope for a colder winter to help out here. Notice that we now have several empty light fixtures in the ice shed, this also should help reduce energy consumption. Finally you may have noticed but we raised the bar prices modestly. We surveyed several clubs and bars in the area and found that our prices were the lowest around, even with the increase we are still very competitive with any bar in town.

Need Bulbs?

Thanks to the crew lead by Dave Palazzoli we now have the correct fluorescent light bulbs in the ice shed. The problem was that the original bulbs were not intended to work properly below 60 degrees. Hayner-Hoyt, the general contractor of our building, acknowledged the error and provided us with the correct bulbs at no cost to us. Dave and a crew of other members replaced them. Good thing they left some of the fixtures empty or you would need sunglasses out there now!

We want to offer the old bulbs for sale to members before we offer outside the club, so if you need any fluorescent bulbs make us an offer. Contact Art Cobb

Ross Tarlton Shield Competition

Ed Boeger & Bill Rotton - chairs

November 13th & 14th 1998

The 32nd anniversary of the friendly rivalry between the Grand National and the Ontario Curling Association will be held at our Utica Curling Club November 12, 13, and 14.

Curling on the 13th and 14th will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. Six end games will be played, U.S. against Canadian teams and the winner will be determined by the largest number of total points scored. Last draw each day will be 4:45 p.m.

Utica Curlers are invited to view the games. It might be an excellent time to bring new or prospective curlers to the club to see seasoned curlers in action.

Successful Ice Makers Clinic Held

Denise Fusco, Chair

Dave Merklinger, A world Class Level IV Maker and Curl Canada Instructor Taught Level I and Level II Ice Technician Course at the Utica Curling Club October 9 — 11. 18 participants were awarded certificates for completing the course, 5 Level I, 13 Level II. Participants came from Seattle Curling Club, Nutmeg Curling Club, Nashua Curling Club, Cape Cod curling club, Schenectady Curling Club, Philadelphia Curling Club, Broomstones Curling Club, Arsley Curling Club, Utica Curling Club and 3 Canadian Curling Clubs; Bae D'Urfe, Montreal West and Border.

The Course included the many physical and technical aspects of ice making and maintenance including installation of ice, flooding, scraping, pebbling, equipment needed and work necessary for maintaining good ice for all levels of curling. The participants were all given practical demonstrations and participated in the actual flooding, scraping and pebbling of ice.

Denise Fusco served as registrar for the course, Jim Gleason was the on site ice technician. Other members of the Utica Curling Club audited the course and assisted as needed.

Dave Merklinger who has assisted in the installation of Utica Ice for the past two years leaves shortly to go to
Sweden to conduct Courses for the World Curling Association. He will also be one of the Ice Makers for the World Championships in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada in 1999.

New name?
Broken handle?
Tag color clashes with your hair?

Whatever reason for wanting a new name tag, you can get a new one in this year's "in" color. Just give me a call by November 10th —5 bucks! Carol Jones

The Iceless

a short report of the GNCC meeting submitted by Peg Rotton

The Iceless Bonspiel of the 36 Eastern Curling clubs designated Grand National was held in Hyannis, MA on September 18 —19. Competitions, including golf, quoits and lawn bowling were held on Friday. Committee meetings and seminars were held on Saturday morning followed by a business meeting conducted by Sam Williams, GNCC Pres. Plans and dates for the upcoming year were verified. Committee and directors reports were given. 2 USCA Directors were elected for 3 year terms. Peggy Rotton and J. Peter Mitchell will serve until 2002. All other elected Officers will complete their 2 year terms.

Local winners
Both winning low gross in golf were V.P. GNCC Tom Carber and USCA Director, Peggy Rotton.

The business meeting was concluded at 5:30 P.M. A dinner with a video of the Olympic experience of USA Curlers was presented and awards followed. Clark Higgins, USCA president was a speaker at the Meeting and the Dinner. His topic was the Marketing Survey and the Strategic Plan for the future of Curling.

Reminder

REPRESENTATIVES FROM both GOLDLINE AND CURLER’S WORLD WILL VISIT OUR CLUB TO SELL CURLING SUPPLIES SOON!

GOLDLINE:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, FROM 6:30 PM TO 10:30 PM

CURLER’S WORLD:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, FROM 5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Turkey Speil ’98

John & Martha Hoffman — Chairs
It’s that time of the year again!!! The holiday season is rapidly approaching and we have planned a great mixed curling event to kick off the season. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on November 21, 1998 for the Annual Turkey Spiel. This is a FUN bonspiel for curlers of all levels of ability. The format is simple — play eight ends — after four ends — we break for one of Joe’s fantastic meals — play the last four ends. This is an especially nice opportunity for some of our more seasoned curlers (not turkeys) to get to know and play with our new curlers, enjoy a few laughs and share their knowledge of the game with our new members. Check for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with full details. You can sign up as a team or an individual. Every participant receives a prize. So come on pilgrim — get your name on the sheet and participate and spread some Thanksgiving cheer among your curling friends. See you there!!!

The Friendly Early Bird — 1998

Harvey & Diane York
(865-8500)

Friday, December 4th Saturday,
December 5th Sunday, December 6th
Sign up as “Singles”, “couples” or as a Team consisting of at least one new trial member. If there are no Trial Members available then a second year player is the next choice.

The Friendly Early Bird Bonspiel is a great chance to curl in a “Friendly” competition “Early” in the Season. The entry fee is only $11.00 per person which includes a 3 game guarantee, snacks, Saturday Lunch, Continental Breakfasts (Sat. & Sun.), Teddy Bowl, Moose Milk and Bloody Marys.

Saturday Night Dinner will be a choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baby Back Ribs for only $13.00 per person followed by music.

Sign up sheet will be on the Mixed Bulletin Board.

All-American Results

The US-W.C.A. All American was held October 19-21-23. Seven teams competed and the winning team was Runner-up

Erlene Daly(S) Sharon Halligan(S) Jackie Schmidt(3) Marianne Clark(3) Mary Sexton(2) Suzanne Ernst(2) Marty Jones(L) Liz De Giramino(L)

B Event Winner Runner-up

Marcia Garber(S) Joyce Shatier(S) Kathy Davis(3) Marj Moore(3) Kim Freeley(2) Robbie T rosset(2) Doreen Hayes(L) Jane Mahoney(L)

C Event Runner-up

Peg Rotton(S) Judi Giovannone(S) Gloria Cappelli(3) Denise Fusco(3) Donna Caleo(2) Renate Swiercz(2) Elly O’Donnell(L) Mary Ann Knapp(L)
Kiltie Korner

Our New Fall Stock Has Arrived!

Marty Jones & Robbie Troset
- Purchasing

Be sure to check out our new stock at the Kiltie Korner, and many SPECIAL SALE KITS as well. Our regular stock includes FULL and HALF SLIDERS, GRIPPERS, GLOVES, KNEEPADS, and samples of some of the most popular BROOMS. This season we have off-white TURTLENECKS and CREW SWEATSHIRTS in green and navy with our Club Logo. Please note, we will be happy to place special orders.

SPECIAL SALE ITEMS
(excluding current stock)

Ladies’ Gloves ....................... $12.00
Men’s Gloves .......................... 13.00
½ Sliders, Full Sliders &
½ Grippers ........................... 3.00-6.00
Jewelry • Keychains &
Glassware .......................... $5.00-6.00
Packaged Curling Napkins 1.50 per pkg.

Special thanks to Jacqueline Schmidt for her generosity in donating a mannequin-torsos for the Kiltie Korner. A floor-base has been ordered for it and it will be in place soon.

Empire State Playdowns

Joyce A. Shaffer, Chair

The 45th Empire State Bonspiel will be hosted by the Schenectady women January 7-10, 1999. As co-sponsors, the Utica Glengarries are committed to sending two (2) teams. Sign up, as a team, in the ladies locker room ... deadline, Monday, December 7. If more than two teams sign up, playdowns are scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, December 19 & 20. Utica I & II must be available to attend the Empire State Bonspiel in Schenectady January 7-10, 1999.

Junior Curling

Pat & Marie Costello

The Junior curling program will begin the 98-99 season on Sunday, November 1st. The juniors will meet 3:00 PM-5:00 PM every Sunday with few exceptions to be noted later.

As in past years, we will form into Leagues and compete for medals. Junior curlers are defined as between 12 and 21 years of age. The fee structure remains the same as no fee for children of adult members and $35.00 fee to cover the entire season for all others.

We are looking forward to another fun filled year of good curling, so bring a friend and we’ll see you soon.

Glengarries Christmas Party

Ginger Zillieux & Liz De Gironimo - chairs

We’ve just begun a new curling year and already it’s time to start planning the Christmas celebrations. Ladies mark your calendar for Monday, December 14th, 1998.

The Glengarry Christmas Party will be held after the Bonnie Piper league. Cocktails are at 7:30 p.m. followed by a “Joe Special” dinner at 8:30 p.m. and entertainment at 9:00 p.m.

As in the past, a donation will be accepted - this year’s donations will be given to New Horizons.

More information will follow in the next curlogram.

Don’t Miss This

Anne Burchesky
an ex-historian
still interested in perpetuating the history of curling

After learning the Oneida County Historical Society was planning an exhibition for the Bicentennial of Oneida County, I asked the Director, Dr. Kevin Marken, if they would like to include a curling stone and broom in the exhibit since the Utica Curling Club was organized in 1866. (Curling was played even earlier in Clark Mills and New York Mills). Dr. Marken said yes, they could add it to the planned “Fun and Leisure” space. So I took a stone (mine), a broom, a curling stone crate used when they used to take their own private stones to Bonspiels and a Utica Curling Club license plate (from the 60’s). The exhibit will be on until January 1999.

I also took a bulletin board with a brief history of curling and some other items on it. I had assembled it for our 125th anniversary for them in 1993. This was used in the museum for a while and now is on display in the window of the building across the street from the Raddison Hotel. The museum was also given the 50 year history of the Glengarries for their file.

Little & Wee Rockers

NEW DAY - SUNDAY
NEW TIME - 3:00PM
STARTING: NOVEMBER 8th

Little & Wee Rockers will commence the 98-99 Season on Sunday, November 8th.

It’s a great way to expose your children to the great game of Curling.

Come Join us, Wee Rockers ages 6 - 7 -8 and Little Rockers ages 9 - 10 - 11.

Any questions please call Bill Morehouse 793-1048 work or 734-1475 home.

Roster

Reminder

Report any changes of address and/or phone number to Cindy Brown @ 733-2260 asap.
**Special Dates**
To Plan Ahead For:

**December**
Early Bird-Friendly .................. 4,5,6
Murray Playdowns .................. 11,12,13

**January**
Mitchell Bonspiel ................. 7,8,9,10
Mixed Playdowns ............ 14,15,16,17
G.N.C.C. Mens Playdowns .... 23,24
Teenage Bonspiel .............. 29,30,31

**February**
Calder, Conley, Hurd ............. 4,5,6,7
Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel 18,19,20,21

**March**
Rose Spiel ...................... 25,26,27
Closing Party ................. 27

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**Glengar. Clean-Up Day**

Saturday, October 3rd
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Fifteen people arrived at the Club on Saturday morning to clean, polish and put things in order for the new curling season. They all worked hard and did a GREAT job! They are:

- Ed Bonham
- David Salsberg
- Mickey Haase
- Marie Costello
- Ylva Cortright
- Robbie Trosset
- Caitlin Costello
- Martha Hoffman
- Sue Williams
- Renate Swiercz
- Doreen Hayes
- Lisa Britt
- Dick Trosset
- Vel Schreppel
- Diane Farr

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Many, many thanks to all who helped!

**Snowblower**

Robbie Trosset

**A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO FRED COX** for donating his snowblower to the Glengarry Garage Sale of June 13. He said if we did not sell it, we could donate it to the Club. That's how it turned out, so the Club now has a snowblower.

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**Deadline For November Curlogram**

Deadline for the December Curlogram is Friday, November 23, 1998.

Please send news items to
Ellen Boerger - 209 Hartford Place, Utica, NY 13502
or Betty Hurd - 1 Jordan Road, New Hartford, NY 13413.

Thanks for your cooperation “The Broom Hildas”