President’s
Message

By Art Cobb

Dues are Due

Important notice to regular members:

If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so immediately. Names of members who have not yet paid will be posted in the club on December 1st. Members who have not paid their dues by December 5th will have Curling privileges suspended. Trial members do not apply to you.

New rules. Elsewhere in this Curlogram is a story from Peg Rotton about new rules and interpretations from the USCA. While we do not enforce Championship or International curling rules in club level events, we should all make an effort to be aware of and adhere to the letter and spirit of the rules of the game.

Membership, unfortunately, will be lower this year than last. This is a real setback for our long-term plan. We need to grow our membership in order to keep our dues as low as possible. Our club can easily support 50% more members than we have. I am very concerned with the long-term survival of the club unless we can reverse this trend. If you know of a prospective new member, please bring them down to watch curling and try the club at any time.

Cigar and pipe smoking rules will go into effect December 1st. Some members have expressed considerable displeasure with this new rule. Smoking is a controversial issue in our whole society, not just at our club. We need to try to find a solution to this problem that is acceptable to all sides of this issue. We will be looking into some better ventilation and filtering systems that may allow us to achieve this (no promises on results, but we will look into it). In the meantime, I ask everyone to observe the rules and keep a cool head. The last thing we need is to suffer a further reduction in membership of either smokers or non-smokers over this issue (see above).

Change to Club Smoking Policy

Upon receiving several comments regarding cigar and pipe smoke from visitors and member alike, the Board voted to limit cigar and pipe smoking to after 11 p.m. in the bar area on league curling nights. Cigars and pipes are to be smoked and no other time and in no other location within the club. This policy takes effect on December 1 of this year. There is no change to the cigarette policy.

Rules

Peggy S. Rotton, member USCA Rules Committee

Please remember the Spirit of Curling which is the heart of our sport. “A good curler never attempts to distract an opponent or otherwise prevent another curler from playing his or her best. No curler ever deliberately breaks a rule of the game or any of its traditions. But, if a curler should do so inadvertently and be aware of it, he or she is the first to divulge the breach.” If you do not have a copy of the rules, please get one. They are contained in the current GNCC schedule which every member should have picked up at the club. There are no new rules for 1998-9. All players entered in playoffs should be aware that altering the surface of the ice in any way, snowplowing and hog line violations will be strictly enforced. The USCA rules of play violation guidelines list the penalties. All playoff competitors should have a copy of 1999 USCA Championship Rules. We have a wonderful sport, with rules and traditions. We have, in comparison with other sports, very few rules. Let us all adhere to those rules for everyone’s benefit.

Men’s Ladder

Starts January 4

Don Knapp

The Men’s Ladder consists of 4 separate leagues on Monday through Thursday nights at 8 o’clock. Each league has its own medal which is awarded to the winning team. Skips select their own team in a draft based on the prior year’s standings. Skips progress up the Ladder from our beginning skips league, known as the Rink which plays on Thursday.
night, to our highest league, the Sims, which plays on Wednesday night. Currently the Veterans (Monday), the Allen (Tuesday) and the Sims consist of 13 teams.

Leagues start Monday Jan. 4 and run every week. The number of weeks will depend on the number of teams. The Rink misses occasional Thursday’s when we have special weekend Bonspiels.

All club members are guaranteed to be picked for at least one night if they sign up for the Ladder. If you wish to curl 2, 3, or 4 nights, you can if space permits. On the sign-up sheet you should sign up for the number of nights that you wish to curl in the Ladder. To accommodate everyone, you should put down one night that you cannot curl and two choices for when you can curl. Each night has only 39 available spots. The more flexibility in your schedule the more likely you are to be able to curl multiple nights.

The sign-up deadline is December 13. Any questions, please talk to Fred Hicks, Don Knapp or Mike Kessler.

Men’s Ladder

Don Knapp

Attention Skips

Any former Ladder Skip who did not skip in the Ladder last year needs to inform me, in writing, if they wish to skip in the Men’s Ladder this year. Returning Skips are in the Veterans if their last placement was Veterans or higher. The deadline for informing me is December 10. All skips wishing to continue skipping need to sign up for their Ladder A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Men’s locker room showing your position in the Ladder. The deadline for signing up is December 10.

If you wish to start skipping in the Ladder you should inform me in writing. This is for curlers who have never skipped in the Ladder or for skips who have fallen out of the Ladder. All skips start in the Rink. The deadline is December 13. Skipping in the Rink is based on seniority in the club.

Ross Tarlton Results

Ed Boerger & Bill Rotton, Chairs
O.C.A. - 379 G.N.C.C. 322

Above score is the result of the 32nd Ross Tarlton Competition played between 16 Ontario Rinks against 16 rings from our Grand National Curling Club.

The series began in Toronto at the Board of Trade Club in 1967. Since then play has alternated each year in the U.S. and Ontario.

Both winners and losers receive a medal for participating in the event. The winning side is presented the Ross Tarlton Shield to keep for one year when it is again placed in competition. Utica was represented by the Rink of Ed Boerger, Bill Rotton, Ed Michael and Gil Hurd.

Of interest is the fact that both Gil Hurd and Bill Rotton who played in this year’s event were participants in the very first competition in 1967.

Reception-Curling & Banquet were enjoyed by all curlers.

Thanks to Our Volunteers!!!

On behalf of myself and Jim Gleason, I would like to extend a big THANKS to everyone who showed up to help us with the ice installation on October 3 & 4th. It has been too long for me to remember everyone who showed up, so I am not mentioning any names - you know who you are!

Members keep this in mind - any time you are called to volunteer some time to our club, please make every effort to do so. It is the member that keeps this great club of ours afloat.

Submitted - Denise Fusco

-Attention Please-

Last Chance!!!

Chairs:
Erhene Duley,
John and Martha Hoffman

Yes, fellow curlers, this is our last chance to ring in the “New Year” in the “20th Century” with our curling friends and family at the Utica Curling Club. Mark your calendars NOW and pencil in the Curling Club for a fun and entertaining evening. Neighbors, friends and family are welcome, too. Music, dancing, party hats and favors, together with another one of Joe C’s great meals, are all part of the fun evening. We are planning a wonderful night with plenty of laughs and maybe a few tears for Auld Lang Syne.
Men's Ladder

Monday - Thursday 8:00 p.m.

I wish to curl: 1 2 3 4 nights per week. (Circle one.)
I cannot curl: M T W TH (Circle no more than two nights.)
I wish to start skipping in the ladder (Thursday).

Name: ______________________

Return to:
Fred Hicks 5958 Central Corners Road
Vernon Center, NY 13477

DEADLINE - DECEMBER 13th

Ladies Evening Competition - 1999

Name ____________________________

Phone (H) ______________________ (W) ______________________

Lambert Grant - 8 ends - 5:45 p.m.
Mondays: Jan. 4 - Mar. 22
Willing to [ ] Curl [ ] Sub

Glenplaidie - 8 ends - 5:45 p.m.
Wednesdays: Jan. 6 - Mar. 24
Willing to [ ] Curl [ ] Sub

DEADLINE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Please return to:
Gloria Petrie
4726 French Road • Clinton, NY 13323

Roster Announcement

Consideration is being give to include e-mail addresses to the Utica Curling Club Roster.

If you are interested in having your e-mail address published either in the Roster (most likely not this year's Roster) or sent in an e-mail message to all subscribers, send your e-mail address to:

gncbrown@borg.com (George 'n' Cindy Brown).
Put “UCC:” in the Subject line.

Looking Good!!

Do you or your team need something to wear on the ice?
The Kiltie Korners can help. We are taking orders for clothing found in the Mainstreet Classics catalog. You may ask anyone at the Kiltie Korners or call Ylva Cortright at 737-5261.
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**Key:**
- CL: Kitchen Close
- PM: Kitchen Open 6-8:30 PM

**Month:**
- December 1998

**Weekly Planner:**
- Days of the Week:
  - Sunday
  - Monday
  - Tuesday
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  - Saturday

**Notes:**
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Monthly Planner

January 1999
Here are some of the details:

Toddy Bowl & Hor D’Oeuvres at 7:00 p.m.
Prime Rib or Lobster Tail at 8:00 p.m.
Music & Dancing - DJ - Tom Burke -
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Champagne, Hats & Noisemakers at 12:00 a.m.

Cost: $27.00 per person
For more details on the evening watch
for the Sign-up sheet on the Mixed Bulletin Board. See you at the party!!!!!

Mixed Playdowns - 1999
(Open to all club members)
Chairs - Erlene Daley, Neal Burns, John Bullis
Batten the Hutches Matey, Hoist those Sails, full ahead you land lover.
Go for the Bounty and form a team to play in the Mixed Playdowns on January 14, 15, 16, 17 (Thursday - Sunday) This is an in-house Bonspiel that will determine which teams will be eligible to play in the Marie Cobb Bonspiel scheduled for February 19-21.
Entry Fee
$15.00 per person includes:
Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday
Saturday: Joe’s Lunch
Toddy Bowl & Hors D’Oeuvres
Music for Dancing
Sunday: Moose Milk & Bloody in the a.m.
Brunch at 11 a.m.

1998 New Curler’s Bonspiel
Duang & Diane Farr
Harvey & Diane York

We had 24 new curlers try out the ice with 48 regular members to round out 18 teams for the first games of the season.
Winners were: (*new curler)

Draw A
Two game high:
Tom Garber, Marcia Garber,
Eydie Savett, *Shelly Nikodem
Runners-up:
Brian Moore, Marj Moore,
Mary Ann Knapp,
*Doug Rosenthal, *Carol Myers
Low total winners:
Dave Mahoney, Jane Mahoney,
Jack Schmidt, Elly O’Donnell

Draw B
Two game high:
Les Cortright, Ylva Cortright,
John Bullis, *Cindy Kelly
Runners-up:
Pete Ciaralli, Peggy Roton,
*Bob Burnett, *Mary Ellen Sofinski
Low total winners:
Tom Luker, Susan Defuria,
Tom Everson, *Beth Paladino

Draw C
Two game high:
John Davis, Kathy Davis,
*Rick Dursi, *Bob Droynski
Runners-up:
Dave Palazzoli, Kathy Palazzoli,
*Al Zumpano, *Pat Zumpano
Low total winners:
Gil Hurd, Robert Foley, Diane York/
Donna Caleo, *Noelle Perry

Many thank you’s to everyone who helped make the New Curler’s Bonspiel a success. To Diane and Harvey York, our co-chairs, who helped so much with decorations, collecting money, making sure that candy and water were available for the draws, etc.; Susan and Gary Fountain for the Toddy Bowl help, Carol Jones for her incredibly hard work with the prospective curlers each year, Joe C. for his great dinners, Dick Trosset for the table candles and the icemen for their work on the ice. We had a great time and hope that you did too.

Results of CanAm ’98
Chris and Jim Gleason,
Marcia and Tom Garber

Molson CanAm Cup A Event
Winner:
Warren and Shirley Reddick, Tom and Marcia Garber
Runner Up:
Andy and Trudy Jarzyna, George Reynolds, Jacqueline Schmidt

Drummond Cup B Event
Winner:
Pete Ciaralli, Donna Caleo, Bob and Marion Huck
Runner Up:
Bob and Diane Caine, Keith and Jennifer Langley

Presidents Cup C Event
Winner:
Les and Ylva Cortright, Francois and Kim Rochon
Runner Up:
Chuck Harter, Colleen Welch, Don Barrett, Carla Wallaesa

Sociable Award D Event
Winner:
Bob Hale, Denise Fusco, Dave Halligan, Kala Johnson
Runner Up:
Fenlon Bellows, Lori Clark, John and Dorothy McGinn

Glengarries Holiday Party
Ginger Zilliot and Liz DeGironimo
Our Holiday Party will be held on Monday, December 14, 1998. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be at 7:30 p.m., dinner at 8:30 p.m. (saucy chicken, rice pilaf, tossed salad, rolls & butter and creme de menthe parfait) followed by enter-
Ladies’ Evening Curling

Gloria Petrie, Chair

Forms are enclosed for lady evening curlers to complete and return no later than Friday, December 18th, 1998. Please indicate on the forms your preference of curling; either Mondays or Wednesdays or both, or, if you are flexible and can curl whenever needed.

Lambert Grant (middle level competition) is on Mondays at 5:45 p.m. All games are 8 ends. This competition will begin January 4th and end March 22nd.

Glenplaidie (top level competition) is on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. All games are 8 ends. This competition will begin on January 6th and end on March 24th.

Please Note: Lambert Grant Skips will choose teams on Sunday, January 3rd at 2 p.m.

Glenplaidie Skips will choose teams on Sunday, January 3rd at 2:45 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the Curling Club. If any skip is unable to attend this meeting, please make arrangements for someone to choose your team.

G.N.C.C. Women’s Championship & U.S.C.A. Playdowns

Carol Wood, Site Chair

Playdowns for Women’s National Championships will be played in Rochester this year. Any team interested must have all credentials in the hands of the site chair by January 5, 1999. This includes current membership, signed release by club, player coach agreement and all items listed in 1999 Championship Rules Booklet. Any questions see Peggy S. Rotton Women’s Chair G.N.C.C.

Reminders

1. Note kitchen hours on calendar
   * means kitchen open 6 - 8:30
   CL means kitchen closed

2. There are 2 return’s enclosed - please honor due date


Happenings

We note with deep regret the death of Henry Daley - father of Erlene Daley. The sympathy of the entire membership is extended to his family.

Deadline for January Curlogram

Deadline for the January Curlogram is Tuesday, December 22, 1998.

Please send news items to:

Ellen Boerger
209 Hartford Place,
Utica, NY 13502

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