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### **President's Message**

Hello Everyone.

I hope this finds everyone healthy and in reasonably good spirits. I doubt that anyone ever expected to be facing these current conditions so we are left with a lot of conjecture about where all this will take us.

The club has been through the normal shut-down process and cleaning. The ice is not yet out but all the logos have been removed, cleaned, and hung to dry. There are no projects currently scheduled save repairs to the lock system on the rear double doors. Any other issues will be delayed indefinitely.

If conditions allow we would like to hold our annual meeting sometime in the summer months. Going further forward we have put together a solid (yet tentative) schedule for the 2020-2021 curling season for our invitational events. As most of us are certainly aware, our club manager Rhonda Jones will not be returning next year. We have given her our thanks for her many years of service at the club. Currently we have a sub-committee that is looking into our catering and management operations for 2020-2021. We will make every effort to keep our membership apprised of any new developments.

There is not much I can add to all the information and advice out there about dealing with the Covid-19. This would appear to be a good time to catch up on old projects, re-connect with old acquaintances, and perhaps - likely - develop new traditions. Above all else, stay healthy and safe so we can all get back together as soon as possible.

If anyone has any questions don't hesitate to contact me. Please take care.

Bob

## **Glengarries Temporary League Format Committee**

The Glengarries Executive Committee has formed an ad-hoc committee to explore potential changes in league format. We had hoped to introduce this temporary committee at the Glengarries closing dinner, but unfortunately that is not possible.

During the past several years, we have seen a reduction in the number of curlers participating in the women's evening leagues which has resulted in difficulties such as forming enough teams for ladder skips and getting subs. Many committee members (executive, rules, & scheduling) have heard complaints and suggestions about league format. The off-season is a perfect time to explore our options to improve the leagues. This summer we anticipate holding two open forum meetings to collect and discuss viable ideas. We also anticipate conducting an online survey of all women curlers.

Everything is on the table! And all women curlers are encouraged to participate.

We will discuss:

- League format (open leagues vs. ladder draft vs. committee-formed teams?)

- Sub groups & rules (too strict?)

- Number of ends (6-end league option?)

- Competitive nature – too competitive or not competitive enough?

- Scheduling (splitting the second half into two shorter sessions?)

- And any conceivable option that may help retain members

The viability of the club necessitates that we gain and retain members. One way to do this is to provide an environment where curlers enjoy their experience. Please think about the things you enjoy and dislike about the women's evening leagues. Stay tuned for the announcement via e-mail of upcoming meeting dates and how you can participate. We want to hear from you!

Please contact Lis DeGironimo ([edegironimo@gmail.com](mailto:edegironimo@gmail.com)) or Liz Kaido ([lizkaido@gmail.com](mailto:lizkaido@gmail.com)) if you would like to share anything before the open forum meetings. Be well & stay safe!

**Glengarry Closing Dinner Meeting**

Thursday, April 16, 2020

**Postponed**

**From: Erlene Puleo, Glengarry President**

With the postponement of The Glengarry Closing Dinner Meeting,

We are planning to combine both the Closing and Opening Dinner Meetings, hopefully in September at Red Lobster.

Thank you to Dawn Scherer for organizing it, postponing it and will be organizing it again!

Thank you to those who were planning on attending and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

If you haven't already, please clean out your lockers and take home all of your belongings, once a new date and time becomes available.

The Glengarry Executive Committee will be discussing a number of topics this summer, along with Liz Kaido, Chair: Evening Leagues and Lis DeGironimo, Chair: Rules Committee and we will keep you updated.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, Please feel free to email, call or text me at [curlenep@aol.com](mailto:curlenep@aol.com) or 315-982-3476

Thank you for your support!

**And to our Whole Curling Family  
Please stay safe and healthy!**

## Sponsorship Committee

Thank you to our 34 club sponsors for contributing a total of \$5,945 for the 2019-2020 curling season. Of those, we'd like to welcome our 4 new sponsors: Access FCU, Basloe, Levin & Cuccaro LTD, Holland Farms and Midland Collision.

For the upcoming season, we have made several changes to our offerings. However, our biggest change is the addition of 3x4 and 3x8 wall signs along the sheet 6 wall making them easily viewable from the dining area. We feel this ad will provide our sponsors the greatest value out of all our offerings due to the sheer size and viewability.

While we do have a sponsorship committee, we encourage you to reach out to local businesspeople and ask them to advertise with us. Even just asking your place of work is appreciated. If you would like to do this, we just ask that you inform us so we aren't all going to the same businesses.

<u>Full list of offerings for 2020-2021</u>	
Full house in-ice ad (\$750)	36" x 96" wall ad (\$500)
36" x 48" in-ice ad (\$400)	36" x 48" wall ad (\$300)
20" x 24" in-ice ad (\$200)	Roster ad ¼ page (\$35)
Scoreboard sign (\$100)	Roster ad ½ page (\$60)
	Roster ad full page (\$100)

Sincerely,

Blake Hagberg <blakehagberg@gmail.com>

Erlene Puleo <curlenep@aol.com>

Mike Krumme <michael.krumme@gmail.com>

## Glengarry “Soup” Fundraiser 2020!!!

Erlene Puleo

From January to March, the Women’s leagues on Monday and  
Wednesday nights  
had a variety of delicious soups, chowders, chilis, 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!!!

MJ Walsh, Brenda Card, Kathy Palazzoli, Barb Felice, Marj Moore,  
Allison Dunn,  
Sheryl Janes, Rebecca McLain, Kathy Kane, Michelle MacEnroe,  
Monica Costa, Dawn Scherer, Julie Carter, Donna Caleo, Liz Kaido,  
Sue Hanson, Susan Williams, Cindy Brown, Emily Schweitzer,  
Cindy Wydysh, Beth Papalardo, Lis DeGironimo, Melissa Foote, Lisa  
Light,  
Brenda Citriniti, Jan Rishel, Toni Rosinski, Joyce Shaffer, Audrey  
Foote!

And I hope everyone enjoyed my Rice Pudding too!

### **Also, thank you to:**

Jacquelyn Schmidt for all the paper products!  
Susan Williams & Kathy Palazzoli for taking care of the  
Monday nights I couldn’t be there for!  
Everyone that helped with setting up and cleaning up!  
And to Each and Every One who purchased a bowl or more through-  
out the season!!!



2020 COBB MIX BONSPIEL  
*UNDER THE SEA at the UCC*

The third weekend in February had the club filled with 32 teams of that, 9 from Canada, 24 US teams from the Northeast with one frontend from Minnesota and 9 Utica teams for the annual Cobb Mixed Bonspiel. It was wonderful to see new faces who had never been to our club and see curling friends from past years. There are so many members and non-members we want to thank. Many thanks to those who donated raffle baskets, silent auction items, food for the Thursday opening party buffet, and to the ice crew. Also thanks to the hosts of the house parties, Beth Pappalardo, Amy & Gary White, Mark & Cheryl Crane and Jim and Jan Rishel. We get a lot of positive feedback from out of town teams who enjoy going to the house parties. We also want to thank those who helped with decorating the club. The place look beautiful and it really did make you feel like you were under the sea!!! We also want to thank Marj Moore for doing another great job with the prize table. There are several others who gave their time and talents and we appreciate all who helped.

Participation in the costume parade was above average this year with the most creative award going to Utica 3. Based on how packed the dance floor was, the bands each night were wonderful. Watch our website for a few pictures of the weekend.

Thanks again to everyone that help make the event another successful one!!!

Find full results on website under Cobb.

Next year's theme: **COMIC CON**

Knyoca & Conrad

Cobb Chairs

## **MIXED DOUBLES**

Thank you everyone who curled in the Mixed Doubles league this year, We had a lot of second year curlers who participated in this league and enjoyed it. They feel that they learned a lot by just playing in this league. Unfortunately, with the sudden cancellation of all curling before the league officially ended, we don't have a confirmed winner and position of where the teams placed. Without the last game, Michelle MacEnroe and Howie Feldman placed first . Even if the last game was played, they would have been ahead by at least one. I don't know the rules, but, unofficially, they are the winners, The winners in the Fall league were myself and Bill Morehouse.

As this league gets filled up quick, anyone interested in the fall league, please email me. The Fall league is at 6:15 on Thursdays.

Donna Caleo



**“TRY CURLING” GROUP ICE RENTAL OUTINGS**

**TO:**

Kimme Acosta, Bob Burnett, Julie Chanatry,  
Julie Carter, Scott Carter, Pete Ciaralli, Tom Clark, Tim  
Conboy, Joe Cosentino, Marie Costello,  
Pat Costello, Mark Crane, Bernie DiMeo,  
Heather Dockstader, Allison Dunn, Duane Farr,  
Barb Felice, Bruce Fike, Audrey Foote, Melissa Foote, Mat-  
thew Gaalswyk, Ben Gaetano, Mary Gajewski, Blake Hag-  
berg, Matt Hames, Sue Hansen,  
Tracy Harrison, Mike Hurd, Carol Jones, Dale Jones, Kathy  
Kane, Dan Kenney, Mike Krumme,  
Brian Levi, Tom Martin, Lynn McLernon,  
Dave Palazzoli, Beth Pappalardo, Dee Pfolh,  
Allen Powers, Dan Reed, Jim Revenaugh,  
Barb Revenaugh, Bob Risley, Roger Rowlett,  
Jim Schafer, Charlie Schatz, Jacquelyn Schmidt, Emily  
Schweitzer, Bill Sewell, Vicky Sheardown, John Spicer,  
Anne Stuhlman, Bill Turner,  
Jen Turner, Gary Williams, Sue Williams,  
Jeff White

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

for volunteering the many hours of your time to help with the  
29 “Try Curling” group outings held this 2019-2020 season;  
and

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

with no overhead or tangible donations involved, the outings  
proved to be a large source of revenue for our Club.

Yours in curling,  
Melon

## **House Committee Annual Report 2019-2020**

It was quite the learning curve for your new Chair of the House Committee. Fortunately, I have great committee members and volunteers, so we were able to tackle a LOT of projects. While I have received lots of compliments from people on how bright and clean the club looks, that's mostly due to the painting and carpeting and new furniture, all of which were done in previous years. With a few minor exceptions, most of our work is behind the scenes. FYI, the House Committee was not responsible for the parking lot paving, although our member electricians did suggest and oversee the installation of conduit from the club to the UCC road sign, which will make any future upgrades easier.

The Committee began its work by creating a list of projects to be done, in addition to the annual cleaning of the ice shed. We met to prioritize those projects, and began work with a will. Some highlights:

Roof repair, repair and upgrade to LEDs the lighted road sign, cooling tower base repair and paint, installation of cement barriers near gas meter, some weeding and cut back of overgrown shrubs

New front door

We applied for a Reeves Foundation grant to create 2 more ADA parking spaces and install electric door openers on all doors between the parking lot and the ice shed. We didn't get the grant, but did install clamps in the wheelchair ramp to hold the wheelchair curlers sticks.

Small changes at the front desk, including a new file cabinet, with a drawer for leagues and bonspiels to store files in, and printer stand so that we could move the printer off the desk for more elbow room.

Chair and barstool repairs

The Storage Closet (formerly known as the Mixed Committee Closet) was emptied, new shelving installed, and the evidence of mice (including the mice themselves) discarded, and cleaned with a 2% bleach solution. On the original shelves there are designated areas for the club historian and bon-

spiels. New shelving was purchased and installed for the ITS, Instruction, Leagues, and misc. club supplies. It is now possible to walk into the closet and open the safe, and with your cooperation, it will stay that way.

Kitchen upgrades: cleaned, mouse hole plugged (after evicting the mice), closet shelving attached to walls, new cupboard handles, repaired faucets, removed extraneous countertop and braced counter leg, installed auto door opener and make up air venting for water heater

Ice shed: annual cleaning (including the ice shed, grippers, sliders, and brooms), fixed a non-functional electrical outlet, new fire extinguisher, door alarm on the double doors reset

Bathroom/Locker room upgrades: new divides between urinals, sanitary product disposal bins, new faucet, toilet seals, paint

This is just a small sampling of the work, and as I write, new off-season storage is being built for the rocks which will keep them safe during shed rentals, clean during ice installs, and make it easier to move rocks off and on the ice. As soon as we can, we start the whole process over again!

You can help. If you have skills that you can contribute, volunteer for the committee or answer calls for help when they go out. Please don't leave items laying around or assume that an empty space isn't already earmarked for another purpose. We're all in this together!

## **College Curling 2019-2020**

Another successful membership year for college curling: 1 associate and 78 college members from 5 schools: Colgate University, Cornell University, Hamilton College, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, and Syracuse University. Cornell members chose to join our club so that they would be eligible to bonspiel on the USA Curling College Tour, however only managed to practice on our ice once. They came up during the Junior time slot, so that they could leave early for the 1.5 hour drive home. The numbers are directly attributable to the recruiting work of the students, and approximately 50 students showing up every Sunday. A big thank you to our instructors: Vicki Sheardown, Becky Schewe, Dan Colleta, Jeremy Zhang, and newly minted Level I instructors Paul Mokotoff (SU) and Emily Schweitzer. They made it possible for Roger and I to bonspiel this year! We will, however, most likely lose at least two of those instructors next year.

In the evening leagues, 3 college members played in the first half, and 3 played in the second half. Thank you to the skips who were willing to play with them; they learn a lot from the experience.

The annual UCC College Bonspiel (Feb 7-9, 2020) was a success despite the return of the almost annual snow storm. Despite the need to cancel the Friday night leagues, all 24 registered teams from 15 schools, from Maine to Pennsylvania arrived safely to participate. Winner: Cornell University; runners up: Syracuse University. Full results are on the website.

Our teams traveled to all the bonspiels in the GNCC on

the College Curling Tour: Belfast, Broomstones, Cape Cod, Nutmeg, Philadelphia, Rochester, and Schenectady. Three local teams qualified to play at college nationals in Fargo, ND: Colgate University, Hamilton College, and Syracuse University. However, the event was cancelled at the last minute by USCA due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Our college curling program does not often turn out championship level players, but it **does** create life-long curlers. This year, 5 alums are curling at Utica, I run other alums at bonspiels, and hear about them through the grapevine. They are spread out over the country. One college curling alum (of Villanova University, who comes to our bonspiel) even toured in the inaugural CAN-AM Cup tour of Eastern Canada.

## **Tuesday morning Shaffer league**

In an exciting playoff game, Mike Semeraro, Skip, Peggy Ca-  
neen, Gary Williams and Melon Sofinski (sub for Bob Burnett)  
beat Dee Phofl, Skip, Pat Costello, Charlie Schatz and Susan  
Fountain to win the Shaffer Thistle Medal!

We concluded our league play on March 3rd with a great lunch  
from our caterers Daryl and Steve.

Many thanks to Bob, Melon and all the ice crew who worked so  
hard everyday to give us great ice to play on!

## **Fall 2020 Mary Clark!**

Please join us in the fall! If interested contacted Meredith  
Roefaro ([mhob35@aol.com](mailto:mhob35@aol.com)) or Barb Felice  
([bfelice@roadrunner.com](mailto:bfelice@roadrunner.com)). More information to follow in the  
fall.



## **2020 Glengarry Challenge**

Eight teams vied over two days for the honor of being the women's club champion in the 2020 Glengarry Challenge. Team members got into the spirit of the theme, "You're a Gem", wearing team colors and/or jewelry and wearing their birthstone colors/jewelry to the Saturday night dinner. Jewels one and all, we had fun, played to the best of our ability, and ate well. Join us next year!

Thanks to

Our donors: City Sweets Bakery, Erlene Puleo, members of the committee and friends who donated dessert, drambuie, soup, and more desserts!

Ice crew

Commentators Tim Hansen, Tim Crofton, and Dave Craginolin

### **Results:**

#### **A Event**

Winners: Team Opal: Erlene Puleo, Donna Caleo, Michelle MacEnroe, Karen Barnes

Runners-up: Team Diamond: Brenda Citriniti, M.J. Walsh, Julie Carter, Toni Rosinski

#### **B Event**

Winners: Team Aquamarine: Carol Jones, Barb Felice, Marj Moore, Monica Spath (Kathy Palazzoli, Anne Stuhlman)

Runners-up: Team Sapphire: Liz Nolan, Julie Chanatry, Allison Dunn, Lynn McLernon

#### **C Event**

Winners Team Amethyst: Jacquelyn Schmidt, Carrie Casab, Becky Schewe, Sheryl Janes (first year curler)

Runners-up: Team Ruby: Kim Acosta, Kathy Kane, Heather

Dockstader, Lisa Light

**D Event**

Winners            Team Garnet: Melon Sofinski, Dee Pfohl, Melissa Foote, Sue Hansen (Sue Williams, Mary Gajewski)

Runners-up:      Team Emerald: Dawn Scherer, Knyoca Law, Emily Schweitzer, Davina Newman

All participants selected a mini wine or liquor in jewel colors from the prize table, and the A event winners and runners up received the appropriate pins. Peggy Rotton joined us for dinner, and gave us a little history about the trophy.





King's Cup January-March 2020 – Joyce & Jen Co

-Chairs

*“Thank you” to everyone who curled in the King’s Cup Friday night league. “Thank you” to those who signed up to bring snacks: Bernadette DiMeo, Mike & Lis DeGironimo, Peggy Caneen, Lucy & Saul Burke, Eric & Davina Newman, Sheryl James, Sue Hanson, Isreal.*

We were all disappointed when the club had to close. It was a wise and necessary decision by the UCC Board. **Jen and I are planning to run the Spring 2020 King’s Cup FINALS on Friday, October 16 @ 6:00 PM.** Teams will curl, have snacks and everyone will receive a prize. The standings are as recorded on our website. The Spring 2020 Spirit of Curling Award will be given out that evening.

***Congratulations to the following:***

**First Place:** Team Hagberg vs. Team Mike DeGironimo

**Second Place:** Team Caine vs. Team Krumme

**Third Place:** Team Joseph vs. Team Isreal Acosta

**Fourth Place:** Team Rishel vs. Lis DeGironimo

**Fifth Place:** Team Schatz vs. Team Nolan

**Sixth Place:** Team Farr/Shaffer vs. Team Newman

**NEW TEAMS will be assigned for the Fall of 2020 King’s Cup....watch for the email sign-up in September.**

Our caterers provided us with wonderful dinners on Friday night, and **“Thank You”** to our Ice Crew that did an exceptional job on our ice.