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***Message to Members—***

Greetings Fellow UCC Members!

As you read this Curlogram, there is no question that the curling season is in full-tilt. Seems we went from just thinking about the season beginning to being smack in the middle of it -- all in one fell swoop! Therefore, many items within this Curlogram need your attention so you don't miss out on any of the upcoming fun.

The month of December holds back-to-back weekend excitement, beginning with the International Wheelchair Bonsel, following by the Mixed Committee's Friendly Early Bird in-house bonspiel, and then, finally, the always hotly contested Murray Bonsel, which crowns the UCC's men's club champs and dictates the six UCC teams entered in the 2009 Mitchell. Directly after the holidays, the club will again be hopping as January brings the Calder-Conley-Hurd, The Mitchell, The Charity Challenge and our Mixed Club Championships. Watch for sign up boards, information postings and be thinking of ways you can contribute to the success of these events.

Between Christmas and New Year's, the club's ice will be off limits so that our ice crew can perform a much needed flood and prepare the ice and rocks for the critical second half of our season. Calls for workers will again be posted on the email distribution so watch for dates/times when help is needed. As the first half of the season draws to a close, I'd like to thank to our hard-working ice crew, as well as all members who assist with pebbling and nipping the ice before games. Where would we be without you?!? Kudos to all.

By now, the lucky winner of the Glengarry's apple basket raffle will have been drawn and my apple pie donation probably long-ago consumed. Thanks to all who bought a ticket for a chance to win the apple-flavored and apple-themed goodies. It was an honor to be asked to bake for the winner. This, by the way, is the only apple pie recipe my family ever makes. (...and, there is no other, as far as we are concerned!) My family is spread from one side of the country to the other, so from Oregon to NY, I can assure you that the pie known as "Mom's Apple Pie" was made by my extended family many times over during the month of November.

In closing, get well wishes are extended to any UCC members who are recovering from illness, surgery or injury. I hope each of you will be able to join in the curling fun again very soon. We miss you.

Blessings to you and yours during the holiday season – see you at the club!

*Marj Moore, UCC President*

## *A Warm Welcome to Our New On-Ice Friends!*

Welcome to the new curlers joining us this fall:

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Mary Boak      | Kevin Lewis      |
| Steve Byington | Patrick McDonald |
| Paula Flisnik  | Beth Mitchell    |
| Zack Knight    | David Mitchell   |
| Colleen Lewis  | Jan Rishel       |

We're happy you joined us!

## 2009 Club Nationals

**March 7-14 Utica Curling Club**



**Officials Needed**

3-4 Draws per Day

Experience Counts toward Certification

Training available on Request



**Contact**

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### ***Dear Ms. Manners:***

As the vice on my team I understand it is my responsibility along with the opponent's vice to determine the score after each end. More often than not my other team members also show up in the house to check out the score. Is a team vote acceptable?

Signed: *Crowded House*

Dear Crowded:

"Two's company, three's a crowd" holds true for the completion of an end when the score is to be determined. Only the vices are allowed in the house! This eliminates confusion and the possibility of rocks getting kicked out of place or cleared before being measured. Skips – yes, this means you as well! You should be on the other end of the ice preparing for the first rock of the next end.

Only after the score is verified by both vices should the vices and seconds move the rocks back to their nesting areas while the leads prepare to throw their first stones. Proper etiquette helps to keep the game moving along and leaves time for those critical shot discussions and decisions.

## *Charity Curling Challenge*

To Benefit Up to Twenty-Four Area Charities  
Curling for a Cause

Date: Saturday, January 17th

Time: Orientation 10 A.M.

Practice 11 A.M.

Game Time 1:00 P.M.

Place: Utica Curling Club  
8300 Clark Mills Road  
Whitesboro, NY

Exciting Fund Raiser!

Tenth Annual Event!

Winter Sport at Its Best

Spectators Welcome - Bring Signs and Bells and Cheer for  
your Favorite Team

**You're invited to enter a team from your company or organization in the Tenth Annual Charity Curling Challenge!**

Teams are comprised of non-curlers. First year curlers may also play but must play front end positions. Any existing curler may coach a team. Teams pick the charity of their choice. **This is a great way to introduce non-curling friends and co-workers to this fun sport!!!**

### *Men's Pickup Games Started*

Just come and play! Any male member of the Club is welcome to come on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM and join in. No signup needed, but you can contact Dave Russell (336-4840) for more information.

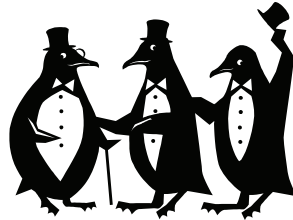
## **The Friendly Early Bird**

*Sarah Hapanowicz & Jessica MacIntosh, Chairs*

*Alex & Rachel Ryan, Co-Chairs*

It is that time of year again for the Friendly Early Bird. This two-day event will be held Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. (If there are a lot of teams entered, there may be some playoff games on Sunday).

This is a points spiel and will guarantee that each team will curl three 6-end games. You can sign up as a team, a couple, or as a single. Be sure to check out the Mixed Board for information on this event and to sign up!! The event will include snacks and a casual dinner. To find out more...keep an eye on the mixed bulletin board...look for the penguin!



**If you're blue and you  
don't know where to go  
why don't you go where curling sits...**



***“Puttin on the Ritz”***

**at the  
CALDER-CONLEY-HURD  
January 2,3,4**

**Where fun and fashion will be in season  
and  
black and white will be the rule!**

***Watch the Mixed board for sign-ups***

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**UTICA CURLING CLUB**  
**2009 UCC MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**JANUARY 22, 24 & 25**  
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ENTRY FEE & DETAILS ON MIXED BOARD

4 GAME GUARANTEE – 6 EVENTS  
THURSDAY EVENING TWO DRAWS  
SATURDAY FIVE DRAWS  
SUNDAY SEMIS & FINALS

SNACKS AFTER DRAWS  
THURSDAY EVENING HEAVY HORS D'OUVRES  
SATURDAY MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY DUTCH TREAT LUNCH  
SUNDAY MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & MOOSEMILK

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET  
WOLFMAN MATT WILL BE OUR DJ SPINNING ALL OUR  
FAVORITES FOR DANCING AND LISTENING  
CURLERS & NON-CURLING GUESTS  
CUSTOMARY 48-HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY

STEMWARE AWARDS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> FOUR EVENTS

**AUTOMATIC INVITATION TO THE COBB BONSPIEL  
FOR THE FOUR WINNERS AND THE A-EVENT RUNNER-UP  
PLUS ONE LOTTERY-PICKED WILDCARD TEAM**

**SAVE THE DATES AND LINE UP YOUR TEAMS**

SINGLES, COUPLES AND SUBS ENCOURAGED  
WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO PLACE EVERYONE WHO  
SIGNS UP ON A TEAM

Fred & Pam, Hal & Linda, John & Peggy, Joel & Dawn Chairs

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***Women's Out-of-Town Bonspiels***

*Want to travel? Curl? Meet new people? Have a blast?*  
Check the bulletin board in the Women's restroom for upcoming out-of-town bonspiels. There are several flyers posted.

*Happenings* ~~

Congratulations to Bryn Piersma and Jim Davis, who were married on September 27, 2008.

Congratulations also to Ylva and Les Cortwright on the birth of their granddaughter.

Two former curlers, Natalie Ellerton and Al Kuchler, died recently. Our condolences go out to their families and friends.

**2008-09 All American  
Joyce Shaffer-Susan Gardner Co-Chairs**

**A Event Winners:** Michelle MacEnroe, Skip; Heather Swiercz, Rachel Ryan (Brenda Card 5th), Pam Jones

**Runners Up:** Joyce Shaffer, Skip; Judi Giovannone, Jeannie Galvin, Pat Mihaliko

**B Event Winners:** Mary Hopsicker, Skip; (Mary Ann Clark 5th), Lori Clark, Jackie Strife, Kathy Capozzella

**Runners Up:** Donna Caleo, Skip; Kathy Palazzoli, Brenda Citriniti (Marge VanSlyke 5<sup>th</sup>), Marty Jones

**C Event Winners:** Karen Rogowski, Skip; Laura Jacon, Peggy Pratt, Carrie Casab

**Runners Up:** Lisa Miller, Skip; Susan Williams (Ylva Cortright), Heather Shaw, Dawn Scherer

**D Event Winners:** Diane Higgins, Skip; Peggy Caneen, Susan Gardner, Jane Bolan

*“Thank you” to All Participants, Mickey Haase, Paul MacEnroe, Joe Gaebel and Wal-Mart for helping to make the event a huge success*

**2009 Empire State – Rochester, NY  
January 15-18**

Empire State Bonspiel is held in Utica/Schenectady/Ardsley/Rochester Curling Clubs in alternating years. The teams representing Utica will be:

**Michelle MacEnroe, skip; Laura Jacon, Ylva Cortright & Liz Nolan  
Joyce Shaffer, skip; Mickey Haase, Susan Fountain, Linda Rance, Ginger Zillioux**

**Anne Stuhlman (2008 defending champion skip); Cindy Brown, Kathy Palazzoli, Barb Felice**

This is a Utica Glengarry co-sponsored bonspiel. Any Glengarry who is available and would like to participate, please contact Joyce Shaffer.

**IT IS A GREAT BONSPIEL!!!**

Holiday Luncheon  
at the YAHNUNDASIS  
Golf Club

**December 16,** 1PM

**EVERYONE** WELCOME!!!!

The daytime ladies enjoy a Holiday  
Lunch Get-to-gather at the YAHNUNDASIS  
Country Club the last Tuesday of daytime  
Curling. Cost will be \$15.00 per person.



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***HAPPY HOUR 2009***

Chairs: Gary and Susan Fountain

If you're happy and you know it ....clap your hands, put on your  
tam, grab your brooms (don't forget the long johns) and join us for  
**Happy Hour**, Thursdays 4 PM beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>.

This league offers 6 ends of relaxed curling, a stimulating social  
hour, awards for everyone, banquet and a great way to fight the  
winter blahs with plenty of good laughs. Sign up ASAP!!!

I would like to play:

SKIP \_\_\_\_\_ THIRD \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_ LEAD \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



Send to: Fountains  
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15 Upper Woods Road  
New Hartford, NY 13413

## December 2008

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Nov 30<br>Scrape 8:00<br>Teens L.R.W'Chr 2:00   | 1<br>Suspensions for delinquent dues<br>Calder 5:45<br>Charbonneau 8:00 | 2<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Charbonneau 5:45<br>Open League 8:00           | 3<br>Bonnie Piper 5:45<br>Charbonneau 8:00                                    | 4<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Fun & Fitness 4:00<br>WHEELCHAIR INT'L BONSPIEL PRACTICE 6:00 | 5<br>Scrape 7:00<br>WHEELCHAIR INT'L BONSPIEL King's Cup<br>Fish fry | 6<br>Scrape 7:00<br>WHEELCHAIR INT'L BONSPIEL BANQUET |
| 7<br>Scrape 8:00<br>WHEELCHAIR INT'L BONSPIEL<br>Teens L.R. 3:00<br>College <del>Card School</del> 6:00                             | 8<br>Scrape 8:00<br>Calder 5:45<br>Charbonneau 8:00                     | 9<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Charbonneau 5:45<br>Open League 8:00           | 10<br>Bonnie Piper 5:45<br>Charbonneau 8:00                                   | 11<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Fun & Fitness 4:00<br>Friendly Early Bird 6:00               | 12<br>King's Cup<br>Fish fry<br>Rental 9:00                          | 13<br>Friendly Early Bird                             |
| 14<br>Scrape 8:00<br>Friendly Early Bird Final<br>Teens L.R.W'Chr 2:00<br>Board meeting 4:00<br>College <del>Card School</del> 6:00 | 15<br>Curioqram deadline<br>Calder 5:45<br>Charbonneau 8:00             | 16<br>Women's Playoff<br>10:00, Scrape 1:00<br>Charbonneau 5:45<br>Open League 8:00 | 17<br>Bonnie Piper 5:45<br>Gilegarries<br>Christmas Party<br>Charbonneau 8:00 | 18<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Fun & Fitness 4:00<br>Murray 6:00                            | 19<br>King's Cup<br>Fish fry<br>Rental 9:00                          | 20<br>Murray  |
| 21<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Murray Finals<br>Teens L.R.W'Chr 3:00  | 22<br>Scrape & Flood  | 23<br>Scrape & Flood  | 24<br>CHRISTMAS EVE   | 25<br>CHRISTMAS   | 26<br>Scrape & Flood   | 27<br>Scrape & Flood                                  |
| 28<br>Scrape & Flood  | 29<br>Scrape & Flood  | 30<br>Scrape & Flood  | 31<br>NEW YEAR'S EVE  |   |  |   |

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GNCC events at other clubs shown in *italics*.  
USCA & GNCC events at our club shown in **BOLD**



## January 2009

| Sunday  | Monday                                      | Tuesday   | Wednesday                            | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| 4<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Calder Conley Hurd  | 5<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00  | 6<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00  | 7<br>Glenpladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00  | 8<br>Scrape 1:00<br>MITCHELL  | 9<br>Scrape 7:00<br>MITCHELL   | 10<br>Scrape 7:00<br>MITCHELL   |
| 11<br>Scrape 7:00<br>MITCHELL Finals<br>Teens LR/W'Chr 2:30<br>Board meeting 4:00<br>Crawford 4:30, 6:30      | 12<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00 | 13<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 14<br>Glenpladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00 | 15 Scrape 1:00<br>Curlogram deadline<br><i>Empire Stars (Rock)</i><br>Happy Hour 4:00<br>Charbonneau play-offs - 1 <sup>st</sup> round 6:30 | 16<br><i>Empire Stars</i><br>Crawford<br>Fish Fry<br>Rental 9:00                       | 17<br><i>Empire Stars</i><br>Charity Challenge<br>10:00AM<br>Prize Sprial |
| 18<br>Scrape 8:00<br><i>Empire Stars</i>  | 19<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00 | 20<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 21<br>Glenpladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00 | 22<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Happy Hour 4:00<br>Mixed<br>Championship   | 23<br>Crawford<br>Fish Fry<br>Rental 9:00  | 24<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Mixed<br>Championship                                |
| 25<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Mixed Championship<br>Teens LR/W'Chr 2:30<br>College 4:00                                | 26<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00 | 27<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 28<br>Glenpladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00 | 29<br>Scrape 1:00<br>GNCC Mixed (Peebles)<br>GNCC <del>Scrap</del> Men's<br>Happy Hour 4:00<br>Charbonneau play-offs.<br>Rental 6:30        | 30<br>GNCC Mixed<br>GNCC <del>Scrap</del> Men's<br>Crawford<br>Fish Fry<br>Rental 9:00 | 31<br>GNCC Mixed<br>GNCC <del>Scrap</del> Men's<br>Rochester Friendly     |

## February 2009

| Sunday   | Monday                                      | Tuesday   | Wednesday                             | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| Notes:<br>GNCC events at other<br>clubs shown in <i>italics</i> .<br>USCA & GNCC events<br>at our club shown in<br><b>BOLD</b>   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |
| 1<br>Scrape 8:00<br>Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:00<br>Super Bowl Party<br>College 4:00  | 2<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00  | 3<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00  | 4<br>Glenspladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00  | 5<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Happy Hour 4:00                               | 6<br>Crawford<br>Fish Fry<br>Jr. <i>Invit.</i> Bonspiel                   | 7<br>Jr. <i>Invit.</i> Bonspiel<br><i>Kayuta Lake<br/>Winter/98</i> |
| 8<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Jr. <i>Invit.</i> Bonspiel<br>W'Chr 2:30<br>Board meeting 4:00<br>College 4:00                               | 9<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00  | 10<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 11<br>Glenspladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00 | 12<br>Scrape 1:00<br><b>DYKES men &lt;5yrs</b>                    | 13<br>Scrape 8:00<br><b>DYKES men &lt;5yrs</b>                            | 14<br>Scrape 8:00<br><b>DYKES men &lt;5yrs</b>                      |
| 15 Scrape 8:00<br><b>DYKES men &lt;5yrs</b><br>Curio gram deadline<br>Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:30<br>College 2:30<br>Crawford 4:30, 6:30 | 16<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00 | 17<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 18<br>Glenspladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00 | 19<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Cobb Mixed<br>Bonspiel                       | 20<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Cobb Mixed<br>Bonspiel                               | 21<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Cobb Mixed<br>Bonspiel                         |
| 22<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Cobb Finals<br>Teens/LR/W'Chr 2:30<br>College 2:30<br>Crawford 4:30, 6:30                                   | 23<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00 | 24<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 25<br>Glenspladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00 | 26<br>Scrape 8:00<br><b>Kayser (Rochester)</b><br>Happy Hour 4:00 | 27<br>Scrape 7:00<br><b>Kayser</b><br>Crawford<br>Fish Fry<br>Rental 9:00 | 28<br><b>Kayser</b>   |

## March 2009

| Sunday  | Monday                                      | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1<br>Scrape 7:00<br>Kajser<br>Teams L,R,W*Chr 2:00<br>Colleges 4:00   | 2<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00  | 3<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00  | 4<br>Glenspladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00<br>Flood after Sims | 5<br>Ice preparation for<br>NATIONALS   | 6<br>Practice for<br>NATIONALS<br>Opening ceremony<br>for NATIONALS  | 7<br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS  |
| 8<br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS<br>Board meeting 4:00   | 9<br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS         | 10<br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS                          | 11<br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS                     | 12<br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS<br><i>Women's Curl</i><br><i>(Potomac)</i>                                     | 13<br><i>Women's Challenge</i><br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS   | 14<br><i>Women's Challenge</i><br>NATIONAL CLUB<br>CHAMPIONSHIPS                     |
| 15<br>Scrape 8:00<br><i>Women's Challenge</i><br>Curling program deadline<br>Teams L,R,W*Chr 2:00<br>Colleges 2:00<br>Crawford 4:30, 6:30 | 16<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00 | 17<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 18<br>Women's Club<br>Championships 5:45<br>Sims 8:00    | 19<br>Scrape 1:00<br>GNCC Sp, Mixed<br>Gordon Int 1 (Mont)<br>Happy Hour 4:00<br>Women's Club<br>Championships 6:00 | 20<br>GNCC Sp, Mixed<br>Gordon Int 1<br>Crawford finals<br>Fish Fry<br>Rental 9:00                                       | 21<br>Scrape 8:00<br>GNCC Sp, Mixed<br>Gordon Int 1<br>Women's Club<br>Championships |
| 22<br>Women's Club<br>Championship Finals<br>Teams L,R,W*Chr 2:30<br>Colleges 4:00  | 23<br>Lambert Grant 5:45<br>Tom Garber 8:00 | 24<br>Women's 10:00<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rink 5:45<br>Allen 8:00 | 25<br>Glenspladdies 5:45<br>Sims 8:00                    | 26<br>Scrape 1:00<br>Rose Bonspiel -<br>5:45 & 8:00   | 27<br>Rose Bonspiel -<br>5:45 & 8:00<br>Fish Fry   | 28<br>Rose Bonspiel<br>Closing Party 6:30<br>(Skating &<br>compressors off)          |
| 29  | 30  | 31  | April 1<br>Annual Meeting                                | April 2   | Notes:<br>GNCC events at other clubs shown in <i>italics</i> .<br>USCA & GNCC events at our club shown in<br><b>BOLD</b> |  |

## **BROOM HANGING**

Late during the 2005 curling season the Board received a request from a Club member. The request was to be able to select a spot on the broom rack for their own broom. For this privilege the member was willing to make a donation to the Club. At first the Board thought this was not a particularly good idea. I was astonished that the Board was turning down a potential revenue source. As is often the case, when you open your big mouth it comes back to haunt you. At my urging the Board decided to implement this program, with myself as the Chair.

You may be wondering “Why anyone would want to pay for a spot to hang your broom?” How many times have you played against a, shall we say, deliberate, analytical skip. By the time you are finally off the ice you are hanging your broom down by the compressor room and the next time you curl it takes you 5 minutes to find your broom because you can’t believe it is way down there. Or worse yet you get picked in a league by a deliberate and analytical skip and this happens for 10 weeks in a row. Or even worse you are married to a deliberate, overly analytical skip and you begin to think the King’s Cup is the best event of all time because you don’t have to curl with your deliberate, analytical spouse.

To help all these people out, and to help the Club also, the Board began a new program. For a \$50 tax deductible donation to the Burn the Mortgage Fund, any member of the Club can select a spot to hang one broom or crutch. The member is responsible for securing their broom and for identifying their spot on the broom rack. A lottery drawing will be held to determine the order of selection for spots. People who purchased a spot previously can reserve their current spot by contacting me. Checks can be made out to the Utica Curling Club and can be mailed to my home address: 2549 Sulphur Springs Road Sauquoit 13456. Any questions please contact me at 794-8657 or [docdbk@yahoo.com](mailto:docdbk@yahoo.com)

*Don Knapp*

### ***People are Welcome to Join the Second Half***

If you know of anyone who was unable to join us in October but would love to curl, there is still an opportunity to join!

- Deadline to sign-up for club membership for the second half is December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Leagues begin January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A **3-hour “Learn to Curl”** clinic will be held January 4<sup>th</sup> for those joining who have not had any previous ice-time. (Fee \$10).

## ***MITCHELL BONSPIEL***

*Brian Moore*

The 98th Mitchell Bonspiel and the 124th Anniversary of the Mitchell Medal will be held at UCC from **January 8-11, 2009**.

This event brings together 36 men's teams from Canada and the United States. 6 UCC teams have reserved spots in this event. They earn entry through the Murray Bonspiel held in December.

This 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 36, and 49 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, are open to the public, so come and bring your friends.*

- Curling starts **Thursday** with 3 draws starting at 4:45. There is Toddy Bowl and a buffet dinner Thursday night from 6-9.
- On **Friday** curling begins at 8:30 AM with the last draw starting at 3:15. Friday night is the Mitchell Banquet at the Club which starts with Toddy Bowl at 7 and dinner at 8. There will be music, dancing, and a Texas Hold'em 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 begins 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. Any questions please feel free to contact me.*

## **Ladies Evening Leagues – Second-Half Sign Up**

Hello Ladies, it's already time to start thinking about the evening leagues for the spring. The sign-up form for the second-half leagues is below (There will also be a sign up in the ladies locker room). Leagues take the ice at 5:45 pm on Monday and Wednesdays for eleven (11) consecutive weeks this half. Please sign-up for one (or two evenings) and also encourage new curlers to join one of these evening leagues.

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WOMEN'S EVENING LEAGUES 2nd half Jan 5 – March 25, 2009

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

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

(cell)\_\_\_\_\_

email\_\_\_\_\_

MONDAYS 5:45pm (*Lambert-Grant*): Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16.

March 22 (playoff, if necessary)

( )curl ( )sub ( )sorry, not curling Mondays

WEDNESDAYS 5:45pm (*Glenpladdie*): Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18

March 25 (playoff, if necessary)

( )curl ( )sub ( )sorry, not curling Wednesdays

Reply Deadline December 12, 2008

Send via email or U. S. Mail to:

Judi Giovannone 146 Christensen Rd.,  
Frankfort, NY 13340

Email: Info@dentalarts.org

Nancy Owens 5160 Stop 7 Rd.,  
Whitesboro NY 13492

Email: Curl12@adelphia.net

### ***Don't Forget!***

All the latest news, updates, league standings, etc. can be found at the Club website: <http://uticacurlingclub.org>

*Tips from the 'pros'*

**WHO CAN SWEEP PAST THE TEE?**

Behind the tee line at the playing end, only one player from each team may sweep at any one time. **This may be any player of the delivering team**, but only the skip or vice-skip of the non-delivering team.

Behind the tee line, a team has first privilege of sweeping its own stone, but it must not obstruct or prevent its opponent from sweeping.

**CRAWFORD**

Everyone is having such a great first half on Friday nights, let's continue this thru the second half and sign up for the Crawford. Games will be 6 ends with 2 draw times; 5:15 and 7:15 PM. The scheduled dates are January 11, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 15, 22, 27, March 15 and the finals on March 20. Please note we will be curling four Sundays for the Crawford due to an active club schedule the second half. The draw times on Sundays are 4:30 and 6:30.

Watch for the sign up sheet on the mixed board. Positions will be accommodated based on availability and in order of sign ups.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: \$10 per person snack fee is required on the first night of play**

*Knyoca & Conrad Law- Chairs*

*Brenda & Phil Citriniti- Co-Chairs*

***WANTED!!***

**Volunteers to polish two (2) trophies  
in the trophy case.**

**Now that our Club is sparkling**

**Let's make our trophy case**

**Sparkle too!!!!**

**Sign up in the ladies locker room**

**See Joyce for details!!!!**



**2009 "ROEMER" DAYTIME LADIES CURLING**

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

Change in address, phone number, and/or email

\_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Classification 2008-2009 Season**

Resident/Senior    fall    spring    Jr. Plus "

**Please note:** There may have to be a "cut off". First preference given to earliest sign ups!!!

***NOT available to curl (give dates)***

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**Return to** Joyce A. Shaffer, 5 Chestnut Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413

Or sign up on the bulletin board in Ladies' Locker Room

***DEADLINE DEC. 9, 2008***



**GLENGARRY  
HOLIDAY RAFFLE BASKET**

The Glengarries will be raffling off a Holiday Basket of "goodies". Don't miss out on your chance to win this basket filled with such items as a Harry and David tower of snacks, holiday tea, holiday coffee mugs, homemade goodies (eggnog pound cake and peppermint bark candy) and much, much more.

***Tickets are 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5.***

Drawing to be held on Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Glengarry Holiday Dinner.



### ***Curl TV!!***

***Now you don't have to have Canadian TV to watch!***

Last year the United States Curling Association started an agreement with CurlTV to supply all curlers in the United States free access to their website. CurlTV enables you to view the best curling in the world on your computer. Curling includes top men and women tournaments from Canada and some U.S. events. Also on the sites are archived games, curling news, curling tips etc. If you are interested in the *free* access to the website (good for one year) email Mike Kessler at doctormjk@aol.com and he will supply you with your promo code to sign up.



### ***Glengarry's Holiday Party***

All women and their guests are invited to the Glengarry Holiday Party on December 17, 2008, with cocktails starting at 6:00 and dinner starting at 6:30. Please sign up in the locker room for either Brazilian Salmon or Chicken Saltimbocca — or contact Susan Williams at [gwilliams3@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gwilliams3@twcny.rr.com). At this time, exact prices are not available, but the salmon will cost more.

Tickets may be purchased ahead of time from Linda Rance, Jackie Strife, Melissa Foote, Barbara Felice, Melon Sofinski, and Susan Williams. Please bring your ticket that night, as the numbers on the tickets will be used to give out door prizes. The deadline for reservations is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bring a small wrapped gift to exchange. There will be a fund raiser for the Salvation Army Kettle fund so bring a little extra cash so we can help out this very important cause. There will also be a business meeting where the locker room configuration will be discussed and voted on. Watch the bulletin board in the locker room for more information.

This event has been moved to an earlier time in the evening. We hope this will allow more of you to come, relax, and enjoy good food, good friends and good fun.

### **Prize Table Sponsors Needed**

The 2009 Cobb Mixed Invitational Bonspiel will again feature a prize table for finalists.

Please consider donating an item. Items generally range in value from \$10 to \$50. Most needed are those in the \$20-40 range. Gift cards and certificates to local businesses and national retail/restaurant chains are also most welcome. Donation acknowledgement forms will be available for tax purposes. All prize table donors will be listed in the Cobb Mixed Bonspiel program booklet.

Need ideas? Here are just a few of the items club members have already donated to the prize table: small step ladder, championship dart board, fleece jacket, mantel clock, floral arrangement, golf balls and a set of NY Yankees glasses – just to name a few!

Items may be given to either Barb Felice, Brian or Marj Moore. All donations are needed by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **1993-94: Celebrating the Utica Curling Club's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As the curling season got underway for the 1993-94 season, the buzz was all about the big celebration being planned. All members were invited to participate in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixed Bonspiel, chaired by Tom and Marcia Garber. Dick and Robbie Trosset served as the Garber's co-chairs. The bonspiel was held Nov. 11-14<sup>th</sup>, just after the Mini Spiel for New Members and the Opening Party. Teams were named after past presidents. A special 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin was cast to commemorate the special anniversary. The theme was "Life Is A Caberet" and the barber-shop quartet, Nothin' Fancy, played Saturday night, followed by Karoke (which Tom Garber especially loved...). Participants were encouraged to come dressed in costume for this party. The bonspiel champs were Bob Caine (skip), Diane Caine, John Davis and Kathy Davis. The team skipped by Pete Ciaralli, with Erin Clark, Dave Palazzoli and Missy Peck was runner-up.

Some other historical tidbits from the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the UCC:

- Bob Axelson was club president. Tom Garber was VP, Joyce Shaffer was secretary and Tom Martin was treasurer.
- Current UCC President, Marj Moore, was secretary for the Glengarrys.
- Current UCC Vice President, Mike Swiercz, was the editor of the Curlogram.

- Judi Giovannone was evening scheduling chair for the women's leagues – just as she's doing now. (She really knows this job!)
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Utica-Kingston Notre Dame Football weekend trip was coordinated by Dick Trosset in September, just before the curling season started. Tom Everson chaired the annual U.S. vs Canada golf tournament on the Notre Dame golf course, which was won by Joe Cornacchia, the curling club's manager/chef.
- Twenty four new members joined the club. Gary Williams, and Stu and Brenda Card were some of those "newbies". Total club membership was 289.
- Hal and Linda Rance were chairs of the Mixed Committee. Current members who were part of that committee: Pam Jones and Fred Hicks, Kathy and John Davis, Colleen Welch, Cindy and George Brown.
- The Kiltie Korner was advertising "Quorum Pals" for Xmas gift giving. This, in hindsight, is especially interesting to reflect on as we all know that the old club was located in a deteriorating area of Utica and most of the parking was street parking, which meant having to walk to one's car in the dark, often late at night. According to the ad in the Curlogram, the Quorum Pal was "a lightweight, personal attack alarm that blasts at an ear-piercing 103 dB minimum". (No record of how many were sold...for all we know, they might have been a sell-out...)
- The Utica Curling Club had a club jacket. The jackets were navy and white with gold logo accents. John Caneen was in charge of this club project. Many members bought these jackets. They were \$50 each.
- There was a rocking New Year's Eve Party at the club that was not to be missed.
- The UCC hosted both the GNCC Mixed Championships and Men's District Championships in the second half of the season. Bill Morehouse and Bill Sewall entered teams in the GNCC Mixed Championships. The five skips for the District Championships were Paul Giovannone, John Darche, Shaun Manore, Chris Boerger and Les Cortright.

