

Missing - N.Y. News, Eve Announcement - Buzgell
- New Curling rule - Buzgell
- Add Barry Morris - drops of blood for "pebble"

HouseCalls

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News from the Ardsley, Ardwicks, New York Caledonian and St. Andrews Curling Clubs

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE - NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP

The curling season officially began on Oct. 22-23, with the traditional Open House weekend.

Membership Chairperson Brian Kenny reports that the sign-up was a great success; we have at least 23 new curlers as we go to press. While this doesn't quite offset the members we lost to relocations and such, it's a great start. Another Open House is being planned for sometime in January; watch the bulletin board and future issues for details.

On the last page of this issue, we have a complete listing of all our new members. Let's do our best to make them feel welcome!

OPENING DINNER

On Nov. 6th, nearly 30 new and veteran curlers and their friends enjoyed themselves up at the Country Club during the Season Opening Dinner.

While the food and the camaraderie were excellent, the high point of the evening had to be

the presentation made to the still-curling Anne Dudley, honoring her recent 90th birthday. On behalf of all the clubs, Nadja McKay and Archie Bruce presented her with a framed poster, showing her curling in the

HELP WANTED!

If the contents of this issue seem a little thin, it might have something to do with the make-up of our current editorial staff.

The aggregate curling experience of the entire staff (currently 1 person) is a little over 6 weeks; our experience in publishing newsletters is significantly less.

For this newsletter to work, we're going to need your input! We need your story ideas, questions about curling and/or the clubs you want answered, "news" items, results from out-of-town bonspiels, league standings, up-coming events, etc.

On the bulletin board in the Warm Room are some forms to jot down your ideas (please be as specific as possible). Leave them in the envelope marked "HouseCalls", also on the bulletin board. Don't assume any topic is too obvious and we must know about it. Trust us; nothing is obvious at this point!

If anyone would like to write a story or join the editorial staff on a regular basis, contact Rich Andrechak (914.476.0854) directly. Bribes (in the form of drinks at the Warm Room bar) based upon length of article or joining the staff are negotiable.

1930's and winning an "8-Enders". Anne also received a lifetime curling membership, although there was some question as to whether this entitled her to curl with the "Senior Men's".

All our thanks to Tony and Vanda Ficalora for putting together a terrific evening. In turn, they would like to thank Steve Aries, Paul Smith and Victor Boyd of the Country Club for their invaluable help.

BASIC CURLING ETIQUETTE

The start of the new season seemed an appropriate time to remind new and old curlers of some basics.

- ♦ Be on time. All players should be ready to go on the ice at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their game. Being late could penalize your team.
- ♦ Help preserve the ice by making sure your shoes are clean before going on the ice.
- ♦ Be ready to deliver your stone when your turn comes. Get into the hack as soon as the preceding player has delivered the stone.
- ♦ While the opposing player is playing or studying their shot, stand quietly by the side of the sheet, between the hog lines.
- ♦ After sweeping a stone, go to the side of the sheet. Don't return to the hacks by walking down the center of the ice.
- ♦ Remain on the ice during the course of play, leaving only in case of necessities or emergency.
- ♦ Please do not drag the broom on the ice when not sweeping a stone as particles from your broom may leave debris in the path of the next shot.
- ♦ Be aware of players on the other sheets of ice and try not to disrupt their games.
- ♦ Viewers in the warm room should not disrupt the play of the game with excessive noise or by pounding on the glass.
- ♦ Sweepers should leave the house as soon as they have swept the stone.
- ♦ Curling is a team sport; all members should concentrate on the play of the game.
- ♦ Please take good care of the ice, stones and other equipment.
- ♦ Please do not eat on the ice.
- ♦ After practicing, return the stones to their original position at the side of the hack.
- ♦ Should you burn (touch in any manner) a stone, acknowledge this to your teammates immediately.
- ♦ Curling is a gentleman's sport; courteous behavior is expected at all times.

ANYONE FOR DUCK SOUP?

Bob Hill is putting together a history of the curling club. To complete this mission, he's looking for copies of the old newsletter, "Duck Soup". Anyone that can help, get in touch with Bob at 914.944.7009.

ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

Why not do both yourself and the club a favor and participate in the annual fruit sale. For \$22, you get your choice of a $\frac{4}{5}$ bushel-box of fresh navel oranges, Indian River grapefruits or a half-and-half mix. You get some healthful citrus fruit and the club makes a little money.

Organizers of this year's sale, Carl Phares and Heather Kenny, have a few thoughts they would like to share with everyone:

"We hope all of you will support this effort by buying fruit for your own enjoyment and for holiday gifts to friends and family. In addition, 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 very favorably with those in the grocery store. Some members have had great success in selling fruit in the past and if we all do this we will have a great sale.

Remember, second to dues, this sale is your club's greatest source of revenue. Help keep our budget in line by making a big effort to do your part to make this our most profitable sale ever".

There's an order sheet on the Warm Room door and please try to order before the end of November.

PLAN AHEAD!

- ◆ **TURKEY TROT BONSPIEL** (Nov. 25th thru 27th). This annual weekend event is a little earlier than last year's. New curlers are especially welcome; it's a great opportunity to get to know club members that curl in other leagues. The sign-up sheet is on the door of the Warm Room.
- ◆ **ANNUAL FRUIT SALE** (November-early December). See the story on this page for further details.
- ◆ **St. ANDREWS CHRISTMAS DINNER** (Dec. 18th). The annual Christmas dinner is open to all members. The sign-up sheet will go up in the Warm Room in early December.

You can pick-up your orders starting Dec. 10th, at the Kenny's home (15 Deertrack Lane, Irvington). For an additional charge, Carl can arrange for direct delivery of your fruit gifts anywhere in the country.

Call Carl (914.941.5116) or Heather (914.591.6906), if you have any questions, or would like to order directly.

GREENSPIEL GOLF OUTING

Every summer, local members get together with a group from the Nutmeg Curling Club for a day of golf and to compete for the coveted "Ardsley, Nutmeg & St. Andrew's Greenspiel Bowl".

This year, the competition (which dates back to 1970) was held on August 4th, at the Ardsley Country Club. Following lunch on the terrace, 9 foursomes started a shotgun tournament. After 18 exciting holes of golf (*Ed. note: We're taking Tony Ficalora's word on this.*), the

scores were compiled, and club pro Jim Bender declared Ardsley winner of the "Greenspiel Bowl". Individual honors went to...

- ♦ Low net (Ardsley)...Tony Ficalora (65) Honorable Mentions: Joseph Bova, Pat Bova, Dave Marr, Margaret Guirney, Pete Murphy & Meiko Takiguchi.
- ♦ Low net (Nutmeg)...Michael Peterson (72) Honorable Mentions: C. Cooke, Dick Montgomery, Gif Kitteredge & B. Clark.
- ♦ Closest to the line...Charlie Mack.
- ♦ Nearest the pin...Tony Ficalora.

A Stone's Throw Away...

We'd like to try to revive a feature that's been missing from recent issues...reviews of local restaurants. At least a dozen curlers are "regulars" of the following place and Jean Glus is still actively recruiting more.

John Richards' Pub
39 Chestnut Street
Dobbs Ferry, NY
914.693.6404

John Richards is a pub-like restaurant in the center of Dobbs Ferry. It's located just off Main Street, about ten minutes from the curling club.

The atmosphere is casual and friendly. Your hosts Neil Novich and Larry Keane go out of their way to make you feel welcome. The wait staff is made up of a group of very outgoing young men and women who aim to please.

The door opens into the bar which is a comfortable spot to enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail, snack, or a cool brew. John Richards has an extensive beer list with at least eight different drafts available.

The entrees run the gamut from burgers and chops to fresh seafood and frequently changing specials. All meat and fish dishes, which range in price from \$11 to \$19, are accompanied by salad with your choice of dressings, fresh vegetables, and rice or potato. There is a large choice of appetizers, many of which make a tasty light dinner. The constantly changing dessert menu always has something to tempt any sweet tooth.

Early bird specials are available Monday thru Thursday until 7 pm and include salad, choice of entree and apple pie for only \$9.95.

There is a late night menu of snacks and burgers available on Friday and Saturday nights if you're hungry after curling.

John Richards' is open nightly for dinner. Show this article to Larry or Neil and they'll buy you a glass of wine or beer with your dinner.

Review by Jane Cavanaugh

Have a favorite place you'd like to share with the other members? Why not contribute a restaurant review to a future issue. Contact Rich Andrechak (914.476.0854) for details.

Q & A

We will try to answer all questions that new (or otherwise) curlers have about curling or the clubs in this section of HouseCalls.

Q: *Do I have to buy special curling shoes?*

A: No. Many curlers have been using sneakers and the ubiquitous duct tape for years. If you use sneakers, we do ask that you only use them for curling and not wear them outdoors. Why? Any pebbles or other items that may get lodged in the treads of the soles will really chew up the surface as you go up and down the ice.

Q: *When can I practice?*

A: Basically, anytime that the club is open and no curling is scheduled. (See the ice usage schedule below.) Generally, someone is here at least one hour before any league plays.

Some things to consider:

- ✦ It's not a good idea to practice alone. First, it's not safe (or as Steve Smith put it: "Blood kills the ice."). Also, you won't really see what you're doing wrong. Lastly, it's not that much fun.
- ✦ If you're practicing before a game, it's not considered sporting to practice on the sheet that your team will later play on.
- ✦ Anyone interested in supervised practice time should contact Burns Patterson (914.769.6138).

Have a question you'd like answered? Drop it in the **"HouseCalls"** envelope on the Warm Room bulletin board.

ICE USAGE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

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| Mon. | Aft. Closed for ice maint. 8pm Competitive |
| Tues. | 7:30pm Women's |
| Wed. | 10am Women's 8pm Men's |
| Thurs. | Aft. Closed for ice maint. 8pm Adult Ed. classes |
| Fri. | 9am Seniors 4pm Kids 8pm Mixed |
| Sat. | 9am Men's 5pm Mixed 7:30pm Mixed |
| Sun. | 9am Men's 2pm Mixed 4:30pm Mixed |

ODDS n' ENDS

Thanks to the St. Andrews Club for the new Warm Room sound/PA system.

Congratulations to...

- ✦ Anne Dudley on the celebration of her 90th Birthday.
- ✦ Anita & Neal Pilzer on the April 22nd birth of their daughter, Julia Grace.

THE NEW CURLERS!

On behalf of all the clubs and their members, we would like to officially welcome the following new curlers to our ranks:

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Greg Avon | <i>Barry Morris</i> Clarice Morris |
| Bill Bodack | Mary Morris |
| Johan Boelee | Bill Murray |
| Trudi Boelee | Pat Newman |
| Pat Cococcia | Betsy O'Connor |
| Manny Hussain | Alice O'Flynn |
| Jackie Lorieo | Kathy O'Hara |
| Kathleen Loucks | Suzanne Timerman |
| Mike McKay | Donna Williams |
| Aynsley McKay | Laura Zabriskie |
| Barry Morris | Tony Zabriskie |
| Maureen McLouglin | |

There was a bit of a rush getting this issue to the press, so if we've missed anyone, please accept our apologies! (And let us know so we can correct this oversight in a subsequent issue.)

CHRISTMAS & KIDS

For the past several years, Jean Glus, one of our board members, has been working with the Hastings Women's Club on a special Christmas project.

They collect and distribute presents for local children whose Christmas would be a little bleak without this program. If you would like to contribute this year, give Jean a call at 914.693.6926

If you are part of a group that does something similar, let us know and we'll give you a free plug in a future issue. Leave a note in the 'HouseCalls' envelope on the Warm Room bulletin board.

RULES FOR SUBSTITUTIONS

An old favorite...sing along if you know the tune.

When you can't make a match, you have the primary responsibility of finding a sub. You should look for a sub in the following order...

- ♦ A member of your team
- ♦ The list of subs supplied by the league
- ♦ Any active curler

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If this doesn't work, its time to contact your skip for help.

If all else fails (the key word is all), get in touch with Steve Smith (914.962.3539).

TALK TO GEOFF...RE: THE 12/15 ISSUE OF HOUSECALLS

NEED ORGANIZERS OF:

- ▶ TURKEY TROT
- ▶ EMPIRE STATE...JEAN GLUS?
- ▶ DOUGLAS
- ▶ St. ANDREWS DINNER
- ▶ NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

ANY THING FROM THE BOARD THAT WE SHOULD INCLUDE?

RE: INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION...WHAT IS THE DRILL EXACTLY?
WHO CAN I TALK TO?

ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU KNOW SHOULD BE MENTIONED?

IS THE EVENTS LIST DONE? CAN I GET A COPY

Geoff,

Some info I need for the next issue

Rick

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News from the Ardsley, Ardwicks, New York Caledonian and St. Andrews Curling Clubs

TURKEY TROT

Over the Thanksgiving week end, 36 curlers got together for the traditional Turkey Trot Bonspiel. To make things more interesting, it was decided to have spouses divided as opposing skips. Naturally, this resulted in some spirited competition; but we're happy to report that all marriages still appear to be intact! In addition to the curling, a terrific catered dinner was served Saturday night to enhance the festivities.

Winners of the various events were...

- 1ST Event - Kevin Clancy (Skip), Neal Pilzer, Ian McKinley
- 2ND Event - Nancy Clancy (Skip), Brian Kenny, Kathy Sunderam
- 3RD Event - Gerry Scherocaman (Skip), Steve Smith, Anita Pilzer
- 4TH Event - Ralph Bankes (Skip), Katy Clough, Manny Hussain

Thanks to Walter & Betty Steinemann for organizing this event, Steve Smith for running the curling and keeping the ice, and all those who brought the appetizers and desserts that added so much to the festivities.

Participation in this year's bonspiel was lighter than last year's. Was this because of conflicting commitments during the Thanksgiving Holiday? Would everyone prefer this event to be scheduled a week earlier or later? There's an opinion sheet on the Warm Room bulletin board; please let us know your preferences!

If you enjoyed this event, or couldn't attend, plan now for the "HEADLESS HORSEMAN" coming up in February (see the "PLAN AHEAD" section for details).

DINNER WITH A BEVY OF LOVELY LADIES & PIRATES, TOO!

One of the events planned as part of the Empire State Bonspiel (see the "Plan Ahead" section for more details) is an outing to the Westchester Broadway Theater. In addition to a fine dinner, you'll get to see a production of the Gilbert & Sullivan musical, "The Pirates of Penzance". The festivities start at 6 pm, Sunday, Jan. 15th. There are a few extra tickets available, at a cost of \$50/per person. If you would like to join in, there's a sign-up sheet in the Warm Room; or contact Jean Glus (693.6926).

ROAD TRIPS!

We asked experienced Road Warriors, Lillie & Walter Baggett to give us the basics on getting started in out-of-town curling competitions.

Bonspiels, another of those mystical curling terms with no known origin, are curling competitions. Most club members are aware of club bonspiels like the Turkey Trot and the Headless Horseman. You may know that curlers from other clubs come to Ardsley Curling Club for the Douglas International (Men's), Two Brooms (Women's), Empire State (Women's), and other bonspiels. Both new and old curlers should also know that there are plenty of opportunities to join a team and head out of town for a bonspiel.

Without even asking anybody, you can find out about most bonspiels in our region; just look in the back of the Grand National Curling Club Schedule of Events, the green book that came in the mail to continuing members and was handed out to new curlers. It lists all of the men's, women's, mixed, and youth bonspiels in the northeast. For the more adventurous there are lots of bonspiels in the midwest and all across Canada. Some of us even get to bonspiels in Europe.

For most teams the biggest problem is getting people to go. If you have any interest at all, speak up when you are sitting around the table after a match. People will point out the club members to ask. If you want to put together a team, the curling chairpersons should be able to help you get the bonspiel invitation forms and suggest possible curlers to complete your team.

From a practical standpoint, you should count on leaving home Thursday afternoon and getting back sometime on Sunday. Besides the cost of transportation (most Grand National bonspiels are within a 2 - 4

hour drive), you should figure on a \$50 per head entry fee, three nights hotel rooms (usually doubles, so split that as well) and some money for drinks and food. A banquet is generally included with the entry fee and inexpensive meals are often provided at the host club.

The return on this investment is very high. Most bonspiels guarantee three or four games. If you win some games, you may play quite a few more (eight is the record for one weekend that comes to mind). The hospitality is almost always super. You will make many new friends. Remember to take some spare club pins to trade with your opponents.

Of special interest to new curlers are the Dykes, Kaiser and Women's Challenge. These bonspiels are for curlers with five years or less experience. Teams are being planned now. So please consider joining the fun of a bonspiel.

AND SOME RELATED MATTERS...

- ♦ The Davey/Scherocman Team journeyed to Philadelphia to compete in the Harvest Spiel, where they managed to curl themselves into the 1st Event Finals. After a very slow start (down by 7 after 2 ends), they clawed their way back (with some critical shots by Skip Trevor) before eventually losing by 1 in the 10th end to a strong Philly team.
- ♦ The GNCC's (Grand National Curling Club) Mixed Championships will be held on February 9th-12th, at the Utica Curling Club. The deadline for entries is January 15th. Anyone interested in curling in this event should contact Geoff Broadhurst (591.7356) or Kim Freeman (518.377.7819) before this deadline.

OPEN HOUSE

You'll have another chance to introduce your friends to curling when the Club has its second "Open House" of the season. The date is set for Sunday, January 22nd; from 4-6 pm.

Potential new members will get a tour of the club house, an introduction to the game, the chance to throw a stone or two and refreshments.

Brian Kenny (Membership Chairperson) asks that you give him the names of the invitees as early as you can, so we have some idea of the number of people to expect. However if that's not possible, "walk-ins" will be cordially welcomed that Sunday. Remind your friends to wear warm, loose fitting clothes and some sort of running shoes.

Volunteers are needed to help out on the ice, do some socializing with the recruits and to bring some hors d'oeuvres to the event. If you can help out, please give Brian (591.6906) a call.

If you have a prospective new member that is interested in joining one of the curling sessions that start the week of January 9th, call Brian or Geoff Broadhurst (591.7356). They will arrange a private Open House, that will allow your friends to be on the ice in time for these sessions.

We all know how important new members are to the Clubs, so let's try for a really big turnout!

CURL WITH SMALL PEOPLE

Adam Chebetar can no longer run the "Kids" curling program, which is on Fridays, from 4-6 pm. Volunteers are desperately (and quickly) needed to fill in this void. If you are interested in taking over this program, or could help out on an occasional or alternating basis, contact Steve Smith (962.3539) for further details.

FRUIT SALE

As we went to press, the annual Fruit Sale was in its "pick up" stage; which meant that organizers Carl Phares & Heather Kenny were a little busy at this time. They did want to thank everyone who participated in this fundraiser, with special thanks going to Pam & Ed Siebert for their amazing sale of 122 cases! We should have final details in time for the next issue.

If you did order fruit, don't forget to pick it up at the Kenny's home; 15 Deertrack Lane, Irvington. Call Heather (591.6906) to arrange for a convenient pick up time.

REQUEST FROM THE ICEMAN...

Please don't sit or kneel on the ice for extended periods of time. Your body warmth causes impressions in the ice that are difficult to remove. As the Iceman put it; "Warm buns kill Ice".

RULES CHANGE

At its October meeting, the Board voted to "...adopt the Free Guard Zone Rule for all club competitions for new leagues starting after January 1, 1995." Walter Baggett has been kind enough to explain to us what this change means.

Overall, for most players in most leagues, this will have little impact on the way games are played. However, we should understand why Rule 22, "System of Play", was developed and implemented. To do this, some background information is needed.

The game of curling has matured from the beginning of this century. Then it was a game played on outdoor ice with household brooms, irregular sized stones, and players delivering from the hack in street shoes. Today we have perfectly manicured indoor ice, special brooms and brushes, matched stones and special shoes that permit long sliding deliveries from raised, curved hacks. These refinements allow curlers to consistently make certain simple shots, especially takeouts. As a result, a trend has developed; a team gets a few points ahead and then spends the rest of the game knocking all opposition stones off the ice.

Not only does this type of game simplify

strategy, it makes curling boring for both participants and spectators. With curling entering the next century as an Olympic sport there was a clear need to encourage the use of finesse. A change in the rules was called for that rewards the come-around draw made with the just the right amount of sweeping; that change is the "Free Guard Zone Rule".

For the record, the free guard zone is area between the hog and the tee line, excluding the house.

The rule states that the stones delivered by a lead that are not in the rings can not be taken out by the opposition lead. This allows a team to put stones up in front of the house that can not be immediately removed. Both teams, of course, can draw behind them. From there, the strategic possibilities are endless. Just what we wanted.

A few technical points about that strategy should be made clear. First, if there is a question of the stone biting the rings, a skip may call for a measure, right there in the middle of an end. Next, you may raise or touch an opponent's stone, you just can not take it out. Finally, you may take out your own stone in the free guard zone.

If the opposition removes a stone from the free guard zone with one of its first two rocks, the stone must be put back and the shooter (or technically "the offending stone") removed from play.

Since leads are still allowed to take out opposition stones in the house, this will only change their play in so far as they take out stones in front of the house. All other team members can hit as before the rule change. The biggest change is strategy for the skip, who still wants everybody to make every shot as called...

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ODDS 'n ENDS

- ♦ All dues must be paid by December 31st; otherwise curling privileges may be suspended. Any questions or problems concerning your bill should be directed to Archie Bruce (203.637.3066).
- ♦ A curling tradition reminder: After a match, the Winners offer the Losers a drink; then, they respond in-kind. Socializing after a match is an important aspect of the sport.
- ♦ Nadja & Don McKay's home phone number is incorrectly listed in the new Club rosters. The correct number is 914.941.7982. Please note the change. There is a older lady getting very tired of the wrong numbers.
- ♦ In a similar note, please do not use the work phone numbers of Helen Sibert or Margaret Guiry.
- ♦ Sorry to hear that Elly Hollander broke her arm on the ice! Also, Barry Morris added to the ice's pebble, in the form of eyebrow blood. A reminder to all curlers, new or experienced; "Let's be careful out there!"
- ♦ Last year's member survey indicated that new curler training is a key element in everyone enjoying curling. The Board asks the skips of all new curlers to help in their education, with either direct instruction or by arranging with Burns Patterson for the new curlers to participate in a private training session. We hope this new skip/buddy system is a success.

NEW DOOR LOCK...

As you've probably noticed, the door to the Club is sporting a new lock. A few quick points on this matter...

- ♦ The purpose of the lock is to limit non-members' access to the Club.
- ♦ Sometime in January, you will receive a mailing containing both the new combination and the date that this combination becomes effective. As we went to press, it seemed likely that this would be included in your next Curling Club billing statement.
- ♦ It's up to you to make this lock effective. The combination should not be given to non-members!

If you don't receive the above mailing, or you have any questions, contact Jerry McCarty (968.5877).

- ♦ In the event of inclement weather (remember last Winter), a phone tree will notify you when a particular curling session is cancelled. It's up to you to make sure that your phone numbers in the latest Club roster are correct.
- ♦ A reminder to all you weekend mixed curlers; you must select your preference for curling time in the next session, which starts on January 12th. There is a sign-up sheet on the back of the Warm Room door. Please make Pam & Ed Siebert's scheduling job easier...do this as early as possible!

PLAN AHEAD!

Some dates you might want to keep open on your calendar...

December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY...The Club will be hosting a New Year's Eve party, with the festivities beginning around 7:30 pm. The draw will put teams on the ice for half an hour and off for an hour. That leaves plenty of time for dinner and drinks. At midnight there will be champagne, hats and noise makers. And all of this for only \$35. Drinks beyond wine with dinner are on your Country Club charge of course. The attire can be from top hat to jeans. It may be your only chance to play in a game that lasts two years!!! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Warm Room.

**January
5th - 8th**

DOUGLAS BONSPIEL...This is an open Men's competition, with teams coming in from around the county and Canada. The competition starts Thursday afternoon and continues thru the finals on Sunday. Drop in to see some good curling competition!

**January
15th - 17th**

41ST ANNUAL EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL...The Ardwick's will be hosting 60 Ladies that are traveling from as far as Canada to compete in this event. Daily curling competition will end with the finals on Tuesday. As the program includes serving breakfast and lunch each day, the Ardwick's are counting on club volunteers to help out. If you can help, contact Jean MacIntosh (591.9272) or Jean Glus (693.6926).

January 22nd

OPEN HOUSE...The second of the season will be held on a Sunday, from 4-6 pm. See the article elsewhere in this issue for all the details.

**February
24th - 26th**

HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL...This weekend event is open to all members. It's a mixed event and new curlers are especially welcome! Look for more details in future issues.

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THE BIG NEWS

As you're probably aware, on Saturday, January 14th, our compressor passed away after a prolonged illness. Naturally, all curling is suspended until further notice.

While not expected, its demise did not come as a total surprise. After we pulled the plug last spring, there were problems with the seals that hold the freon in the compressor. (Incidentally, the gas used is not the "banned" type.)

Over the summer, the seals were replaced. After more problems in October and December, the seals were replaced again, in the hopes that this would get us through the winter. Alas, this was not to be. After valiant resuscitation efforts last Friday night and Saturday morning, the patient was declared dead. The compressor was over 26 years old; the expected life of one of these units is 25 years.

The Board convened an emergency meeting on Sunday morning, and the decision was made to install a new compressor. As we went to press, a final figure was not available, but the cost could run to \$20,000.

Tentative plans have the new equipment being installed as soon as possible. We hope to start making ice during the week of January 22nd; and, with a little luck, resume the season somewhere around the 29th. This is obviously a "best case" scenario, so please contact your team skip for actual dates.

OPEN HOUSE

Obviously, the Open House scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd, has been postponed.

Once things settle down, it will be rescheduled. At this time, no date has been selected. Please let anyone you invited know about this. Everyone involved will be contacted when a new date has been scheduled.

The Board will be addressing such issues as finances, assessments and extending the season in the very near future.

Club President Geoff Broadhurst would like to thank the Board for their efforts during this emergency; as well as the valuable

input and help received from the following individuals: Don McKay, Greg Sheridan, Scott Silverman, Ed Smith, Steve Smith, Kay Sugahara, Jim Zanino and Clyde Erwin, President of Nutmeg Curling Club.

IN-HOUSE BONSPIELS

Last month we discussed travelling to out-of town bonspiels. If you want to compete in a bonspiel without having to travel, February is your month.

The annual **HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL** will be held the weekend of February 24th - 26th (Friday-Sunday). As usual, this is a mixed event, open to all club members.

This year will mark the **HORSEMAN's 25th Anniversary!** Club history has it that this event was started by Bob Hill, for those people not attending the Douglas.

With the relocation of the "Younger" Pattersons, Isa Barghout has "volunteered" to organize the event. If you'd like to help out in any way, contact Isa (591.7373).

If there is enough interest, the **PRESIDENT's DAY BONSPIEL** will be held on Monday, February 20th, which is, obviously, the President's Day holiday. This is an informal, one day, mixed event.

There are, or will be shortly. sign-up sheets for both of these events in the Warm Room.

If you never participated in either of these before, you should know that both are 100% guaranteed "new-curler friendly" events; so don't be shy about signing up! In addition to the curling, it will also give you a chance get to know some members you wouldn't meet in your regular, weekly curling.

NEW YEAR's EVE

This year's New Year's Eve party restarted a long standing Club tradition going back to 1968.

The stage was set by Helen Siebert. She put over two hundred balloons with streamers on the Warm Room ceiling. Steve Smith put together a very flexible draw. It continued to flex through out the evening as people wandered in. The draw had teams on the ice for half an hour and off for an hour. This left plenty of time for drinks and a buffet dinner served up by party hosts Walter and Lillie Baggett.

After three rounds of curling, a point system determined a finals between Isa Barghout's team of Vice Skip Helen Siebert, lead/seconds Kal and Kathy Sundaram and Paul Mort's team of Pam and Ed Siebert and David Crowley and Diane Ritter. Yes there were five people on that team. David and Diane alternated baby sitting and curling. Talk about a flexible draw! Isa's team went home with the Champagne, Paul's team settled for the Beaujolais-Villages.

A happy New Year's Eve was had by all.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Sunday, December 18th, the annual Christmas Dinner was held at St. Andrews Country Club.

Around 70 curlers and friends gathered for cocktails and a wonderful meal in very festive surroundings. In a slight change of tradition, Art Mojo was this year's Not-So-Secret Santa (seems there were some technical difficulties

with the Santa suit). Archie Bruce was on hand to entertain the group with some stories and his harmonica.

All our thanks to Gerry & Elaine Scherocman for organizing this terrific holiday evening.

THE FRUIT SALE

The final numbers are in and we're happy to report the most successful sale in the Club's history; with a profit of \$4,177.

Organizers Heather Kenny & Carl Phares would like to thank everyone who participated in the sale and especially Ed & Pam Siebert, who sold 122 cases). They'd also like to thank the housesitters; the Broadhusts, the Keenens and Dennis Nagami.

In turn, we'd all like to thank Heather and Carl for their great efforts that provided the Club with these much needed funds.

Douglas International Bonspiel

Over the January 5th-8th weekend, the Club hosted the Douglas International Bonspiel, in which 18 teams competed.

Six teams came from a good distance away including two teams from Nashua, New Hampshire and one each from Norfolk, Connecticut; Albany, New York; Potomac in Maryland and Falmouth on Cape Cod. Teams from closer to home came from Nutmeg in Darien, Connecticut and Plainfield, New Jersey as well as local "paper" clubs including Garden State, Canadian

NEW LOCK ON CLUB DOOR

Around the same time you receive this issue of HouseCalls, you should also receive your Curling Club billing statement. Included in that mailing will be the new combination for the front door lock.

Current plans call for this combination to become effective on January 30th.

Please remember that the combination should not be given to non-members!

Club of New York and Manhattan. The remaining rinks were from Ardsley, St. Andrews and New York Caledonian, and a team made up of members from all three clubs.

Curling started at 4:30 pm on Thursday with 3 sets of matches and restarted at the unmerciful hour of 8:00 am on Friday morning.

After a full day of curling, the teams were rewarded with a banquet at the Country Club. The evening included rounds of drinks and toasts and ended with the traditional singing of Auld Lang Syne with joined hands in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Douglas part of the bonspiel. The International portion of the bonspiel come from the New York International bonspiel. It dates from the start of the Ardsley Curling Club at the old St. Andrews club. At that time Ardsley combined with the New York Caledonian curling club.

Play resumed on Saturday morning at

A STONE'S THROW AWAY...

In our continuing series, Ed & Pam Siebert have contributed this restaurant review.

IL SORRISO RISTORANTE

Corner of Main & Buckout Sts.
Irvington, NY.

This non-smoking restaurant offers a full dinner menu, plus 15 choices of thin crusted piazza prepared in a wood burning oven.

Our dinner began with a delicious crusty bread served with a white bean vinaigrette, and garlic puree for dipping. Complementing the regular menu were 3 appetizer and 7 entree specials. We began with the mixed green salad and the roasted peppers, stuffed with fresh mozzarella and ham, served hot. The salad was uninspired and also overpriced at \$4.⁷⁵. While the peppers were excellent, they too seemed pricey at \$9.⁷⁵. We moved on to a pasta dish and filet of sole for our entrees. The pasta arrived al dente and the seafood sauce was good. The sole was sauteed in a

Pinot Blanc sauce with basil and peas, and included a side dish of pasta. The unusual combination made for an interesting entree.

The portions here are plentiful, with the thin crusted pizza and pastas being the most popular entrees. The place has a warm ambiance and casual attire prevails. This was our second visit to IL SORRISO. Our first, and favorite, was in September, when weather permitted alfresco dining in a flower filled courtyard (where smoking was permitted).

Prices range from \$11-15 for pizza, \$10.⁷⁵-14.⁷⁵ for pasta, and the average entree is \$15. The House Chianti was very good. Ed didn't like the olives in his first martini; however, they improved greatly with his second and third.

Fair

*Good ***

Excellent

the more reasonable hour of 10:30 am; and continued through to a final draw at 8:30 pm. Sunday morning began with two semifinal playoffs at 8:00 am. After that ten end finals were held at 10:30 am and 1:00pm. Actually, the afternoon finals started at 1:30 pm because of an exciting extra end final between Norfolk and Albany, one of many exciting finals. Both final draws were lead onto the ice by a bagpiper.

The results of the competition were:

Douglas Medal:

Winner: Potomac, Skip Duane Rutan
Finalist: St. Andrews 1, Skip Dan Stetski

New York Caledonian Medal

Winner: St./Ardley, Skip Kevin Clancy
Finalist: NY Caladonian, Skip George Austin

Ardley Medal:

Winner: Nutmeg, Skip Bob Schilz
Finalist: Garden State, Skip Pete Mitchell

St. Andrews Medal:

Winner: Canadian Club of NY, Skip Ottenbreit
Finalist: Cape Cod, Skip Jasmine

Mahopac Medal:

Winner: Albany, Skip Austin Cline

Finalist: Norfolk, Skip Russell Russ**Williamson Medal:**

Winner: St. Andrews 2, Skip Gert
Messing

Griffith Medal: Ardsley, Skip Bunkie
Harmon

The three club committee running the bonspiel was headed by Walt Baggett from Ardsley. Representing St. Andrews and supplying the luncheons and Saturday evening's buffet was Art Mojo. Steve Smith represented New York Caledonians, served as draw master, and tended the ice along with iceman Joe Valpone. Lillie Baggett set up the coffee and treats for breakfast snacks. Paul Mort stocked the medals for the winners as he does for all men's events.

Article contributed by Walter Baggett

ODDS 'n ENDS

♦ If you are running an event or are in charge of a Saturday night dinner, please check the supplies inventory. If anything is needed, please call the McKays (941.7982), who are in charge of inventory. Try to keep the supplies in some sort of order behind the curtain and use anything that is already opened first. If you have any suggestions or ideas, call the McKays or put them on the "Supplies Shopping List" posted on the upstairs wall or on the wall near the kitchen. Thanks for your help on this.

♦ The Clancy's and Scherocman's were on the road again, this time up to the Montreal area to compete in the Baie D'Urfe Bonspiel. Against some very good Canadian teams, Gerry admits that their curling was less than sterling; but is quick to report that they accounted themselves very well at the parties.

♦ Errors & Omissions Dept... In last month's issue, we failed to note that in the Turkey Trot Bonspiel, the first event runners-up were the Allison Bankes Team. *Mea Culpa!*

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Let's be optimistic and assume
the schedule will hold!

PLAN AHEAD!

Some dates you might want to keep open on your calendar...

January ?

OPEN HOUSE... With the loss of the compressor, this event had to be postponed. We'll let you know when it will be rescheduled. If you invited anyone to attend, please keep them informed.

February 20th

PRESIDENT's DAY BONSPIEL.... This will be a one day mixed event, held on the Monday holiday. See the "IN HOUSE BONSPIELS" article in this issue for more details.

**February
24th-26th**

HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL... This weekend event is open to all members. Again, look for the "IN-HOUSE BONSPIELS" article in this issue for more details.

**March
24th-25th**

PULL-THE -PLUG.... This 2 day bonspiel marks the end of curling for the season and is followed by a lively party, with a raffle, auction and prizes for best costume. We'll have more details in next month's issue.

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News from the Ardsley, Ardwicks, New York Caledonian and St. Andrews Curling Clubs

State of the Compressor

As you all know, our compressor shut down on January 14th, and we were out of business for about 2 weeks. Curling resumed on February 3rd, with our new "gunmetal grey" ice (with the many layers of ice Steve has to create, it would have taken an additional 3 days to do it all in the traditional white ice).

Initially, the old compressor was disassembled to see if it could be fixed by just replacing a few parts. At this point, many of the parts were found to be scored or badly worn, and it made more sense to replace the compressor.

At an emergency Board Meeting, it was voted to purchase a York factory-rebuilt compressor. It was also decided to go with a refrigeration company with much more experience in installing and servicing this type of equipment. At the same time, the entire system was thoroughly cleaned, inside and out, and was checked for leaks. We should be set for another 10-25 years of life for the refrigeration equipment.

The cost of the compressor and its installation was \$15,000; and the November/December nursing care

on the old unit came to \$5,000. The Board will make the decision on how the Club will pay for this expenditure at the next regular meeting; Feb. 23rd, 7:30 pm in the Warm Room. The Club also must address the \$5,000 operating deficit of the last two fiscal years.

The current plan is to use a \$2,000 donation from the St. Andrews Club, plus any other donations received; bonds would then be sold to cover the balance. The estimate is that it would require an average assessment of \$25 per member, per year to pay down the bonds over a 5-10 year period.

EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

What would you do if you had invited over 60 guests to a week-end long party and found that you couldn't use your house to entertain them? That was the problem facing the Ardwicks, when the compressor blew hours before the start of the EMPIRE STATE. Jean McIntosh & Jean Glus, co-chairs of the event, tell us what it was like.

All the details were set for the hosting of the Empire State Bonspiel (Jan. 14th-17th); and then we found out we would have no ice!

Within five hours, all plans were changing and we would be curling at the Nutmeg Club in Darien.

Saturday evening's welcoming party went on as scheduled, as Vanda & Tony Ficalora opened their beautiful home to all the guests. Teams came from St. Catherine's, Welland & Richmond Hill out of Ontario, Lachine from Quebec, two teams from Albany, three from Schenectady, TCC, Nashau, N.H., Utica, Chesapeake, Nutmeg and two from Ardwicks. New draw sheets and directions, their ink still not dry, were distributed here.

After Sunday's curling, there was an outing to the Westchester Dinner Theater, to take in "The Pirates of Penzance".

On Monday, we were back on the road to the Nutmeg Club. One of their members, Pam Bass, graciously opened her home to us for luncheon. Shirley & Archie Bruce then jumped in and welcomed all to their home for the Monday night dinner.

Of course, during all of this our committees were busily changing menus, preparing meals and transporting them to Conn., and Archie was working on the next version of the draw and directions (Rumor has it that there was a run on poster board that week end!).

We had so many members that cooperated fully and gave their all to make this bonspiel such a success! Thanks to the men of the Ardsley Club, who travelled to Nutmeg, scoring, pebbling, measuring, as well as delivering casseroles, tables & chairs. We want to thank all

the members of Ardwicks and other clubs who prepared meals, served, cleaned up...you were all tremendous! Last, but not least, we are so grateful to the Nutmeg Club for allowing us to use their rinks. Without them, we don't know what we would have done...Have a picnic and play bocchi maybe?

The curling results of the bonspiel were as follows;

1ST EVENT - EMPIRE STATE MEDAL

*Winners (Clark Trophy) - Nashau,
Nancy Wilbur, skip
Runnersup (Siebert Trophy) -
Schenectady I*

2ND EVENT (ARDSLEY DUCK)

*Winners - Schenectady III
Runnersup (Ardsley Duckling) -
Ardwicks (Shirley Bruce, Nadja
McKay, Ritsuko Sakurai & Molly
Babcock)*

3RD EVENT (HURD BROS. CUP)

*Winners - Nutmeg
Runnersup (Pringle Sisters' Saucer) -
Schenectady II*

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4TH EVENT (SCHENECTADY STONE)**Winners - Lachine****Runnersup (Schenectady Cup) - St. Catherine's****NOT A BAD MONTH!**

While the rest of us were having our problems with the ice in January, the same can't be said of a roving team from St. Andrews. These guys had a terrific month!

The team is composed of Gert Messing (skip), Mike McKay (vice), Trent Andres (2ND), and Ashley Griggs (lead).

In early January, they took the first event finals in the Greater Boston Bonspiel. On the 19th-22nd, they moved to Schenectady for the Gordon Grand National, where they again took the men's event finals. Then it was on to Rochester, for the NYS Playdowns (26th - 29th). This event is a preliminary to the Nationals. Here they went undefeated against 6 teams and won the right to represent NYS in the United States Mens Championships in Appleton, Wisc. (Feb.25-Mar.5). Dannie Seski will join the team as its fifth member for this event.

Good luck, guys!

Also enjoying success at the Playdowns was former member Kim Freeman. She was on a team that won the Mixed Finals.

OPEN HOUSE II (Version 2)

Rescheduled from January, the Club had the second Open House of the

NEW COMBINATION

The combination to the front door lock is due to change on February 16th. The new combination is in the inset in the last Curling Club billing statement you received about a week ago. Please remember that this combination should not be given to non-members!

season on February 12th. Membership Chairman Brian Kenny reports that we signed up 7 new prospects that will enjoy curling school on Feb. 25th. We will have more info on these new members in our next issue.

Brian & Heather would like to thank all the members that brought hors d'oeuvres and stayed to socialize with the prospective members.

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

The casserole served on Monday night at the Empire State Bonspiel dinner got such a response that Jinny Hill is getting bombarded with requests for the recipe. So here it is:

- 9. slices of Pepperidge Farm bread, crusts removed
- 1 jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 4 cups chicken, cooked & diced (use 2^{1/2} - 3 lbs chicken breast)
- 4 oz. can of sliced water chestnuts
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 10 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup

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PLAN AHEAD!*Some dates you might want to keep open on your calendar...***February
24th-26th****HEADLESS HORSEMEN BONSPIEL...** This weekend event is open to all members. The sign-up sheet is in the Warm Room. New members are definitely welcome! Teams will be set up to try to keep the competition balanced.**March 25th****ANNUAL MEETING...** All members are invited to attend this 4:00 pm meeting, where new officers are elected and other Club matters are discussed.**April 8th****PULL-THE -PLUG....** Traci & Gert Messing and Cindy & Don Boss have "volunteered" to co-chair this event. At press time, plans called for a barbecue dinner, costume party and other surprises. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Warm Room on March 1st and more details in next month's **HouseCalls**.**June 8th****ANNUAL GOLF OUTING....** Tony Ficalora is again organizing this event. They'll be more details in future issues.

1 tsp. salt
 4 eggs, beaten
 1 cup milk
 chopped pimento

bread crumbs from crusts

Butter bread slices and put buttered side down in a buttered 3 quart (9"X13") Pyrex dish.. Arrange chicken on top, then layer mushrooms and water chestnuts. Spread mayo, then

spread cheese. Beat eggs and milk, then pour over all. Mix both soups with salt, and then pour over all. Sprinkle with pimento. Cover with foil and refrigerate over night. Bake covered for 45 minutes in a 350° oven. Uncover, pread buttered bread crumbs on top and bake uncovered for 15 minutes. Serves 12.

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News from the Ardsley, Ardwick, New York Caledonian and St. Andrews Curling Clubs

BOND DRIVE

The replacement of our compressor has, naturally, put a strain on the Club's finances. To solve this problem, the Club is issuing bonds to finance the cost of the new compressor. By this time, everyone should have received the letter outlining the details.

In short, the goal is to sell \$25,000 of these bonds. They will be issued in \$100 denominations, with no interest. In effect, you are making an interest-free loan to the Club.

Funds to retire these bonds will be generated in several ways. There will be an annual \$25 capital assessment on members. Additionally, there are plans for fund raisers, 50/50 raffles and silent auctions, whose proceeds will be used to pay-off the bonds.

The bonds will be retired in a random order. As funds become available, all outstanding bonds will "go in a hat" and the appropriate number will be drawn, paid-off and retired. "BURN THE BONDS" parties are a distinct possibility. Depending on the number of bonds sold, the success of these fund raisers, etc., we expect to pay back these bonds over a 5-10 year period.

For those who purchase \$1,000 or more of these bonds, a few extra acknowledgments are planned. They will become members of the "President's Club" and there will be a plaque created and hung in the Warm Room, that will list all of these

individuals. In addition, Molsons Beer will donate special commemorative sweaters, that sport both the Molsons and Ardsley Curling Club logos.

Since the compressor is literally the "heart" of the Club, we would like to encourage everyone to participate, at whatever level you feel comfortable. You need not be a member of the Curling Club to purchase the bonds.

PULL-THE-PLUG PARTY

On Saturday evening, April 8th, the Club will host this annual event. Cindy & Don Boss and Traci & Gert Messing are co-chairing this event.

With the theme being "USA...1800-1900", plans call for a barbecue steak dinner, some curling, prizes for best costumes and some other surprises. While not required, participants are encouraged to come in costumes, since it does add to the atmosphere of the festivities.

Additionally, donations are being sought for a planned silent auction. The item or items should be something that would elicit a bid of \$10 or more. If you have something to contribute, contact the Messings or Boss' to let them make the proper plans.

Unfortunately, skating will not be allowed, as it had been in prior years' parties. Due to the compressor problems, several leagues will finish up their schedules the week following the party.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Warm Room door, and volunteers are needed for deserts, hors d'oeuvres and clean-up. All members and their guests are welcome. For you new members, this is a chance to meet other members with whom you don't usually curl.

IHG vs. GOBs

Each season, the Ice House Gang (IHG) from Ardsley C.C. meets the Good Old Boys (GOBs) from Nutmeg C.C. in the Seniors Home & Home Matches.

In November, the IHG outscored the GOBs by 8 points in matches held at Ardsley. On Nutmeg ice, in February, the GOBs won, but only by 7 points. Thus, by a slim 1 point margin, IHG won the IHG/GOBs TROPHY.

IHG has won the matches for the last two years, but GOBs still maintain a 4-3 lead in the 7-year history of the event.

ARDWICKS IN CLEVELAND!

With no home ice, a couple of Ardwicks got bored and took off on a road trip to Cleveland to participate in the USWCA National Bonspiel, held on Feb. 9th- 12th. Shirley Bruce gives us this report.

With shoes and brooms, off flew the Skip and Lead, Shirley Bruce and Molly Babcock. Joining them to form the "Articas" were Utica Vice and Second, Peggy Rotton and June Balduf. Little did they know that this flight to curl would land them in two semi-final events in the same 'spiel!

This was a 30 team bonspiel and all games were 10 ends. For a composite team (actually for any team), they did very well against all those "Antartica" teams.

They won their first three matches; defeating Waltham, WI on Thursday, the Chicago Curling Club on Friday (am), and Anchorage Alaska in the same afternoon.

This placed them in the 1ST Event semi-finals and began Saturday's marathon of 31 ends. They lost their first match to St. Paul, MN. This dumped them into the middle of the 2ND Event and Saturday afternoon they won that game in the 11TH end against TCC, MA. The win, you guessed it, put them into that event's semi-finals. The bad news was that this match started 10 minutes later. Unfortunately, it was lost 10 ends later to Mayfield, OH.

The 1ST Event winner was Star Pfiffner of North Shore Curling Club of Chicago, who defeated Myke Rachu of St. Paul (last year's winner and earlier victor over the "Articas").

This was a tremendous bonspiel and the Cleveland Skating Club had surprisingly good ice (all skating and hockey were put on hold until after the bonspiel). The social events rated top marks and the camaraderie of curlers from all across the US was exceptional!

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HEADLESS HORSEMAN

This bonspiel is always a highlight of the season and this year's event (Feb. 24th-26th) was no exception.

Curling started Friday evening at 5 pm, with 16 teams each having one match. On Saturday, each team had two or three matches, curling on some heavy ice. Sunday saw two semi-final events and the four finals. The 1:00 pm finals' participants were "piped" onto the ice by Archie Bruce and his harmonica. The curling ended on a real high note. Playing the Kelley Team and down by several stones in the 8th end, Walter Steinemann nearly stole the match by throwing one impossible stone and then barely missing on a second, more difficult shot.

All our thanks to Isa & Suad Barghout and Shoji & Mieko Takiguchi, who did a wonderful job organizing this event and providing the participants with some great meals and snacks before, during and after the curling. They would like to thank all those members who brought deserts and hors d'oeuvres to enhance the meals, and a special thanks to Steve Smith for his help on the draw and maintaining the ice all weekend long (forgive us for any comments made on Saturday; we were tired when we came off the ice and didn't know what we were saying!)

The results of the curling were:

1ST EVENT - WASHINGTON

Winners: Geoff & Pippa Broadhurst, Shoji Takiguchi and Tom Baris

Runners-up: Ralph & Alison Banks, Norm Laird and Marion Cowles

2ND EVENT - IRVING

Winners: Peter, Liz & Mike Murphy and Sarah Krefting

Runners-up: Bob Whitman, Neal & Anita Pilzer and Lester Castellitto

3RD EVENT - KATRINA

Winners: Bill & Judy Kelley and Tony &

DATE CHANGE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The date of the annual meeting has been changed to Sunday, March 26th, at 4:00 pm. To accomodate the members, the Sunday 3:00 pm curling will be moved up to 2:00, for just this Sunday.

All members are encouraged to attend. If for any reason you can't, please remember to send in your proxy so that there will be the needed quorum for the meeting. By the time you read this, your proxy should have arrived in the mail (along with the letter on the bond sale).

Laura Zabriskie

Runners-up: Walter & Betty Steinemann, Helen Siebert and Wayne Stewart

4TH EVENT - GRAVEYARD

Winners: Archie & Shirley Bruce, Rob McKay and Betsy O'Connor (with some help from Mieko Takiguchi)

Runners-up: Scott Silverman, Alice Yeh, Harry Harper and super-subbs Walter Baggett, Alison Banks & Jane Cavanaugh

ODDS n' ENDS

- ♦ Thanks to the Ardwick's Club for the much appreciated, and much needed, donation of \$1000 to the compressor fund.
- ♦ The Ardwick's Wednesday Ladies completed the "All-American" Competition, which is sponsored by the USWCA. The winning rink was Shirley

PLAN AHEAD!

The Club is planning the following events...

March 26th

ANNUAL MEETING....All members are invited to attend this 4:00 pm meeting, where new directors are elected and other Club matters are discussed.

April 8th

PULL-THE -PLUG.... Look for details on the front page of this month's **HouseCalls**.

April 22th

CLEAN-UP DAY... The annual Saturday where volunteers do general maintenance and clean-up work on the Club facility. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Warm Room in the near future.

April 28th

CLOSING DINNER ... The traditional season-ending dinner is scheduled for a Friday night up the hill at the Country Club. Plans call for cocktails at 7:00 pm, followed by dinner. See next month's **HouseCalls** for more details.

June 8th

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING....Tony Ficalora is again organizing this event. They will be more details in next month's **HouseCalls**

Bruce (Skip), Molly Babcock (Vice), Akiko Yatagai (Second) and Trudi Boelee (Lead).

NEW MEMBERS

As we went to press, five new members had definitely joined as a result of the February Open House:

Marc DeJong
Pete McCuen
Don Woodlief

Tom Fraser
Peter Sutherland

There is a distinct possibility that we missed someone. So if we have, please let us know and we'll correct this oversight in the next issue.

Let's do our best to welcome these newcomers to our ranks.

For all new curlers, it's not too early to start talking to your friends about trying the sport next year. You are the best source for new members, which are the lifeblood of the Club!

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COMPRESSOR FUND. Con't

First things, first: Thanks to the Westchester Wicks (former lady curlers of the St. Andrews Club) for their \$1000 contribution to the fund.

Around the time you receive this issue, you should have received another letter concerning the bond sale. In the near future, a member of the Club should be contacting you about purchasing bonds. Once again, any level of participation you feel comfortable with is needed and will be welcomed. At the Club's annual meeting, the members decided that there would be no public recognition of any person donating or purchasing \$1000 or more of the bonds.

PULL THE PLUG PARTY

On April 8th, around 75 curlers and their friends got together in the Warm Room for this annual affair, whose theme was "USA...1800-1900".

There was some curling (won by the team of Geoff & Pippa Broadhurst, Tony Zabriskie and Mary Morris), a great barbecue steak dinner with all the trimmings, the silent auction, prizes for best costumes (congratulations to the Murphys, aka the buffaloes, and 2nd place winner, fur trapper Mike McKay), and the results of the Mixed Curling competition (see below).

All our thanks to Tracy & Gert Messing and Cindy & Don Boss for organizing a great evening of fun, that also raised a bunch of money for the Club. In turn, they would like to thank everyone that contributed a dessert,

hors d'oeuvres, or something for the silent auction. Also special thanks to Pam & Ed Siebert, Helen Siebert, Laura & Tony Zabriskie, Liz Murphy and the ever-present Paul, our bartender.

If anyone is interested, volunteers are being accepted to organize next year's Pull the Plug Party.

Mixed Curling Winners!

1ST Session

1st Place: Allison & Ralph Bankes and Pam & Ed Siebert.

2nd Place: Ed & Pam Siebert, Greg Sheriden & Betsy O'Connor.

2ND Session

1st Place: Nadja & Don McKay and Monica & David Dysart.

2nd Place: Ralph Bankes, Helen Siebert, Joahan Boelee and Maureen McLoughlin.

3RD Session

1st Place: Gloria & Peter Hortensius and Laura & Tony Zabriskie.

2nd Place: Betty & Walter Steinemann, Kai Sundaram and Terry Crandall

Mixed Curling's Rookie-of-the-Year:

Sarah Krefting

CONGRATULATIONS...

- ♦ To the team of Linda & Mike Foster and Jean & Pete Murphy. They won the Annual Golden Handle Bonspiel, up at Nutmeg on March 17th - 19th. Down by 3 stones, they won the 5th-8th ends and sealed the 9-8 victory with a take-out by skip Pete in the last end. They attribute their win to "great skill and some help from the leprechauns who were riding the stones". This is the first time that an Ardsley rink has won

this bonspiel.

At the same competition, the third event winners were a team of Walter & Lillie Baggett and Ed & Pam Siebert. Also the Archie & Shirley Bruce and Gerry & Elaine Scherocman team were 3rd event finalists. Not a bad showing!

- ♦ To Kathy O'Hara, on winning a Fulbright Scholarship: If her local school board approves, she'll exchange teaching positions with a colleague in the UK for a year. (Can anyone recommend some curling clubs on the other side of the Pond to her?)
- ♦ To the team of Geoff Broadhurst, Paul Mort, Bob Bench and Steve Smith, who got to participate in the Gordon International, on Mar. 16th - 18th, in Montreal. This is the oldest sports competition between the US and Canada and is named after a former member of the St. Andrews Club. About 50 teams participated in the event, which was won by Canada.
- ♦ To Jean Glus. One of her paintings received the First Place ribbon in the Women's Club of Hastings Annual Art Show.
- ♦ To the winners of the "CANDLEWICKS" competitions. 1st session (Flame Competition) winners were Pippa Broadhurst, Alice Yeh, Terry Crandall and Mary Morris. 2nd session (All American) was won by Sandi Buchanan, Elaine Scherocman Pam Siebert, Pat Newman and Donna Williams.

POSITION AVAILABLE

As the current editor is moving on to other duties

THE SEASON'S NOT QUITE OVER!

APRIL 22TH CLEAN-UP DAY... On this Saturday, volunteers do general maintenance and clean-up around the Clubhouse. Anyone interested should show up at the Club around 9am, obviously in work clothes.

APRIL 28TH CLOSING DINNER... The traditional season-ending dinner is scheduled for a Friday night, up the hill at the Country Club. Cocktails will be served starting at 7pm, followed by dinner at 8pm. After the dinner, the pins and medals for the year's curling competitions are awarded. Seating is limited to 80, so if you haven't already done so, return the reservation card mailed to you by the Country Club; or contact Tony Ficalora (914.591.9202) for reservations. Please remember that this is a sit-down dinner, so "walk-ins" on the day of the event do cause some problems.

JUNE 8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING.... This event goes back to 1970 and includes members from the Nutmeg Curling Club. The day starts with lunch at noon up at the Country Club, followed by a 1pm "shot gun" tournament, with prizes for various achievements. All curlers are welcome and you can contact Tony Ficalora for any questions or to make your reservations.

in the Club, we're going to need a new editor for HouseCalls next season.

What are the job requirements? Access to a computer and printer is a must. While not required, a sense of humor is a definite plus. If you're new to curling, don't let a lack of experience stop you. I had been curling all of 5 weeks when I started as editor; I had less experience in publishing newsletters. Personally, I think the ideal candidate would be someone entering their second season of curling.

If you're interested in the job or would just like some more information, feel free to contact Rich Andrechak (914.476.0854). As always, "anonymous" nominations will be given due consideration.

All kidding aside, I've had a great time this year. I got a chance to learn a good deal about curling and a lot more about the people who curl, in just a few short months. I want to thank all the people who contributed articles, gave me help or

suggestions, or just let me pick their brains.

CORRECTIONS

In the last issue, we incorrectly reported the winners of the day-time "All-American" competition. While Shirley Bruce was the winning skip, the rest of the team was Jan Conner, Ritsuko Sakurai and Anne Dudley.

The night-time winners were Sandi Buchanan, Elaine Scherocman, Pam Siebert, Pat Newman and Donna Williams.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In a previous issue, we reported that the team of Gert Messing, Mike McKay, Trent Andres, Ashey Griggs and Danny Steski won the right to represent NY State in this competition, which was held in early March, in Appleton, WI. Mike McKay was kind enough to give us this report on their week.

We went to the USCA Curling Championship, not with grand allusions of attaining curling glory, but with a healthy sense of reality. Of course, we had confidence in our ability to compete at this level, we also knew that we were going to need some breaks during the week. Unlike most squads here, our team was only put together at the beginning of the season. Moreover, we did not have the same opportunity to play and practice together, owing to the distances several of us live from the Club. Despite this, we blended well as a team and had a successful season on the bonspiel circuit, which culminated in our participation in the National tournament.

Day 1: Our first match was against the Minn. state champions. Although we eventually "found our groove", several weeks worth of anxiety and anticipation took its toll during the first few ends, which provided our opposition a lead we could not overcome.

We felt more at ease heading into the evening's match against Michigan. Although not totally happy with our play, we were content with our 1-1 record after the first day's competition.

Day 2: Started with an early morning match against Washington. We were more at ease with the keen ice conditions, something we rarely experience at Ardsley. We matched our opponent through 9 ends, only to see Wash. skip Ian Cordner secure the victory with a delicate, come-around takeout with his final rock. The afternoon saw another tight match against Kevin Kakela and his N. Dakota team. With the score tied at 1-1 after 5 ends, Kakela became more aggressive in his strategy of keeping more rocks in play. This paid off when they broke open the game with 3 stones in the 9TH to take the victory.

Day 3: Saw us matched against defending champion Scott Baird and his rink out of Minnesota in an early morning game. Say no more; our record after 3 days, 1-4.

Day 4: The schedule provided a 36 hour layover

THANK YOU!

On March 25th, we were overwhelmed by the surprise party which you held for us because we are leaving.

We take with us many memories of good friends and good times both here and at the old St. Andrews Club. Curling has been a major part of our lives for the last 20 years and we expect that to continue as it will introduce us to old and new friends in Cape Cod.

We will fly the St. Andrews flag with pride and with the check we will buy something special which will be associated with our curling friends.

All the food was scrumptious. The cake was fantastic and our special thanks to the designers. The inscription "Will ye no come back again" was directly quoted from an old Scots song, so it is only fitting that we reply with the words from another traditional song that is forever associated with partings...

We're no awa tae bide awa,
We're no awa tae leave ye,
We're no awa tae bide awa.
We'll aye come back and see ye.

Shirley & Archie

between our 5th & 6th matches. So to pass the time, we followed our loss to Baird with an equally unsuccessful afternoon at the Oneida's casino in Green Bay.

The evening's curling action was unofficially billed as the "GNCC Challenge", and was a match against (at that point) winless Massachusetts, with bragging rights at stake. Steals in the 2nd and 3rd ends gave us an early 4-0 lead. Mass. came back strong to lead 5-4 after 5 ends. The lead changed hands several times, before a final rock draw by Gert tied the score at 7-7 after 9 ends. In the 10th, a costly sweeping error by the skip (Note: this piece was written by a disgruntled vice-skip), set the stage for Mass. to engage in a "peel" strategy for the remainder of the end. Our perseverance finally paid off when Mass. skip Grayland Cousins stuck around on his peel attempt of a Messing center guard. Gert's final rock was hanging wide, but wicked off a corner guard and came to rest in the house for shot. This left Cousins a difficult hit and stick for his final shot. He hit our counter but rolled out of the rings, forcing an extra end. This further pumped up the already partisan GNCC crowd. The end saw many rocks in play, with the 4-foot fully guarded late in the end. It ended with our stone at the top of the 4-foot being barely out-counted by a Mass. rock at the back of the same circle, giving them the 1-stone victory.

Day 5: Following another lengthy wait between matches, we finished our competition against the 3rd Minnesota entry in our pool. As with many of our previous matches, the game was close and exciting, but in the end, Minn. prevailed 6-4.

Although we were not satisfied with our final record, we feel we competed well and learned. We realized that to succeed at this level requires even more practice and commitment. With this in mind, we look forward to competing again next year. We extend our congratulations to the organizing committee at Appleton for a job well done, and the ice crew for transforming a hockey surface into ice that was a pleasure to

curl on.

Many thanks go to our wives and families for their patience and support over the past season. We also appreciate the support of our spouses, "Ace Hardware/Guardian Insulation", our home club, St. Andrews, and clubmates at Ardsley and NY Caledonian. Your enthusiasm and support were greatly appreciated.

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