

HouseCalls

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WELCOME NEW CURLERS

The first open house for the season was held on October 28 and 29. It was a great success. Many new members attended and are now actively curling.

The Ardsley Curling Club would like to extend a warm welcome to its new members.

Dory Baldwin	Chris Banino
Larry Berlin	Roberta Blackman
Mibb Browne	Pauline Davies
Glenda De Mercado	Randolph De Mercado
Doug Fachnie	Karen Garnet
Dian Geary	Tom Geary
Ian Journeaux	Bobby Keith
Karen Anderson Keith	Mary Lou Mannix
Gael Mendelsohn	Elizabeth Murphy
Betty Norton	Julia Parisi
Ellen Rich	Barbara Specht
Peter Sutherland	Nan Walsh
Jesse Wang	Mitzie Wang
Marjorie Zickel	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

second open house is scheduled for January 20 or 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Please attend and bring new members into the Curling fold.

WHO ARE YOU?

It's a bit intimidating when anyone joins a new organization. There are many new faces and new names to keep track of. In order to alleviate some of the confusion associated with this transition please wear your name tags.

SUBSTITUTIONS

If you are not able to attend a scheduled curling session, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. Look for a substitute in the following order

- * another member of your team if your team has more than four members
- * the list of substitutes from your league
- * any active curler on the roster

If all of the above fail, it is time to contact the skip for your team!!! Please do not wait until the last minute.



SUMMER GOLF OUTING



The Green Bonspiel Bowl took place this past summer on June 8, 1995 and was won by the Ardsley Curling Club. Thirty-four mixed curlers attended the competition between Ardsley, Nutmeg and St. Andrews curling clubs. The winners: Mieko Takiguchi with a 69; Pippa Broadhurst with a 71; Shoji Takiguchi with a 75; Vanda Ficalora with a 76; Kay Sugahara with a 76. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

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GRAPHIC ARTIST NEEDED

Are there any graphic artists out there? We are trying to set up the "Ardsley Duck" logo in "Corel Draw" and could use some technical assistance. If you are familiar with Corel Draw and have access to the program the Curling Club can use your expertise. Please contact Rich Andrechak at 914-476-0854.

TURKEY TROT BONSPIEL

The Turkey Trot Bonspiel is taking place as you read this issue of House Calls. Come visit the Club on Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 24 - 26. All are welcome. Please join other members of the Club for this annual event. Thanks vry much to Merle and Vic Huebner for organizing the event.



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ANNUAL HOLIDAY FRUIT SALE



It is once again time for our annual holiday fruit sale. We are offering 4/5 bushel boxes of delicious navel oranges or Indian River pink grapefruit for \$22.00 a box. Boxes of one-half oranges and one-half grapefruit are also available at the same low price. A sign-up sheet is on the door in the warm room. Please try to order before the end of November. The fruit will be ready for pick up beginning Friday December 8 at the Curling Club. Fruit will be delivered to the top of the path. Hours for pick-up will be posted.

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 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 an effort to do your part to make this our most profitable fruit sale ever.

To place an order please place your name on the order poster beside the warm room door.

For further information, or to place an order, call Carl Phares at 941-5116 or Heather Kenny at 591-6906.

CURLING RULES

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 and not kneeling or sitting on the ice for extended periods of time. (Your body heat can cause indentations in the ice that will effect the trajectory of the stones. It is not easy to fix this problem once they are in 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 emergencies.

Be aware of players on the other sheets of ice and try not to disrupt their games.

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.

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, you should acknowledge this to your teammates immediately and stop the stone.

Curling is a gentleperson's sport; courteous behavior is expected at all times.

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THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL - A MAJOR CURLING SUCCESS FOR ARDSLEY DESPITE THE BLIZZARD OF '96"

The Douglas International Bonspiel was held at the Ardsley Curling Club - Thursday January 4 through Sunday January 7. In attendance were players from all across the United States, Canada and Europe. According to Steve Smith, Co-Chairperson of the event, fun was had by all, despite the snow, but more importantly "the quality of play was of the highest caliber".

~~At the starting matches~~ Kay Sukahara shocked onlookers when he arrived with Ray Turnbull, Shorty Jenkins and Bill Hodgson. Ray Turnbull, a TSN commentator, is the voice of curling in Canada. He is an ex-Briar champion, and has taught curling worldwide. Shorty Jenkins is the foremost ice maker in the world. Bill Hodgson is a world class lead.

Friday's banquet provided bonspiel participants with great food and the opportunity to socialize between matches. Kim Freeman, the first woman President of the Grand National Curling Club (GNCC) and formerly President of St. Andrews, attended. At the post-banquet celebration the Margarita CC team, made up of players from Canada, Holland, England and Switzerland, treated spielers and the mixed curlers to their ~~signature blend drink~~ in the warm room.

Although ten end matches were scheduled for Sunday's finals, due to the snow, skips were given the option of playing eight ends instead. Following are the results of Sunday's play:

MEDAL
WINNER

Douglas	Treeline (6)	Phila (3)
NY Caledonian	St. Andrews (8)	Plainfield (6)
Ardsley	Winnepeg (8)	Utica (6)
Mahopac	Nutmeg (9)	NY Caledonian (4)
Williamson	Potomac (6)	Margarita (3)
St. Andrews	Albany (8)	Ardsley (4)

The Board would like to thank Paul Mort and Steve Smith, Co-Chairpersons, Isobel Mort, Helen Kayser, Walter & Lillie Baggett, Greg Sheridan, and Don & Nadja McKay for their assistance with the event, as well as for providing food and shelter for stranded curlers.

LEXAN HANDLES APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Lexan handles have been approved for use on the stones at the Ardsley Curling Club. According to Steve Smith, Ice and Machinery Chairperson, they are one piece tournament style handles that do not require

maintenance, will be easier to see at a distant end and provide clear indications of sheet and rock numbers. They are now in use at many other clubs and in national and olympic competition.

The cost will not be so much borne by the club

THANK YOU...

The Board wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to the following members for their assistance in planning, and executing with great success various events that are important to the Club.

TURKEY TROT A GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations are extended to the Huebners and the Turkey Trot Committee for a job well done.

In addition to planning and scheduling a very successful curling event, the Hubner's made a profit of \$443.00. \$113.00 was also made in the 50/50 raffle.

Several students of the Continuing Education class attended and experienced the fun and challenge of bonspiels.

REFEREE CLASS

Thanks to Diane Mojo's efforts, ten new referees were graduated from class and can now officiate at bonspiels held at United States Curling Association events.

HOLIDAY FRUIT SALE

The holiday fruit sale was a great success thanks to the combined efforts of Carl Pheres, and Heather Kenny, Co- Chairpersons. Jean

And ceaseless work
MacIntosh volunteered her garage and the Steineman's and Keenan's assisted in dispensing the fruit.

ST. ANDREW'S HOLIDAY PARTY

The St. Andrews Christmas party was organized by Greg Sheridan with the assistance of Gerry & Elaine Schrockman. Fun was had by all.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Club's New Year's Eve party was a great success thanks to the efforts of Lillie & Walter Baggett.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HEADLESS HORSEMAN

Feb. 23 - 25

The Headless Horseman is the next major event scheduled at the Ardsley Curling Club. It will take place Friday February 23 through Sunday February 25. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Teams will be balanced. Please signup on the sheets located on the bulletin board.

OPEN HOUSE

Jan. 21 - 4:30 p.m.

New members are always welcome. Please encourage friends and family to attend. Contact Brian Kenny for details.

MEN'S PLAYDOWNS

Jan. 25 - 28

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Seven teams are scheduled for play. For details please contact Bunky Harmon.

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Come see our future world champs & olympians.

PRESIDENT'S DAY COMPETITION

Feb. 19

RAY KAYSER BONSPIEL

Feb. 29 - March 3

Scherocman & Davies are co chair this event for mixed teams that have curled less than 5 years

PULL-THE-PLUG PARTY

March 30

For details contact Wayhe & Susan Stewart.

SKIP	WON	LOST
Smith	7	1
Barghout	6	2
Scherocman Schrockman	4	4
Griggs	3	5
Huebner	3	5
Godbold	3	5
Austin	2	6

The Wild's men's weekend competition was won by George Austin and Robert Baersch, co-skips, with Burns Patterson, Vic Huebner, Shoji Takiguchi, Ken Yoshida, and Bill Murray.

SKIPS	WON	LOST
Austin/Baensch	6	3
Smith/Ficalora	5	4
Harmon/Baggett	5	4
Clancy/McCarty	2	7

MIXED CURLING

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Anyone wishing to provide dinner for mixed curling on Saturday nights should signup on the bulletin board in the warmroom. If you are intimidated by the number please ask a team member (s) to assist. Saturday night dinners are a warm tradition we would like to continue. If you have any questions please contact Wayne & Susan Stewart.

All who enjoy the dinner contribute \$ to cover your cost.

THE BLANTON AND THE WILD'S MEN'S COMPETITIONS

The Blanton men's weeknight competition was won by Steve Smith, skip with Kay Sugahara, Walter Baggett, Shoji Takaguchi, and Manny Hussein. Second Place medals were won by Isa Barghout, skip, with Gert Messing, Jim Ajello, Robert Baensch, Kal Sunderam, and Jim

MIXED CURLING

At the end of five weeks of play highest total points in the mixed is held by Kay Sugahara and his team. Kay's team consists of Mike Murphy, Sarah Murphy, and Chris Banino.

The Friday night score is tied between the Tkaguchis, Johan Boelee and Ellen Rich, and the Clancys, Paul Sheridan, and Betty Norton. Saturday afternoon play was dominated by Kay Sugahara's team and the Buchanans, Tom Doherty, and Terry Crandall.

Isa Barghoutand and his team of Patti Burns,

Rich Andrechak, and Julia Parisi lead Sunday afternoon curling.

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IN MEMORY

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Bland Button, a member of the New York Caledonian Club. Bland died on Sunday January 7. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

Ardsley

CURLING SWEATERS FOR SALE

DRESS-UP YOUR TEAM!!

Curling sweaters are for sale at the Club for a price of \$30.00. St. Andrews and Caledonian logos are available for application. Please contact Paul Mort or Geoff Broadhurst for details.

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FINAL ISSUE OF *HOUSE CALLS* FOR 1996

The final issue of *House Calls* for 1996 is scheduled to go to press on Wednesday April 3. I would like to include information about Summer 1996 events as well as to recap news from the 1996 season.

Please submit information to me on or before April 1. Articles can be faxed to my attention at 914-591-4432 or mailed to 201 Locust Lane, Irvington, N.Y. 10533.

Thank you.

Susan De Maio



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ARTICLES**

BONSPIEL REPORT

by Walter and Lillie Baggett

For those who crave more than just club curling, bonspiel season is well under way. In the norther hemisphere the months of January, February and March are the prime time to travel and curl.

After a highly successful home event, the Douglas International, the troops from Ardsley's clubs have been out on the road.

The next weekend three teams were in Nashua, New Hampshire. Walt Baggett's team, with Ed Godbold, Paul Mort and Wayne Stewart represented Ardsley. St. Andrew's team had Gert Messing, Pete Murphy and others, who shall remain nameless. New York Caladonian had George Austin, Steve Smith and other worthies. St. Andrews made it to the finals of the first event. Ardsley and New York Caladonian made it to different sides of the semi-finals of the second event draw,

only to be stopped by two teams who had dropped down from the semi-finals of the first event.

The next weekend had something completely different in store for the intrepid bonspielers, as the Baggetts and the Takaguchis ventured to Toronto to compete at Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club's mixed invitational. It was a thirty two team event affair, we curled our best, and were treated royally as the international team from New York. Let it just be said that we won the party and made many new friends.

The final weekend in January found Walter Baggett taking Cal Sundram to his first out of town bonspiel at the Albany Men's Governor's Bowl. A second and mate were gratefully provided and we proceeded to win our first two matches to get to the semi-finals of the first event. A heart-breaking loss to Norfolk's George Dyer put us in the consolation event on Sunday morning. As usual, this sixteen team event provided some of the best hospitality curling can provide.

The Empire State Women's Bonspiel was held the same weekend in Schenectady. There were two Ardwicks teams competing. One was skipped by Mary Jean Keenan with Molly Babcock, Marion Cowles, and Lillie Baggett. Mieko Takaguchi skipped the other team with Jean MacIntosh, Ann McMillan, and Patti Burns. This was the first away bonspiel for Patti! The teams had a good time, but not successful in coming home with any medals.

After a weekend off for some summer sailing dreams and to host guest from Australia (where else can you curl in season, in August?) the Baggetts, joined by Paul and Isabelle Mort hit the mixed circuit again. After winning a close game against Philadelphia, George Dyer, now a home town favorite, put us away again. Struggling to put that behind, we won the next three games and the third event. The parties and hospitality were, again, up to curling's highest standards.

And so the season proceeds. There are many opportunities to join a team and bonspiel.

THE TWO BROOMS

by Lillie Baggett

The Two Brooms is a friendly competition between Nutmeg and Ardsley Curling Clubs, with each hosting either the evening or day event. There are three teams from each club competing. This year Jean Murphy, Nadja McKay, and Marion Cowles skipped for Ardsley at Nutmeg on 7 December 1995, with Nadja's team winning. Nancy Clancy, Jean MacIntosh, and Mary Jean Keenan skipped for Ardsley at Ardsley on 11 January 1996. Both Jean and Mary Jean's teams won. This meant that Nutmeg and Ardsley were tied in the number of wins, but Nutmeg had 4 points more than Ardsley. They got to take the trophy home!

This competition began in 1971 among the Ardsley Ladies Curling Club, Nutmeg Women Curlers, and the Westchester Wicks under the name of Ard-Nut-Wick. It was renamed Three Brooms in 1972. Revisions of the rules were made in the 1978-79 season, in 1986, and the last time in 1989 after Ardsley Ladies Curling Club and the Westchester Wicks merged as one club under the name Ardwick. At this time the evening curlers were brought into The Three Brooms. The name was changed to the Two Brooms in 1992 to represent the two club competition now.

Next year we want the beautiful trophy back at Ardsley! Start forming your teams now!

1996 PULL THE PLUG ON THE "HIGH SEAS"

The 1996 Pull the Plug party will take place on Saturday March 30. The theme is the high seas. We expect Captain Hook as well as Captain Cook, pirates, sea creatures, sailors, Gilligan, the Captain, the Millionaire, Ginger, Maryann, the Professor - oh yes and the Millionaire's wife. Anyother high seas related characters may also attend.



The Barghouts will prepare food for the event. Dinner will feature roasted lamb, and chicken. Anyone wishing to assist with food preparation should contact Esa.

Alice Yeh and Scott Silverman will be organizing the schedule of play for the mini-bonspiel. Please

contact Scott and Alice for further information about sign-up for the event.

Pam and Ed Slebert will be decorating for the event. If you would like to contribute hors d'oeuvres for the party please add your name to the sign-up sheet that is posted in the warm room.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the warm room for the party. Please join us to celebrate the end of the season.