



## President's Message

*September 2018*

Where did the summer go? While we still have time to pursue summer activities, fall is not that far away, which means, of course it's almost time for curling! If you haven't received your membership renewal form, you can always go to the club web site and download it. If you have already sent in your 2018-2019 dues, then thank you! It has been an eventful off-season for the club. Here is a recap of what has been and a preview of what will be this season.

### **Membership**

It was a banner year for curling with the surprise gold medal performance of Team USA in the Olympics. Our club Olympics events recruited 38 new members for this season, with the promise of more to come during our fall recruitment season. I encourage new members to take full advantage of your membership. Get involved in league play! Don't be bashful! We were all new players once. Your teammates guide you and help you learn the game. To accommodate our burgeoning membership, we have added additional men's and mixed league draws to the weekly schedule for the fall season.

### **Curling at the State Fair**

The Utica Curling Club was invited to introduce curling to the public at the New York State Fair on August 23-24 as a part of the Olympic Regional Development Authority activities. Over two days, we introduced an estimated 600-700 people to the sport, getting them on the ice to throw some stones and wield brooms. Despite the challenging ice conditions, good times and fun were had by all. We also got excellent TV exposure for curling and our club on Spectrum News and WSYR-9. I'd like to thank all of the volunteers, too many to name here, who donated their time to make this a banner event. We may have an opportunity to do this again next year.

## **What's New?**

You will discover lots of changes when you return to the club this season. Behind the scenes, the generosity of our club members enabled us to replace a failing compressor on our ice plant, and to purchase a new and modern ice scraper to help maintain excellent playing conditions. You will also notice a plethora of custom artwork on the ice courtesy of our many sponsors, thanks to the efforts of head ice technician Gary White. Check out our “hog” lines this year! (You’ll know what I mean when you see it.)

Perhaps the most noticeable change you will see is a complete refurbishment of flooring at the club, and more fresh paint. Everyone should look good for their 150<sup>th</sup> birthday! New and brighter heavy duty carpeting throughout the club, and an enlarged entertainment/dance floor will grace our space this year. Please thank our flooring subcommittee—Bob Risley, Peggy Rotton, Jen Turner, and Tim Conboy—for their efforts in making this happen.

## **150<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

What is a 150<sup>th</sup> birthday without a party? Please join us at Daniele’s Valley View on October 12 to celebrate 150 years of curling history in Central New York. Prices and details can be found on the club web site.

## **New Curling Rules**

In case you didn’t know, forgot about it, or prefer not to think about such things, this season marks the implementation of the 5-rock rule in curling. That is, the free guard zone remains in effect through the first 5 rocks in play each end. More simply, you cannot remove an opponent’s stone in the free guard zone until the first stone thrown by the second for the team with the hammer. That’s one more stone in play compared to the old 4-rock rule. This new rule promotes more offense, especially for the team with the last rock advantage. Skips may have to re-think their approach a bit this year, especially late in the game, where a 2-3 point lead may not be as safe as previously.

## **2018-2019 Events**

This year won't be as event-heavy as last year, but we still have quite a lineup of in-house bonspiels. The Utica-Schenectady-Albany Friendly comes to town in October, and the Wheelchair International and Six Sheet Open are held in November-December, along with the Murray (club) Men's Championship. Our usual busy January kicks off with the Calder-Conley-Hurd (mixed), the Mitchell (men's) invitational, and the club Mixed Championship. At the end of January and into February, Utica will host the first-ever GNCC Mixed Doubles Championship. A busy February concludes with the Utica CC College Bonspiel, the Cobb Mixed, and the Glengarry Challenge (club women's championship). And you wouldn't want to miss the closing Rose (mixed) bonspiel in March. Whew! I'm tired already. (And so is the ice crew.) For full details and dates consult the club web site and calendar.

Here's looking at another great curling season.

Good curling,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Rowlett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roger Rowlett

President

## Ladies Evening Leagues – First-Half Sign Up

Curling season is upon us! In a few short weeks, we will be on the ice enjoying our favorite winter pastime! We are expecting many new members so please make them feel welcome!

If you are interested in playing in one of the ladies evening leagues, please sign up by October 15. The sign-up form for the first-half leagues is on the UCC website league pages, or use the print form below – pick one! Please use the online form if you have computer access (it's easy!). Please don't email your intent to curl.



The All American is back on Wednesday night! is an event held all over the country and is sponsored by the USWCA. It is designed to encourage women curlers, especially newer curlers. The evening league scheduling committee creates the teams; games are 8 ends.

The Mickey Haase (Mon. night) is the first step of the women skip's ladder (see the orientation booklet for more information about ladders). Players are drafted by eligible skips; games are 8 ends.



All games begin at 5:45 pm. Get your curling dues worth and sign-up for both leagues! Sign up early – league space may be limited so it's important to sign up early! Returning curlers, encourage new curlers to join these evening leagues.

See you on the ice!

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WOMEN'S EVENING LEAGUES, First Half 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MONDAYS 5:45pm (Mickey Haase): Oct 22, 29; Nov 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec 3, 10, 17  
\_\_\_\_\_ curl \_\_\_\_\_ sub \_\_\_\_\_ skip \_\_\_\_\_ sorry, can't curl on Monday

WEDNESDAYS 5:45pm (All American): Oct 24, 31; Nov 7, 14, 28; Dec 5, 12, 19  
\_\_\_\_\_ curl \_\_\_\_\_ skip \_\_\_\_\_ sub \_\_\_\_\_ sorry, can't curl on Wednesday

Reply Deadline 10/15

Sign up on the league pages: Mickey Haase All American  
Or Mail completed form to: Lis DeGironimo, 91 Hartford Terrace, New Hartford, NY 13413

## Charbonneau Men's League

There is great anticipation that there will be quite a few new curlers joining our ranks this year after a great showing at the Winter Olympics. With this in mind there will be a change in the men's leagues to accommodate our new members. The Charbonneau will return to 3 nights like it was a few years ago.

The Charbonneau is the Men's league starting the week of October 22nd, with teams playing on Mondays at 8:00pm, Tuesdays at 5:45pm and Wednesday at 8:00pm for the next 8 weeks through the week of December 10th. The medal is awarded to the winner of the playoffs between the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night champions plus the highest 2nd place team from the 3 nights. The top winner will play the wild card team (2nd place) and the other 2 winners will play each other. If the wild card winner is from the same night as the top winner then the wild card team will play the 2nd highest winner. The 2 winners will play for the medal. Playoffs are scheduled for the week of December 17th.

We will try to match new curlers up with their sponsors so please indicate new curlers you would like to have on your team. Because of these changes, there should be more slots for players wishing to play two nights in the Charbonneau as there were in the past.

Preference will be given to early sign ups, bringing in a new curler or those not signing up for the rink or the open league.

Fill out the form on the return slip and send it to:

Mike Kessler,  
50 Blackburn Court, New Hartford, NY 13413 793-3330  
Or email [doctormjk@aol.com](mailto:doctormjk@aol.com)

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Charbonneau Men's League, 8:00pm Mondays, 5:45pm Tuesdays, 8:00pm Wednesdays

Send to Mike Kessler,  
50 Blackburn Ct, New Hartford NY 13413, 793-3330,  
[doctormjk@aol.com](mailto:doctormjk@aol.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Day telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Night telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Night Preferred (M, T, W ) 2nd Night (M, T, W ) if sign-up allows

Deadline October 17th, 2018

Position I'd like to play (Sk, 3rd, 2nd, Ld)

1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please pair me with new curler \_\_\_\_\_

# OPEN LEAGUE

## Open League Sign up

Any gender in any position, limited to 14 teams, Tuesdays at 8:00pm

The Open League will be starting early this year with the first game Tuesday, October 23rd at 8:00pm for 9 straight Tuesday nights at 8pm through December 18th.

This league was formed to provide practice for teams who would like to play together. Men's, Women's, Four New Curlers, College, Kayser, Women's Challenge or Dykes, etc., teams may enter, so sign up as a team for some great games. Here is your chance to put a team together with people you want to curl with.

Return the slip and send it to: Mike Kessler, 50 Blackburn Court, New Hartford, NY 13413

or email [doctormjk@aol.com](mailto:doctormjk@aol.com).

Because we are starting early we need to receive your rosters by October 18th.

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Open League

Open league limited to 14 teams

Tuesday at 8pm starting Tuesday Oct. 24 through Tuesday Dec. 18th

Send to Mike Kessler, 50 Blackburn Ct, New

Hartford NY 13413 - 793-3330 or email [doctormjk@aol.com](mailto:doctormjk@aol.com)

The first 14 returned slips will make up the league

Team name \_\_\_\_\_

Skip \_\_\_\_\_

Third \_\_\_\_\_

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Lead \_\_\_\_\_

If there are byes, I would like mine on \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 Men's Rink Sign Up

The Rink Ladder Event will again be held during the first half of curling. The event will be on Thursday nights at 8PM.

We are planning on 10 teams maximum due to the limited number of Thursdays available.

The schedule for the Rink is as follow:

October 11, 18, 25  
November 1, 8, 15, 29  
December 6, 20



Skips will be chosen based on men's league rules. We have room for 6 new skips. If you would like to skip in the Rink, please let me know when you sign up.

The draft for teams will be held on October 10th at 7PM at the club.

All men interested in playing in the Rink, please sign up by October 6th by contacting Jerry Stevens with the following information. I prefer being contacted by e-mail.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
EMail \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
Jerry Stevens  
7786 Bel Air Dr  
Rome, NY 13440

315-336-7835  
jstevens@twcny.rr.com (preferred)

Sign up deadline is October 6th but early sign-up is greatly appreciated.

Thanks.  
Jerry Stevens  
Men's Ladder Chairman



## Tuesday Morning Leagues

The Mary Clark is played during the first half/fall curling season on Tuesday mornings. The start date is October 23 and ends on December 18, we start at 9:45am and play an eight end game. This is a women's recreational league that we have opened up to men. You can sign up as an individual or as a couple. Each week a team volunteers to bring a lunch for the group to share, there is no fee. The league chairs are Peggy Rotton and Meredith Roefaro. To sign up or for more information contact Peggy at 315.797.2975 or Meredith at [mhob35@aol.com](mailto:mhob35@aol.com). Deadline for sign up is October 16.

This is a friendship and fellowship league and a great place for new curlers to start.

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## College Curling (M.J. Walsh)

With the addition of Syracuse University to our college curlers, it's looking like a bumper crop of curlers on Sunday afternoons - to the point that we will be splitting the group into 2 sessions on Sundays, at least at the beginning of the year. Once we figure out how to shoehorn the juniors, curling school and 2 sessions of college curling into Sunday afternoon, we'll update the calendar. College curling begins on Oct. 14th, curling school and juniors on Oct 21st. Please do not plan on practicing between the 2:30 and 8:00pm on Sundays. Thanks!

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MJW

# BOERGER FUN & FITNESS 2018

Thursdays at 4:00 PM

Chairs: John and Peggy Caneen, Bill and Jen Turner

It's time to slide and glide into fun and fitness! Join us on Thursday afternoons starting Oct. 25th at 4PM for a six-end game of curling, finger licking good appetizers, "budget" prizes for everyone, stimulating conversation and an awards banquet. Sort your equipment, (you don't want to be caught in your flippers) grab your car keys and come on down. Deadline for sign up is: October 20<sup>th</sup>

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Fun & Fitness 2018  
Sign UP

Co-Ed 6 end games Thursdays 4 PM begins Oct 25 thru Dec 20  
Note: No game on 22 Nov - Thanksgiving Day

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to: \_\_\_ Skip \_\_\_ Third \_\_\_ Second \_\_\_ Lead \_\_\_  
Sub

Return to: John Caneen  
PO Box 413  
Poland, NY 13431  
or  
by email: [jcaneen@ntcnet.com](mailto:jcaneen@ntcnet.com)  
or  
by phone: 315-826-7217

Deadline: Oct 20<sup>th</sup>



**King's Cup (Friday Night Mixed "Fun" League)  
Joyce Shaffer / Jen Turner Co-Chairs**

We will be experimenting with a little different format this year. OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THE KING'S CUP GROW IN PARTICIPATION. We are expecting 60-70 new curlers. Most of them want to curl on Friday night. This is wonderful, but it creates a scheduling issue. Therefore, we are going to have three (3) draws. Every team will have two new curlers. **We MUST have many seasoned curlers to accommodate them.** All games will be six (6) ends, with skip's shot-to-the-button to break a tie. Score sheets will be filled out by the thirds and turned into the Chairs. Chairs will record & keep scores. Thirds will circle "win team" on the bulletin board. Event starts, Friday, October 26, finals Friday, December 14, 6:00 PM. The finals will have the twelve (12) top-winning teams curling against one another. A "coveted" prize will be awarded, to all teams, in the finals. *"Thank you"* to Karen Barnes for her artistic talent in designing the King's Cup logo and prize.

The teams will be put together as fairly as possible. If you have a request to play with a certain someone, please note it on your sign-up form. IF YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH FOUR OF YOUR NEW CURLING FRIENDS, we can make that happen, but you will have to take the 8:00 pm timeslot. The fee for the King Cup will be \$11.00, payable your first night of curling (for new curlers, sign in at desk to your right as you enter the club).

The Mixed Committee will reimburse \$5.00 PER TABLE for snacks. We request LIGHT snacks so that, those who can, will support Dominick's Friday night dinner. Those who sign up for snacks will be asked to provide snacks for all three (3) draws that evening.

The King family are long-time supporters of our club, let's give this event the participation that it deserves. **King's PROCLAMATION:** *"Let all who are available to participate in Friday night curling sign up"*. If you do not sign up to curl or sub, and we think that you should, expect that we will contact you and twist your arm. Some of you have already graciously offered to curl double duty. **We need "many" experienced curlers to play skip/third.**

**EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TOLD ME THAT YOU WANT TO CURL,**

Please complete the sign-up form and email to:

[joyceshaffer@roadrunner.com](mailto:joyceshaffer@roadrunner.com)

OR, mail to Joyce Shaffer, 5 Chestnut Rd, New Hartford, NY 13413.

**I NEED A WRITTEN SIGN-UP FORM (from each person) by October 21 deadline.**

Thank you, Joyce

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## MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE

Mixed Doubles is the newest Olympic curling discipline and becoming very popular in curling clubs around the globe. The Fall League will meet on selected Thursdays at 6:15 beginning on October 25th. This league is limited to 12 teams in the following order of priority: (1) teams finishing in the top 8 in the Winter 2018 league (2) 2 players who did not play in the Winter 2018 league (3) teams composed of at least 1 player who did not play in the Winter 2018 league (4) relegated teams from the Winter 2018 league in order of finish. You must sign up as a team and is recommended for curlers with at least a 1/2 year prior curling experience.

Thank you for the teams that have already signed up. There are a few more spots left, so If you are interested in curling in this league contact: Donna Caleo at [donnacaleo@yahoo.com](mailto:donnacaleo@yahoo.com)



## **Mixed Committee. - Save the Dates**

Kings Cup Begins - 10/26/18 ( deadline to register

10/21/18) Turkey Spiel - 11/17/18

Six Sheet Open - 12/7,8&9/18

Calder, Conley, Hurd - 1/3,5&6/19

Mixed Playdowns - 1/24,26&27/19

Cobb - 2/21,22&23/19

Rose - 3/21,22&23/19

Thanks ,  
Mike DiMeo



## ***Utica-Schenectady-Albany Friendly*** **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**This season it is UCC'S turn to host our women's Friendly.** Our sister curlers from the Schenectady and Albany Curling Clubs will be our guests for this one-day event. And, as it has been in the past, it will be a fun day of friendly competition!

Both Schenectady and Albany will each be bringing along three (3) teams. That means Utica will need (24) players, to make (6) teams for the challenge. If you attended our last Glengarry Closing dinner meeting, you may recall signing up to express your interest in the Friendly.

But more Utica women are needed to play in the event - sign up as a team or as an individual.

*Plate Glass Plus* members are eligible

**New members are encouraged to join in.**

**Event Schedule:** First game at 10:00 AM with lunch to follow. Second and final game at 1:15 PM. Six (6) end games will be played. 3:15 PM awards celebration.

**Cost:** Estimate \$30.00 for Utica women, cost includes paying for one of our guests.

**Volunteers:** Whether you choose to play not, volunteers are needed to welcome our guests as they arrive, help with breakfast snack setup or light breakfast dish/ snack donation, and scorekeepers.

**Contact:** Melon Sofinski, [Melon3@me.com](mailto:Melon3@me.com) or [Melon@twcny.rr.com](mailto:Melon@twcny.rr.com) , (c) 263-5157. This event is coming up fast, so please get your name on board!



**EMPIRE STATE PLAYDOWNS, Joyce Shaffer, Chair**

The Utica Glengarries must enter Two (2) teams in the Empire State Bonspiel being held **at the**

**Schenectady Curling Club**

**January 18, 19, 20, 2019**

**This does not include the Shaffer Legacy Team**

**All UCC women are encouraged to participate.**

Sundays, October 28, Novembers 4,11, 18 @ 11 am

**IF MORE TIME IS NEEDED, YOU WILL HAVE TO PLAY THE  
NEXT SUNDAYS**

All dues-paying women are eligible to play down

Participants must sign up as a team.

**Deadline for sign up is Friday, October 26.**

***All play down participants MUST BE committed to play in  
the Empire State Bonspiel (this is a rule)***

***If, after the deadline, the teams that sign up decide to for-  
go a playdown***

***and "all" skips agree to pull straws, only the teams that  
signed up to play down will be entered into the straw  
pull.***

**ANY QUESTIONS please email:**

**[joyceshaffer@roadrunner.com](mailto:joyceshaffer@roadrunner.com)**

SAVE THE DATE

COME CELEBRATE THE  
UCC 150<sup>TH</sup> EVENT

BONSPIEL

*UTICA SIX SHEET OPEN*

December 7-9, 2018

**It's not too early to start thinking about putting a team** together for the Utica Six Sheet Open. This is an OPEN format event where teams can be made up of any mix of men and women, shooting in any order.

Current and PAST Utica Curling Club Members are eligible for this event. Additional information and entry form is on our website.

Conrad & Knyoca Law - Chairs

Tim & Sue Hansen - Co Chairs



## Try Curling Open House this October! – by Carol Jones

Last year's Olympic Open House was such a big success we decided to use the same format for the fall try curling events! A little socializing, a little ice time, a little food, a little music, a great great time!! So tell your barber, your barmaid, your landscaper, your golf partner to come down and check out "your house" this fall.

Dates: Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>

Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. People can come anytime between 4 and 8. We'll take groups down for their on-ice experience as people come in.

Fee: \$10 per person. Children 6 through 17 must be accompanied by a guardian on the ice.

Curlers will be available in the warm room to discuss curling opportunities for interested participants (Curling Class, Curling School, Junior and Little Rock programs, leagues).

If you don't have a potential curler to bring, come on down and join the fun! It's you that makes the club the warm welcoming place it is.

## This Fall's New Curler Activities – by Carol Jones

This year the new member committee is championing four days of events to welcome in new members.

Try Curling Open House: Wed Oct 10 and Sat Oct 13, 4-8 pm. Fee: \$10. This is a great opportunity for people that have never been on the ice to be exposed to this great winter sport and the camaraderie of our club.

Curling Class: Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm. Fee: \$30. An abbreviated version of the Olympic Curling School. Students will learn the basic skills needed to deliver a stone, sweep, and the rules and strategy of the game. Then they put it all together in a four-end game! Lunch included! The \$30 fee is applied to membership for those who join.

New Member "Spiel 'n Spiel" – Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>. No Charge. All new members are invited to join us for a brief orientation regarding the club, member's rights, leagues, open ice time opportunities...you know the spiel! Then get your ice legs back with a four-end spiel with prizes. It's the last chance for game practice before league play.

All current members of the Utica Curling Club are asked to help out with any of these event where you can. **Whether you have been a member since March or for 30 years, people considering curling would love to hear your story.** We welcome

helpers on the ice, either to instruct or just hold the broom and catch rocks! Remember, you're an expert to those who have never seen a rock before.

Please consider volunteering for any of the following: E-mail Tim Conboy at [uccmembership@roadrunner.com](mailto:uccmembership@roadrunner.com) to sign up to help.

**Try Curling Open House:**

Instructor: 4-6 (6 needed)

Instructor: 6-8 (6 needed)

Registration Desk

Gripper Stations (3 needed)

Food Stations (3 needed)

Corporate Program booth

Junior/Little Rock booth

Curling Class/Curling School booth

League sign up booth

Application/Dues

**Curling Class:**

Instructors (12 needed)

Instructors assistants (12 needed)

**Spiel N Spiel**

Instructors (12 needed)

Instructors assistants (12 needed)

**A Friendly Notice:**  
**MEMBER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

to help throughout our season with corporate/private group ice rental events.

These events bring much needed revenue to our Club. When you volunteer, you help raise this revenue at no cost to you, except for your time.

Duties may include: Demonstrating rock delivery and sweeping (you do not have to be an expert curler for this); explaining scoring; or just holding a broom; and reception - checking-in the groups, answering questions about the game, the club and membership. Remember the groups are at the club to only "try" curling.

Events run from 2 hours or sometimes involve more time and are held whenever there is enough free ice to accommodate the group. As someone who has volunteered over the years, I have found this volunteer activity to be very gratifying. Every guest who participated would thank the volunteers for their efforts and express hearty appreciation for showing them a "good time."

On Saturday November 10, we have a corporate event with 48 attendees (6 sheets), so at least (12) volunteer instructors and other helpers are needed. (I presently have (5) new ice rental inquiries on the table, but so far are not yet booked.)

Please consider volunteering for one or two events during the curling season.

You can contact me, this season's ice rental coordinator, Melon Sofinski  
Melon3@me.com  
315.263.5157

Or let me know when you next see me.

Yours in curling!

**A PARTY CELEBRATING  
UTICA CURLING CLUB'S 150TH YEAR**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 12, 2018  
6:30 - 9:30**

**DANIELE'S VALLEY VIEW**

**620 Memorial Parkway Utica**

**MUSIC! FOOD! ENTERTAINMENT!  
CASH BAR**

**\$50 PER PERSON MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UCC  
MAIL TO: JENNIFER TURNER 49 PROSPECT ST UTICA 13501**

**PLEASE RESPOND BY OCTOBER 1, 2018**

We talked Curling to people at Barnes and noble for the Oriskany Ski and Snowboarding Club fund raiser!



## **Instructor's Corner**

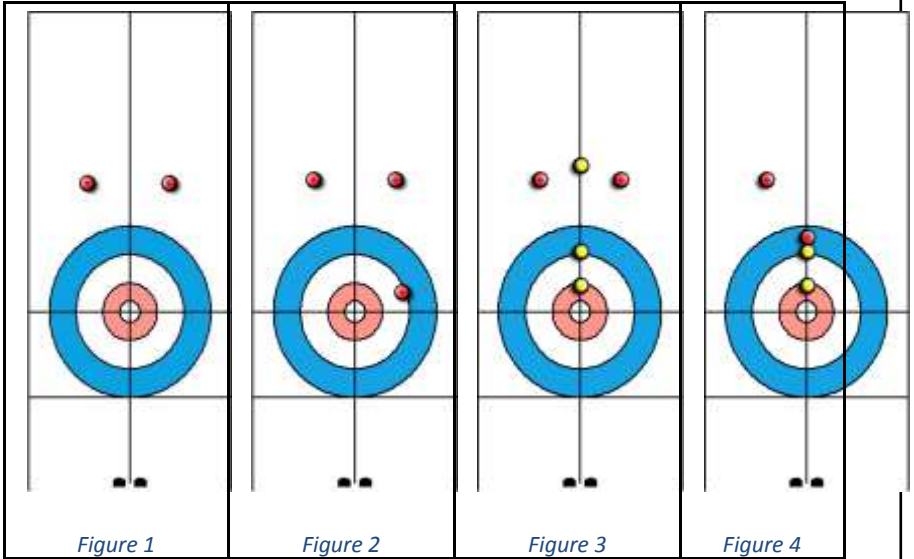
***Roger Rowlett & Mary Jane Walsh***  
***USCA Level II Certified Instructors***

### **Five Rock Rule**

As of October 1, 2018, curling will adopt a new, five-rock, free guard zone rule into the official rules. The previous, four-rock, free guard zone was established in 2002. Experimentation with the 5-rock rule began in 2011 with the Canadian Open. The Grand Slam of Curling has employed the five-rock rule for all events since 2014.

The new five-rock rule means that you may not remove from play opponent's stones in the free guard zone until five rocks are thrown; that is, the first opportunity to remove an opponent rock in the free guard zone will be the first shot of the second for the team with the last rock advantage. Of course, you may remove your own stones from the free guard zone with impunity (i.e., the "peel of shame").

So what is the impact of the five-rock rule? The primary objective of adoption of the five-rock rule is to generate more offense, rocks in play, and fewer blank ends. While the impact will likely be the greatest at the elite level, there will still be significant impacts at the club level. Most of the benefit of the five-rock rule will accrue to the team with the last rock advantage. One major impact of the new rule is to make defending a lead without hammer much less safe. The team with the last rock will be able to set two corner guards before they can be removed, increasing the chances of scoring three. (A previous instructor's corner article explains how to set up a potential score of three with two corner guards).



With the four-rock rule, a team without hammer leading by three will generally throw through, conceding up to two, but not three points. The team with the last rock will generally set two corner guards after four rocks are thrown (Figure 1), but the opposition will be able to start peeling those guards right away, preventing the hammer team from hiding two rocks behind guards that would normally be necessary to score three. (Team with red stones have last rock advantage in all diagrams.). With the five-rock rule, the strategy of throwing through without hammer 3-up is a loser, because you can't start peeling those guards until your third shot, at which time you may be looking at Figure 2, which is the starting point for scoring three with hammer. With the five-rock rule, you will not be able to throw through safely without hammer unless you are up 4 or more. So what to do if you are defending a 3-point lead in the last end without hammer? A typical strategy is to throw two stones into the house, one top four, one top eight and then guard with your third stone, while your opposition is establishing corner guards. There will be a lot of rocks in play! But your opposition will have to deal with your stones in the house at some point in order to score three. The hammer team can't waste time chasing your rocks in the house if they want to score three without the benefit of multiple misses by your team. Of course, there are lots of possibilities to vary strategy here. The team with hammer could attempt a combination of corner guards and freezes (Figure 4), but it is usually more difficult to score multiples with frozen stones than with guards.

The five-rock rule will enable the team with the last rock advantage to press for three instead of two at any time during the game. The best defense to this may be offense, with the team without last rock attempting to steal from the very start of the end, trying to direct play toward the center where scoring two or more may be more difficult than playing to the wings. One thing is for sure: there are likely to be more rocks in play in more games with the five-rock rule. A defensive style of play keeping the house as clean as possible will be more difficult than with the four-rock rule. The five-rock rule will probably appeal to offensive-minded skips, and teams that relish draws and finesse shots like come-around tap-backs.

It will be fun to see how skips adjust this season. How will YOU use the five-rock rule?

If you want to know more about these topics and more, check out the Instructor's Corner archive on the [Instruction Page](#) at the Utica Curling Club web site.

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*Good curling! Have a question or suggestion for Instructor's Corner?*

*Send an email to [curlingschool@uticacurlingclub.org](mailto:curlingschool@uticacurlingclub.org)*



# Obituary for Sandra Casab (Gaudin)

Sandra L. Casab 1946-2018

Clinton

Sandra L. Casab, 71, passed away suddenly on August 3, 2018. She was born on August 12, 1946 in Utica, a daughter of the late Eugene and Ruth LaDue Gaudin and received her education at Utica Free Academy.

On March 27, 1976 she was united in marriage with George Casab.

Sandy was a licensed hairdresser, at one time working from her shop on Court St. and later in clients' homes.

She was active in various women's and co-ed bowling leagues.

Sandy is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 42 years George, her daughter Carrie Casab, her son and daughter in law; Eugene and Michelle Casab, their children; Logan and Abigail, her shih-tzu Oliver, her sister and brother in law; Renee and William Henry, her brother; Gary Gaudin, her sisters in law; Rosalie and Tony Brown, Carol and Lee Young and Arlene and Philip Dahdouh, her brother in law; Michael and Katey Casab, a special niece; Nicole Pollay and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers; Eugene and Larry Gaudin.

Please consider donations in Sandy's name to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society, 5664 Horatio St. Utica, NY 13502 ([www.stevens-swan.org](http://www.stevens-swan.org)). Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To view Sandy's online memorial, please go to:

[www.smith-funeralhome.com](http://www.smith-funeralhome.com)

## Obituary of Jacob Ross - Vernon Center-

Jacob B. "Jake" Ross, age 27, of Central Corners Road, passed away Monday evening July 9, 2018 from injuries sustained in automobile accident in the town of Vernon.

Jake was born on September 20, 1990 in Syracuse, New York a son of Michael and Lisa (Spadter) Ross and was a graduate of Rome Catholic High School. He attended Davis & Elkins College in West Virginia and SUNY IT of Utica.

From 2011-2016 Jake served his country as a sergeant with the United States Army as an air traffic controller. He was an avid baseball player in high school and college, enjoyed working out at the gym, loved dogs and spending time with his younger brother.

Surviving are his parents, Michael and Lisa Ross of Vernon Center, one brother Adam M. Ross, maternal grandparents Lenny and Pat Spadter, aunt and uncles, Jill and Wayne Evans, Ann and Jim O'Brien, Sue and Richard Broat, uncles Leonard Spadter and Mark Ross, and several cousins. Jake is predeceased by his aunt Eve Ross, grandparents Ben and Virginia Ross, and cousins Patrick O'Brien and Tyler Evans.

Family and friends are invited to call on Friday, July 13, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Malecki Funeral Home Inc., 23 Front Street, Vernon. Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Christ Methodist Church, 417 Park Street, Sherrill, NY. Burial will follow in Vernon Center Cemetery, Vernon Center, New York.



## **Obituary for Thomas M. Everson Sr.**



New Hartford - Thomas M. Everson, Sr., 90, passed away on July 7, 2018, at Sitrin Health Care Center, surrounded by his loving family.

Tom was born on September 24, 1927, in Utica, New York, the son of J. Raymond and Ella Murphy Everson. He graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1946 and attended Utica College. Also in 1946 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving two years after earning the rank of Corporal. In February of 1953, Tom began his employment with General Electric, where he worked until his retirement in 1989. On July 11, 1953, he married Mary Lourdes Briggs in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Tom was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and attended Mass daily.

Tom was a devoted husband and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was known to be a true gentleman with great integrity and a quick wit. Tom was an avid sports enthusiast and a true Yankee fan. He coached many years of Little League and Babe Ruth, he never missed his children or grandchildren's games. Tom was a member of the America Legion Utica Post 229.

Surviving besides his beloved wife, Mary Lourdes, he leaves his greatest gifts from God, his nine most cherished, most loved, most special blessings, Mary Therese Flanagan of Massachusetts, Dr. Kathleen Everson of Texas, Colleen Gastonguay and her husband, Michael of Arizona, Tom Everson, Jr. and his wife, Beth of Whitesboro, Rosemary Chruscicki of Marcy, Zoe Tomaino and her husband, Stephen of New Hartford, Gretchen Mulvihill and her husband, Michael of Dewitt, Daniel Owen Everson of Deerfield, and Ellen D'Agostino and her husband, Billy of Syracuse. Also surviving are twenty-nine beloved grandchildren, six great grandchildren; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law, Margaret Ball of Syracuse, Ginger and Don Zillioux of New Hartford and Katherine Briggs of Massachusetts; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Tom was predeceased by his brothers-in-law, Don Ball and Jack Briggs.

The Everson family wishes to offer a sincere thank you to the staff of the Sequoia House at Sitrin Health Care Center for the wonderful care and kindness given to both Tom and his family.

## OCTOBER

	Sunday Sept 25	Monday Sept 26	Tuesday Sept 27	Wednesday Sept 28	Thursday Sept 29	Friday Sept 30	Saturday Sept 30
<b>Color/Font Key:</b> General UCC events <b>Ladies events</b> <b>Men's events</b> Mixed Events GNCC events at other clubs <b>GNCC EVENTS</b>							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
				Glengarry Opening Dinner - 6:00 pm ice prep	ice prep	ice prep	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
ice prep	ice prep	ice prep					
	Rink Draft 7:00						
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
curling class 10:00-4:00				Try Curling 4:00-8:00 PM	Rink 8:00	Gala 150th Banquet 4:00-8:00 PM	Try Curling 4:00-8:00 PM
College "Try Curling" 5:15		Hamilton College Try Curling			UCCS Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Curling 5:00	ice rental 2:00	New Member "Spel 'n Spiel" 7:00-7:30
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
<b>Mickey Hesse</b> draft 3:30 Open Ice, ROKS 2:15-4:15 Curl School 3:30-8:00 College 5:15-7:15	<b>Mickey Hesse</b> 5:45 Charbonneau B.00	Mary Clark 5:45	All American 5:45 Charbonneau 8:00	Boeinger Fun and Fitness 4:00 Mixed Doubles 6:15 Rink 8:00	New Member Welcome		USA Friendly 10:00 AM

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## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>30 Nov</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Wheelchair Int'l Bonsplai A.O.C.K.S. 2:15-4:15		<b>4</b> Mary Clark 9:45	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Boeinger Fun and Fitness 4:00 Mixed Doubles 6:15 Rink 8:00	Wheelchair Int'l Bonsplai Kings Cup 4:30, 6:15, 8:00 Fish fry	Wheelchair Int'l Bonsplai
<b>3</b> Curl School 3:00-5:00 College 5:15-7:15	<b>Mickey Haase 5:45</b> Charbonneau 8:00	<b>Charbonneau 5:45</b> Open League 8:00	<b>All American 5:45</b> Charbonneau 8:00		<b>7</b> Utica 6 sheet Open	<b>8</b> Utica 6 sheet Open
<b>9</b> Utica 6 sheet Open Open Ice, ROKS 2:15-4:15	<b>10</b> <b>Mickey Haase 5:45</b> Charbonneau 8:00	<b>11</b> Mary Clark 9:45 Mary Clark Party - noon	<b>12</b> Sims Draft 7:00 PM All American 5:45 Charbonneau 8:00		<b>14</b> Fish fry	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Murray Semis 8:30 Finals 11:15 Open Ice, ROKS 3:15-5:15 College 5:15-7:15 Bonne Pijer The Breaker	<b>17</b> Charbonneau 8:00	<b>18</b> Charbonneau 5:45 Open League 8:00	<b>19</b> Charbonneau 8:00		<b>21</b> Kings Cup Finals 5:00 Fish fry	<b>22</b> Ice Rental Available
		<b>23</b> Christmas Eve	<b>24</b> Mickey Haase 5:45 Charb semis 8:00	<b>25</b> Charb Finals 5:45 Open League 8:00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rink 8:00 Garber Draft 10:00 PM
					<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Ice Rental Available

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JANUARY							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30-Dec CalderConleyHurd Finals 11:30 Open ice, ROCKS 2:15-4:15	31-Dec New Years Eve	New Years Day	1 Glenshields 5:45 Sims 8:00	2 Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (6 ends) CalderConleyHurd King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish fry	3 Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (6 ends) Boerger Happy Hour 4:00 Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allen 8:00	4 King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish fry	5 CalderConleyHurd
6 CalderConleyHurd Finals 11:30 Open ice, ROCKS 2:15-4:15	7 Boerger Happy Hour 4:00 Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allen 8:00	8 Daytime Curlers 9:45	9 Glenshields 5:45 Sims 8:00	10 CalderConleyHurd	11 King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish fry	12	
13 Mitchell Bonspiel Sims 8:30 Finals 11:30 Open ice, ROCKS 3:00-5:00	14 Roemer Women Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	15 Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (6 ends)	16 Glenshields 5:45 Sims 8:00	17 Mitchell Bonspiel	18 Mitchell Bonspiel	19 Mitchell Bonspiel	
20 Empire State at Schenectady Open ice, ROCKS 2:15-4:15 College 4:15-6:15 Finals 6:30	21 Roemer Women Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	22 Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allen 8:00	23 Glenshields 5:45 Sims 8:00	24 Boerger Happy Hour 4:00	25 King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish fry	26	
27 Mixed Champs Sims 8:30 Finals 11:30 Open ice, ROCKS 2:15-4:15 College 4:15-6:15	28 Roemer Women Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	29 Daytime Curlers	30 Glenshields 5:45 Sims 8:00	31 Boerger Happy Hour 4:00 Mixed Champs	King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish fry	Mixed Champs	

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MARCH					28-Feb	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Glengarry challenge (if necessary) Open ice, RD035 3:15-5:35 College 5:15-7:15	Boomer Womens Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (6 ends) Allan 8:00		Boerger Happy Hour 4:00 College Mart's	King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	Glengarry challenge all day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
USCA College Nationals	Boomer Womens Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (6 ends) Lunch & awards Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allan 8:00	Glengarry 5:45 Sims 8:00		USCA College Nationals Misc King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish fry	Charity Challenge USCA College College Mart's
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Boomer Womens Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allan 8:00	Glengarry 5:45 Sims 8:00	Boerger Happy Hr. 4:00	Kings Cup 5:30-7:30 Fish Fry	St. Patrick's Day Parade
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Open ice, RD035 2:15-4:15	The breaker 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curlers 9:45 Allen 8:00 The breaker 8:00	The breaker 5:45 The breaker 7:00	Rose	Rose Fish fry	Rose Closing Party
			Annual meeting			

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