

Welcome to the Utica Curling Club

Last winter when word got out that the Elisabeth Childs Challenge was coming to Utica, everyone wanted to be part of the event. Many hands have made for light work and it has been our pleasure to host this event.

This is a special year for the Women's Challenge, as this is the first year it will be known as the Elisabeth Childs Women's Challenge. Mrs. Childs was a dear friend of the curling community and we have all been touched by her devotion to the game of curling. Naming this bonspiel in her honor is a wonderful tribute to one of our sport's greatest advocates.

Looking back, it sometimes pays to complain. I will never forget an evening at the Utica Curling Club on Francis Street. It was a week night in mid February (maybe 1989) and we were on our way out the door after an evening of curling. The conversation was about all the guys going to the Dykes for a weekend of 5 year and under curling. I was a bit put out --- to think the guys had an event that the girls didn't have. How fortunate for all of us that Peggy Rotten happened to be standing right there to hear our complaint. Well, the rest is history.

We hope you have a wonderful time this weekend. Make new friends and renew old friendships. And please consider attending next year's event at Norfolk Curling Club.

In the mean time.....good curling,

Susan Williams
Local chair