What a busy month it has been! And we haven’t formally started curling yet. Here is the latest news and views from the President’s desk.

**What is old is new again**

If you haven’t been to the club yet, you are in for a surprise. We look great at 150 years old. (Not a day over 149, really!) Thanks to many donors and volunteers, the club has undergone a remarkable transformation in the last month.

Vice President Bob Risley (I think he virtually lived at the club in August and September) and the House Committee have been hard at work putting the club back together after the replacement of every square inch of flooring in the dining, bar, and viewing areas. It was a massive effort to touch up paint, move and repair furniture, and clean up from the inevitable mess left from such a major renovation. In addition, Jennifer Turner and Jaquelyn Schmidt coordinated the removal of our old furnishings and replacing them with new, comfy, sturdy, and color-coordinated new seating and tables. In addition, there were significant renovations of the league night prep area next to the kitchen: installation of an additional counter and cabinets, and space to house the member refrigerator, generously donated by our caterer and club manager, Dominick Rose. In addition, new gutter were installed in the front of the club to better divert water from the entrances, and prevent water ingress into the compressor room. Our annual crop of potholes were filled by Bob DeSanctis. If you see these folks, please remember to give them a big thanks.

You may have also notice that we have a very colorful ice surface this year. Bring your sunglasses! Head ice tech Gary White and his ice crew have installed a spectacular ice surface this year, featuring colorful houses paid for by numerous sponsors, and a real “hog” line. The Utica Club bottle caps as markers for mixed doubles are brilliant. Bill Turner flattened over a hundred of these to put into the ice. (I hope he didn’t have to drink all that beer first.) No 4-foot lines this year. So skips, you’ll have to call your own line this season. Thanks go to Tim Crofton for
helping me with pre-season rock maintenance. Tim and I managed to process 2 tons of stones in a little under an hour. They are sharp and ready to go. Despite unusually warm and humid weather, the ice played quite well for our member recruitment events. Give the ice crew your thanks as well.

In the IT department, we have upgraded our internet service this season. Tim Hansen and Stu Card are going to make some major upgrades to our hardware in the coming weeks that will greatly improve connectivity to our local area network, as well as improve network speed. In addition, we now have, at no additional cost to the club, a Spectrum Wifi hotspot that you can use if you are a Spectrum customer and have appropriate login credentials. Connecting to the Spectrum hotspot will reduce some of the load on our local area network, leaving more bandwidth for our guests.

Member Recruitment

Carol Jones and Tim Conboy, ably assisted by media/marketing efforts by Pete Ciaralli, promoted and ran membership recruitment events on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday October 10, 13, and 14. It looks like we have quite a few new curlers excited to participate in our sport. Let’s show them how fun this is this fall.

Happy Birthday to Us

Jennifer Turner and Bernadette DiMeo organized a wonderful 150th birthday gala for our club on Friday, October 12. It was quite an event, with every local dignitary in attendance, from the town of Whitestown to our state and congressional representatives. It was also great to see some former members, as well as some of our new members in attendance.

Well, enough chit-chat for now. Let’s go curl! And remember...5 rock rule! See you on the ice soon!

Good curling,

Roger Rowlett
President
Friday Night Dinners

Dominick and his staff are back for another season as our caterer!

The kitchen will be open beginning on Friday, October 26th as the 1st night of the Kings Cup will take to the ice. The dining room will be serving starting at 4:30pm with the closing time determined by the kitchen. As in the past, a Friday Night Menu will be sent out via email.

All members are encouraged to make it a point to come down, bring family and or friends and enjoy Dominick’s great food.

Bringing a group down for dinner? Contact Rhonda & Dominick at the club.

**Bonspiel Chair people:** Please contact Barb Felice (Kitchen Liaison) with regards to your event. This should be done 4-6 weeks before your event. As you prepare your bonspiel budget, you should be looking at cost for food for your event first before setting a bonspiel price.

Thank you and welcome to all our new curlers!

Barb Felice, Kitchen Liaison
I know that I send a lot of emails, this is (one of) my Jobs
I put the Subject in the Subject line
This way, it if does not interest you, Just delete it
IF YOU NEED TO EMAIL ME, DO NOT REPLY TO THE UCC EMAIL BLASTS.
YOU NEED TO EMAIL ME @ joyceshaffer@roadrunner.com,
TY, Joyce
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

If you would enjoy helping with any of the duties described below, please email Jen Turner and become a member of this never idle committee.

Repairs-Decorating-Gardening

The House Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors and the Club Manager, is responsible for arranging for the repair and maintenance of the building, furnishing, and grounds of the Curling Club, excluding ice-making equipment and infrastructure. Responsibilities include but are not limited to the building exterior appearance and lighting, interior appearance and furnishings, heating, plumbing, and electric.

jenniferlturner47@gmail.com

(Please note the L between 1st and last name)
ATTN: 1st to 5th Year Curlers
5 Year experience and under Bonspiels

Each year the GNCC member clubs host bonspiels that are limited to curlers with 5 or fewer years of experience.

These bonspiels are an ideal opportunity for new curlers to gain experience at positions other than lead or second, to put together and develop teams, and to meet other curlers of similar experience from other clubs.

For many new curlers, the five-and-under events are often the first out-of-town bonspiel experience at which new lifelong curling friends are made.

The bonspiels are:

**Raymond G. Kayser Memorial Bonspiel (mixed)**
Thursday-Sunday, February 14-17, 2019
Rochester Curling Club

**Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel (men)**
Wednesday-Sunday, February 28-March 3, 2019
Schenectady Curling Club

**Elisabeth Childs Challenge (women)**
Thursday-Sunday, March 14-17, 2019
Bucks County Curling Club

There is a sign up list on the 5 Year & Under board at the club (next to the Mixed board). This is an informal place to sign up that you are interested in being on or setting up a team. Other members can then refer to this and see who is interested. Don’t be afraid to put your name on the list regardless of your experience. All the curlers in these bonspiel are like you ... new.

Ask a senior member for more information on these events
The 71st USWCA National Bonspiel will be hosted by Chicago Curling Club of Northbrook Illinois from February 13-17, 2019. This 32 team bonspiel is a timed 8-end event. As Joyce says, "It's a very nice bonspiel."

Your "entry form" and check are due November 19 to me. This will give me time to prepare the entry and forward it to the "area coordinator". We may have a new problem that UCC has not had before. If more than one team completes an entry form (which is perfectly acceptable) then the teams will need to establish a way to prioritize the order of teams. It can be done with lottery, play-downs or any other way. Please talk to me if you are thinking of putting together a team very soon.

I have the entry forms and procedures so please see me if you would like to go.

The USWCA sponsored All-AMERICAN will be played as a league on Wednesday night during the first half. Please sign up to play. The pin, which will be on display in the trophy case, is a beauty that we all aspire for.

There is more information available in the 2018 October Curlogram.

See you on the ice.

Susan Williams   USWCA Rep.
Introducing the newest curler...

Mady Louise Davis
Born 10/18/18 at 8:03 pm
7 lbs 5 oz, 20 in.
Joseph M. Mastrangelo, (Lt. Col. Ret. U.S. Air Force), 71, of Rome, passed away Monday, October 15, 2018, at home with his loving family by his side. He was born in Rome, NY, on August 21, 1947, son of the late Ralph and Jennie Colasanti Mastrangelo. On June 16, 1973 he married Patricia Esposito in St. John the Baptist Church. Joe was a 1965 graduate of Rome Free Academy, 1976 graduate of Marcy School of Nursing and received his BNS in 1982 from SUNY. He was a Registered Nurse Administrator at Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center. Joe served as an instructor and Commandant of the Basic Medical Corpsman School in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was Officer in Charge of the 439th Mental Health Group ASTS - USAF, member of the Air Force Critical Incident Stress Management Program. Joe served thirty-five years of military service, which he felt honored to serve his country; along with his colleagues and brothers in arms. To that accord Joe developed a special friendship to his dear friend, Major John Cornish and wife Nancy.

He was member of St. Peter’s Church, Toccolana Club, Rome American Legion and was active in the Boy Scouts of America and served as a Scout Leader. Joe enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, bocce and was a New York Yankees and New York Giants fan.

Joe was a loving husband, father, grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was affectionately known as “Papa Joe” to his grandchildren.

Surviving are his loving wife, Patricia Ann Mastrangelo; sons and daughters, Michael A. Mastrangelo, Vanessa and her husband Glenn Griffiths (two daughters and a granddaughter), David and his wife Nicole Mastrangelo, Amelia Mastrangelo;
grandchildren, Victoria Mastrangelo, Olivia Griffiths, Lennin and Truman Mastrangelo. Also surviving is a sister, Barbara Mastrangelo; Patricia’s brother, Vincent Esposito; a niece Rachael Esposito and her fiancé, Bryan; nephew, Vincent Esposito and his fiancé Will; adopted family, the Traviglia’s, Leia, James, Godson Anthony and Arianna. He was predeceased by his parents Ralph and Jennie Mastrangelo; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vincent and Lena Esposito; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to express a special thank you to all Joe’s doctors and staff, loving friends, relatives, along with a special thank you to his dear friend, Dr. Robert Feeney.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter’s Church, with the Rev. Philip A. Hearn officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at St. Peter’s Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nicholas J. Bush Funeral Home, Inc., 7751 Merrick Rd., on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Jervis Public Library, Disabled American Veterans or Hospice and Palliative Care.
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