President’s Message

January 2020

Hello everyone. It’s a little hard to believe how quickly the first half of the season has flown by. With a lot of hard work by so many people the fall season looks to have been quite successful. One thing of note does stand out, and that is participation numbers of some of our events are down. We all need to participate and contribute as much as possible within our means.

I’d like to once again issue a reminder that we still have a balance due on the paving of the parking lot. One of our very generous members financed the balance due after our grant and fund raising were applied, in the form of a one year interest free note. We believe this has been a great improvement which benefits every member. Any financial help going forward would be much appreciated.

Now that the roster is published and ads are displayed throughout the ice shed let’s all renew our commitment to support those who have supported us. Their generosity is crucial to our continued financial success.

With the approach of the new year this is a good time to think about why we are members of the Curling Club. As the GNCC continues to grow we continue to remain a very large club in a relatively small market. Over the years we have survived and thrived due to a great tradition and the hard work and dedication of our members. We have always worked with a professional caterer and a paid bar staff, a model not employed by many other clubs. It provides for a relaxed environment and takes pressure off our already taxed volunteers. We remain the only club in the East with 6 sheets and we have a history of hosting events like few others. The facility is great and the quality of our ice is second to none. With all the bumps and bruises along the way, and they will always be there, we should be proud of our history and look forward to a bright future.

The next couple of months will be very busy, as usual. Keep up the great work everyone. And stop by the club for an enjoyable social evening.

I sincerely hope that everyone has a great Holiday Season.

Bob
Donate for the Paved Parking Lot

We still have quite a ways to go to fundraise enough to pay for the newly paved parking lot! Every little bit helps, and a donation is a great way to show how much the club means to you.

If you would like to make a donation, please reach out to Jim Rishel.

MIXED DOUBLES - WINTER 2020

Thank you everyone who has signed up early for the Winter season. We have many 2nd year curlers this half. We have 12 teams, so this league is full. This league’s time has changed to Tuesday at 8 P.M.

The winners of the Fall League were Donna Caleo & Bill Morehouse.
Save the Date
Glengarry Challenge 2020

Thursday, Feb 27
Saturday, Feb 29
Sunday, Mar 1
Co-chairs: Brenda Citriniti, M.J. Walsh, Julie Carter

The Glengarry Challenge originated in 1950, when Marjorie Foster, the first Glengarry President, donated a silver vase to the Glengarries. For many years, the format was a challenge: a team would sign up to play the previous winner. The challenge went on all during the season, and the winner of the trophy was the team with the most wins during the season. The challenge was active until the 1980s when it became more difficult to find the time to compete for the trophy.

In 2003, the competition was reactivated. A teapot was donated by Peggy Rotton, and a base was crafted by Mr. Burnett, Mary Ellen Sofinski’s father-in-law. The winning team was declared the women’s Club Champion. In 2007, a silver bud vase and pins replicating the original trophy were donated by Enid Savett for the runners-up. The base for the trophy was crafted by former member Marge VanSlyke.

Sign ups coming in January. All are encouraged to enter a team. If you do not have a team, sign up anyway, and the committee will try to find you a team.

Menu, details, costs, TBD
King’s Cup Fall 2019 Results
Jen Turner and Joyce Shaffer Co-Chairs

First Event Winners: Bob Prenoveau, Skip; John Taverne Dave Randal, Natalie Shelton
First Event Finalists: Stu Card, Skip; Melon Sofinski, Brian Levi, Matthew Gaalswyk (New)
Second Event Winners: Bob Caine, Skip; Peggy Caneen, Shirley Hutchinson, Keller Shelton
Second Event Finalists: Ben Gaetano, Skip; Brenda Card, Julie Carter, Tracy Harrison (N)
Third Event Winners: Monica Spath, Skip; Jim Schafer, Lynn McLernon, Adam McLain
Third Event Finalists: Jimmy Joseph, Skip; Ken Thibado, Kathy Kane, Wendy Conley (N)
Fourth Event Winners: Duane Farr, Skip, Vicki Sheardown, Linda Straub, Alexander Blaise
Fourth Event Finalists: Carrie Casab, Skip; Steve Gorrell, Bruce Fike, Richard Whippo (N)
Fifth Event Winners: Val Spencer, Skip; Marena, Joe Martin, Kyle Narod (N)
Fifth Event Finalists: John Caneen, Skip; Charlie Schatz, Elizabeth Ford, Linda Krumme
Sixth Event Winners: Karen Barnes, Skip; Jan Rishel, Lisa Light, Jeff Boother
Sixth Event Finalists: John Darche, Skip; Tim Hanson, Allison Dunn, Cheryl Janes (N)

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make the King’s Cup a success.

The Spirit of Curling Award
5:30 Draw: John Caneen, Skip; Charlie Schatz, Elizabeth Ford, Linda Krumme
7:30 Draw: Carrie Casab, Skip; Steve Gorrell, Bruce Fike, Richard Whippo (N)
Murray Bonspiel 2019 (Club Men’s Championship)

The UCC men’s club championship was held December 12, 13, and 15 2019. Fourteen teams participated. The finals of the A event were skipped by Dean Kelly and Roger Rowlett with Roger’s rink winning the coveted Murray medal. The Rowlett rink is Utica 1 and features Roger Rowlett at skip, Dave Cagnolin at third, Howie Feldman at second, and Ray Edic at lead. Dean Kelly skipped his rink and is Utica 2, with Erich Krumme at third, Kory Buckley at second, and Eric Newman at lead.

Congratulations to them both as they now are eligible for the upcoming Mitchell Bonspiel which begins Jan 10, 2020. We also congratulate the other event winners who are as follows:

Utica 3 (B event) - John Davis, Bob Caine, Jim Rishel and Fred Hicks
Utica 4 (C event) - Pat Costello, Dave Kammer, Pete Ciaralli, and George Brown
Utica 5 (D event) - Conrad Law, Joel Scherer, Mark Crane, and Rob Baker
Utica 6 (Out-o-the-hat) - Israel Acosta, Tim Conboy, John Taverne, and Jeff Booher
Glengarry “Soup” Fundraiser 2019!!!

Chair: Erlene Puleo

From October to December, the women’s leagues on Monday and Wednesday nights have had a variety of delicious soups, chowders, etc… waiting for when they got off the ice to enjoy!!!

Thank you, to the following, for your generosity in making this a great success and everyone happy!!!

Donna Caleo, Susan Williams, Kathy Kane, Allison Dunn, Monica Costa, Vicki Sheardown, Barb Felice, MJ Walsh, Rebecca McLain, Brenda (Stu) Card, Sue Hansen, Melissa Foote, Kathy Palazzoli, Michelle MacEnroe, Liz Kaido, Lisa Light, Emily Schweitzer, Jan Rishel, Julie Carter, Erin Patterson, Cindy Wydysh, Dawn Scherer, Krisztina Welch, Kathy Kopyt

Also, thank you to:
    Jacquelyn Schmidt for all the paper products!
    Susan Williams, Kathy Palazzoli and Cindy Brown for taking care of things on Wednesday nights!
    Susan Williams and Everyone that helped with setting up and cleaning up!
    And to Each and Every One who purchased a bowl or more throughout the season!!!
Hi Fellow “Glengarry” (Women) Curlers!!!

Chair: Erlene Puleo

On behalf of The Glengarry Executive Committee; to warm us up when we get off of the ice, We would like to hold our “Soup Fundraiser” again, for both Monday and Wednesday Ladies’ league nights, from January to March, but it can only happen if “You” sign up to donate a crock pot of your delicious soup, chili, stew, etc...!!!

It helps to have 2 people per week.

If anyone would like to sign-up for any Monday or Wednesday night,

PLEASE CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL;

Erlene Puleo at 315-982-3476 or curlenep@aol.com

There will be a sign-up sheet, on the bulletin board, in the ladies’ locker room in January.

Don’t forget, the night you Donate, you eat for free that night!

Also, we will be happy to reimburse you $10.00 towards your donation, if you would like!

Thank You and Let’s Eat!!!
Roster Books Available

The Roster Books are available for pick up at the club. Please review your information, and if there are any errors, please send correction to: jrishel@hamilton.edu.

One error was identified, please make the following correction in your book: e-mail address for John and Kathy Davis is kjdavis1947@gmail.com.
Message from the Ice Crew

I hope everyone had a terrific Christmas and a very merry New Year.

For the start of the second half I would like to discuss the cleanliness of your ice. My Ice Crew vacuums the catwalks twice a week. Additionally, we hot mop all the hacks once a week to keep down the dirt that may travel out to the playing area which may cause a pick. Every single one of you can assist us in keeping our ice clean.

Most of the debris on the ice is material falling off of your grippers.

If your gripper is showing signs of wear in the heals and/or the toe areas they are leaving material on the ice. The following is a good rule of thumb for the deterioration of grippers. If you curl twice a week with no bonspiels you could probably get away with buying one gripper per year. If you curl three times or more a week and play in bonspiels you really need to consider replacing your grippers twice a year. One new gripper for the first half and the other for the second half.

The second most common debris on the ice is lint and the third is hair. Every time you put your hands in your pocket you risk pulling out the lint in that pocket. Taking on and off your gloves can contribute to pieces of the glove coming off. Wearing of proper clothing that tends not to shed fabric material really helps. This is just something to be mindful off.

As for the hair, well, the human body loses hundreds if not thousands of hair everyday. Not really going to fact check that, but, it is a lot. We can mitigate this with a hat just like they do for chefs in a
kitchen.

Most of the debris is removed when we scrape. But during a game if there is a pick it is usually debris introduced during that game. Sometimes if the pebble breaks down this too will cause a flat spot to form resulting in a pick. Your ice crew owns that if this happens. We will note it and do better next time.

There is another way the general membership can assist us in maintaining the ice. We would greatly appreciate it when you take the hacks out of the ice to place those hacks with the pins facing down. Every pin in the hack is hollow and fills up with snow and ice. When the hacks are on the bench the temperature at that height is above freezing. Ice and snow melt at those temps. If they are upside down the melted ice and snow pools in the hack and will drip out into the hack cups in the ice resulting in a frozen build up where the hack will no longer seat correctly. So please, when removing the hacks just place them on the bench pin side down to allow for the draining.

Thanks

Have a great second half,
See you on the ice,

Gary M White
Ice Committee Chair
Head Ice Technician
Utica Curling Club
The 8th annual Utica-Schenectady-Albany Women’s Friendly was hosted by the Schenectady Curling Club on Saturday, October 12, 2019.

Two Utica teams headed east to compete in this one-day women’s event:

Utica 1 – Liz Nolan, Jen Turner, Mary Gajewski, Lynn McLernon
Utica 2 – Jacquelyn Schmidt, Sue Williams, Becky Kick, Melon Sofinski

Two 6-end games were played with some broom stacking involved!

The results: Utica got the win, taking the trophy again!

Fall 2020, will be Albany’s turn to host this “friendly” competition.

Look for the invitation announcement early next season.

If you go, your assured a fun filled day

Melon Sofinski, USA Friendly Chair
FIRST ANNUAL UCC STICKS AND STONES BONSPIELS

February 15 - 17, 2020

This is an OPEN format where teams can be made up of any mix of men and women

ALL CURLERS MUST DELIVER WITH A STICK!!!!

This is a fixed draw event and you decided which draw times you prefer. We will do our best to accommodate you, but subject to change based on the number of entries.

We will use the Utica Shoot Out to determine tie breakers.

Please complete and return the Entry Form along with a check payable to the Utica Curling Club in the amount of $320 and mail the check to Michael J. DiMeo, 7 Glen Street, New Hartford, NY 13413.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS February 1, 2020

BOOKING: http://group.hamptoninn.com/SeniorStickSpiel

EVENT INCLUDES - Continental breakfasts, Snacks after every draw, Lunch on Friday, and a very nice dinner on Saturday, with music following dinner. Available from our new caterers will be a delicious Friday Fish Fry and a simple Saturday lunch. We will have Hearty snacks on Sunday following the finals. Drink specials will also be offered.

Any questions please contact Michael DiMeo at 315-796-2424 or email Michael at m.dimeo@icloud.com

Chair - Michael and Bernadette DiMeo
Co-Chair - Kathy Kane

http://uticacurlingclub.org
**UCC STICKS AND STONES BONSPIEL - February 15, 16, 17.**

**STICK DELIVERY ONLY**

Curling Club Name
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SKIP _____________________  VICE _____________________
2ND _____________________   LEAD _____________________

CONTACT PERSON
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PHONE #__________________   EMAIL ___________________

**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:**
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Booking Link: : [http://group.hamptoninn.com/ StickSpiel](http://group.hamptoninn.com/ StickSpiel)

*POOL DRAW TIME CHOICE CIRCLE:   POOL A         OR        POOL B
POOL A - FRIDAY - 8 AM & 1 PM  SATURDAY - 10:30 AM & 3:30 PM
POOL B - FRIDAY- 10:30 AM & 3:30PM SATURDAY - 8 AM & 1 PM

*12 TEAMS WILL PLAY IN THE FINALS ON SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM
*subject to change on number of entries

LIMITED TO 24 TEAMS               4 GAME GUARANTEE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE UTICA CURLING CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF $320, AND MAIL THE CHECK TO:  Michael J. DiMeo, 7 Glen Street, New Hartford, NY 13413

DEADLINE – February 1, 2020

QUESTIONS CONTACT  MICHAEL DIMEO AT 315-796-2424  OR EMAIL - m.dimeo47@icloud.com
UPSTATE CURLING INVITATIONAL held Saturday

November 9, 2019

Reported by Melon Sofinski

For the third year in a row, SUNY Upstate Medical University’s personnel, family and friends participated in a “Try Curling” event. The focus of the event was to raise money for a charity selected by the group.

12 enthusiastic teams filled the ice shed: Risperistone Sliders, The Ice Queens, Rose Valley Goat Farm, Miracles on Ice, Rockin for the Kids, Rock-its, The Grey Squad, Our House in the Middle of Our Sheet, Legion of Broom, Warlords of the Rings, Cold Stone Curlers, Sweeping Beauties.

Each newbie curler paid a participant fee to Doug Rosenthal (of Upstate), the event’s master planner and organizer which in turn covered UCC’s ice rental charge, a lunch provided by our club’s caterer, bartender service and a donation to the selected charity - The Joslin Diabetes Center, through the Upstate Foundation Inc., Fund #138.

Doug promised he would be back again next season! YES!

Many, many thanks to the 13 Club members who volunteered to instruct and coach on that Saturday making it a very successful event for our Club. Your energy and love of curling shined through.
THE COBB IS COMING!!!!!

It is that time when your help is needed. We are looking for donations for raffle baskets. Anything and (most) everything is welcome. It would be most appreciative if the baskets were all assembled and ready for display.

We also are looking for donations for the silent auction. They do not need to be curling related items.

One last thing, with the theme being “UNDER THE SEA”, we are looking for any decorations that we may use/borrow. Treasure chest; small anchor, netting, etc.

Anything would be very helpful to make this another successful event.

THANK YOU!!!!

Knyoca & Conrad

Chairs
Be sure to check the website for the most accurate calendar!
## UCC Calendar

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