President’s Message

By Art Cobb

Mid season has come (and gone by the time you receive this Curl-O-Gram). While there has been much activity on the ice I have only a short report for this issue.

Congratulations to the Mixed Committee for hosting a great Mixed Bonspiel! It sure was great to see this event back up to a full 32 teams. An event like this takes a lot of planning and work. I’m sure the committee could use some more help, why not volunteer?

Speaking of help, as you know much of the work in the club in general, and ice maintenance in particular is done by volunteer members. Jim Gleason has, for several years now, been doing a great job at this task. Jim has asked to be relieved. So we are looking for a new Ice Chairman. Say you don’t know anything about ice that’s not in your cocktail glass! Don’t worry Jim will teach you what has to be done, and I’m sure he’ll be around to consult when needed. This is an important job, and it carries and important perk along with it... you really get to know the ice! Please see Jim or myself.

Important

The annual meeting, awards, and election of officers will be held Wednesday, April 14th, 5:00 PM at the Curling Club Dinner. Sign up at the club.

Buccaneer Bonspiel - A Note of Thanks from the Chairs

By Brian Moore, Marj Moore, Linda Whitney & Dick Robinson

“Best Bonspiel I’ve ever been to!” “Utica hospitality at it’s best!”, “WOW - this one will be hard to top!”, “We’ll be back next year - and we’re bringing others!” “Great food, great people; we’re getting our entry back early next year - this Bonspiel will fill fast!”

All weekend long we heard these comments from the participants of the 1999 Marie Cobb Mixed Invitational - Buccaneer Bonspiel. Efforts of the magnitude needed to make such a production come together truly take everyone working as a team. And when we asked, you responded! The spirit of the Utica Curling Club membership was certainly evident February 18-21 to all who attended the Buccaneer Bonspiel.

We had three goals back in May when the planning for the Bonspiel began. They were: a) bring the Bonspiel back to 32 teams b) choose a great theme that would allow many tie-ins to carry the theme through the weekend and be relatively easy for everyone to get into costume c) involve as many UCC members in the Bonspiel as possible, in every way possible - both veterans and newcomers, alike. Well, we now know that those goals were met -- and even exceeded.

The participation of UCC club members was especially noteworthy. Over 100 members participated in pulling this production off - yes, you read that right - including such things as hosting house parties, dressing in costume to welcome our visiting teams Thursday night, hosting teams, playing in the Bonspiel, serving as substitutes when needed, participating in the skit entertainment, bringing an hour ‘douvre, helping to gather props and decorate the club, serving on the umpire, ice, snack or draw board maintenance staff, contributing to the treasure chest of prizes, or any one of the other numerous tasks that went into the success of the Bonspiel. Mixed Committee members and many, many others made it happen and we are grateful to you for your generous donation of time and talent. THANK YOU - It was a great TEAM EFFORT!!!

Special Thanks To All Treasure Chest Contributors

The treasure chest booty was overflowing! “WOW” is what our visitors said when they walked into the club for the recent “Buccaneer Bonspiel” and saw the overflowing treasure chest that greeted them at the door. There were 18 local businesses and 23 individuals who contributed to the wonderful array of door prizes, costume and trivia contest prizes distributed throughout the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel weekend. A big THANK YOU to all -- your generosity is very much appreciated!

Thank You

Gary & Susan Williams

Thanks so much to all the people that brought hors d’oeuvres for the opening party at the Marie Cobb Mixed Bonspiel. We have received many compliments on the wonderful variety and presentation. It was truly enjoyed by everyone.

Please remember pick-up your dishes that are stored in the mixed room.

Sweet Points - - It’s Back!
March 13 & 14

Susan & Gary Williams - chairs

It’s been a few years since Sweet Points has been offered at the Utica Curling Club and you don’t want to miss this opportu-
nity to test your skill on the ice.

Sweet Points is a competition where 9 different situations are set up in a house and without the assistance of sweepers a player throws 4 stones to make the shot. Two stones are thrown with the out-turn and two stones are thrown with the in-turn for a total of 36 rocks. Its just you, the ice and the stone. Each stone is worth 2, 1, or 0 points depending on the predetermined criteria. You are allowed to pick any two stones in the shed that will give the best wick, rattle and roll.

Everyone is encouraged to join the competition. There are four prize categories: women's, men's, 5 year and under curlers, and juniors.

Draw times are Saturday March 13 at 12:00 and 2:00 PM and Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 PM. Plan on being there about 10 minutes early to review the rules. Each draw will take about 1 1/2 hours with six people per station. We are setting up two stations per draw. Sign up is on the mixed board. Should more people than expected want to play, we will make accommodations for more draw times.

There is also a need for 6 people per draw to hold the brooms and keep score. We know, holding that broom can be a cold, nasty job. Sign up also be on the mixed board, and should we ask you to help we hope you'll say yes.

Call Susan and Gary Williams with questions 339-7382

Albany, Schenectady

Utica Friendly

Alicia Giovanone, Chair

We are hosting a one day Ladies Bonspiel in Utica on Saturday, March 20th, 1999. Continental breakfast, lunch, two draws and awards make for a fun filled day!

Sign up sheet in Ladies locker room.

The Rose Bonspiel

& Closing Party

CURLING

March 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th

Dick Robinson & Linda Whitney - chairs

David & Josie Enjen - co-chairs

The Draws are:

"A" - Wednesday, 5:45 PM; Friday- 8:00 PM; Saturday - 1:30 PM

"B" - Thursday, 5:45 PM; Friday- 5:45 PM; Saturday- 9:00 AM

"C" - Thursday- 8:00 PM; Saturday- 11:15 PM; Saturday- 3:45 PM

Close out the curling season with the traditional 3 game, point format. Games are at pre-determined times and position reversal occurs in the second game. Thirs skip, Skips play third, Leads play second and Seconds play lead. Each team, 2 males, 2 females.

All curlers are encouraged to participate.

Glengarry Closing Dinner

& Annual Meeting

Jacquelyn Schmidt, chair

Utica Glengarry closing party will take place on Monday, March 22 at the Utica Curling Club. The evening festivities will begin with “fun curling” events followed by dutch treat cocktails at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 8:00 PM. The menu will be chicken francaise, wild rice, green beans, almonds, tossed salad, tea, coffee and ending our scrumptious repast with a parfait. The cost for dinner will be $9.00. please plan on attending, sign up in the ladies locker room or call Jacquelyn Schmidt at 853-6566.

Please Note

Gloria Petrie, Evening Chair

On Monday, March 22nd, all women are invited to the closing dinner for the Glengaries at 8 PM. Prior to the dinner, there will be the Lambert Grant playoffs (if necessary) and at 6:30, there will be some “fun competition” for all wounded players in the playoffs: “draw to the button” “igo through the port” “try a double take-out.” The Kiltie Corner promises some great prizes for the winners! The sign-up sheet for the dinner is in the ladies locker room. Hope to see you there.

Please “old” and “new” wear your native tags.

Report From The

Glengarry Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers for the 1999-2000 year at the March 20th meeting.

Robbie Troset, President

Ylva Cortwright, Vice President

Marianne Clark, Secretary

Linda Whitney, Treasurer

Joyce A. Shaffer, Past President

Sharon Halligan, U.S.W.C.A.

Representative (2000)

Jacquelyn Schmidt, Member-at-large (2000)
### March 1999

#### Monthly Planner

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*Other events scheduled for the month:*

- **Sunday, April 14**
  - 5:00 PM Annual Meeting
  - 7:00 PM on Bulletin Board

*Note:* Events may be subject to change. Please check the bulletin board for updates.
Erin Clark...... Member-at-large (2001)  
Josie Enjem...... Member-at-large (2002)  
Additional nominations may be made in writing to the secretary, Marianne Clark, at least three (3) days in writing before the March, 1999 Annual Meeting.  
Nominating Committee: the following names are being submitted for the 1999-2000 Nominating Committee. Four shall be elected.  
Caitlin Costello  
Marie Costello  
Sue Ernst  
Barb Felice  
Kim Freeley  
Caitin Costello  
Meredith Hobika  
Deb Morehouse  
Peg Rotten  
Sue Williams  
Diane York  
Additional nominations may be made from the floor for the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting. The person receiving the largest number of votes will be Chair. The Chair shall serve two (2) years and the other committee members will serve one (1) year. This year's Chair, Pamela B. Jones will serve one (1) more year.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela B. Jones, Chair; Donna Caleo, Terri Flemma, Marj Moore, Ginger Zillioux.

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**To Ponder**

"You cannot tell which way the train went by looking at the track" - you're welcome.

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### 1999 Marie Cobb Mixed Invitational

**"Buccaneer Bonspiel"**

Thirty two teams competed in this year's Bonspiel. Sixteen US teams and sixteen Canadian teams vied for trophies and medals in six events. The results of the final standings were:

- **A Event:**
  - Winner (President's Bowl) - Utica II  
  - Skip - Brian Moore, Marj Moore, Dale Jones, Carol Jones  
  - Runner Up (Curier's Cooler) - Leaside  
  - Skip - Bruce Godbold, Dorothy Godbold, Jack Collins, Berenice Collins

- **B Event:**
  - Winner (Silver Tasse) - Schenectady I
  - Skip - Shane Longley, Chris Fink, Shaun Manore, Andrea Stoddard
  - Runner Up - St. Georges

- **C Event:**
  - Winner (The Ice Box) - Richmond I
  - Skip - Jim Parker, Maimie Parker, Francois Rochon, Kim Rochon
  - Runner Up - Richmond III

- **D Event:**
  - Winner (Friendship Trophy) - Amherst
  - Skip - Caitlin Costello, Dayton Niehl, Maureen Haase, Nathan Wood
  - Runner Up - Utica III

- **E Event:**
  - Winner - Utica VI
  - Skip - Les Corrigan, Yvva Corrigan, Chuck Harter, Donna Caleo
  - Runner Up - Orangeville

- **F Event:**
  - Winner - Philadelphia III
  - Skip - Dan Boerger, Leslie Dudt, Brian Dudt, Carol Mikusa
  - Runner Up - Royal Canadian Navy

- **Junior Curling Report**

  **Pat & Marie Costello, Jr. chairs**

  The juniors have been very busy lately and doing well. Two Utica junior teams traveled to the Broomstones Jr. Bonspiel in Boston the weekend of January 23rd. The rank of Jimmy Gleason, skip, Brian Costello, vice, Jason Gleason, 2, and Mike Lennon, lead, finished runner up in the finals of the competitive division. The rank of Nicole Farina, skip, Elizabeth Williams, vice and John Costello, 2nd won the A-event in the ten-team intermediate division.

  The Utica Junior Bonspiel was a great success! Sixteen teams competed for the Davie's Shield with the A-event winners being Utica I - Jimmy Gleason, skip, Jon Farley, vice, Molly Hubbell, 2, and Ian Ramsey, lead. Runner-up in the A-event was Utica V - Bryn Piersma, skip, Luke Usyn, vice and Ben Fusco, 2. The C-event was won by Utica II - Jason Gleason, skip, Jeremy Williams, vice, Brian Donovan, 2nd, and Dana Giovannone, lead. Runner-up in the C-event was Utica III - Mike Lennon, skip, Elizabeth Williams, vice and Greg Roberts, 2. Utica IV was runner-up in the D-event - Brian Costello, skip, John Costello, vice and Brady Clark, 2nd Utica VI was runner-up in the E-Event - Nicole Farina, skip, Laura Bernard, vice, and Kayla Blank, 2nd. Thanks to all who volunteered time and energy to make this junior event special. Special thanks to Chris Gleason, Sue and Gary Williams, Alisa and Paul Giovannone, Christopher Corrigan, Erin and Tom Clark, Sal and Nancy Farina, Denise Miller-Hubbell, Michael and Gail Lennon, Mari Ramsey, Carole Farley, Bill Sewell, Mike Kessler, Caitlin Costello, Mrs. Michael Haase, Joe Cand staff for all their help, support, enthusiasm and great food, and for all who opened up their houses to the out of town junior curlers. A Utica Junior team also traveled to Plainfield, New Jersey the weekend of February 6. The team of Jimmy Gleason, skip, Elizabeth Williams, Jason Gleason and Jeremy Williams won the A-event in grand style.

Our first half league playoff results will be reported in the following curlogram.

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### The Calder, Conley and Hurd

**Terri Flemma & Bill Krause, chairs**

A little bit of New Orleans came to the Utica curling club as sixteen teams played down for calder, conley and Hurd medals in Mardi Gras style. Many curlers came to the party with their decorated Mardi Gras masks. The judges, Bonnie Louis and Barb Felice handed out the awards. Some of the mask winners included Fred Hicks's team and Don Knapp's team for the team theme award. The best costume awards went to Shelly Nickidem, Dave Palazzoli and Tom Garber. Best Designer awards went to Linda Whitney and Jacquelyn Schmidt. Many participants shared their voice in song. I am sure 'American Pie' has never been sung like that before. I am sure it will be every sung like that again. We would like to thank the following people for their help: Carl Thomas for being the draw master, Colleen Thomas, Melon Solinski & Martha Hoffman for helping with the decorations, Martha & John Hoffmann for helping with the registration, Cindy Kelly, Josie Enjem and Dave Enjem for hosting the toddler bowl, Bonnie Louis and Barb Felice for judging the mask contest, and all the curlers for participating. Bill and I hope that everyone had a wonderful time.

- **A Event:**
  - Winners
    - John Davis, skip  
    - Jacqueline Schmidt, vice  
    - Vincent Grove, 2nd  
    - Cindy Kelly, lead  
    - Don Knapp, skip  
    - Erline Daley, vice  
    - Ralph DeSantis, 2nd  
    - Mary Ann Knapp, lead  
    - Brian Moore, skip  
    - Marj Moore, vice  
    - Bob Burnett, 2nd  
    - Melanie Sofinski, lead  
    - Jim Dell'Anno, skip  
    - Tiva Cortright, vice  
    - Les Cortright, 2nd  
    - Donna Caleo, lead

- **B Event:**
  - Runner ups
    - Dave Palazzoli, skip  
    - Kathy Palazzoli, vice  
    - Bill Krause, 2nd  
    - Shelly Nickidem, lead  
    - Chuck Harter, skip  
    - Barb Barry, vice  
    - Mike Barry, 2nd  
    - Colleen Welch, lead  
    - Fred Hicks, skip  
    - Pam Jones, vice  
    - Paul MacInroe, 2nd  
    - Michelle Kelley, lead  
    - Bill Blatter, skip  
    - Jaye Blatter, vice  
    - Dave Salsberg, 2nd  
    - Doreen Hayes, lead
The Hottest Curling Sites On The Web

Here are web sites for all you “Computer People”. Thanks to Gail Ganter of the Albany Curling Club, from The Complete Idiot's Guide to Curling by Rod Bolton & Ann Douglas

If you know of others, let us know and we will be happy to print them.

www.curling.ca - Canadian Curling Association
www.asman.ca/~rockroll/curling.html - Curling History Page, and stats on Championship Canadian, American and World winners.
www.curling.com - Curling Home Page, links to clubs, associations, and late breaking news.
www.cosula.com/users/selkins/cp955.htm - Ed White's Curling Poems, probably the ONLY site on the web devoted to curling poems.
www.cybersw. ca/~linesman/history.html - Front Ender's (lead and second) Union, celebrates the important role played by leads and seconds.
www.mthelawk.com - Major curling events, apparel, etc.
www.icang.org - International Curling Information Network Group (ICING) (The mother of all Curling Web sites)
www.geocities.com/Colosseum/9424 - The most comprehensive set of curling links on the web.

www.bonsai - Shot Rock Bonspiel Finder, where to look here to choose where.
www.canoe.ca/SlamCurling/home.html - SLAM! Curling results
www.usacurl.org - United States Curling Association
www.curling.org - World Curling Federation, offers a useful handbook for beginners.

As mentioned elsewhere: www.usca.com will get you all the exciting news about contractors. www.usca.org gets you info about USC at Berkeley housing opportunities, and a search for usca gets you competitive croquet, before curling YIKES!!

Happenings
We note with deep regret the deaths of
Dorothy Lortz, one of the original group of women who organized and fostered women's curling in Utica - and the second President of the Utica Glengarries.

Roshide Zogby, uncle of Andrew and Meredith Hobika.

Edith Stetson, sister of Gilbert Hurd and uncle of Douglas Hurd.

The sympathy of the entire membership is extended to their families.

Deadline For April Curlogram

Deadline for the April Curlogram is Wednesday, April 14, 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"

(PS - We thank you one and all for your help in seeing that the important notices are to us in a timely fashion. Have a great summer - Ellen/Betty)