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Message from the Editor

 This is a pretty short Curlogram — which I'm sure you'll appreciate at this busy season!

 The first half of the curling season is over, and I trust you've signed up for the second half leagues. If not, contact the league chairs right away. You won't want to miss all the fun and good times that start in January! If you missed the signup sheets, check the UCC website at <http://uticacurlingclub.org/tiki-index.php>. Under the leagues tab you'll find lists of all the men's, women's, and mixed leagues and the chairs of each. There's a signup inside this issue for the Crawford (Friday night mixed league).

 Also keep your eyes on both the Curlogram and the Club bulletin boards for the special events and bonspiels that will be coming up shortly. The Calder-Conley-Hurd starts January 5th, and the Mixed Championships (a.k.a. Cobb Play-downs) will be January 26, 28, and 29. Both promise to be great fun with lots of good curling.

 And for great curling, come to the Club January 12-15 for the Mitchell bonspiel, a men's event that attracts super curlers from a wide area in both the US and Canada.

 Hope you have/had a great holiday season! Best wishes for good curling in 2012! —*Ann Kebabian*

LAST CHANCE!

The Crawford is almost full! Don't be left on the boards. Sign up now to save your spot in the most fun, co-ed, Friday night league. Email Joel at joelds@roadrunner.com or send in this form to Dawn & Joel, 5586 Westmoreland Road, Whitesboro, New York, 13492, ***but do it now.***



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PHONE _____

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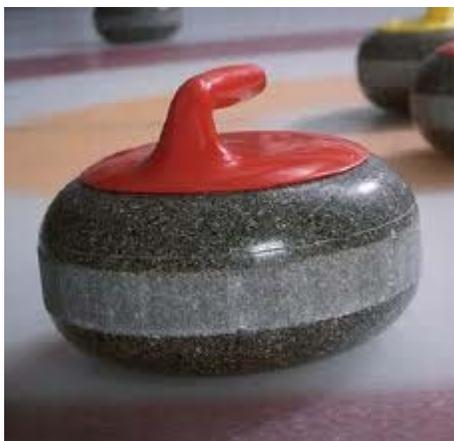
I WOULD LIKE TO SUB AT ___ 5:30 ___ 7:30

POSITION (*Rate 1-4*)

___ SKIP ___ VICE ___ SECOND ___ LEAD

***REMINDER: \$10 PER PERSON SNACK FEE REQUIRED ON
FIRST NIGHT OF PLAY***





*This year's Cobb promises to be one of the
best ever,
but you can't play in it...*

...not without playing in the Mixed Championships and
Cobb Playdowns first, and *earning* your way into the
prestigious event.

2012 Mixed Championships
&
Cobb Playdowns
January 26, 28 and 29

Start getting your teams together now and look for the
signup sheets and more info on the Mixed Board during
the Calder-Conley-Hurd. —*Dawn & Joel - Chairs*

MITCHELL BONSPIEL

Brian Moore

The 101st Mitchell Bonspiel and the 127th Anniversary of the Mitchell Medal will be held at UCC from **January 12-15, 2012**. This event brings together 36 men's teams from Canada and the United States. Six UCC teams have reserved spots in this event. They earn entry through the Murray Bonspiel (winding up this weekend). The Mitchell is the largest and oldest Bonspiel in the US. There is a waiting list to get into the Mitchell each year. What makes the Mitchell unique is the comradeship and the spirit of curling that is displayed each year. The Mitchell currently has many curlers who have come for more than 10 years, several who have come for more than 20, and two who have come for 38 and 51 years! This speaks volumes for the hospitality they have received in the past from the members of the UCC.

You are encouraged to continue this tradition by coming down and watching some of the best curling that will be seen at the Club, partying, and making new friends. *All events, including the Banquet and Saturday night entertainment by Bernie Clarke and the Rhythm Sharks, are open to the public, so come and bring your friends.*

- Curling starts **Thursday** with 3 draws starting at 4:45 PM. There is a Toddy Bowl and a buffet dinner Thursday night from 6-9 PM
- On **Friday** curling begins at 9:00 AM with the last draw starting at 3:45 PM. Friday night is the Mitchell Banquet at the Club, which starts with a toddy bowl at 7 and dinner at 8. There will be music and a charitable tournament after dinner.
- Curling resumes **Saturday** morning with curling all day from 9 AM through the semifinals at 8:00 PM. There is no curling from 1 to 3 during the Luncheon house parties. There will be a Fish Fry dinner available from 5 to 9 on Saturday night as well as music and dancing.
- On **Sunday** the last semifinals begin at 8:30 AM with the Finalists being piped on the ice at 11:30

The Mitchell is a large undertaking requiring many hours of work in the planning and execution. I have been fortunate in having several people who have worked with me in the planning of this event. The biggest problem being the Chair of the Mitchell is getting people to *help during the event selling raffle tickets, posting results on the drawboard, putting out snacks. Any free time that you might have would be a big help! A signup sheet is posted on the wall outside the Men's locker room.* Thanks, and see you at the Mitchell!



Joseph selected to Team USA

After a series of selection events in Madison, Utica, and Ottawa, James “Jimmy” Joseph has been selected to the 2011-12 National Wheelchair Curling Team. Joseph, along with Patrick McDonald (Madison, WI), Penny Greely (Green Bay, WI), David Palmer (Mashpee, MA) and Tim Kelly (Rockford, IL) will compete at the 2012 World Wheelchair Curling Championships taking place in Chuncheon City, South Korea on February 18-25. Way to go Jimmy, bring home the gold! –*Marc DePerno*

News from Away Bonspiels

Bob Caine’s team won the B event at the **Achilles in Schenectady** November 17-20.

Bob Caine – skip
Pat Costello – vice
Kip Wagner – 2nd
Jerry Stevens – lead

Brian Moore’s team won the E event there.

Brian Moore - Skip
Dale Jones - Vice
Mike DeGironomo - 2nd
Jim Schafer - Lead

At the **Nashua Mixed Bonspiel**, held December 1-4:

- Roger Rowlett, Julie, Jerry Stevens, and Mary Jane Walsh were the runners-up in the A finals
- Ann Stuhlman, Dan Stuhlman, Barb Felice, Jim Schaffer won the B event
- Brian Moore with Carol and Dale Jones won the C event

Congratulations to all UCC curlers!! --*Gerry Stevens*

Glengarry Rules Revision 2011-12

Ladies PLEASE look @ the UCC website to see the GENERAL RULES for WOMEN Changes effective 2011-12

THE PROPER CARE AND FEEDING OF THE HACKS

First of all, thank you to all the members this year for placing the hacks before their games and removing them afterward. This is going well. However, we want to improve it in two important ways.

#1. Please place the hacks by hand rather than by stepping on them. If a hack does not seem to want to seat all the way, it will seat if wiggled slightly while firm pressure is applied. If it will not seat easily for you, please have another person try to do it by hand rather than resorting to using your entire body weight.

The explanation here is this. The metal pins which protrude downward from the hack are designed to fit into hollow metal sleeves (cylinders) which protrude upward from a metal plate which is frozen to the floor beneath the ice.

When the metal pins are seated in the metal sleeves (hollow cylinders), the hack is very secure and almost all the pressure created when a curler pushes off is borne by the hack plate which is frozen to the floor. Thus the ice does not crack significantly.



If the pins are too shallow, then each pin is only sitting in ice. Understandably, the pressure of the push off is borne by the ice. The ice becomes cracked and shattered and soon the hack is loose.

If the pins are not lined up correctly with the cylinders, when one steps on the hack it simply results in the pins being forced upward into the white portion of the hack. What is happening here is that one or both pins are resting on the edge of the hollow cylinder rather than being aligned properly. Now the pins are only seated in the ice and shattering, cracking, and loosening are the results.

#2. Please place the hacks on the benches, not on the floor. The best and safest way to store the hacks between games is on the

bench, right side up. Having the pins hanging over the edge of the bench is also good. In this position the ice and snow inside the pins can drain.

Occasionally, people have attempted to promote this pin drainage by putting the hacks on the floor with the pins hanging over the ice. The problem with this is that the hacks in this position are very hard to see and some people have tripped over them.

Thank you from the Ice Crew !!! —*Charlie Schatz*

ROCKS Kids Program

Audrey and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteer instructors that have been a huge help this first half: Vicki Sheardown, Mary Kent, Travis Carpenter and Sarah Artessa. Without their help, we wouldn't have the great kids curling program that we do. We've grown to 32 kids this season!

We also owe a huge thank you to the ice crew who have the ice prepped for us and helped us create what we call the half-way house. I am sure you all have noticed the third house on sheet six. It is for our age 5-9 little rockers who use the half-weight rocks. The little kids truly enjoy the sport more now that they can hit the house (the half-way house) instead of having instructors having to give their rocks an added push to get all the way down that long sheet of ice! If you are ever free on a Sunday, drop down to the club and see what it's all about and the excitement the kids have towards this sport. —*Carrie Casab*



Some of the ROCKS program kids

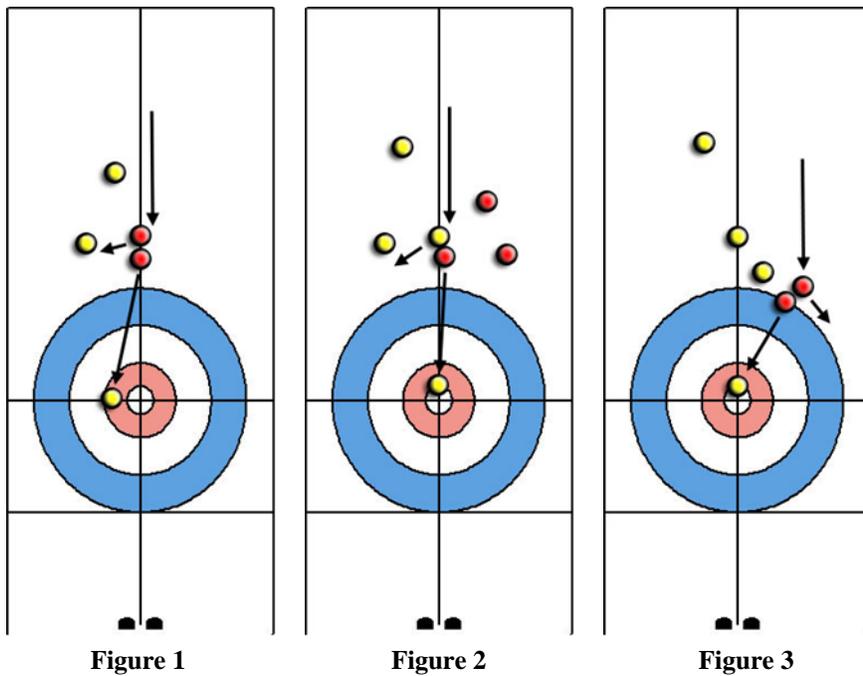
Instructor's Corner

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

What is the "drag effect?" I hear it mentioned from time to time around the tables after the game.

The drag effect sounds like a good excuse for your poor play in the E-event Sunday morning after losing in the B-semifinals Saturday night and having a few too many with the opposing skip drowning your sorrows into the wee hours. But alas, it actually has to do with angles when hitting frozen or nearly frozen rocks.

The classic example is shown in Figure 1, where it looks like the two red rocks are lined up in such a way as to miss the target yellow stone on the 4-foot if struck with hit weight. However, if you hit the top stone about $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ rock on the high side with takeout weight, the stone closest to the house will be driven directly into the target stone. The physics is that when you drive the top stone sideways (by hitting it off-center), some of its momentum will be transferred to the stone to which it is frozen. It is easily possible to get 2 feet of "drag" from top of house to tee-line with this shot using normal takeout weight. If you don't believe this, set up some stones in front of the house and push a rock into the frozen stones and observe their trajectory. The drag effect is strongest if the rocks are frozen, but it is still possible to get appreciable drag for rocks as much as



2-3 inches apart. (I have personally made a shot identical to Figure 1 with the red stones about 3 inches apart.) However, when the stones are not frozen, it is necessary to strike the first rock thinner and quite a bit harder to get the necessary drag.

When your team has frozen rocks in front of the house, you should always look at the drag possibilities. They may not always be as obvious as Figure 1. Consider Figure 2, which was played in a recent league game with the last rock. There is no way to outdraw shot rock, and the two stones in front of the house do not look like they are lined up right for the raise takeout. However, this is a relative simple drag shot which was successfully executed to score one for red. The red stone, which one might think would be lined up to cross the tee line in the 8-foot circle, was “dragged” into shot rock some 2 feet left of the “expected” trajectory at tee line.

Don’t forget to look at rocks off the centerline. In Figure 3, you might expect the red rocks to miss the yellow shot rock over the top, but the drag effect will spill the rear red stone directly on to shot rock.

Now that you know how it works, look for these shots in your games. Sometimes, when curling is a “drag,” it’s a good thing!

Help! I’m a third year curler and have improved every year, but this year I seem to be regressing. What can I do?

It’s not unusual to steadily improve and then pick up bad habits that lead to inconsistent shotmaking. (Been there, done that, got the tee-shirt!) Contact your club Level II instructors to set up a personal instruction session. We like doing it, and need the work to stay certified! We can diagnose common delivery problems, provide training exercises to practice and learn good technique, and if necessary, can do a video session so you can see what you are doing.

Good curling!
Have a question for Instructor’s Corner?
Send an email to
curlingschool@uticacurlingclub.org



Turkey Spiel Winners

The winners of the 2011 Turkey Spiel were Laura Jacon, Knoyca Law, Travis Carpenter, Vicki Sheardown and Ed Bonham.

Gobble, gobble!



Curling Commercials from CCA

The Canadian Curling Association has three new curling commercials that you might enjoy

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And Don't Forget...

...our own website! Check frequently for the latest news, updates to the calendar, coming events, photos, and more! Go to

<http://uticacurlingclub.org/tiki-index.php>

and get the *coldest* news!



JANUARY

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Corp Event							
April 1	April 2 Glengarry Executive Committee 8:15	April 3	April 4 Annual Meeting	April 5	April 6	April 7	



The Spirit of Curling, by Charles Doyle

Image from the Curling History Blog

<http://curlinghistory.blogspot.com/2008/11/curling-spirits.html>