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HouseCalls

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1993-94 Season Opens

Here we go again! The 1993-94 curling season has gotten off to a great start with one of the most successful membership drives in years.

Over 50 guests turned up the weekend of

October 23/24 at our open house, and some 32 new people joined our ranks.

HouseCalls is devoting 2 pages of this season's first issue to our new members. Read up, and say hello next time you curl!

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Perhaps readers have noticed a change in the graphics and layout of HouseCalls. That's because you have a new editor, Kim Freeman. Sad to say, I've got a Mac, and Betsy has an IBM, so none of her stuff will transfer to me easily (Steve-- Help!). I'm working on it, though! The good news is that our upstate New York correspondent, Mike Swiercz (of the Utica Mikes) has agreed to continue sending us "Besom 'n Stane" so we can all look forward to his view on curling. And, we'll be continuing "The Thinking Curler" by having guest columnists contribute their thoughts on strategy. The first is from former Ardsley member Larry Green, who's now

living in Pt. Roberts, WA and playing out of 3 clubs in the Vancouver area.

Being the editor means I sometimes get to do a little editorializing. The following comments, however, come from Heather Kenny, who wrote the "fruit sale" item on page 4...

Second to dues, the fruit sale is our clubs greatest source of revenue. We all help keep our budget in line by making a big effort to support the sale through sales and volunteering. We strongly urge all curlers to call your friends and neighbors and ask them to order fruit. Not only will it benefit our club but you will be offering them real value. Our prices compare favorably with those in the grocery store. Some members have had great success in the past -- if we can all put a little extra effort in, we'll have a great sale!

Let me add to Heather's thoughts... a great deal of thanks must go to Neal & Anita Pilzer for offering their home as our "pick up" location and to Carl Phares for coordinating the ordering and volunteers. Think of the team effort here: Neal and Anita joined just last year, and Carl, of course, has curled for many. This is what makes our club a success! Thank you both!

INTRODUCING...

Jim & Sue Agello. First curled in 1988 at Ardsley... then moved to Chicago and curled for three years with North Shore Curling Club. Jim played in a number of local mens bonspiels, Sue in the Illinois State womens champ's. Attention Kayser teams: Jim and Sue still have one year of eligibility left! Run, don't walk to Wed. night men's or Thurs. night women's and sign them up! **Patricia Bova.** Was convinced to actually try the game by Heather Kenny and MaryJean Keenan after conceding a putt on the 17th green this summer! Playing Thurs. night women's. **Jane Fields.** Has been to the club many summers with her kids for the children's camp - decided to see what goes on here during the winter. Playing Sunday mixed. **Ron Fior.** No, you're not seeing things, Ron's back and curling Mon. nights after a 3 year hiatus in Toronto. The question is -- will he throw his lot with Canadian Club or Ardsley in this year's Douglas? **Russell and Rona Gibson.** The Royal Bank of Scotland curling legacy lives on with the addition of the Gibson's to the curling club. (Our ongoing thanks to Dave Morrison for including us in part of the job description for New York transfers). Russell's playing Wednesdays and Rona Thursdays. **Bruce Green.** Comes to via Thunder Bay, Toronto & Plainfield. Along with his brother Larry (a former Ardsley member) and Dean Kelly (a former St. Andrews member), represented New Hampshire in the U.S. Men's. Playing Mon. nights. **Kathy Halgren.** Learned about curling

from fellow librarian and Duluthian Alan Merry. May rest "longest curling commute" title from Danny Steski in her trek from Staten Island, via Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. Or maybe, via New Jersey. Don't forget, Kathy, traffic on the ones and the eights. Playing Sun. mixed. **Kenji and Asami Ito.** Were introduced to curling by Dennis Nagami and Mieko & Shoji Takaguchi. Having great fun meeting everyone. Are curling Sunday mixed. **James & Rosemary Kindler.** Rosemary learned about curling from fellow physical therapist Nancy Sabel. Husband Jim says her massages come in handy Saturday nights after mixed. **Stephanie Larsen & Ian McKinley.** Ian discovered what fun we were after playing against Kitty Davey and Elaine Scherocman at Plainfield's Thrifty Bonspiel. He and Stephanie are truly dedicated curlers -- they play Mon. nights in New Jersey and Sat. night mixed with us. **Christine Levite.** Has been patiently listening to the editor talk about the game for two years -- finally decided to humor her and give it a go. Chris Bertchie finished the sales pitch and she's playing Thurs. night womens. **Cynthia Lower.** A veteran of junior curling at Broomstones, Cindy has been playing for 7 years and this year joins Herb and Jean MacIntosh's team on Friday night mixed. Considered joining Nutmeg (she lives in Stamford!) but decided on us instead after her sister assured her that no one would remember her performance on Karaoke Night at the Kayser. (Yes we do -- and we have your

undergarments to prove it!). **Paul Matson.** Paul says that total blame goes to Bill Kelley for getting him to try curling. He's still sore from last Sunday's mixed, but promised to come back. Actually, Paul has probably seen more curling than most newcomers: he grew up in Northern Michigan in a two-channel TV town. One of the two was CBC -- Bill was cheering on Ernie Richardson before most of us knew what a heavy take-out even was. **Kazuko Nagamatsu.** Learned about us from bowling with Ardsley women. Finds curling much more fun than bowling because of the social and team aspect and *no gutter balls*. Playing Tues. morning womens and Sun. mixed. **Paul & Regina Sheridan.** Thought they'd come to the open house to discover something good for their children to do on weekends... instead, we snared them for Saturday mixed! **Edgar Smith.** Credit goes to the Huebners and Artels for talking their good friend into finally trying the game -- and

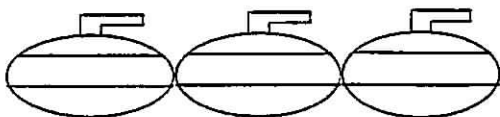
he likes it! Will be playing weeknight mens, but is also eyeing Sunday mornings. **Bill Stopera.** After packing in 10, once-a-year family bonspiels at the Schenectady Curling Club and a first event win at the Albany men's, Bill finally decided to ante up and join a curling club. Playing Monday nights. **Kalyan & Kathy Sundaram.** Came to the open house and signed up for EVERYTHING! He's curling weeknight mens, she's curling Thursday evening ladies, they're curling mixed. And, they even made it to the opening dinner! **Martin Wingent.** Along with the Gibsons, holding up the Scottish bank's commitment to fill our ranks. The distaff side of the Wingent family arrives in two weeks -- he's promising the "soft sell" but we may need to help him. Curling weekend mens.

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Did we miss you? You can run, but you can't hide! Catch you in December!

WHO'S HUNGRY?

Have you had a chance to eat up top yet? Maybe you didn't know it, but the Ardsley Country Club boasts one of the best wine lists in Westchester. Their secret is in buying "futures" and letting them age downstairs in the club's wine cellar. Rumor has it the Bordeauxs are fabulous. Walter Baggett's rating:



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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE TURKEY TROT

December 3-5

Perhaps you've noticed the sign up sheet for this year's Turkey Trot. The in-house mixed bonspiel will be held the weekend of December 3, 4, & 5 and promises to be a lot of fun. Sign up as a single or couple and your preferred start time on Friday. Teams will be assigned by the committee. Don't miss out! Sign up now!

ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

December 3

Once again, it's time for the annual holiday fruit sale! This year's offer: 4/5 bushel boxes of DELICIOUS navel oranges (innies and outies) or Indian River red grapefruit (yum, yum) for \$22 a box. Boxes of half oranges/ half grapefruit are available at the same low, low price. Deadline for ordering is Friday, December 3 (look for the sign up sheet!). You can begin picking it up Saturday, December 11 at the home of Anita and Neal Pilzer, 200 Washington Street, corner of Langdon Avenue. For more information, to place a phone order, or arrange for direct delivery, call Carl Phares (914) 941-5116.

ST. ANDREWS CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 12

Hold that date! Gerry & Elaine Scherocman are putting plans together for our annual St. Andrews Christmas dinner Sunday, December 12 at St. Andrew's Golf Club in Hastings. More information to come.

NEW YEARS EVE

December 31

Be on the lookout for a mailer re: New Years Eve. We're trying to assess interest before making plans -- critical mass is about 50 curlers for the traditional format. If we have less than 50, we may come up with other ideas.

THE DOUGLAS

January 6-9

The out-of-town invites have already been sent and plans are underway for the Douglas International Men's Bonspiel, January 6-9. Call your friends from other clubs and urge them to come!

BETWEEN THE SHEETS

The club is seeking donations to fund a much-needed expansion in the men's bathroom. Plans are underway to bump out the back wall to make room for a changing table, bassinet and rocker. See *Kay Sugahara* for details.

Speaking of sleep deprivation... judging by the number of new babies that have joined our curling families since the end of last season we won't need to hold open houses in a few years. Congrats go out to: *Iain, Linda* & big brother *Cameron Bruce*, little sister *Margot Ellen* was born October 14 (looks like Mom). *Doug & Sandy Buchanan* -- if you haven't met him yet, you will -- Baby *Jason Sean* was born July 3 (almost gotch', Doug -- he's bound to be a Republican). *Molly, Denny, Peter, Patty* & big sister *Anna Babcock*, little brother *Alexander* was born July 25, weighed 8 lbs, 3 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Sounds like he'll be cranking a corn broom before too long! And, congrats to former members *Doug & Ellen Allen*, who are working on number 3! Due sometime around the Douglas.

The GNCC rec'd a request from a certain Ardsley member that they NOT schedule anything the week of December 27. Seems it's the only week her intended has free (as in, no bonspiels to go go) to tie the knot and she doesn't want to wait until April...

Wanted: robust, jolly type for December 12 event. Short gig. Uniform provided. Dinner and drinks free. See *Gerry Scherocman*.

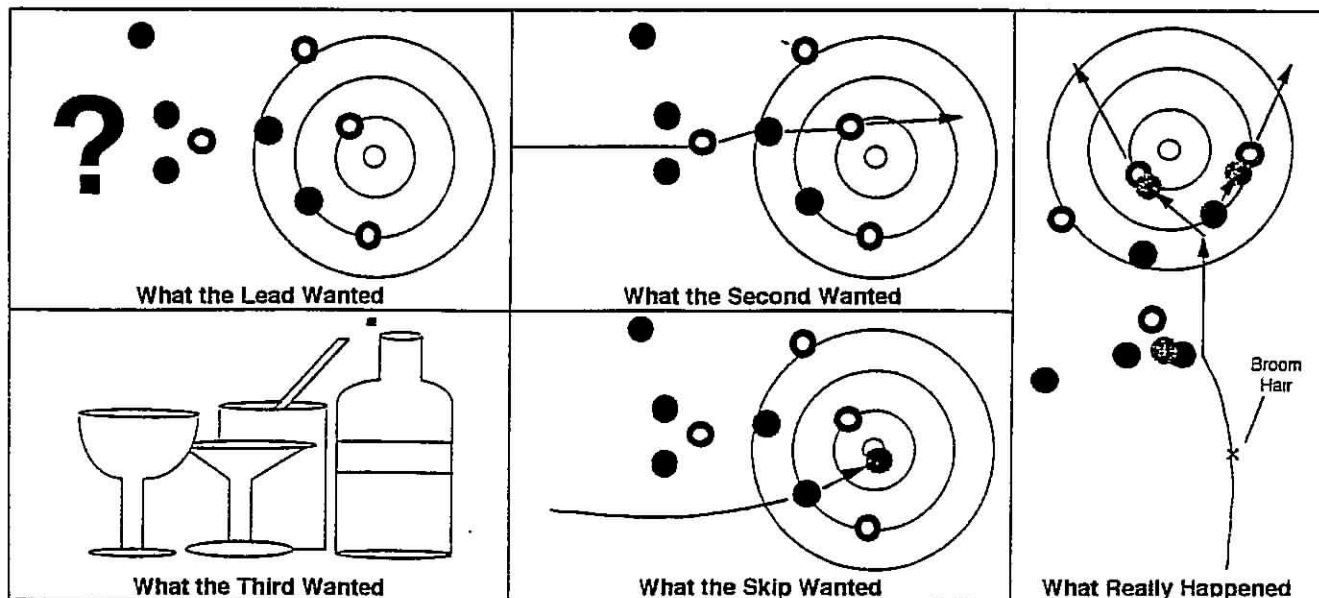
The USCA has named *Ashley Griggs* "booster-pin-poster-boy" for the 1993-94 season after he successfully employed a "stuff the ballot box" strategy to win a free trip for two to Obersdorf for the worlds. We just want to know who the lucky travel partner is...

Anne Dudley -- where'd you get that slide? We're all going to sign up for ballet lessons too, if this is the result!

Wanted: VCR for the warmroom. Anybody upgrading and wanna' donate the leftovers?

Besom 'n Stane

Tie game. Last end. Last rock.



THE THINKING CURLER by Larry Green

Situation: It's the second to last end and your team is down by three and you have the hammer. Your opponent attempts to draw its first rock into the four foot but it slides to the back eight. What shot would you play next?

Options

1. Take it out and stay. Tempting, but very defensive. It will leave your opposition with a wide open hit.
2. Freeze. Tough but aggressive shot. Many competitive teams will try this shot with their third's rocks.
3. Corner guard. Smart choice. It forces your opposition to make a shot which is more precise than a wide open hit.

Discussion

In selecting any shot, you need to determine your objective. In this situation, a score of one or a blank end will leave you with little chance of winning the game in the final end. You need to score a deuce or more to have a good chance of playing an extra end for the win. A problem which confronts many players is how to play aggressively when their team is behind. It requires offensive strategy. Offensive strategy should increase the pressure on your opposition by making their shot selection and execution more difficult. You need to take some calculated chances with your own shot selection to apply pressure on your opposition. In the scenario above, you could easily hit the rock and stick or worse case roll out. With either result your opposition's next shot is routine. The freeze is an extremely offensive shot with little room for error. If you make it perfectly you've greatly complicated your opposition's next shot. The freeze is usually left for later in the end after higher percentage options have been exercised. The corner guard is a good mix between offensive strategy and the ease of executing the shot. Your opponent will likely attempt to peel the guard, however, this shot forces them to hit it more precisely to avoid leaving their rock out in front or driving the guard onto their own. Should they make either mistake you will have a greater chance of scoring your deuce or more.

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PATTERSON RINK WINS TURKEY TROT

With a fine game turned in by newcomer Jim Agello, a steady hand at second rocks by Walter Steineman, and first-year "Lillie-luck" by Karen Siminsky, Burns

Patterson's team bested

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Ralph Bankes' in the
finals of this year's

Turkey Trot bonspiel.

Joining Ralph as

finalists were Alison

Bankes, Cindy/Don Boss'

and Owen Jones. When

asked following the win

for the secret to his

team's success Burns

said, "luck -- what else?" He also credited the enthusiastic support of his team, particularly that of first-year curler Karen Siminsky. "How could I miss? Every shot I threw was the best shot she'd ever seen," he added. Judging by the scores of many of the finals and semi final games, many other good shots were thrown during the clubs first intracub bonspiel of the season. In the second event, the team of Adam Chebetar (for Alan Merry), George Austin, Bill and Alla Andrews beat Kevin & Nancy Clancy, Steve Smith/Harry Harper and Helen Siebert. And in the third event, Bill & Judy Kelly and Burns (the Younger) and

Ruth Patterson won over Don & Nadja McKay, new member Cindy Lower and Tom Dougherty. Winners and runners up in each event were given really neat prizes this year, as co-chairman Dave Horton made a special trip home to Scotland just in time to pick up 100th anniversary pins from the Royal Calendonian Curling Club. While he was away, co-chairman Alice Kenny enlisted the support of Don & Nadja McKay, Shirley and Archie Bruce, Pippa & Geoff Broadhurst and Steve Smith to put together an outstanding weekend! In his closing remarks at the awards ceremony, Dave Horton carried on a Turkey Trot tradition by awarding next year's chairmanship of the popular season-opening tournament to the winning rink.

MOOSEHEAD TO SPONSOR DOUGLAS

Peter Murray, a long-time friend of the Ardsley Monctonian teams, will not only be introducing us to his St. John, New Brunswick team at this year's Douglas International Bonspiel, he'll be introducing us to a new flavor beer as well. Peter, general sales manager of Moosehead Breweries, has offered to sponsor this year's Douglas, and along with the various items that will grace the team gift bags, we'll have a new brand of brew flowing in time for the Thursday night opening party at the bonspiel.

BONSPIEL RESULTS

Philadelphia Mixed The Team Davey/Scherocman or Scherocman/Davey (depending on who lost the last game) ventured south to Philadelphia Curling Club for the mixed "Harvest 'Spiel" in late November. Little did they know the "make sure you lose the right match" curse would strike following their first game win against Mississauga -- Philly lost their ice and the team was forced to choose between a 1:00 am or 6:00 am draw for their second match. In a surprise strategic move, the team opted for 6:00 am and soon found themselves dominating in the party half of the bonspiel. Highlights of the weekend also included front row seats for Topper Waters' eight ender against his brother Randy (imagine the talk around that Thanksgiving table!). Topper hung on through a late game rally by Randy to win and coast his way into the first event finals against our own new member, Ian McKinley (curling for his *other* curling club). Ian came home with finalist honors and Topper added another piece of hardware to his collection.

Moncton Men's Two teams ventured north the same weekend to play in the 72-team, 34th annual Monctonian in New Brunswick, home of the infamous "Moncton Rule" that changed the face of competitive curling. Steve Smith and Gerry McCarty picked up two local ringers (Kevin "Moosehead" Murray and Tim "no relation to John" Forsythe) and promptly won their first two games, each in 6 ends. Kevin's local hops-meister then replaced Steve's usual poison with some secret concoction and the team then lost the next three!

Hey Steve! I hear on that last shot the pigeons were in full chorus! Kevin's promised to bring a few down (Mooseheads and pigeons) to serenade us at this year's Douglas! In other Moncton action, "Fast Eddie" Godbold & company really shook up the odds-makers by winning their first four games at the bonspiel. Starting out at 99-1 odds, local bookies had paid out over \$343,000 (Canadian) before the blood letting stopped after a quarter-finals first-event loss. In a related development, an anonymous donation of \$10,000 in small, unmarked Canadian bills arrived recently, postmarked "St. Johns." An accompanying note said, "you could've been a contender." Vice skip/club treasurer Walter Baggett is still determining whether to post this under "donations" or "bonspiel receipts".

Norfolk Men's Bruce Green and Davis Yetman also traveled north (although not quite so far!) to pick up two locals for the Norfolk Men's. No word if the subs actually curled or they were just picked up.

St. Nicholas Mixed Picking right up where she left us last year, Lillie Shortridge, 1993 Rookie of the Year, won the first event of the St. Nicholas mixed bonspiel, December 5 at Utrecht Curling Club in the Netherlands. Prizes included the first event plaque, where her name will forever be emblazoned and hung on the walls of this Dutch curling club, and first choice in the St. Nicholas Christmas grab bag. Joining Lillie at the bonspiel, but playing on a different team were Brian and Heather Kenny, who tag-teamed warm room babysitting

dues for young Brian. We hear Brian was so well behaved some fat old man in red gave him a sneak preview into the bag of goodies he was packing for the 24th.

Ardwick/Nutmeg Two Brooms The first round of our annual two-part competition with the Nutmeg Ladies was just completed, with the Candlewicks winning one and losing two. It was not all for naught -- with 14 ends won out of 30 (the combined total of three, 10-end matches) the daytime ladies will only have to win two games out of the next three and 17 ends out of 30 to bring the trophy home to the Ardwick!

INTRODUCING, *cont.*

In our last issue, we introduced everyone to some 30+ new members of the club. Here is a little background on the three we missed: **David & Monica Dysart.** Learned about curling from Tracy Kayser when Monica was a student teacher at Tracy's school. When she's not teaching or curling, Monica likes to run long distances... 26 miles in fact, at this year's New York marathon. **Karen Siminsky.** According to this editor's notes, Karen shares an interest in ferry sloops with Dave and Diane Crowley and heard about curling there. Or, she may have learned about it from Shirley and Archie Bruce. Ok, the editor confesses. The interview was done late Saturday night at the Turkey Trot and the accuracy of her notes might be in question. In any event, we know she loves the game and her first event medal from the Turkey Trot.

ODDS 'N ENDS

The Ardwick decided to donate the proceeds of the silent auction that was held at the Women's Holiday luncheon to an organization in Tarrytown called "New Beginnings," a group that helps battered women set up new homes. If you have any household items you'd like to donate, or if you'd like more information on the group, see Mary Jean Keenan. Brian Kenny, chairman of this year's super-successful membership drive, will keep the momentum flowing with a **mid-season open house** sometime in January. The committee is considering an evening sometime mid month. If you have thoughts, comments or suggestions, see Brian. The club is still looking for a **VCR** for the warmroom. Also, we need a **dehumidifier** for the locker area downstairs to help keep the room and rugs dry this summer. If you can help on either, see Geoff Broadhurst. **Confused about subs? Us too!** The board adopted new guidelines for substitution this season to help fill out teams easily: first, try to secure a sub from your own team (5-man teams); next, from the league, and finally, any active curler. Curlers who substitute should limit their number of "sub" games to no more than three per league.

Antediluvian Curling Terms

Pigeon. A wide open take out, usually left for the skip to make and often missed. **Chap and lie.** An angle raise on your counter to lie two. *Fax your antediluvians to the editor at 212-254-5031.*

MEET THE STAFF...

Paul Joseph Ciriello is in his third season as bartender of the curling club. He graduated from Ardsley High School in 1988, and attended Penn State University for two years. Paul later transferred to Fairleigh Dickinson University where he's majoring in hotel & restaurant management and is looking forward to graduation so he can travel the world. When he's not studying or working, enjoys sports, especially baseball and football.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Blanton Weeknight Competition

Kenny 3-1; Horton 3-1; Harmon 3-1, Whitman 1-3, Boss 1-3, Barghout 1-3.

Wilds Weekend Competition

Smith/Austin 4-2; Chebetar/Whitman 3-3; Messing/Horton 3-3, Patterson/Broadhurst 2-4.

Monday Night Competitive

Murphy 4-1; Messing 4-1; Sugahara 2-3; Godbold 2-3, Freeman, 2-3; Davey 1-4.

Thursday Night All American

Freeman 3-0; Murphy 2-1; Hortensius 2-1; Verdes 1-2; Clancy 1-2; McMillan 0-3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

December 11+ Pick up your fruit now if you haven't already!

NEW YEARS EVE

December 31 No curling party this year.

THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL

January 6-9 Shaping up to be quite a weekend! Plan to attend the semi-finals Saturday night!

MID SEASON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mid-late January. Date TBD. Stay tuned.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

In case you were wondering where all those yummy hors d'oeuvres & deserts came from during the Turkey Trot, here's who to thank: Home Party, Don & Nadja McKay; Saturday B:fast, Terry Crandall, Dannie Steski, Allen, Merry; Saturday appetizers: Ruth & Burns Patterson, Akiko Yatagai, Marlene Verdes, Mieko Takiguchi, Tracy & Gert Messing, Ellie Hollander; Saturday dinner: all the volunteers from the 2pm draw!; Saturday deserts: Marie Illos, Tracy & Gert again, Bill & Alla Andrews, Gloria & Pete Hortensius, Ellie again, Dave Crowley, newcomer Chris Levite; Sunday lunch: all of the above!

CHANGE IN DUES STRUCTURE EXPLAINED

A number of curlers have expressed confusion and concern over the change in the dues structure. An explanation of the rationale behind the changes was written and posted in the warmroom, but between the holidays and usual start of season "clutter" on our bulletin board, word might not have gotten out to everyone. So, the board asked that we reprint the explanation below.

The dues structure for this year should be considered transitional in nature as we move toward "total curler equality" in line with the change in our By-Laws last year when all curlers were made "active curlers" or Ardsley Curling Club.

There was a great disparity in dues levels last year (see charts). There were good reasons for each of the rates at the time they were adopted, but the dues structure had come to look like the dues structure of a men's curling club, with women's and mixed curling treated as "auxiliary" groups.

There were other issues which the Dues Committee had to take into account, such as:

- o Daytime women's curling was cutting back from twice weekly to once, and some downward adjustment in dues was indicated.
- o Men sought to have their program "unbundled." Many men could curl either week night or weekends, but not both. The old dues structure charged only one (high) fee -- too high if one were to curl only once per week. We didn't want to lose more men because of lack of free time to curl on both week nights and weekends. We also wanted to appeal to those we had already lost for these reasons.

- o There were signs that the Competitive League, at only \$132, with other curling, was cannibalizing the regular men's women's or mixed programs.

Therefore we adopted, in principle, a "pay as you play" system, with the basic concept being that each additional league would be cheaper and cheaper.

However, the disparities in last year's schedule were so large that, although we started to level out the playing field, we still had to adopt a different schedule for men, women, and mixed, for this year.

Next year we will have a different (hopefully simpler) schedule as we will be able to eliminate even more disparities.

In conclusion, we have to recognize that each curler must bear his or her share of our costs. Our costs are not out of line, compared to other GNCC clubs. (According to a survey of the GNCC clubs, it costs on average \$20,000 per sheet to run a club. Our operating budget is \$58,000, \$2,000 below the GNCC average.) We need to get members, keep members and spread the burden over more members.

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Last Year's Curling Fees

Family 890.00
Jr. Family 485.00

Mens 630.00
Jr. Mens 435.00
Mns + Mx Sng. 745.00
Jr. M. + Mx. Sng. 550.00

Mx Couple 460.00
Mx Single 230.00

Womens 360.00
Womens night 165.00
Womens + Mx Sng 475.00
Womens nt + Mx Sng 345.00

Seniors 165.00
Seniors + Mx Sng 345.00

Competitive* 264.00
Competitive +other* 132.00

Associate 50.00

* 3 sessions 88.00/per

** 3 sessions 44.00/per

This Year's

Men's - any league combo across all leagues

- four 850.00
- three 750.00
- two 650.00
- one 350.00

Mixed

- per person 250.00

Women's

- day 300.00
- night 200.00

- added to other
curling 100.00/additional

Competitive only
only 350.00

Membership fee 50.00/per household

Youth 50.00/per person

PLEASE NOTE: CHARTS INCLUDE DUES SCHEDULE ONLY.

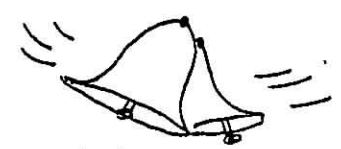
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WALTER & LILLIE TIE THE KNOT (AND ONE ON) WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT TWO-DAY CELEBRATION



That glow you see emanating from Lucky Lillie is not another first event win, but something even better. (No, it's not an eight-ender, either.) Lillie Shortridge and Walter Baggett made it official over the holidays when they got married in Florida just after Christmas and partied up top a week later with friends and family from all parts of the U.S. Yes, the bride wore white. Yes, there wasn't a dry eye in the house, and yes, Walter surprised her with a traditional Tiffany-style diamond engagement ring on Christmas eve at her parents place. Unforgettable quotes during the celebrations? Walter telling his three new brothers-in-law, "Look out, boys, I'm number one in her book now!" The happy couple is now at home in Ardsley, and planning to attend their first mixed bonspiel together at TCC in February. Congratulations!

contents 1993/94 FRUIT SALE HUGE SUCCESS

Rule clarification	2	<p>What's an extra 20 cases? The difference between a good year and a great year according to Fruit Sale chairman Carl Phares. Even though the fruit company shipped an extra 20 cases more than we ordered, the annual O & G sale has been successfully concluded with all cases sold and a solid contribution to the club's finances. Nearly \$3,000 was raised in this year's efforts. Many thanks are in order, especially to the outstanding sales efforts of Heather Kenny, Mary Jean Keenan, Pippa Broadhurst and Jinny Hill. Anita and Neal Pilzer not only lent the use of their garage as a storage and pick up point, but they also made lots of deliveries and collections when our staffing was short. Among the other many unsung heroes of the fundraising drive are Ray Phares (Carl's wife!) and Carl himself. Be sure to thank him personally when you next see him -- we need another chairperson for next year, and judging by the extraordinary success of this and previous years' sales under his direction, we want Carl to continue!</p>
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Flash! This just in — Ardwicks I (Shirley Bruce, Nadja McKay, Mioko Takaguchi and Molly Babcock) won the third event of this year's Empire State Bonspiel in Schenectady, defeating Utica I in the finals!

RULE 10(2) CLARIFIED

At a recent meeting of the rules committee, a decision was rendered regarding the excessive use of Telekinesis during club matches. The committee has long overlooked its use during mixed by the vice skip on opposing teams, but recent inexplicable alterations in stones' paths during the Monday night open league and the Second Event finals of the New Year's Recovery Mini-bonspiel have made this action necessary. While there is no specific wording in the USCA Rules of Play specifically banning telekinesis, it is the opinion of the committee that Rule 10(2), which prohibits the touching of a stone by an opponent would preclude telekinesis (i.e., touching a stone with your mind). In addition, the committee also cited the recent clarification in international curling regarding the use of artificial communications devices between team members (clear-com headsets), as support for their action. Pending a ruling by a Higher Authority (Jerry Garcia?), the use of telekinesis will not be allowed and any stone so touched will be replaced in accordance with rule 10(2).

SECOND VERSE, SAME AS THE FIRST

RE: Subs, once again. 1. Find sub within your team. 2. Find sub within your league, and finally, 3. any active curler. Curlers who substitute should limit their number of "sub" games to no more than three per league.

Antediluvian Curling Terms

Crack an Egg. To have a stone which hits another shot on the edge and sends it sideways out of the house. **Brouchs.** Circles around the tee. **Pot-lid.** A stone which is almost entirely within the small circle nearest the tee; also known as "on the button." **Quacked.** A stone which goes down the ice rocking from side to side. This results from grounding the stone on the ice on one side. Such stones travel straighter and faster. They are sometimes used by experts, but it is a bad habit for a beginner to get into.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GNCC SENIOR MENS CHAMP'S

February 3-6. One of the "premier" competitive events of the GNCC. Don't miss it!

PRESIDENT'S DAY MINI 'SPIEL

February 21. Good warm up for Headless.

THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN

February 25-27. Sign up soon! Fundspiel party Saturday night featuring Karaoke. Think of what your friends might sing, and come loaded with cash!

The thinking curler...

"Like other games, the more study put into the game the more fun it is. A cool head in tight places is just as important as in toher competitive sports. Do not get over-anxious or discouraged. Al players, even the best, have off days, and your form will come back. No game is ever lost until it is finished. A close, well-fought match is more interesting than a runaway match. *No one individual wins a match; it is the whole team that wins it.*"


From "Mr. Besom-- Starts Curling" by Fritz B. Talbot, 1936.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Blanton Weeknight Competition: Kenny 7-1; Horton 5-3; Harmon 5-4, Whitman 3-5, Boss 3-5, Barghout 2-7.

Wilds Weekend Competition: Final standings: NY Caledonian (Smith/Austin, Huebner, Baensch, Barghout, Huebner) 6-3; Ardsley (Chebetar/Whitman, Fior, Ficalora, McCarty, Hayes, MacIntosh) 5-4; Ardsley (Paterson/Broadhurst) 4-5; St. Andrews (Messing/Horton) 3-6.

All American (day): Hill/MacIntosh 6-0; Bruce/McKay 3-3; Keenan 2-4; Conner 1-5.

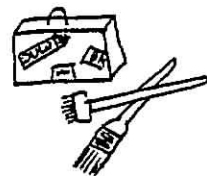
Thanks, Thanks, Thanks 

To Gert & Tracy Messing for the VCR loan!

Mini-'spiel results

The holiday season finished in on a high note January 2 with the first-ever New Year's Recovery Mini-'spiel at the club. First event honors after 3 four-end matches played over the course of 6 hours went to Trevor Davey's team of Mary Jean Keenan, John Keenan and Todd Clough; second event to Kim Freeman, Shelley Dropkin, Pippa Broadhurst and Katie Clough; and third event to Alan Merry, Nadja McKay, Don McKay and Rob McKay. Great idea for a bonspiel, Steve! Thanks!

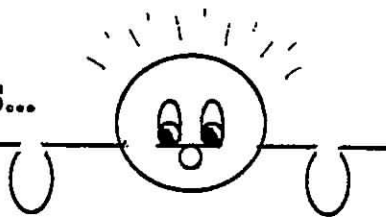
Club curlers travel to national playdowns



January 27-30 is a busy weekend on the competitive front with a number of Ardsley and St. Andrews curlers heading for national playdowns. Gert Messing, Dave Horton, Ashley Griggs and Alan Merry are playing off in the New York State district against 7 other men's teams in Utica, while Kim Freeman, Cindy Boss and Sandi Buchanan are teaming with Shelley Dropkin (from Broomstones) in the GNCC Women's championships in Nutmeg. Jean Murphy is also competing as a member of the defending championship team out of Garden State. If you're in the Utica or Nutmeg areas this weekend, stop by and root them on!



BETWEEN THE SHEETS...



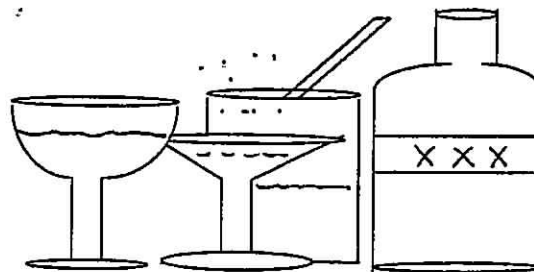
The "skins game" took on a whole new meaning for curling commuter/bonspiel houseguest **Dannie Steskie** during the Douglas - seems **Pete & Jean Murphy's** only working VCR is in -- you guessed it -- the master bedroom. *Hey Dannie, I got these great curling posters you gotta see-- they're upstairs in my dorm.* In the "don't drink the water" department: **Davis Yetman** and **Kim Freeman** are having a hard time lining up teammates following the recent knowledge that once again, the distaff side of their downrink is in the family way. Davis & Kim are 3 for 3 in the past three seasons: first **Cindy Boss**, then **Barrie McKernan**, now... well, come on by Monday night and see for yourself. **Chris Bertchie** is slowly inching her way back onto the ice... last Thursday night, she was back of the house coaching new skips through their first games. We hear **Betsy** "shake, rattle and roll" **Sugahara's** refrigerator did a great imitation of an outturn take out during LA's earthquake of '94. Betsy's a little rattled, but according to **Kay**, alright.

A special welcome to newcomers

Richard Andrechak, Jane Cavanaugh, Michael Donohue, Tom Sabatino, Jennifer Babcock (no relation to Molly & Denny, but we hear she's got her visa for Obersdorff all lined up -- see HouseCalls, Vol. 2, #1), Elizabeth Bourne, Joyce Harrington, Rita Mastrangelo, Marion Rosley and Trent Andres. A special thanks to **Jean Glus** for introducing so many of her friends to us!

MEET THE STAFF...

Mike Ferraguzzi, the newest face behind the bar (Brian Kenny Jr. not included) is twenty three and a native of Dobbs Ferry. He graduated from Ardsley High School and recently also graduated from Pace University. He enjoys hockey -- both watching and playing -- and is looking toward a career in writing. (Maybe we can get him to do the newsletter!)



HELP NEEDED *Kim Freeman has resigned as editor of HouseCalls because of business commitments, so we need a new editor. If you can help, see or call Geoff Broadhurst. The copy deadline for the next issue is February 7 and the issue is mailed on February 12.*

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SENIOR CIRCUIT

MEN'S GNCC SENIOR BONSPIEL - February 3, 4, 5, 6

Bunkie Harmon, Paul Mort and Tony Ficalora organized a first class bonspiel. 20 GNCC teams competed. This year a fourth event prize was added: The Sleepy Hollow Medal which was won by Al Roder's Albany team against the only home team to survive till the finals -- *Bill Versfelt's* (Skip) team. Don Beelor, Skip - Schnectady 1, won the first event for the second year in a row against Dr. Jim Holmblad. Nutmeg 2 (Dave Noble) won the second event over Bob Kloughman's rink, and Stan Rooney of Garden State won the 3rd event.

The Friday evening banquet was highlighted by our personal entertainer *Archie Bruce*, complete with his one inch harmonica band and jokes that split our sides -- including *Helene Kayser's* favorite -- "Mary, my mind's made up".

The Warm Room was beautifully decorated in plaids, thanks to the skillful sewing of *Pam Siebert*, undoubtedly with a wee bit of help from *Helen Siebert*. Saturday evening's dinner of filet mignon will be remembered in the GNCC for a long time!! Special thanks for their exceptional help goes to *Mary Jean Keenan, Jean MacIntosh, Nadja McKay, Shirley Bruce, Art Mojo, Walter Baggett* and to the numerous others who pitched in.

OUR MEN'S SENIORS DEFEAT NUTMEG SENIORS AFTER 4 YEARS *February 18*

Ten years ago *Ed Sibert* and others started a seniors bonspiel with Nutmeg. Three games are played at Ardsley in December and three games at Nutmeg in February. The club that scores the highest cumulative total rocks wins. This year, teams skipped by *Bob Whitman, Bill Versfelt and Bunkie Harmon* won by 10 rocks and, after four years, finally brought the Sibert Trophy home. A jolly lunch followed the game and all are sure this spiel will continue forever. Incidentally, our seniors wear a pin "Ice House Gang" and Nutmeg's group is known as GOBS (Good Old Boys). It was great fun.

LATEST FROM HOME LEAGUES

MEN FINALS

The ***BLANTON*** was won by Brian Kenny (Skip), Ashley Griggs, Geoff Broadhurst, Walter Steinemann, Tony Vanderburg and Russell Gibson. Second place was taken by Dave Horton (Skip), Doug Buchanan, Tony Ficalora, Bob Baensch, John Keenan, Kal Sunderam and Shoji Takiguchi.

Skip	W	L
Kenny	8	2
Horton	6	3
Harmon	5	5
Whitman	4	5
Boss	3	5
Barghout	2	8

The two games postponed due to ice conditions or weather were not played as no change in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place could result.

The ***LINC SEIBERT*** Medal was won by the Ardsley rink of Gerry McCarty and Ron Fior (Co-Skips), Adam Chebetar, Isa Barghout, Bill Versfelt and Shoji Takiguchi. In second place was the Ardsley rink of Bunkie Harmon and Paul Mort (Co-Skips), R. Burns Patterson, Dennis Nagami and Ken Yoshida.

Skip	W	L
McCarty/Fior	6	0
Harmon/Mort	3	3
Horton/McKay, D.	2	4
Huebner/Baensch	1	5

IN PROGRESS

<i>WELLS</i>	<i>JUG OGDEN</i>
Messing 3-0; Godbold 3-0; Buchanan 1-2; Chebetar 1-2; Kenny 1-2; Horton 0-3.	Began on the weekend of February 19, 20 -- More to come.

COMPETITIVE

This league continues to grow and now has seven teams. As the name implies, the competition is very tight. The third session ends February 28th and will be followed by mini playoff spiel planned for March 14, 21 & 22.

ARDWICKS

The All American is currently has a first place tie and Kim Freeman and Gloria Hortensius (1st year Skip) will play off on February 24.

Day Ladies hosted the second portion of the Two Brooms on February 18th. The trophy returned to Connecticut.

Details of the USWCA Nationals will follow.

The Wells Wicks (day) is currently in progress. March 2nd will begin the Junior Skip portion of this session.

<i>MIXED</i>		
First Session	Winner (66 1/4 Pts) Ralph & Alison Bankes Jay McManus Tom Doherty	Second (62 1/2 Pts) Walter & Betty Steinemann Neil Pilzer Ed Smith
Second Session	(56 3/4 Pts) Isa Barghout Marlene Verdes Tony Vanderburg Suad Barghout	(43 1/4 Pts) Ian McKinley Harry Harper Jay McManus Stephanie Larsen

BETWEEN THE SHEETS

- Thanks to *Gert Messing* for two new "measurers" which have such a level of accuracy they also can be used to measure the orbit of the space shuttle to the micron. Gert also gets thanks for the new "pebble head".
- A few weeks ago, some "monsters" came into our club and cracked the ice all the way down to the cement. If you are the last out, please remember:
 1. Lock the door.
 2. Do not leave the thermostat on "Hold" at a high temperature. Push "Run Program" and we will continue to save oil and \$\$.
- Even with the above incident, our ice has been the best in years, nevertheless, *Steve Smith* invites all those who are interested in the quality of our ice to discuss how we can improve it even more -- Please see Steve.
- The Club wants all constructive suggestions from its members. Please put ideas in an envelope to *Geoff Broadhurst* and pin on the Notice Board (signature not necessary).
- *Horace McAfee*, a member of Ardsley in the 60's and 70's, passed along on Friday, February 18, 1994. A prominent lawyer, he was instrumental in building our current facility in 1967. He will be missed by many of his curling friends and family. A memorial service is scheduled for 3:00 PM, February 25, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Irvington.
- Rumor has it that our new member *Ed Smith* is a Bagpiper (a special person to curlers). Hopefully, he will announce his debut recital soon.
- Best wishes and best regards to *Herb MacIntosh* -- 80 years old on January 7th.
- Hope you agree that the Country Club did a fine job keeping our new path clear and safe during the record setting snow and ice. Incidentally, the path cost \$15,476. The Ardsley Country Club contributed \$7,800 and donations from the Curling Club members totaled \$8,075; so we have a fine new path and a surplus of \$399.

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"No Editor Note":

With the above in mind, many details and information are sketchy or omitted at this time. Our new Editor will include them in the next issue.

NEWCOMERS

It's never too late to learn to curl. *Jean Glus* has added yet another friend to our roster -- Welcome to *Thomas Sabatino*. Two medical students have found time in their busy schedules to join our mixed -- *Bob Bernstein and Laura O'Tolski*. Our mixed also welcome *Michael Klewan and Betty Norton*.

Many thanks to all our members who invited, encouraged and cajoled these fine folks to try curling. Special thanks to *Brian Kenny* as Membership Chairman and *Wayne Stewart* for his instruction to get our new friends started in curling.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 24

7:00 PM Ardsley Curling Club Annual Meeting (Warm Room)
All (Ardsley, St. Andrews, Caledonian) members invited.
Board Meeting will follow.

Saturday, March 26

Pull the Plug Spiel - Costumes, curling, great food, karaoke,
raffle (Barghout & Siebert Co-Chair). Volunteers needed for a
silent auction

Friday, May 13

Closing Dinner at Ardsley Country Club - Medals & Prizes
awarded to the winners. Members from all
leagues & clubs invited.

Thursday, June 9
(Tentative)

Golf Outing at Ardsley or St. Andrews or Nutmeg Golf Clubs

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HOME SPIEL FUN

HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL - February 25, 26, 27

Next year our Headless Horseman Bonspiel (for *all* club curlers) will be 25 years old; however, it will be tough to have better competition and more fun than what we enjoyed two weeks ago. *Katy & Todd Clough and Ruth & Burns Patterson (Jr.)* worked so hard to make the social part so great and *Steve Smith* did wonders organizing 18 teams to include even a sixth event prize this year -- The Graveyard. Thanks very much to *Kim Freeman* for donating the Karaoke on Saturday evening. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up (see results on exit door).

PULL THE PLUG BONSPIEL - March 25 and 26

Because everyone in our clubs seemed to enjoy the Headless Horseman competition and social activities so much, the Pull the Plug year end party will now be a bonspiel. A dozen members have phoned every member and we now have at least 16 teams starting Friday evening to play a total of three 6 end games which will end with finals and fun and games Saturday evening. *Suad & Isa Barghout, Pam & Ed Siebert* and wonderful *Steve Smith* are arranging this great finale to our curling season. For \$20 their plans are:

- Friday Evening Curling: 3 Draws - 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 9:00 PM
Homemade soup & light supper during curling
- Saturday Lunch Homemade soup, chicken salad, etc. etc.
- Saturday Dinner * Hors D'oeuvres (bring one if you wish)
 * Two whole baked lamb and other exotic dishes and desserts
- Prizes given Saturday evening for best Spring/Garden Party/Easter costume.
- Raffle for gallons of "Spirit"!!!
- All must vote for our "Rookie of the Year".

- Silent Auction: Please donate your \$10+ unwanted "treasure" to Ardsley Curling Club Silent Auction. The auction is a 20-year tradition for ACC to raise much needed funds. Please give your treasure to the *Broadhursts* before Thursday, March 24.
- Late Saturday evening, "Novelty" curling games are scheduled.
- If you can sub for this spiel, call *Isa & Suad Barghout*.
- If you are unable to curl in the bonspiel and want to come for Saturday dinner, you must make reservations with *Suad & Isa Barghout* (\$15 per person).
- Bring your skates for the last event on our ice - sorry, roller blades won't work until the ice melts!

LITTLE ROCKERS '94

By Kevin Clancy Jr.

The theme of this year's Little Rockers' Bonspiel, held March 5 at the Nutmeg Curling Club, was "Curling Around The World". The teams were named for countries. They consisted of "Scotland", "Switzerland", "Germany", "Canada", "Japan", and "USA". The first place winner was "Japan", skipped by *Kevin Clancy Jr.*, of Ardsley. The vice was from Plainfield, and the second Nutmeg. The lead could not make it, and had to be replaced in each game. Second place ("Scotland") was skipped by a boy from Plainfield, the vice *Amanda Zayas* from Ardsley, and the second was from Nutmeg. The lead was *Nora Clancy*, of Ardsley. Third place was held by "Germany". The skip, vice, and second were from Plainfield, and the lead from Nutmeg. Others from Ardsley were *Luis-Michael Zayas* on the "USA" team, *Marissa Zayas and Sara Palermo* of the "Switzerland" team, and *Kevin Armstrong* on the "Germany" team.

In the 'spiel, each team played two 4-end games. The winner was determined by the overall score, and what would normally be worth one point was counted as two. The winning team's total score was twelve. There was a tie for second, which was broken by a quick, one-end game where each player delivered a single stone. The winning stone, and the only one in the house, was thrown by *Amanda Zayas* of the "Scotland" team. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team members each received a gold, silver or bronze pin.

Ardsley missed *Coach Adam Chebetar, and Liz, Catherine and Robert*, who were in Florida. The Connecticut hospitality was great, and the kids can't wait to hit the bonspiel circuit.

LATEST FROM HOME LEAGUES

WOMEN'S ALL AMERICAN COMPETITION

Congratulations to first year skip *Gloria Hortensius* who led her Rink C to win the 1993-94 All American Women's Competition, Evening Division pin for the Ardwick's. Her Vice Skip was *Cindy Boss*, 2nd *Betty Steinemann* (1st half) and *Shigeko Yoshida* (2nd half), and Lead *Patti Bova*.

Rink	Played against:	A	B	C	D	E	F	Playoff
A	Clancy	*	L	L	W	W	L	
B	Murphy	W	*	W	L	L	L	
C	Hortensius	W	L	*	W	W	W	W
D	Verdes	L	W	L	*	W	L	
E	MacMillan	L	W	L	L	*	L	
F	Freeman	W	W	L	W	W	*	L

The pins and other presentations will be made at the Club Closing Dinner.

BETWEEN THE SHEETS

- The Basic Strategy of Curling will be printed in our September or November House Calls. In the meantime, we hope all "experienced" curlers will explain the basic tactics and reasons for a certain shot to new curlers. Let's keep curling's interest going.
- On February 22, your Board voted to take advantage of the Con Ed lighting rebate program; so by next curling season, all our lights inside and out of the building will be changed to efficiency units. Payback is expected in less than three years.
- Thanks to *Katy Clough* and *Kay Sugahara*, three additional color TV camera monitors will be installed to view our near end houses from the team tables. Our club is "Hi Tech" and more surprises are coming.

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- Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club. Take a look on Page 2 of your Roster and see the 40 people who volunteered to make this curling season so great. Please thank them for their contributions and please consider being a volunteer for next season. Tell *Geoff Broadhurst* what volunteer job you might consider!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 24

7:00 PM Ardsley Curling Club Annual Meeting (Warm Room)
All (Ardsley, St. Andrews, Caledonian) members invited. Sign and bring your Proxy. Board Meeting will follow.

Sadie Hawkins Night - All men are invited to join Thursday (Night) ladies for this special event. Please sign up by March 17 by calling Chris Bertchie.

Friday & Saturday
March 25 & 26

Pull the Plug Spiel - Costumes, curling, great food, raffle (Barghouts & Sieberts Co-Chair). Unwanted "treasures" needed for a silent auction (see Broadhursts)

Sunday, March 27

Skating - The ice is open to all men, women and children.

Saturday, April 16

Several maintenance jobs at the Club need your help. Please come. Call Adam Chebetar for details.

Friday, May 13

Closing Dinner at Ardsley Country Club - Medals & Prizes awarded to the winners. Members from all leagues & clubs invited (Notification cards coming).

June, July, or August

Golf Outing date at Ardsley or St. Andrews or Nutmeg Golf Clubs to be determined. Cancel tentative June 9th date.

NEW CURLERS

Please keep this page for reference

One of the key reasons why curling is such a great sport is the Etiquette that we follow. Since 40% of our club members have joined in the last two years, it is important that each member understands the **Basic Etiquette for Curlers** listed below:

- Be on time! All players should be ready to go on the ice at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the game. Failure to be on time may penalize your team.
- If you are unable to curl a specific game, find your own substitute and notify your Skip of the change.
- Please help keep the ice clean by wiping your shoes before going on the ice.
- Be ready to deliver your stone when your turn comes. Get into the hack immediately after the preceding player has delivered their stone.
- Stand quietly and motionless to the side of the sheet between the hog lines when an opposing player is in the hack or studying his shot.
- After sweeping the stone, go immediately to the sides. Do not return to the hacks by walking down the center of the ice.
- Remain on the ice during the course of play. You may leave the ice in case of necessities or an emergency.
- Please do not drag the broom on the ice when not sweeping a stone since particles from your broom may cause debris for the next shot.
- Be courteous to players on other sheets of ice and do not disrupt their games.
- Viewers should not disrupt the play of the game with excessive noise or by pounding on the glass.
- Sweepers are to leave the house as soon as they have swept the stone.
- Curling is a team sport. All members of the team should concentrate on the play of the game.
- Please take good care of the ice, stones and equipment.
- Please do not eat on the ice.
- Should you be practicing, replace the stones as they were when you started.
- Should you burn a rock, please acknowledge this to your fellow teammates immediately.
- Curling is a gentleperson's sport. Courteous behavior is expected at all times.



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PULL THE PLUG BONSPIEL - March 25 & 26 Suad and Isa Barghout

We got the applause, the cute card signed by the club members and the exquisite duck. We were really overwhelmed with those acts of recognition.

However, the success of the party was due to the great help we got from many members. Geoff Broadhurst was with us through all the steps, making sure that we got all the help we needed. Ed and Pam Siebert were great partners and they topped it with their generous donation. Thanks to the spiel committee. Helen Siebert gave us the spring feeling with her beautiful decorations. The costume judging was smartly carried out by Archie and Shirley Bruce. Jean Glus undertook the tedious job of money collecting plus bringing and setting up the Friday night cold cuts.

The Raffle was a big success due to the anonymous prize donation and to Harry Harper and Thanos Dousmanis who sold the tickets. No thanks could be enough for the part Steve Smith played regarding the ice and running the games. Pippa and Geoff Broadhurst successfully ran the Silent Auction. Special thanks to Ann Elliott for her gracious unexpected help while serving dinner, she almost forgot to eat. And to Greg Sheridan for the tasty garlic bread.

Also many thanks to the following members who donated appetizers and deserts - Shigeko Yoshida, Mary-Jean Keenan, Nadja McKay, Heather Kenny, Marie Illos, Ann Dudley, and others.

Editor's Note on Pull the Plug Bonspiel: Converting the Pull the Plug Party to a mini Bonspiel was a smashing way to wind up our curling season. Let's plan on it again for next year.

We literally did not need to pull the electric plug this year, as an oil seal burst on our refrigeration compressor on Sunday, March 27; so the fuse blew and shut down our season. We have a spare oil seal which will be installed in time for ice making on October 3.

It was very interesting and delicious to enjoy the Middle-Eastern food that Suad and Isa prepared. The curling club is lucky to have many members that come from different countries and cultures.

The curling club thanks everyone for contributing to the Silent Auction either by donating or purchasing items. Hope you found it fun too.

The winners of the First Annual Pull the Plug Bonspiel were Gert Messing (you'll hear his name many times at the Closing Dinner), Steve Smith, Todd Clough and Katy Clough. Great finish in the stretch!

Rumor has it that we might run another mini spiel at the beginning of next season, probably around our Open House or on the following Curling Instruction weekend. What do you think?

MIXED CURLING WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS!

First Session

Winner

Ralph Bankes
Alison Bankes
Jay McManus
Tom Doherty

Second

Walter Steinemann
Betty Steinemann
Neil Pilzer
Ed Smith

Second Session

Winner

Isa Barghout
Suad Barghout
Marlene Verdes
Tony Vanderburg

Second

Ian McKinley
Stephanie Larsen
Harry Harper
Jay McManus

Third Session

Winner

Kay Sugahara
Cynthia Lower
Jim Kindler
Rosemany Kindler

Second

Allen Merry
David Crowley
Diane Ritter
Ed Smith

ELECTED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - GREG SHERIDAN

Greg: the men say "a decent fellow," the ladies say "a handsome devil." We wish you good curling for many years to come. Thanks for joining.

SADIE HAWKINS NIGHT - March 24

Chris Bertchie and Kim Freeman ran a fun finale for women's curling with all sheets filled. Three rinks were skipped by ladies: Chris Bertchie, Nancy Clancy and Kim Freeman - and three by gentlemen: Trevor Davey, Pete Murphy and Kay Sugahara. Two events, the Corn Cob and the Moonshine were played with a clever twist of position movement. It was so clever that early imbibing of moonshine rendered all recollections inaccurate as this goes to press. Winners of the two events were Trevor Davey's rink and Kay Sugahara's rink. A great after-party feast and prize giving finished the evening. (Hey, Trevor, Nancy says you owe her one with her big four end score against Pete Murphy.) Oh yes, there was hillbilly justice and the high winning team suddenly lost a rock. Thank you Kim and Chris.

4TH WOMEN'S CHALLENGE - Albany Curling Club March 17-20

The Ardsley team of Gloria Hortensius (skip), Helen Siebert (Vice), Mieko Takiguchi (2nd), and Lillie Shortridge-Baggett (Lead) won a tough game against the Utica I team going into an extra end but then lost to Utica II in an almost back-to-back game. Later in the day, Ardsley was eliminated by Schenectady when the fatigue factor set in (3 games in one day). Katy Clough played on the Potomac Team.

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING - March 24

The membership of our club elected Jean Glus to the Board for a one-year term and Geoff Broadhurst, Adam Chebetar and Bob Hill for three-year terms. The Board elected Archie Bruce as Treasurer of the club. We wish to thank Walter Baggett for his service as Treasurer.

Our membership has grown, thanks to everyone's hard work and the leadership of Brian Kenny. Please see the significant membership changes below. Our membership goal is 200 men and women curlers next year!

Ardsley Curling Club Membership Report March 24, 1994

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	<u>Ardsley</u>	<u>St. Andrews</u>	<u>NY Cal.</u>	<u>Ardwick</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1993/1994</u>					
(1) Men Curlers	55	22	11	-	88
(2) Women Curlers	19	6	-	50	75
(3) Associates	37	-	-	-	37
(4) Total	111	28	11	50	200
<u>1992/1993</u>					
(5) Men Curlers	46	18	9	-	73
(6) Women Curlers	11	7	1	29	48
(7) Associates	33	4	5	-	42
(8) Total	90	29	15	29	163
<u>Change-inc/(Dec) vs 1992/93</u>					
(9) Men Curlers	9	4	2	-	15
(10) Women Curlers	8	(1)	(1)	21	27
(11) Associates	4	(4)	(5)	-	(5)
(12) Total	21	(1)	(4)	21	37

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 16, 9 AM to Noon - Our list of maintenance and club improvement jobs is now almost two pages long. Lets get started on the list this Saturday. Handy people (male or female) of all skill levels are needed.

Monday, April 25, 7:30 PM - Ardsley Curling Club Board Meeting to be held in the country club board room.

Friday, May 13 - At the Ardsley Country Club:

6:30-6:45 Ardwick's Annual Meeting
6:45-7:00 St. Andrews Annual Meeting
7:00-8:00 Cocktail Party
8:00- ? Closing Dinner, Women's and Men's
Award Presentations and Entertainment.

(Dinner invitation and reply card to follow)

Saturday, July 30 - St. Andrews Summer Picnic to be held at Steve Smith's summer home on Lake Mahopac.

Thursday, August 4 - The Annual Green Bonspiel at the Ardsley Country Club. See flier.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE COMING SOON

Please send your survey questions to Brian Kenny so they can be included in the survey. We very much want to know what you would like to change and improve in our club.

SUMMER DAY CAMP AT THE ARDSLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Our mixed curler, Patti McCue, is a school teacher during the curling season. In July and August, however, she is the director of the day camp at the Ardsley Country Club. Children (4 to 12) of curling club members are invited to enjoy this fine day camp. The activities include swimming, golf, tennis, arts and crafts, games, playground play and field trips. Campers will receive a nutritious lunch. Please call Patti McCue 914-276-2239 or the country club office 915-591-8150 for details.

The fees for the camp are as follows: Ages 4 to 6, 3 weeks \$350, 6 weeks \$525; ages 6 to 8, 3 weeks \$425, 6 weeks \$675, ages 8 to 12, 3 weeks \$500, 6 weeks \$800.

STOP THE PRESS NEWS

Congratulations to Chris Bertchie who has a new job but must move to Maryland. No more details available yet.

ARDSLEY COUNTRY CLUB GOLF AND HOUSE PRIVILEGES FOR CURLERS

From April through October all curlers in good standing may:

1. Use the country club clubhouse facility (dining rooms, bar, etc.) up to twice per month. There are no restaurant minimums from April to October.
2. Play golf on the country club course once per month, upon payment of greens and cart or caddy fees.

Curlers may use the clubhouse on any day of the week as long as it is open. The club is normally closed on Mondays. Consult the monthly mailing for clubhouse schedule, or call the country club 915-591-8150 for information. The normal dress code applies, and the staff would appreciate it if you would call ahead for dining reservations.

As for golf, curlers may play on any day of the week, except when the course is closed for maintenance (normally Mondays) or outings. Curlers do not have guest privileges for golf. No jeans (including designer jeans) or tank tops are allowed. Please call ahead to the pro shop 591-8403 to arrange a tee time. Introduce yourself as a curler and the staff will be happy to accommodate you.

These privileges pertain to all curlers at Ardsley, including St. Andrews, Caledonians, and Ardwicks. If you have paid your dues for the curling season which just ended, you can enjoy these privileges through October without additional dues. However, please note that these privileges do not extend to Associate members.

We hope that you will make use of these privileges during the spring and summer to become better acquainted with the country club's members and facilities. If you have any questions or would like assistance in dealing with the country club, contact Brian Kenny 914-591-6906.

<u>Greens Fees</u>	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	-	\$35.00 per person
	Fridays	-	45.00
	Weekend & Holiday	-	50.00

<u>Carts</u>	Friday, Weekend & Holiday		
	18 Holes - 2 players	-	\$33.00
	18 Holes - 1 player	-	16.50
	9 Holes - 2 players	-	20.00
	9 Holes - 1 player	-	10.00
	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		
	18 Holes - 2 players	-	\$29.00
	18 Holes - 1 player	-	14.50
	9 Holes - 2 players	-	17.00
	9 Holes - 1 player	-	8.50

Caddy Fees 18 Holes \$20 per bag plus tip
 9 holes 12 per bag plus tip

Fore Caddy \$ 7 per player plus tip
 (Mandatory when available)

All caddy fees do not include tip.

HELP WANTED AD

Senior Editor Needed for Immediate Position: An able member who will write our House Calls. Future issues are due by the 10th of the month in order for the Country Club to print and mail them. Only 6 issues per year -- April, September, November, December, January, February. Secret nominations will be accepted. Please contact Geoff Broadhurst. Bonus upon signing up.

THE ANNUAL GREEN BONSPIEL - August 4

We are pleased to announce that our annual Green Bonspiel golf outing will be held Thursday, August 4, 1994. We encourage all men and women golfing curlers, high, low, and no handicap alike, to participate in this fun-filled afternoon. We will again hold the event at The Ardsley Country Club due to the exceptional value they have provided us.

The \$48.50 per person entry fee includes a hearty buffet lunch at noon, a 1:00 PM shot gun 18-hole tournament, golf carts, an after tournament awards reception with hors d'oeuvres (buy your own drinks), prizes for the winners, and a golf/curling pin as a memento of the tournament.

Players will be assigned to mixed foursomes based on their handicaps. If you don't have an established handicap you can still compete.

Send in the enclosed registration form to reserve your place or call Tony Ficalora 591-7344 for more information. Please join us to compete for the coveted Ardsley Nutmeg St. Andrews Trophy.