President’s Message

By Art Cobb

Club secretary Colleen Thomas has been forced to go to plate glass membership due to an injury and, according to our by-laws, may no longer be an officer of the club. Mr. Reid Porter was elected by unanimous vote of the Board to take Colleen’s place. Welcome to the Board Reid! Come back soon Colleen!

The Board of Directors approved a new ventilation system at the December meeting. We hope this system will address several problems that we have been experiencing at the club. About 7 or 8 years ago, when the club was located on Francis Street, we went through a similar problem with smoke. A committee was formed and surveyed members about their concerns and ideas for solutions. The survey results were interesting. There were a few non-smokers who wanted to be able to smoke anywhere, anytime. There were a few non-smokers who did not want to allow smoking in the building at all, period. The vast majority of members, over 80% if I recall correctly, wanted a reasonable compromise. Two large smoke eaters were hung from the ceiling. The dining room was divided into smoking and non-smoking sections, as was the viewing area. The situation was greatly improved, even if the members who held extreme views on either side were not totally happy.

Our problems in the new club include not only smoke, but also overheating and stuffiness during large gatherings, and summertime mildew. The new system will be composed of two air to air exchangers which will move a total of 26,400 cubic feet of air per hour in and out of the club (focused on the bar area). We picked air to air exchangers because of their energy efficiency. The heat exchange process transfers most of the heat from the outgoing air to the fresh air coming in. We are looking to improve all 3 problems with this additional ventilation.

We started life in our new building with a much smaller smoking area to begin with (the bar sitting area only). The ice shed, the locker rooms, viewing area, dining room, and kitchen are all completely non-smoking areas. We had hoped that this smaller smoking area, combined with the two air filters, would be a workable solution to the smoking issues. What we didn’t count on was how “tight” the new building is. We just don’t have much airflow, and the two filters in the ceiling clearly aren’t doing the job. Smoke does build up in the building, it gets very warm and stuffy during large gatherings, and in the summertime mildew invades the building. The answer to all these problems seems to be more fresh air. We hope that the air to air exchangers will do the job to almost everyone’s satisfaction with the smoke problem, and solve the other issues also. After the system is installed (in only a couple of weeks) the board will review its effectiveness, and consider altering the cigar and pipe smoking rules. Until then they remain in effect. Please observe them. Thank you to all those who signed the petition that was presented to the board, I believe it helped us focus on finding the best possible solution.

Questions about the rules of Curling? You will find most of them answered on the poster that is located near the door leading to sheet 1. Burned a stone? Played out of turn? Find the answer in the rules! Check out the flyer in this Curl-O-Gram if you like cruises. Rumor has it that many curlers at other clubs are signing up. Call Keith Droppin (he’s a curler) at the number listed if you are interested.

88th Annual Mitchell International Bonspiel
January 7,8,9 & 10, 1999

The most prestigious and by far the largest men’s Bonspiel in the Eastern U.S. will be held for the 88th year in our club. This year Mitchell will be the largest in its history, with forty-eights rings competing for the coveted Mitchell metal.

Don’t miss the chance to see our 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 Curers, particularly to back our own Utica rinks who will be in the Bonspiel.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JAN. 7th
Thursday Night Reptition, Toddy Bowl, Buffet Dinner and Dancing ........ $12.00

JAN. 8th
Friday Night Fish Fry with Karaoke and Dancing ....................... $12.00

JAN. 9
Saturday Night Prime Rib Dinner with Live Band and Dancing ....... $30.00

JAN. 10
Sunday Brunch with Bloody Marys and Moose Milk ................... $8.00 tax & tip included

You can buy a book of tickets for all of the above events for $55.00, saving yourself $7.00. Tickets for any of the events can be obtained at the Bonspiel Table.

Curling starts Thursday at 5:00 PM and continues through midnight. Curling continues all day Friday, Saturday night and Saturday until 10:00 PM. The Bonspiel concludes on Sunday at 10:30 AM with the championship finals in all six events.

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.

Results of Murray Bonspiel

Utica #1 Club Champions
Paul Giovannone
Dan Boerger
Dave Halligan
Mike Sexton
Dean Kelly

Utica 2- Fred Hicks, Bob Caine, Dave Palazolli, Bill Krause
Utica 3- Ed Bonham, Pete Ciarelli, Tom Clark, George Brown
Utica 4- Cris Boerger, Mike Semeraro, Dan Hollinger, Tony Kistner
Urban 5· Les Cortright, Jim Dell’Anno, Chuck Harter, Jim Osio
Urban 6· Tom Garber, Alan Flemming, Eric Haase, Bruce Blundell
Urban 7· Sean Lanigan, Paul Norton, John Hoffman, Bill Lamphere
Urban 8· Brian Moore, Mike Swierz, Dale Jones, Neal Burns
These teams will represent Urban at the 88th Mitchell Bonspiel January 7, 8, 9, 10.
Congratulations to all and good luck.

From Joe C’s Kitchen

During the second half of the season, we will be offering one item in the crock pot, when there are two draws for that evening. We will also have sandwiches at the bar.
There will be no other food available during league nights Monday through Thursday.
Thank you, Joe C.

Open Sunday
Sign-Up League
Sundays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (6 ends)
January ....................... 10, 17, 24, 31
February ....................... 7, 21, 28
March ....................... 14, 21

Looking to get some extra ice time in? Want to practice up for the Dykes Challenge, Kaysor...Olympics??
Then join us for the Open Sunday Sign-Up League. Simply sign-up for the Sundays of your choice.

Sign up as a team, couples, or individuals. Include your preferred position (skip, vice, 2nd, lead). Couples and individuals will be placed on different teams each week (of course, we’ll keep couples together, we figure that’s why you signed up that way!). Teams and sheet assignments will be posted each week on the bulletin boards.
Sign up only for those weeks you will attend!
Just call Carol Jones at 732-4195 ext. 732-4195 ext. 643 or Caitlin Costello at 724-0524, or sign up at the club.
Good Curling!!

Happy Hour
Spend several very Happy Hour(s) on the ice during the second half of the Curling Season by signing up for the Thursday afternoon fun competition. We will start at 4:00 PM on January 21st and will compete on Thursdays during February and March as the schedule permits.
All curlers, new and “seasoned”, are encouraged to sign up! The games are 6 ends and will be followed by the usual snacks and camaraderie. The “entrance fee” is $5.00, payable at the first meet and which will be returned in snacks and prizes at the end.
Sign up by submitting the form in the Curlogram or on the Mixed Bulletin Board. Please use tear off - bottom of Alaska Cruise page.
Any questions?? Dave and Jane Mahoney Co-Chairs, 823-3354. Deadline - January 8th.

The 1999 Crawford Co-Ed League
Sharon Brown & Terri Flemming, Chairs
Mike Singer, Co-chair

Friday night co-ed curling is back (and just about full!) League nights are:
Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, Mar. 5
March 12 will draw times at 5:45 and 8:00 PM. Finals will be on Friday, March 19 at 6:30 PM.
Since we have such an enthusiastic response to the sign-up board, we are asking for a few spirited curlers to voluntarily switch their requested 5:45 draw time to the 8:00 draw. If you are interested, please call (or leave message) Sharon at 738-1233.
You will be contacted by us or your Skip by mid-week of Jan. 18 with your team.
The fun begins on Jan. 22!!

Open Format, Flighted Bonspiel
February 13 - 14, 1999
John and Kathy Davis, Co-chair (553-6795)
Fred Hicks and Pam Jones, Co-chairs (829-4425)
Open Format
Any four people may form a team, all men, all women or any combination. For mixed gender teams, any person may play in any position (M-E-M-E, etc., does not apply).
Flighted
Teams may sign up for any one of three flights: Competitive, Intermediate or Social.
Two Day Bonspiel - 3 Game Guarantee
The Bonspiel will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Each team will play twice on Saturday and once on Sunday. Teams earning a berth in the finals play a second game on Sunday.
Predetermined Draw Times
The times for the three games plus final for each section will be predetermined and published before the event.
Watch the Mixed Board for Sign-up Sheet

1998 Friendly Early-Bird Results
Diane & Harvey York Chairman
Ed & Barb Bonham Co-Chairman
The Friendly Early-Bird was held December 4-5-6, eighteen teams participated and it went off with only a few hitches.

Brian Moore’s team of Donna Caleo, Mark Schindlwein and Meredith Hobika won the A-event. Runner-up was Mike Kessler’s team, Kim Freely, Mike Semeraro and Karen Townsend.

The B-event was won by Don Knapp’s team, Mary Ann Knapp, (sub) Sharon Brown, Barry Depot and Laurie Depot. Runner-up was Sue Williams team, Bruce Blundell, Renata Swierzcz and Doug Rosenthal.

The C-event was won by Joyce Shaffer’s team, Brian Costello, Micky Hasse and Ralph DeSantis. Runner-up was Charlie Knox’s team, Virg Maleki, Bill Lamphere and Jim Nagy.

The D-event was won by Jim Dell’Anno’s team, Marianne Clark, Bob Burnett and Melon Sofinski. The runner-up was Chris Cleason’s team, Jim Gleson.
Bob Foley and Jim Gaffney Joe’s Baby Back Ribs and chicken Cordon Bleu were great and his crew did a fantastic job also. 65 dinners were served.

Diane and I wish to thank all the help we had in planning and completing the Bonspiel. Linda Whitney and Erleene Daley for advice. John and Martha Hoffman sneaks. Sue Williams for the Early Birds decorations, Bob Caine Drawmaster, Ed Bonham for the draw
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**New Year's Day**

Monthly Planner

January 1999
board and taking care of candy & water, Barb Bonham, helped with the event and along with Diane York & Marty Jones made the table wreaths. Thanks to the Ice Men for the great ice for this event, those that brought hors d'oeuvres and to all that participated in the event.

A special thanks to our Co-chairs Barb and Ed Bonham.

1998 Co-Ed League Finals “King’s Cup”

Terri Flemma & Neal Burns, Chairs
John Bullis, Co-Chair

The finals of the Co-Ed League, King’s Cup, were held Friday, December 18, 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: Tom Firsching(s), Kathy Palazzoli, Mike DeGironimo, Al Pickard

Runners-Up: Ed Bonham(s), Gloria Pietrie, Don Barrett, Sue Fountain

2nd Event Winner: Chuck Harter(s), Marianne Clark, Robert Foley, Josie Enjem

Runners-Up: Mike Semeraro(s), Cathy Darche, Carla Wallaesa, Karen Townsend

3rd Event Winners: Carol Jones(s), Charles Knox, John Hoffman, Mark Schlindwein

Runners-Up: George Brotz(s), Martha Hoffman, Mike Martus, Ralph DeSantis

4th Event Winners: Jim Dell’Anno(s), Susan Defuria, John Bullis, Michael Singer

Runners-Up: Dave Palazzoli(s), Diane York, Joe Usyk, Michelle Kelley

5th Event Winner: Bill Krause(s), Barb Bonham, Ron Fusco, Liz Fusco

Runners-Up: Sue Williams(s), Bob Caine, Gloria Cappelli, Vince Rancieta

6th Event Winners: Vinnie Grove(s), Pam Jones, Dave Salsberg, Sue Crossley

Runners-Up: Joyce Shaffer(s), Dave Mahoney, Mickey Haase, George Reynolds

We wish to thank:
The King family for the King’s Cup Trophy which was presented by Jim “The Snake” King along with the silver cups to the winners of the 1st event, of which his daughter Kathy Palazzoli was a member.

Joe C. for his delicious food and assistance with snacks.

The Icemen, who with their extensive work and effort each week made this a successful event.

Finally, all those who helped us with these events, all the curlers, both new and the more experienced without whom this event would not have been possible.

Women’s Daytime Curling

Peggy S. Rotton

Please sign up or call 797-2975 for Tuesday 12:30 PM. We need every one who has Tuesday available to fill up teams. Our goal is to have 5 teams. Curling will begin on January 12, 1999. If you have signed up, plan to be there to play. Skips will pick teams on January 5. A video of strategy will be shown for any one interested. This is a well done tape by Ray Turnbull, one of the best. Plan to be at the Curling club at 12:30 to pick teams and see tape.

Sign up sheet is on the Ladies Bulletin Board.

Winners of Mary Clark:
Skip, Jaye Blatter
Third, Joyce Shaffer
Second, Jeanne Glavin
Lead, Virg Malecki

Ladies’ Evening Curling

Gloria Pietrie, Chairperson

The Calder Competition, played on Wednesday evenings during November and December was won by Sharon Evans (Skip), Peg Rotton, Erin Clark, and Renate Swiercz. The winners for the Bonnie Piper Competition will be included in the February Curlogram.

Kiltie Korner

Marty Jones

Many, many “thanks” to the following members, for all their donations.
Bob Axelsson - 2 beautiful Wooden Cheese Trays shaped like a Curling Stone.
Ellen Boerger - for “all” the pretty Bone China Tea Cups (Thanks, to Donna Evans for helping wrap them) and 2 China Plates for the Wall.
Susan Fountain - for making pretty and clever “Christmas Tree Ornaments”.
Elaine Cobb - 4 framed “Curlers Pictures”, Picture of “Silver Broom”, Indoor Curling Game.
Betty Hurd - for “Curling Pillows” and Small “Curling Sacketts”.
Russ LoGalb - for 2 “Curling Ties”.

Eydie Savett - Turtleneck, Key Chains and “Shoe Protectors”, and “Thanks” to all of you for buying.

Utica Juniors

Pat & Marie Costello, chairs

The Juniors are in full swing this season with 28 curlers on 7 teams. The Round Robin competition will continue into January and then the 2nd half Club Championship competition will begin.

The National Junior Mens Curling team from Utica did very well recently at the Junior National Playdowns at the Schenectady Curling Club. The rink of Jimmy Gleason skip, Brian Costello vice skip, Jason Gleason 2nd and Mike Lennon had finished 2-2 and runners-up in the competition. The Team from Broomstones finished 3-1 and will represent the G.N.C.C. of the Junior Nationals in Wisconsin. Our Utica team defeated Broomstones, forcing an extra playoff game, which Broomstones won in a tightly contested well played game. Congratulations to our junior team.

The Utica Juniors will host the Utica Junior Bonspiel on Super Bowl weekend January 29-31. Housing for out of town Junior teams will be needed, so please keep this in mind.

Roster Notes

Active Membership!!!!!!!
Add to page 7 - Bareiss, Clare; 7555 E. South St., Clinton, NY 13323; 353-3837/334-7571
Add to page 7 - Bareiss, Dan; 7555 E. South St., Clinton, NY 13323; 353-3837/734-2338
Correct page 9 - Crim, Bill; 7276 Ritchie Rd., Stiviville, NY 13469; 865-5440/722-0983 pager

Trial Membership!!!!!!!
The following are “additional” Trail Members to be added to the roster use pages 43 & 44.
Add - Carcone, Bonita; 510 Deerwood Rd., Utica, NY 13502; 232-3664/737-2311
-Czapryna, Walt 9531 Emerald Hill Dr., Sauquon, NY 13456; 837-9944/733-6306
-DeSantis, Ralph SR; 1027 Morris St., Utica, NY 13501; 733-1573
-Fairbrother, Jon; 428 Van Renselaar Av., Utica, NY 13502; 797-0561/792-2110
- LeBounty, Mike; 5070 Bell Rd., Whitesboro, NY 13492; 853-5339/736-7361
- LeIninger, Bob; 25 Shacksbury, Oriskany, NY 13424; 736-8455
- LeIninger, Renee; 25 Shacksbury, Oriskany, NY 13424; 736-8455
- Louis, Bonnie; 9566 Powell Rd., Holland Patent, NY; 865-4927
- Louis, Ed; 9566 Powell Rd., Holland Patent, NY; 865-4927
- Payne, Michael; 611 Utica Rd., Utica, NY 13502; 732-3735/732-4111
- Pfeiff, Michele; 532 Main St., Oneida, NY 13421; 363-4030
- Rothberg, Charles, Dr.; 95 Chestnut Hills, New Hartford, NY 13413; 725-6668/724-1249

**Junior Membership!!!**
Add to page 23 - Cianciola, Jason, 5070 Bell Rd., Whitesboro, NY 13492; 853-5339
delete from page 23 - Fairbrother, Jon (Jon is a Trial Member)

**Plate Glass Membership!!!**
Correct to page 29 - Margie Siegenthaler
Zip Code 13304
Your roster has more than names, addresses & phone numbers, please refer
to the index on page 148. Use the year joined as a guiding word for the "comparable" sub. "i" you to our advertisers who defrayed the cost of this year's roster. If you have any suggestions to enhance the roster, or are not receiving your roster, please let me know. As always; report changes of address and/or phone number to Cindy Brown immediately. Attention All Web Surfers! Jim Nagy has a website that he updates regularly to include curling information. This site is located at: http://www.borg.com/~nagyj Connect using the Utica Curling Club link. The roster information is password protected - the required password is "UCC" (all capitals).

**Things To Ponder**
Your Broom Hildas wish to pass on these things to ponder.
I- No advance planning will ever replace dumb luck. II- Never pass a snow plow on the right. And III- the facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.

**Congratulations**
To Pete and Cindy Ciaralli who are the proud parents of Peter Garrison Ciaralli. Born 11/30/98 at 12:45 PM, 8 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches long.

**Deadline For November Curlogram**
Deadline for the February Curlogram is Friday, January 22, 1999.

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"