



## President's Message

*January 2019*

### Membership

As of this writing, the Utica Curling Club stands at 374 members, a recent high-water mark. This number includes almost 50 enthusiastic first year curlers, most of whom are committed to a full year of membership, 73 college curlers, and a re-vitalized junior program of 18 curlers. I'd like to share special thanks to the membership committee (led by Carol Jones and Tim Conboy), our media coordinator (Pete Ciaralli), a slew of instructors for curling school and college curling (Mitch Rubinovitch, Joel Scherer, Karen Barnes, Pete Ciaralli, Carol Jones, Becky Schewe, and Vicki Sheardown), and our junior program leaders (Tami Dunnigan, Audrey Foote, Blake Hagberg, Teal LaBarbera, and Elizabeth Ford).

### National 5-and-Under Competition

It was great to see so many new curlers on the ice for the Six Sheet Open. What enthusiasm! I hope this event whetted your appetite for bonspiel play. If you have 5 years of curling experience or less, you have an opportunity to play in a **national** championship event just for 5-and-under curlers. This event will be held at the Duluth Curling Club February 22-24, 2019, and will host up to 32 teams. To qualify for this event, you must have been a champion, runner-up, event winner, or participant in a previous 5-and-under event in the 2017 or 2018 calendar year, and must use a roster composed of at least three members of a qualifying team. If you have aged out since your qualifying event, you are still eligible to play in this event. For more details, see <https://go.teamusa.org/2GcSxMj>. If you want to qualify for the 2020 National U5 bonspiel, then get out there and put a team in the Francis Dykes, Raymond Kayser, or Childs Challenge events in February-March 2019. These events are a lot of fun! You will be hard-pressed to find a club member that did not participate in these

events in their early curling years. You will find links to these events on the Five and Under page of the UCC web site.

### **Safe Sport Compliance**

As a result of the passage of the federal "Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017," all amateur sports must comply with child safety provisions as determined by their national governing bodies. (In our case, the controlling amateur sports body is USA Curling.) For our club, this means that all instructors who regularly work with minors, all members of the board of directors, and the club manager must complete child abuse prevention training. In addition, these individuals are also responsible for reporting to law enforcement any suspected or known incident of child abuse. Training for all required individuals is currently underway and expected to be completed by the required deadline. *If any club member is planning on being a volunteer that will regularly work with minors (more than once or twice), please contact a board member about how to obtain the appropriate training.*

### **Web Streaming**

The Utica Curling Club YouTube channel started its local "Season of Champions" web streaming schedule with the championship final of the Six Sheet Open. Things will get busy from this point through the end of the season, starting with the King's Cup (Friday mixed) final, the Mickey Haase (women's league) final, the Rink (men's) and Charbonneau (men's) championship league finals, and the Murray Bonspiel club men's championship final. In the second half, there will be coverage of the Mitchell, Cobb, and extensive coverage of the GNCC Mixed Doubles Championship and College Bonspiel events. Watch live or watch later with commentary by David Cragolin, yours truly, Tim Hansen, or others (if we are not playing on the ice!).

### **Dues Changes**

The Board of Directors will be recommending a small dues increase this year of \$10-\$15, depending on membership class, to accommodate increasing costs of our regional and national dues, insurance, a

full year of increased NY state minimum wage, operational and maintenance expenses, and continued retirement of our long-term debt. This year we were hit in October—long after our dues were set and budgets passed—with a \$3 increase in USCA dues per member. This dues increase alone will cost the club over \$1,000. It is likely that we will see increases next year in USCA and/or GNCC dues or our sports participation insurance, not to mention routine expenses. We need to be prepared to meet these increased costs to remain financially sound. In addition, the board has also recommended—to comply with NY state law which prohibits convenience fees for credit card purchases—an additional \$15 increase that will be completely discounted for dues payment by cash or check. This increase is necessary to prevent the loss of revenue for members who elect to pay dues via credit card. For those who pay by check or cash, this additional \$15 will not be relevant. I ask for your understanding and support when this is brought to the membership in March.

### **Best wishes for the new (curling) year**

I wish you all the very best for the new year and second half of the curling season. It is a pleasure to serve a curling club with the tradition and membership we have. Our reputation as a friendly and hospitable club is well-known and well-deserved. We're not so bad at curling, either!

Good curling,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Rowlett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roger Rowlett

President

## **Save the Date!**

Save the date for these upcoming mixed and open  
bonspiels:

Calder Conley Hurd

Jan. 3, 5, and 6, 2019

Mixed Championship

Jan. 24, 26, and 27, 2019

Cobb Mixed Bonspiel

Feb. 21-24, 2019

Rose Bonspiel

March 21-23, 2019s

**The Ice Crew Needs You!**



**WE WANT YOU!**

The ice crew needs some additional men and women who are willing to help out!

If you are willing to be trained in use of the nipper or pebbling, please email or call Gary White or Jim Rishel. Any help would be appreciated!

## 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. This year's theme is "Around the World in 4 Days". A country themed basket is one suggestion. Some of you may already have an idea.

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

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

Thank you.

Knyoca & Conrad Law

Chairs





On November 17, 2108 the Utica Curling Club's Turkey Spiel was held. We had 10 teams - 40 curlers participating with approximately 10 plus new curlers in the mix. There were prizes for all and a delicious turkey dinner from soup to desserts to enjoy.

Thank you to all the participants, the workers who helped put the event on, the donations for prizes, our great ice crew and to Dominick and Rhoda and their staff for their service and our great bartender Sam

Listed below are the team place finishes:

10th Place - Squashes - John Caneen, Dee Pfohl, Peter Exton, Davina Newman

9th Place - Pumpkin Pies - Bill Turner, Kathy Davis, Dan Reed, Joseph Martin

8th Place - Stuffings - Brenda Citriniti, Gary Williams, Amelia Mastrangelo, Tim Hansen

7th Place - Pilgrims - John Davis, Sue Hansen, Scott Carter, Barbara Compagna

6th Place - Turkeys - Duane Farr, M J Walsh, Adam McClain, Kim Acosta

5th Place - Cranberries - Jacquelyn Schmidt, Tom Wilkinson, Julie Carter, Anthony Ponto

4th Place - Wampanoags - Anne Stuhlmann, Ben Gaetano, Kathy Kane, Tony Compagna

3rd Place - Cornucopias - Audrey Foote, Michael Hurd, Leslie Husted, Eric Newman

2nd Place - Mayflowers - Michael DiMeo, Becky Schewe, Steve Garrell, Ellen Blaisdell

1st Place - Mashed/Sweet Potatoes - Susan Williams, Tim Crofton, Dawn Scherer, Joel Hamlin



The second annual Utica Six Sheet Open was held December 7, 8, and 9, 2018. There was a total of 18 teams with 2 and a half out of town teams. There was a team from Woodstock, Vt and a team from Prescott Curling Club in Canada. There was also a couple from Phoenix, Arizona.

There was great competition and the two point rule for completely covering the pin came into play several times. As there is no draw board for this event, many people asked if they were playing on Sunday. They all got the same reply, "The teams will be announced after dinner." At least one team was surprised they made it into one of the finals. You never know!!!! Dominick provided an outstanding dinner and the band, Swamp Drivers, played well into the night.

Thank you to all who participated. Also thank you's to the ice crew, Dominick and Ronda and their staff, our bartenders and those who helped with our decorations.

Lets get the word out there for next year to make it even better in 2019.

Knyoca & Conrad Law – Chairs

Sue & Tim Hansen – Co Chairs

Here is the list of 2018 finalists:



## **Utica Six Sheet Open**

### **A Event**

**Winner:** Roger Rowlett, Michelle MacEnroe, Howie Feldman, M.J. Walsh

**Runner-up:** John Jacon, Laura Jacon, Jan Rishel, Ben Gaetano

### **B Event**

**Winner:** Dave Palazzoli, Pete Ciaralli, Pat Helbach, Kathy Palazzoli

**Runner-up:** Anne Stuhlman, Rob Risley, Dale Jones, Barb Felice, Jim Schafer

### **C Event**

**Winner:** Brenda Citriniti, Knyoca Law, Conrad Law, Phil Citriniti

**Runner-up:** Kelly Stephens (Coyote), Karen Barnes, Mitch Rubinovitch, Don Stephens (Coyote)

### **D Event**

**Winner:** Mike DeGironimo, Karen Rogowski, Audrey Foote, Melissa Foote

**Runner-up:** Tim Conboy, Liz DeGironimo, Carol Jones, Peter Exton\*, Eilen Blaisdell\*

### **E Event**

**Winner:** John Davis, Jim Rishel, Dan Ree, Steve Gorrell

**Runner-up:** Chuck Delmonte, Jen Turner, Bill Turner, Shelley Delmonte

# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Curling Challenge



**Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**Time: 10:00 AM**

**Place: Utica Curling Club**

This event is open to first year and non-curlers. Any curler with more than a year's experience is welcome to coach a team. Raise money for your favorite charity, then come and curl! The day's activities include an orientation, practice time, break for lunch, championship game and award ceremonies. For those who have not previously curled, we suggest you wear a turtle-neck, sweater, light jacket, and a pair of loose fitting slacks. Jeans are NOT recommended!! **IMPORTANT** – **bring an extra pair of clean sneakers to wear on the ice. You cannot wear street shoes on the ice due to dirt and salt that can damage the ice.** Thank you on behalf of the selected charities for "Curling for a Cause"

**There is a \$50 per team of four entry fee (\$10 for any additional people on the team. The fee is due Friday, March 1, 2019.** Please pay by check made payable to the Utica Curling Club. The fee goes towards equipment rental, ice rental, snacks, lunch, and awards. Money raised for your charity is due at the event. This can be in the form of cash or checks made out to the charity of your choice.

## **Day's Activities**

**10:00 AM Registration/Release Forms**

**10:15 AM Money Collection**

**10:45 AM Orientation**

**11:00 AM Practice**

**12:00 PM Lunch (included in entry fee)**

**1:00 PM Showtime (Championship Games)**

**3:00 PM Awards Ceremony**

**Fans are welcome! Signs and noisemakers help cheer on the participants. Bring your family and friends!  
SIGN UP WILL BE POSTED AT THE CLUB, OR E-MAIL MEMBERSHIP@UTICACURLINGCLUB.COM**

## UCC Men's Invitational Mitchell Bonspiel

The Utica Curling Club will host the annual Mitchell Men's International Invitational Bonspiel on Thursday, January 10th through Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This year marks the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event to be hosted by Utica (134<sup>th</sup> year of playing for the medal). It is the largest Curling Bonspiel in the Northeast. A total of thirty-six rinks from across the United States and Canada (six from UCC) will compete for the coveted Mitchell Medal. The skips of the six local teams will be determined in the Murray Bonspiel or Men's Club Championship in December.

We have a solid committee working the event, however there are many other jobs to be done.

Jobs and schedules where help is needed will be posted in mid-November. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please see one of the following or myself. Kevin Stevens, Co-Chair is in charge of invites, replies and general all around bonspiel coordination. Mike Krumme is working the Program and Mitchell board photos. He did a great job for the anniversary program book last year with many new graphics and organization.. If you would like to be a program book sponsor to help defray costs please let one of us know. Pat Costello will be coordinating the draw board. Erich Krumme is working banquet set-up; he will need lots of help on Friday afternoon to get tables moved. Of course, we need help with breakfast and snacks under my able wife's coordination. Blake Hagberg is coordinating 50/50 and prize raffles. If you would like to donate an item or be a sponsor please let Blake or myself know. Tools, booze, and UCC curling items or memorabilia are great ideas.

Again sign up sheets will be posted soon!! Thank you in advance for your support.

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## **Murray Results**

UCC's men's club championship, the Murray, was held December 13, 15, and 16 with 13 teams participating. The Hames rink claimed the coveted medal defeating a team skipped by Pat Costello 8-5 in a 10 end match. The Murray competition of course also determines which teams qualify for the 107th Mitchell Bonspiel. The winning team was skipped by Matt Hames, with Mike Kessler at third, Jason Brien at second and Jason Golubski at lead. Pat Costello skipped the second place finishers with Dave Kammer at third, Pete Ciaralli at second, and George Brown at lead.

### **Mitchell Bonspiel Qualifiers**

Utica #1 - Hames Rink

Utica # 2 - Costello Rink

Utica # 3 - Skip, Conrad Law, third, Joel Scherer, second, John Taverne, and lead, Mark Crane

Utica # 4 - Skip, Erich Krumme, third, Justin Schmidt, second, Corey Buckley, and lead Israel Acosta

Utica # 5 - Skip, Bill Morehouse, third, Mike DeGironimo, second, Justin Kaido, and leads Jeremy Zhang and Joe Giovannone

Honorary Curling Ambassador Selection (picked from the hat)

Utica # 6 - Skip, Tim Conboy, third, Mike Hurd, second Tim Hanson, lead, new curler Rickey Teal

## Mixed Doubles Bonspiel:



We are having our first GNCC Mixed Doubles Championship at our club, January 31st till Feb. 3rd. We have an order of eligibility for our local teams to get in, but if we need more teams, I would like interested teams to send me an email, so I know that you could get in if needed,

Plus, I need help with serving snacks and help with the Continental breakfast. Any help will be appreciated.

Our Tuesday night league is all filled up. Thank you to all that have made this league so successful.

Donna Caleo



Fall 2018 Joyce Shaffer / Jen Turner Co-

Chairs

The King's Cup Fall 2018 welcomed twenty-nine (29) brand-new curlers. This made for a very successful Friday night league. Twenty-eight (28) teams competed in three (3) draws. Twelve (12) teams competed in the finals.



First Event Winners: Karen Barnes, skip; Mike Hurd, Monica Costa, Tony Campagna

First Event Finalists: Duane Far, skip; Fred Hicks, Kathy Davis, Mike Ross (N)

Second Event Winners: Joyce Shaffer, skip; Jeremy Zang, Ashley Paw, Valarie Spenser

Second Event Finalists: Donna Caleo, skip; John Jacon, Allen O'Brian (N), Caitlin O'Brian (N)

Third Event Winners: Lis DeGironimo, skip; David Prezyna, Tim Hanson, Wade Abraham (N)

Third Event Finalists: David Palazolli, skip; Isreal Acosta, Sue Hanson, Kathy Kopyt (N)

Fourth Event Winners: John Taverne, skip; Marina Taverne, Tony Ponto (N), Joel Hamlin (N)

Fourth Event Finalists: Liz Nolan, skip; Steve Gorrell, Laura Lake, Barbara Campagna

Fifth Event Winners: Mike DeGironimo, skip; Paul George, Tom Nabinger (N), Melanie Stevens (N)

Fifth Event Finalists: Joe Cosentino, skip; Jen Turner, David Prezyna, Lynn McLernon (N)

Sixth Event Winners: John Davis, skip; Jan Rishel, Kathy Darche, Roger Gates

Sixth Event Finalists: Jerry Stevens, skip; Mary Gajewski, Jesse

Weiner, Ray Straub (N)

A special *"thank you"* to our two (2) totally brand-new teams who competed: Michelle Slowik (N), Jordan White (N), David Randal (N), Blaise Alexander (N) Brian Levi (N), Mary Volcko (N), Shirley Marsh (N), Allison Dunn (N). All eight (8) are signed up to curl in January.

The following contributed to Friday night's success:

EVEYONE WHO CURLED, Karen Barnes (designed a new logo for the King's Cup) MJ Walsh (documented scores/teams on our website), Donna Caleo (sent winning teams to the OD sports department weekly), Becky Schewe & Curtis Lamb, Dot & Jeff Booher, Barbara & Tony Campagna (snacks); Dave & Kathy Palazolli (sponsor our Spirit of Curling Awards); Roger Rowlett & Dave Cragnolin (streaming the finals) Dominick, Rhonda and crew, Sammy & Diana, and lastly, our wonderful ice people (who give us the best ice ever.) I hope that we did not forget anyone.

Joyce & Jen

**The Spirit of Curling Award**

The heart of Curling is its incomparable Spirit. Without that Spirit, it would be just another pastime. Played in that Spirit, it is the king of all games. The Spirit of Curling is reflected in the cherished traditions. Curlers play the game to win, but not to humble their opponents. Every curling game ends with a hearty handclasp of friendship and goodwill toward both teammates and opponents. Every true curler would rather lose than win unfairly. He or she never attempts to distract any opponent or otherwise prevent him or her from playing his or her best. No curler ever deliberately breaks a rule of the game: and should he or she do so inadvertently and be aware of it, he or she is the first to divulge the breach. From time immemorial Curling has been an amateur sport. No one plays the game for pecuniary benefit either to himself or anyone else. The respect and honor accorded to any curler is derived neither from his wealth nor his social position; rather his worth as a person, the skill and conduct as a curler and the devotion to the game and its Spirit.

Congratulations to:

Brenda & Stu Card (coached our brand-new curling teams)  
Elizabeth Ford, skip; Charlie Schatz, Julie Gedros, James Bay (N)  
Bob Prenoveau, Skip; Scott Lent, Kathy Kane (N), Frank Kopyt (N)

## **February Curling School**

### **Know Someone With Cabin Fever From The Long Winter? The Season Always Flies By When You Curl!!**

The Holidays are behind us and there seems to be little to get excited about until Spring. But you can bridge the gap and check one more thing off your bucket list – learn to curl!

Learn to Curl in Three Sessions for \$60.

Wednesdays

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Best part: Your \$60 payment can go towards next year's dues!

Instruction includes stone delivery, sweeping, rules and etiquette, game strategy. All you need to play the game and have fun doing it!

Sign up by Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

e-mail: [membership@uticacurlingclub.com](mailto:membership@uticacurlingclub.com)

or phone or text Carol Jones at 315-868-8520

Space is limited, so register early!



# **Glengarry “Soup” Fundraiser 2018!!!**

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!!!

Sue Hansen, Marj Moore, Shirley Hutchinson, Barb Felice, Cindy Brown, Kathy Kane, Vicky Sheardown, Donna Caleo, Kathy Palazzoli, MJ Walsh, DeAnna Bay, Laura Jacon, Liz Kaido, Jan Rishel, Heather Dockstader, Erin Patterson, Monica Costa, Brenda Citriniti, Cindy Wydysh, Joyce Shaffer, Lisa Light, Audrey Foote, Susan Williams, Rebecca McLain, Dawn Scherer.

Also, thank you to Susan Williams for taking care of Wednesday nights when I couldn’t be there, Jacquelyn Schmidt for all the paper products and to everyone that helped with setting up and cleaning up!

**And to Each and Every One who purchased a bowl or more!!!**



**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](mailto: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!!!**

## Utica Curling Club Donates Pins to Canadian curling club

**At the end of October I sent a package of nearly 250 curling pins donated by members of the Utica Curling Club, to the Canadian club that lost their entire collection of pins in a burglary. Here is their response:**

Hi Karen. Yes I received your package. There was a postal strike here that was recently resolved and I got the pins earlier this week.

What a pleasant surprise when I opened the box. The High Park Curling club president and board were thrilled to receive the many pins. Many of the Canadian pins were of clubs that have closed over years so these had even greater significance.

Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness and the generosity of your members.

Happy curling.

ps.... my team loved the Utica pins.

Don

**Thanks again for your donations!**

**Karen Barnes**

## **USWCA NEWS and NUDGES**

January Curlogram

UCC member's committee assignments:

Peggy Rotton: membership and rules

Jacquelyn Schmidt: communication, pins and trophy, and membership

Susan Williams: gifts and grants, financial stewardship, reference, and Digital Tech./Architectural Ad Hoc (new website) .

All-American - By the time you read this, the All American will have been decided. Hats off to the rules committee for putting together very balanced teams. At the end of the round robin there was a 4 way tie for first place. Congratulations in advance to all the teams. The winners will receive the beautiful All American pin, a pin won by teams all over the country.

Senior Women's Bonspiel and Super Seniors. UCC senior team skipped by Karen Barnes along with Tami Dunigan, Jacquelyn Schmidt and Dee Pfohl came home from Centerville, Wisconsin in November 2018 with wonderful stories. They played very tough teams, and in fact all the teams they played were in the final events. Next year's event is in Albany. Get your applications in early... spring of 2019. Super Seniors 65 and older will likely be played the Wednesday before Albany's event. Keep your eye on the news.

Circuit - It is not too late to enter the Circuit. As a guide, if you plan to play in at least 3 circuit sponsored events this year and you feel like a winner(!) follow the directions on USWCA.org for entering the circuit. It cost \$30 and at least two members of your team must be members in order for your participation to count. You can make \$\$\$\$ . You can sign up at the bonspiel at the beginning of the event. Last year there were 154 participants, 31 bonspiels and over \$7,000 in prizes.

The 71st USWCA National Bonspiel will be hosted by Chicago Curling Club of Pfohl Illinois from February 13-17, 2019. This 32 team bon-

spiel is a timed 8-end event. As Joyce says, "It's a very nice bonspiel." Utica's team consists of Susan Williams, Melon Sofinski, Dee Pfohl, and Jacquelyn Schmidt. We will be going out early in order to attend the biannual USWCA meetings.

5 year and Under - There are event this year around the country that our 5 year and under players are eligible to play in. See the list on our 5 year and under board. The website has more details and there is a poster in the ladies room. You may enter these.

Wis. - Racine CC - 1/4-6/19 Women's      Wis. - Rice Lake CC 2/15-17 open

Minnesota - Hibbing CC -2/22-24 open

Gifts and Grants - Simply, there is money available for junior and women's teams. Talk to me. A priority will be given to grants that impact a large group of curlers such as equipment, and coaching instruction.

Junior Bonspiel - Three Junior bonspiels are planned for this year. In the East, The Country Club will hold a USWCA sponsored Junior Bonspiel.

Promotional Sales - 20 items will be available on the website in the near future.

Scots Tour Incoming (January 2021) - A notice has been sent to the committee stating that the Utica Curling Club would like to host the the incoming Scot's Ladies Tour. We are waiting to see if we make it on the itinerary.

The USWCA 2022 National Bonspiel in Utica. We are still slated to host this event with the understanding that it does not conflict with the Cobb Bonspiel.

Happy New Year and Good Curling  
Susan Williams  
USWCA Representative

# Obituary for Jamie Ann Shaffer



Jamie Ann Shaffer, age 51, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly, on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, NY. She was born in Utica on July 14, 1967, a daughter of Joyce Arcuri Shaffer who was born Joyce Dziok and the late Paul J. Shaffer. Jamie was raised and educated in New Hartford, where she graduated from New Hartford High School with the class of 1985. She continued her education at Herkimer County Community College where she was awarded an Associates Degree in Business Administration. Soon after graduating Jamie accepted a position with the General Electric Company in Syracuse, NY. She later began a career in her family's business, Shaffer Insurance Agency in New Hartford; she acquired her Property and Casualty License and has been serving as an Agent Producer (CSR) for over 25 years. At one time she was the owner and operator of Shaffer's Village Pub, formerly Wimpy's on Genesee Street in the Village of New Hartford. Most recently Jamie's talent and passion for design led her to establish "I Love My Wreaths", a successful business which allowed her to create holiday wreaths for every season; she was able to market them all over the Country. Jamie was the author of "The Ultimate Guide to Great Gift Ideas"; her book was #1 on Amazon's best sellers list for six weeks.

Surviving are her mother, Joyce Arcuri Shaffer of New Hartford; two brothers, John P. Shaffer and his fiancée, Gioia Nicotera both of Utica, and Paul J. Shaffer, Jr. of California; a sister-in-law, Gloria Shaffer of Flushing, NY; a sister, Jill A. Shaffer of Boca Raton, FL; two nieces, Nicole Shaffer and Gwendolyn Shaffer; aunts and uncles, Nicholas L. Arcuri, Jr. of Utica, Mary and David Matt of Rome, and Gerald Mead of Canandaigua; cousins, Tiffany and John Accattato, Tanya and William Gout, Nicholas L. Arcuri, III, Kim-Marie and John Kleaka, Jesse Cobb, Nicole Cobb and her fiancée, Nicholas Tresoline, Mel and Mary Jane Barnes, William Bill" and Tracey Barnes, Mary Lou and Brian Watkins, Brad Mead, and Pamela and Robert "Bob" Lambiase. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Nicholas L. and Florence (Petrowski) Arcuri; her paternal grandparents, John P. and Louise (Cappelli) Shaffer; aunts and uncles, Edward S. Arcuri, Eleanore and Anthony "A. J." Parlagreco, Carmella "Cora" and John Paciello, Joan Mead, and Marie "Mi Mi" Arcuri.

In lieu of floral offerings please consider memorial contributions in Jamie's memory to the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.

# Instructor's Corner

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



**“You can observe a lot by watching”—Yogi Berra**

During the curling season there is abundant opportunity to watch curling on broadcast television and on various streaming platforms like the YouTube channels of the World Curling Federation and the World Curling Tour, and ESPN3 (WatchEPSN). While you are not likely to have the pampered ice conditions and shotmaking skills of the pros, you can learn a lot about game management and strategy from watching the pros in action. In my opinion, probably none is better than watching the Season of Champions broadcasts of TSN which is streamed in the U.S. on the ESPN3 channel of WatchESPN. Among the more colorful, knowledgeable, and instructive commentators is Russ Howard, a multi-year Canadian and world champion and Olympic gold medalist for Canada in 2006. Russ has a pithy and instructive color commentary style that, if you listen, will provide some gold nuggets for your curling game at the club level. Here are some of my favorites from the last two seasons:

## **Wayward guards and short stones**

If you come up short on a come-around (especially with hammer up the middle), sweep it ALL the way into the house, this way, if the opposition hits your stone, you can hit it back while the free guard zone is in effect. If you leave that short stone half-way in, your opposition can nose hit and sit outside the house in the free guard zone, protecting shot rock until expiration of the free guard zone stones.

## **“Don’t guard the rock, guard the path”**

The best guard is not necessarily one that sits directly in front of the stone to be guarded. Rather it needs to protect the path to the guarded stone. On swingy ice, the best spot may be decidedly off-center, one that blocks a draw path for a freeze or tap-back. This will be especially important to consider if there are other guards in play.

## **“Don’t go defensive until there are less ends to go than you are ahead”**

A tricky decision for every skip or team is when to go into a defensive shell when you have amassed a sizeable lead. That is, when do you stop throwing guards and offensively pressing, and direct play into the house and play mostly hits and peels

to burn off ends while (hopefully) trading ones the rest of the game? Many a team has built a substantial lead early in the game, only to fritter it away by the last end by allowing their opponents back into the game by going defensive too early. Russ' rule of thumb is a good guide. It basically defines when you can concede deuces to your opposition when they have hammer to your one when you have hammer, and still come out on top. So if you are up 4 in the first of 8 ends, it's too early to change your game plan. But if you are up 4 with 3 ends to play, it's probably a safe strategy to avoid taking risks and leaving lots of rocks in play in the remaining ends.

### Right Angle Rule

Knowing angles and anticipating potential jams is critical for being a successful curler. When throwing slash doubles it is important to know if you are going to get a favorable or unfavorable jam. Refer to Figure 1, which depicts a potential slash double of the red stones. Will the raised stone jam on the yellow stone outside the house? The simple way to figure this out is to look at the relationship between the three stones. If three stones are aligned in such a way that lines drawn between them define a right triangle—that is, with an angle of 90 degrees between them (Figure 2)—then the double takeout is likely to jam. If the angle is less than 90 degrees, the raised stone should go over the top. If the angle is more than 90 degrees, the stone should pass behind. Simple! Look for these 90 degree relationships when you are sizing up potential raise takeout jams.

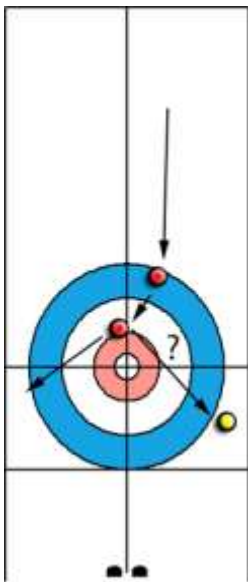


Figure 1

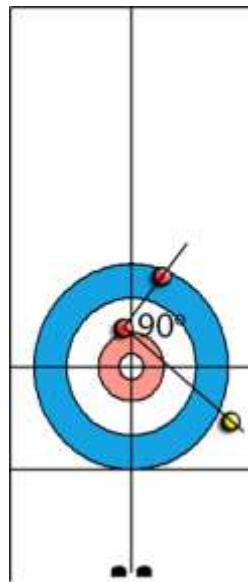


Figure 2



## **What have *you* learned?**

Hopefully, you can use these tips in your games. If you have heard additional nuggets of wisdom from curling commentary, please share and I'll write them up with some examples in a future article.

If you want to know more about these topics and more, check out the Instructor's Corner archive on the [Instruction Page](#) at the Utica Curling Club web site.

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*Good curling! Have a question or suggestion for Instructor's Corner?*

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## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Wheelchair Int'l Bonsspiel Juniors 7-8:30 Surfing School 2:30- 4:00 College 4:15-8:00	3 Mickey House 5:45 Charbonneau 8:00	4 Mary Clark 9:45 Charbonneau 5:45 Open League 8:00	5 All American 5:45 Charbonneau 7:30	6 Boerger Fun and Fitness 4:00 Mixed Doubles 6:15 Rink 8:00	7 Wheelchair Int'l Bonsspiel Kings Cup 4:30- 6:15-8:00 Fish Fry	8 Ulrica 6 sheet Open
9 Ulrica 6 sheet Open Juniors 2:30-3:30 Surfing School 2:30- 4:00 College 4:15-8:00	10 Mickey House 5:45 Charbonneau 8:00	11 Mary Clark 9:45 Mary Clark Party --noon Charbonneau 5:45 Open League 8:00	12 Ice rented 1 sheet	13 Boerger Fun and Fitness 4:00 Murray	14 Fish Fry	15 Murray
16 Murray tennis 8:30 Finals 11:15 Juniors 2:30-3:30 Surfing School 2:30- 4:00 College 4:15-8:00	17 Mickey House 5:45 Charbonneau 8:00	18 Mary Clark 9:45 Ice rented 3-5pm 3 sheets	19 5fms Draft 7:00 PM All American 5:45 Charbonneau 7:30	20 Boerger Fun and Fitness 4:00 Women's 2nd half draft 6:00	21 Kings Cup Finals 6:00 Fish Fry	22
21 The Breaker	24 Mickey House 5:45 Charbonneau 8:00 Christmas Eve	25 Cher's finals 5:45 Open League 8:00 Christmas	26 All American 5:45	27 Rink 8:00 Garber Draft 10:00 PM	28 ICE FLOOD	29 Ice rented 3-3 pm 2 sheet Ice rented 5-7pm 4 sheets

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30-Dec		31-Dec New Years Eve	New Years Day				
6	Caldie/Conley/Hard Finals 11:30	7	8 Daytime Curlers 9:45	9	10	11	12
		Roemer Women's Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Boerger Happy Hour 4:00 Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allan 8:00	Glenspladies 5:45 5:00-8:30	Caldie/Conley/Hard Fish Fry	King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	Caldie/Conley/Hard
13	Witchell/Bonspiel Semis 8:30 Finals 11:30	14	15	16	17	18	19
	College 4:15-6:15	Roemer Women's Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (8 events)	Glenspladies 5:45 5:00-8:00	Mitchell/Bonspiel	Empire State at Schenectady	Empire State at Schenectady
		Roemer Women's Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allan 8:00	Glenspladies 5:45 5:00-8:30	Boerger Happy Hour 4:00	King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	Ice rebind 11:00-1:00 1 sheet Ice rebind 2:00 PM 4 sheets
20	Empire State at Schenectady	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Juniors 2-3:30 College 4:15-6:15 Finals 6:30	Roemer Women's Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (8 events)	Glenspladies 5:45 5:00-8:30	Boerger Happy Hour 4:00	King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	Mixed Champs
27	Mixed Champs Semis 8:30 Finals 11:30	28	29	30	31		
	Juniors 2-3:30	Roemer Women's Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curlers	Glenspladies 5:45 5:00-8:30	Mixed Champs	King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	
	College 4:15-6:15		Happy Hour 4:00 Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allan 8:00	Glenspladies 5:45 5:00-8:00	GNCC Mixed Doubles Champ		

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				31-Jan	1	2
GNCC Mixed Doubles Champ Ice maintenance				GNCC Mixed Doubles Champ	GNCC Mixed Doubles Champ	GNCC Mixed Doubles Champ
Juniors 2:30 College 4:15-6:15	Boomer Womens Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (8 ends) Mixed Doubles 5:45 Alan 8:00	Glenspladies 5:45 Sims 8:00	Boerger-Happy Hour 4:00	College Borspiel King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	College Borspiel Kayuta Lake Borspiel
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
College Borspiel Finals		Daytime Curlers 9:45 8 ends				Ice rental 1-3 pm 3 sheets
Juniors 2:30 College 4:15-6:15	Boomer Womens Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Mixed Doubles 5:45 Alan 8:00	Glenspladies 5:45 Sims 8:00	Boerger Happy Hr. 4:00	King's Cup 5:30 & 7:30 Fish Fry	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (8 ends) Boerger Happy Hr. 4:00				
Juniors 2:30 College 4:15-6:15	Boomer Womens Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Mixed Doubles 5:45 Alan 8:00	Glenspladies 5:45 Sims 8:00	Boerger Happy Hr. 4:00	King's Cup 5:30 & 7:30 Fish Fry	
24	25	26	27	28		
		Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (8 ends) Mixed Doubles 5:45 Alan 8:00				
Marie Cobb Finals Juniors 2:30 College 5:15-7:15	Boomer Womens Open 5:45 Tom Garber 8:00	Mixed Doubles 5:45 Alan 8:00	Glenspladies 5:45 Sims 8:00	Boerger Happy Hr 4:00 Glenspladies Challenge 6:00	Marie Cobb Spiel	Marie Cobb Spiel

MARCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				28-Feb	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Stingery challenge (if necessary)	Boomer Women Open 5:45 Tom Barber 8:00	Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (8 ends)	Glenslides 5:45 5:ms 8:00	Boeinger Happy Hour 4:00 College Mar/B	King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	Gangery challenge all day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
USCA College Nationals	Boomer Women Open 5:45 Tom Barber 8:00	Daytime Curlers League 9:45 (8 ends) lunch & awards	Glenslides 5:45 5:ms 8:00	Boeinger Happy Hr. 4:00	USCA College Nationals Wisc King's Cup 5:30&7:30 Fish Fry	Cherly Challenge USCA College College Mar/B
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Junior Spiel ??? TBD	Boomer Women Open 5:45 Tom Barber 8:00	Mixed Doubles 5:45 Allen 8:00	Glenslides 5:45 5:ms 8:00	Boeinger Happy Hr. 4:00	King's Cup Finals 6:00 PM Fish Fry	St. Patrick's Day Parade
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Tie breaker 5:45 Tom Barber 8:00	Allen 8:00 Tie breaker 8:00	Tie breaker 5:45 Tie breaker 7:00	Rose Fish Fry	Rose Fish Fry	Rose Closing Party
			Annual meeting			

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