

# HOUSE CALLS

NOVEMBER 1996

Ardley Curling Club, Ardwick's Curling Club, N.Y. Caledonian Curling Club, St. Andrews Curling Club

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:** Seventeen persons joined the curling club at the open house the weekend of October 19-20 despite the horrible weather on the 19th and the lack of ice because of a power failure on both days. Brian and Heather Kenny and their able assistants are to be congratulated for a job well done. Here are the names of our new curlers - their addresses and telephone numbers will be in the new roster: **John Bourhill, Norah Clarke, Ellen and Paul DelColle, Yoko Kai, Richard Kilsheimer, Vic and Gail Labrosse, Kevin and Mary Lockhart, Jonathan Marshall, Hiroko Matsuo, Robert Revie, Rob Sonnenschein, Donald and Noriko Whyte, and Andre Zegeling.** Please introduce yourselves to them and welcome them to the club.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** "First, I would like to welcome all new curlers and returning members of the Ardley Curling Club for the 1996-97 season!

Second, I want to thank the many of you who have responded to our volunteer sign-up sheet. Your responsiveness has been very encouraging. I urge any of you who have not yet responded to do so either by sending in the form or calling me.

Finally, if you know of anyone still interested in curling, bring them to the club and they can be signed up at any time. More is better when it comes to numbers!"

Vic Huebner

**CURL AMERICA LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTORS COURSE:** On October 19th and 20th Curl America conducted a course for Level 1 instructors at Ardley. Fortunately we still had ice on Saturday morning for the first portion of the course. The second session was conducted in the warm room. **Chris Banino, Vic Huebner, Paul Mort, Jean and Pete Murphy, Don Torre and Shoji Takiguchi** all took the course and are looking forward to helping the rest of us with our curling technique in the coming weeks.

The Curl America program has been organized by the USCA and was developed with the help of Curl Canada and the Olympic Curling Program. Keith Munro from the Schenectady Curling Club and Faith Lundren and Grant Johnson from the Plainfield Curling Club were the instructors.

**TURKEY TROT BONSPIEL:** This is an intra-club affair in which all members are invited to participate regardless of their experience or lack thereof. It's a great way to meet other members and gain some bonspiel experience. The first games will be played Friday evening, November 29th, and the finals will be played midday Sunday, December 1st. After the first game your schedule will depend on whether you win or lose. Continental breakfasts will be served Saturday and Sunday morning, lunches will be served Saturday and Sunday and a buffet dinner will be served Saturday evening. The entry fee, including meals, will be \$20.00 per person. Non-curlers may participate in the Saturday buffet dinner for \$10.00 a person.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the warm room. Curlers may sign up individually, as couples, or as a team.

## 1996-1997 SEASON CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
11/29-12/1	Turkey Trot Bonspiel	Walter and Lillie Baggett Laurie Frees, Patty Burns Johan Boelee
December	Fruit Sale	Heather Kenny & Carl Phares
December 15th ?	St. Andrews Christmas Party	Gerry Scherocman
December 31st	New Year's Eve Party	Lillie and Walter Baggett Betty and Walter Steinemann
January 19th	Second Open House	Brian Kenny and Pete Murphy
January 24-26	GNCC Women's Championships	Jean Murphy
January 30th	The Scot Tour	Bob Hill and Paul Mort
February 14-16	Headless Horseman Bonspiel	Jane Cavanaugh and Rich Andrechak
February 17th	President's day Competition	To be announced
February 28th to March 2nd	Douglas International Bonspiel	Gert Messing
April 5th	Pull-the-Plug Party	To be announced

## WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP FOR THE 1995-96 SEASON.

### Men's Curling

#### The Blanton Medal

<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
Smith, S.	Barghout
Sugahara	Messing
Baggett	Ajello
Takiguchi	Baensch
Laird	Sunderam
Hussain	Gutekunst

#### The Wells Medal

<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
Smith, S.	Scherocman
Davey	Andres
Gutekunst	Dysart
McCarty	Honzak
Griffin	McCuen
Donohue	

#### The Wilds Medal

Austin & Baensch  
Patterson  
Huebner, V.  
Takiguchi  
Yoshida  
Murray

#### The Linc Seibert Medal

Huebner & Nagami  
Baensch  
Honzak  
Donohue

The Jug Ogden Medal

**Takiguchi**  
Huebner, V.  
Baggett  
Barghout  
Honzak  
Andrechak  
Borowitz

The Furlined Trophy

**Kenny**  
Austin  
Silverman  
Harper  
Keenan  
Schultz

**Women's Competition**  
**Day Competition**

All American

**Marion Cowles**  
Heather Kenny  
Ann Elliott

Wells Wick

Winner

**Mary Jean Keenan**  
Jean Glus  
Ann Elliott  
Marjorie Zickel

Runner Up

**Anne Dudley**  
Jan Conner  
Heather Kenny  
Mieko Takiguchi

Junior Skip

Winner

**Betty Steinemann**  
Jean MacIntosh  
Trudi Boelee  
Mieko Takiguchi

Runner Up

**Molly Babcock**  
Jan Conner  
Lillie Baggett  
Noriko Whyte

**Evening Competition**

Ice Breaker

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Nancy Clancy</b>	<b>Pam Siebert</b>
Nadja McKay	Alice Yeh
Jane Cavanaugh	Pat Newman
Barbara Specht	Patti Burns
	Betty Norton

The Flame

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Pam Siebert</b>	<b>Pippa Broadhurst</b>
Alice Yeh	Nadja McKay
Pat Newman	Mitzie Wang
Patti Burns	Nan Walsh
Betty Norton	

All American

**Nancy Clancy**  
Patti Burns  
Pat Newman  
Jane Cavanaugh

Wells Wick

First Place

**Nancy Clancy**  
Anne Dudley  
Marjorie Zickel  
Betty Norton

Second Place

**Jean Murphy**  
Liz Murphy  
Margaret Guiry  
Dory Baldwin

**THE THREE STAGES OF A CURLER'S CAREER:** TRI-WEEKLY, TRY WEEKLY,  
TRY WEAKLY.

**ANNUAL FRUIT SALE:** It is once again time for our annual 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 1/2 oranges and one-half grapefruit are also available at the same low price. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the warm room shortly. Please try to order before the end of November. The fruit will be ready to pick up beginning Friday, December 13th.

We hope all of you will support this effort by buying fruit for your own enjoyment and for holiday gifts for 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 stores.

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

For further information, or to place your order, call **Carl Phares (914-941-5116)** or **Heather Kenny (914-591-6906)**. Carl can also arrange for direct delivery of your fruit gifts at an additional charge.

**INTERNATIONAL CURLING:** (by Lillie Shortridge-Baggett) . Last year Ardsley teams curled in the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario. Now how about some real international curling like Russia, France and Holland? Yes, teams from Ardsley were there.

In May, Carol and Jim Gutekunst took a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, to curl in a summer bonspiel held in an ice arena next to the Bolshevik Cannon Factory. They joined friends from three other curling clubs, Burlington Curling Club of Ontario, Cape Cod Curling Club and the Swiss Turtle Curling Club from Switzerland, and formed a men's team and women's team both curling under the banner of the Swiss Turtle Curling club.

The highlight of the bonspiel came in curling against the Russian Olympic Team. Both of the Swiss Turtle teams were eliminated in the quarter finals with Carol's team scoring more points than Jim's.

In late May Walter and I journeyed to Viry Chatillon, just south of Paris, to curl in a bonspiel. We curled with Steven Hines from England and Ben Wiegers of the Netherlands on a team called Margarita USA. We tied a team from Switzerland, lost to a German team, beat a French team and a team from Minnesota. We then were eliminated by a local team.

To round out the incorrectly named "off- season" in September, Jim Gutekunst and I were joined by Vic Huebner and Steve Smith for the Windmill Bonspiel in Utrecht, The Netherlands. We curled as the New York Caledonian Curling Club. We won our first three matches but then lost in the semi-finals to last year's champions, a Danish team, which moved us from third to seventh place ranking in the 40 teams from 12 countries.

Merle Huebner joined Vic on the trip, bringing along her curling gear in case a substitute might be necessary. The Caledonians didn't need her but she did substitute on a Belgian team for the entire bonspiel curling with two curlers from Belgium and one from Holland.

**COUNTRY CLUB DINING PRIVILEGES:** Now that the curling season has started all Active members of the Ardsley Curling Club (this includes members of the Ardwick's, N.Y. Caledonian, and St. Andrew's curling clubs) are welcome to use the dining facilities of the Ardsley Country Club. The hours and days that meals are served may vary during the winter months so it would be advisable to call in advance to make sure that they are open and to make a reservation. (914 -591- 8150). Dress in the Grill Room is casual (sweaters and shirts with collars) but jackets and ties are required in the Dining Room. Blue jeans are not permitted in the Club House. Members of the curling club are not subject to a minimum charge. To charge meals and beverages use the same account number you use at the curling club.

**THE GRAND NATIONAL CURLING CLUB AND YOU:** (by Walter Baggett, GNCC Representative). As most curlers already know we are members of regional, national and international organizations. The dues you pay to the Ardsley Curling Club also make you a member of the Grand National Curling Club (GNCC) and the United States Curling Association (USCA). The GNCC, which was founded in 1867, is an organization of 37 curling clubs, all but one in the northeastern United States. Not all of these clubs have their own ice but nevertheless they have active members who curl at other clubs or on bonspiels. The newest club to join the GNCC, the Triangle Curling Club of Pittsboro, N.C., was established in 1995 and curls on skating ice.

One of the functions of the GNCC is to schedule interclub bonspiels. **Paul Mort**, a member of the Ardsley Curling Club, is responsible for putting together this schedule which is published in the GNCC Schedule of Events. A copy of this schedule was recently mailed to all members. It lists the men's, women's, mixed, open and youth bonspiels.

For new members, "bonspiel" is another of those mystical curling terms with no known origin. They are curling competitions. Most club members are aware of our club bonspiels such as the Headless Horseman and the Turkey Trot. We also host other bonspiels such as the Douglas International and Empire State bonspiels in which curlers from other GNCC clubs and Canada participate. 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. For most teams the biggest problem is getting enough people to go. If you have any interest at all, speak up when you are sitting around the table after a game. People will point out the club members to ask.

Of special interest to new curlers are the Dykes, Kayser and Women's Challenge bonspiels. These bonspiels are for curlers with five years or less experience. Of interest is the fact that **Micko Takiguchi, Alice Yeh, Lillie Shortridge-Baggett and Monica Dysart** were the 2nd event runner-up in the Women's Challenge held at Nashua, N.H. in March of '96 and a team skipped by **Ed Siebert** won the fourth event at the Ray Kaiser Memorial Bonspiel held at Ardsley in March of '96.

From a practical standpoint, curlers should plan on leaving home Thursday afternoon or at the very latest on Friday morning to participate in an out of town bonspiel and getting back home sometime on Sunday. Besides the cost of transportation (most GNCC bonspiels are within a two to four hour drive) you should figure on a \$50.00 per head entry fee, two to three nights in a hotel and the cost of food and drinks. A banquet is usually included in the entry fee and inexpensive meals are often provided at the host club.

The number of games played at a bonspiel depends on your team's win and loss record. The minimum is usually three games even if you lose all games. If you win a few games, then you may play quite a few more. The hospitality is almost always super and you will make many new friends. Remember to take some spare club pins to trade with your opponents. The Ardsley pins can be purchased at the curling club. They are kept in the trophy cabinet to the left of the fireplace. Take the number of pins you desire and then sign the book kept with the pins.

**THE SCOT TOUR:** On Thursday, January 30, 1997 The Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland will visit the Ardsley Curling Club and play five games against our local curlers. The Scots will have been here in the States for about two weeks before they play here, having visited many other clubs in upstate New York and points west. This tour takes place every ten years and this visit will be the third time the matches have been played at Ardsley. Previously they were played at St. Andrews.

The scoring is cumulative - the total points scored by the Scots for the whole tour vs. the total points scored by the U.S. In 1992 the United States Curling Team visited Scotland where the U. S. team won with a score of +63. **Don McKay** was a member of that team as were our old friends **Ken Cooper, Pete Mitchell and Chuck Owens**. The U. S. team will return to Scotland in 2002. U. S. women curlers have the same reciprocal arrangements and a U. S. team is currently touring Scotland.

The Scots will be arriving in our area on Wednesday, January 29th and will spend that day in the city followed by a banquet hosted by the Royal Bank of Scotland. This was arranged with the help of John Barclay who curled at Ardsley about six or seven years ago. At that time John was the Manager of the New York office of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Although now retired and living in England John was pleased to help arrange the dinner.

While arrangements for the games at Ardsley are still in the formative stage, we do plan to serve lunch in the warm room and have two cocktail parties at member's homes in the neighborhood before a banquet at a local restaurant Thursday evening. There will be three games at Ardsley at 10:00 AM and two games at 2:00 PM. We will need help with transportation, food preparation, and the cocktail parties.

**Volunteers will be appreciated!!!**

**CURLING BILLS ARE IN THE MAIL:** If you haven't already received your bill for curling dues, you will shortly. The bills are payable in full upon receipt, or 1/2 now and the balance on or before January 15, 1997. If you have any questions regarding the amount of the bill please call **Rich Andrechak** at 914-476-0854.

**MAKING THE ICE:** Ice making is a tedious chore that requires skill and patience. We are blessed to have Steve Smith taking care of our ice. Getting it ready in October for the Open House was enough of a task, but doing it twice in October, well that's truly a herculean effort. Fortunately Steve had the able assistance of the following members whose names were supplied by **Geoff Broadhurst** - I'm sure you remember him, he thought he would have to be President for life: **Don Torre, Isa Barghout, Bill Borowitz, Ed Godbold, Paul Mort, Jerry McCarty, Pete Murphy and Walter Baggett**. Thanks to all of you, and anyone else whose name has been omitted, for a job well done.

And speaking of members who have pitched in to help with the chores around the club, thanks to **Jesse Wang** for supervising the roof repair work this summer.

**ASSISTANCE FOR NEW CURLERS:** If at times you need help, advice or wish to make a complaint, speak to your Skip. If he or she is unable to help, then you should speak to one of the officers of the club. We all want to make your introduction to curling and to the club as smooth as possible so please don't be bashful. Speak up and we will do our best to solve the problem or answer your questions!

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF HOUSE CALLS IS NOVEMBER 30TH!**

Please send all information to **Bob Hill** at 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 or call 914-944-7009. It would be much easier for me if you submit your article in writing but in a pinch you can phone it in.

**AND FINALLY:** Maggie MacTavish was anxious to see her husband again when she arrived in Heaven after departing this earth. He had gone some twenty years earlier with a deathbed plea asking her to remain faithful to his memory.

The angel asked for some clues as to husband Jimmy's identity.

"Oh my, ma memory is a bit faded noo," came the reply, "but he used to carry his curling beson wherever he went."

"Well", replied the angel, "we've lots of curlers up here, that's no much help".

"And he used to say, 'Ah'll turn in ma grave if you're unfaithful to me efter ah'm awa'." Maggie said.

"I've got you now" replied the angel quick as a flash, "You're looking for spinning MacTavish!"

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DEC 1996

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY** St. Andrew's Golf Club will be the site of the traditional curling Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th. As in past years, **Gerry and Elaine Scherocman** will be running the party this year. Cocktails will start at 6:30 with dinner to follow at 7:45. Santa has promised to show up again and distribute the presents each of us brings (not to exceed \$5.00). Please label the presents "his" or "hers". Gerry says invitations will be mailed as soon as he has an address list, but a sign-up sheet has been posted in the Warm Room. Cost will be \$35.00 per person for the dinner. The bar is Dutch treat. If you missed last year's party or have never been to any of the previous year's parties, don't miss this one!  
It's a great evening.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** **Walter and Lillie Baggett** are once again running the New Year's Eve party at the Ardsley Curling Club, featuring dinner, curling, dancing and the traditional welcoming of the New Year with a champagne toast. Both curlers and non-curlers are invited. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. The curling will involve two-end matches throughout the evening with the curlers rotating their positions after each match. The first draw will be at 7:00 PM and the finals will be played after midnight. Dress in your finest evening wear in which you are able and willing to curl. If you have any questions, please call Walter or Lillie at (914)-591-6864.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER** At a meeting on November 21st, **Pam Siebert** was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **Monica Dysart**.

**MORE NEW MEMBERS** In addition to the names included in the November issue of HOUSE CALLS, the following persons have joined the Ardsley Curling Club: **Sean Cammann, Carl Dalbo, Bernie Etzinger, Joanne Frank, Al Gordon, Bill Haugbey, Heather Huebner, Paul Huebner, James McGinnis, Laureen Paul, Harry and Isabelle Quinn, Jr., Phil Sargenti, Jodie Stohn, and Jennette Wang**. Furthermore, we are happy to welcome back to the Ardsley Curling Club the following curlers who have been absent for one or more years: **Suad Barghout, Thanos Dousmanis, Paul Gutekunst, Chris Hooke and Peter and Gloria Hortensius**.

**NAME TAGS** The club has ordered name tags for all the new members so that they will be easily identified by the "old" members. Now some of the new members have suggested that it would be a good idea if the "old" members wore their name tags so that they can be identified as well. Makes sense doesn't it?

**USCA OFFICIATING COURSE** **Diane Mojo** will give the Officiating Course for any interested members on Saturday, December 14th. There is a need for qualified officials at most major bonspiels which lead to national or international events. If you are interested in taking the course please call **Diane** at 914-591-7036.

**THE TURKEY TROT BONSPIEL** Eight teams curled in this three-event intracub bonspiel played on November 29th to December 1st. **Walter Baggett** skipped his rink, composed of **Lillie Baggett, Chris Hooke and Joanna Stohn**, to a victory in the first event defeating a rink consisting of **Trevor Davey, Greg Sheridan, Phil**



**Sargenti and Joanne Frank.** George Austin substituted for Chris Hooke in the finals on the Baggett team.

The second event was won by the the Siebert rink with Ed at skip and Pam at vice. Johan Boelee and Laureen Paul played at second and lead. The runner-up in the second event was a team with Isa Barghout skipping, Suad Barghout as vice, Rich Andrechak at second, and Jane Cavanaugh at lead.

In the third event, Vic Huebner's rink, composed of Merle Huebner, Harry Harper and James McGinnes defeated Shoji Takiguchi's rink of Mieke Takiguchi, David Hodes and Cynthia Hodes.

Lillie Baggett especially thanked Patti Burns, Merle Huebner, Laurie Frees and Betty Norton for preparing and serving the food, Johan Boelee for running the raffle and Jane Cavanaugh for helping in the kitchen.

**MIXED CURLING NOTES** Alice Yeh reports that Mixed Curling has gotten off to a good start despite Mother Nature's little fit at the beginning of the season. There are two sheets of curlers on Friday evening at 8:00 PM and Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM. Three sheets are in use on Saturday at 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM. If you have any questions regarding Mixed curling, please call either Scott Silverman and Alice Yeh at 914-793-6466 or Jim and Rosemary Kindler at 914-693-9017.

**SUBSTITUTES:** If you cannot make it to a scheduled Mixed Curling game on a given date, it is your responsibility to find a substitute and to call the skip and let him or her know. Scott and Alice or Jim and Rosemary will be glad to help you find a substitute, if you are unable to do so, but you must still keep the skip informed.

**SATURDAY DINNERS:** Thanks to the Kindlers, Buchanans and Kennys, Saturday dinners have been served every week so far. Don and Nadja McKay and Peter and Gloria Hortensius are scheduled to serve on December 7th. If you are a Saturday curler, please consider cooking one week so the tradition can continue. Check the cork board in the Warm Room for the sign-up sheet. Volunteer cooks are still needed for the first Saturday of the next session on December 21st.

**MIXED CURLING SESSIONS** The Mixed Curling year is divided into three sessions, with the first session ending on December 15th. New teams will be made up for the second and third session. The second session will run from December 20th through February 9th and the third from February 21st through March 30th. Please look for the next session's sign-up sheet as the end of each session draws near.

**MIXED CURLERS ANNOUNCE FIRST MINI-BONSPIEL:** The first of three mini-bonspiels will be held at Ardsley on Saturday, December 14th. It will be a one-half day affair with the first 8-end game beginning at 1:00 PM followed by the second round at 3:30 PM. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. At 7:30 PM the winners from the three 1:00 PM games will play the winners from the three 3:30 PM games. The bonspiel is open to all curlers but, if oversubscribed, first priority will be given to mixed curlers.

It is hoped that curlers will enter as preformed teams, although individual curlers are welcome to sign up and will be assigned to teams. Rich Andrechak has already entered his team known as "John Richards". Their logo is a "beer stein on a field of azure". The committee feels that this event will allow teams to practice together before entering bonspiels. The mini-bonspiels will pre-empt regular Saturday curling but, since Saturday curlers can sign up, they do not need to miss a week of curling. Future mini-bonspiels are scheduled for January 11th and March 22nd. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the club two to three weeks before each event.

**FRUIT SALE** The oranges and grapefruit will be delivered to the home of Jean MacIntosh at 98 Fargo Lane in Irvington. As soon as the committee has the delivery date, everyone who has ordered fruit will be notified about pick up times and dates. Please do not call Jean now!



**HAVE BROOM, WILL TRAVEL** With the season barely started teams from Ardsley have already started to hit the Bonspiel trail:

**ROSS TARLTON** This Canadian-American Bonspiel between GNCC teams and teams from the Ontario Curling Association is played each year reciprocating from Canada to the U.S. This year it was held in the Boston area and played at Winchester, Nashua, Broomstones and The Country Club November 7 - 9. Eighteen teams from each country participated. Three curlers from Ardsley, **Geoff Broadhurst, Bunky Harmon and Paul Mort** played on a team skipped by Sam Williams, a member of Broomstones Curling Club. They curled under the banner of GNCC since Williams is the First Vice President, Bunky Harmon is the Treasurer and Paul Mort is the Schedule Chairman. Although this team won three out of their four matches, the Canadians won the overall competition. Due to the loss of ice at two of the clubs some of the games were reduced to four ends.

**MONCTONIAN** This 68 team bonspiel was held on November 14 -16 in Moncton, New Brunswick. Curlers from Ardsley have traveled to this distant spot many times over the years. This year a team skipped by **Ed Godbold**, with **Walter Baggett** playing third, **Paul Mort** at second and **Bob Hayes** ( a former member of Ardsley) at lead made the trip and, although reluctant to report on their record, said they made a lot of new friends. Also making the trip were **Steve Smith, Jim Gutekunst, and Jerry McCarty**. They were joined by a friend from Toronto who played lead. Although I don't have their record Paul Mort tells me that they did beat a team skipped by Paul Kavanaugh of Toronto who has won this bonspiel at least six times.

**THE ACHILLES:** This 'spiel was held in Schenectady on November 21 - 24. **George Austin** skipped a rink composed of **Steve Smith, Glen Holman, and Ed Godbold**. According to Steve, **Gert Messing** was there playing on a team from the Granite Curling Club. .

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** **Trevor and Kitty Davey** and **Gerry and Elaine Scherocman** entered this Mixed Bonspiel at the Philadelphia Curling Club on November 21 - 24 and emerged the winner of the third event with a record of three victories and two losses. **Kay Sugahara**, curling as skip of the Manhattan Curling Club, was joined by **Gwen Krailo and Peter Lyons** of Nashua, and **Jan Stahlheber** of Philadelphia. Kay reports that they had a great time at this twenty team 'spiel.

**SCOT TOUR** Plans for the games at Ardsley on January 30th are well underway. There will be 5 games played at Ardsley, three in the morning at 10:00 A.M. and two in the afternoon at 2:00 P.M. Lunch will be served at the club and dinner will be served at two or three houses in the area. **We will need volunteers to drive the Scots back to their motel after the second draw and then to the houses for dinner and back to the motel again. We will also probably need two cars to drive two Scottish teams to Plainfield on the morning of the 30th. Plainfield will return them here in the afternoon. Please call Bob Hill to volunteer (914-944-7009).**

**HISTORY OF THE SCOT TOUR** The first recorded visit of Scottish curlers to the U.S. was in January 1938. Eight matches were played at The Country Club in Brookline, MA. with T.C.C. winning five. The stone count was T.C.C. 91 and Scots 72. In January 1949, a team of Scots competed again at T.C.C. against 12 rinks from 4 local clubs. The Scots won 7 games and outscored the local teams 110 to 79. Both of these matches were played by Scots primarily touring Canada. Their first exclusively U.S. tour came in 1955 when they began to compete for the Herries Maxwell trophy. In that year, teams from the Boston area played 8 games against the Scots and lost 7. The stone count was Scotland 52 and the U.S. 29.

In 1967 the Scots returned and played against 24 teams from the Boston area. Only 8 games counted as Trophy matches and the Scots won 7. The point margin was 82 to 59.

In 1977, when the Scots returned again to the colonies, they extended their tour to the midwest and the GNCC area outside Boston. During that tour, in which all stones counted for the Herries Maxwell Trophy, the Scots had 1216 points to the Americans 998.



Meanwhile, the U.S. sent teams to Scotland in 1952, 1962 and 1972, all with indifferent results. In 1982 the U.S. team, with Bud Chandler and Bill Ensign as Co-captains, won the Trophy. In 1987 the Scots arrived here with high hopes of recapturing the Trophy but, when the final stones were counted, the U.S. had prevailed.

In 1992, the last time the trophy was played for, the U.S. visited Scotland and outscored the Scots 856 points to 793, thus retaining the trophy.

In January 1997 the Scots will return and once again attempt to regain control of the Herries Maxwell Trophy. Will they succeed? Stay tuned to find out.

**COUNTRY CLUB DINING** Casual dress is now permitted in the main dining room on Sunday. You will also have the option of ordering from either the formal or informal menu. Jacket and tie will still be required in the dining room on Friday and Saturday.

**1996-1997 ROSTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE** The new rosters have been printed and have been delivered to the warm room. Each copy of the roster has the name of a member printed in the upper right hand corner of the front page. Please be sure you take your copy and not one belonging to another member.

**CLUB COMPETITIONS** The following standings in the men's leagues were taken from the bulletin board on December 1st. The scores for the Competitive league are not included because of errors in the recording sheet.

#### BLANTON

Team # and Skip	W	L
B2 Godbold	2	1
B3 Sugahara	2	1
B4 Davey	2	1
B5 Harmon	2	1

Team # and Skip	W	L
B6 Gutekunst	2	1
B7 Broadhurst	1	2
B8 Baggett	1	2
B1 Kenny	0	3

#### WILDS

Team # and Skips	W	L
W3 Baggett/Barghout	4	0
W1 Austin/Harmon	2	2

Team # and Skips	W	L
W4 Broadhurst/McCarthy	2	
W2 Huebner/Mort	0	4

**SWEATER SALE** The club has about 40 white V-necked curling sweaters for sale @ \$30.00 each or two for \$50.00. The sweaters have a Molson logo on them now but these can be covered with the curling club logo included in the purchase price. Please see Vic Huebner or Rich Andrechak if you are interested in buying a sweater.

**LIMERICK TIME** We will print limericks submitted by members wishing to try their hand at creative writing. The author of the best limerick submitted will receive a prize at the conclusion of the curling season. Here is a sample: Last season a third-man named Bryce

Moaned his skip never gave the right ice

Said his skip: "Well, wiseguy...

I'll play third and YOU try"

It's now March and they've only won twice!

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS DECEMBER 29TH** Please mail, fax or call your materiel to Bob Hill (914-944-7009).

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JANUARY 1997

*Ardasley Curling Club, Ardsvicks Curling Club, N.Y., Caledonian Curling Club, St. Andrew's Curling Club*

Note: The combination for the entrance door has been changed. It is now 451

## COMING EVENTS!!!

**THE NEXT OPEN HOUSE** is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 P.M.. Volunteers are needed to play a demonstration game for our potential members to watch. Please call Brian Kenny or Pete Murphy to volunteer. If you have any prospects for new members, please bring them down on the 19th.

**THE GRAND NATIONAL CURLING CLUB'S WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP** will be played at Ardsley beginning Thursday, January 23rd and ending Sunday, January 26th. The winning team will represent the GNCC in the USCA Women's National Championship which will be held in Seattle, Washington, March 1-8, 1997.

The winning team in Seattle qualifies for a spot in the Women's World Championship in Berne, Switzerland, April 9-13, 1997 to represent the USA.

Also, the top team of the GNCC Women's Championship qualifies to enter the National Olympic Qualifier in Hibling, MN. in April 1997. The winning team of this event will represent the United States in Nagano, Japan during the 1998 Winter Olympics.

Representing Ardsley this year is Jean Murphy's team of Sandi Buchanan, Gloria Hortensius, Alice Yeh and Pauline Davies. Other teams competing are from the Broomstones Curling Club, Nutmeg Curling Club, Rochester Curling Club and the Utica Curling Club.

All are welcome to come and watch some great matches by some of the top women curlers on the East Coast.

The first draw will be on Thursday, January 23rd, at 8:00 P.M. There will be two draws on Friday, one at 9:00 A.M. and one at 2:00 P.M. There will also be two draws on Saturday, one at 9:00 A.M. and one at 2:30 P.M. In the event of a tie, there will be a playoff on Sunday morning.

**THE 1997 SCOTS TOUR** will visit the Ardsley Curling Club on Thursday, January 30th. There will be two draws, one at 10:00 A.M. and one at 2:00 P.M. There will be three games in the morning and two in the afternoon, with lunch served at 12:00 noon. This will be the third time

the Scots have curled at Ardsley. The first two trips were in 1977 and 1987. Prior to that they played at St. Andrew's in 1967.

We urge everyone who has the time to stop in at the club, watch for as long as you can, and meet the Scots. The Scots that are coming to our club are all delightful men and deserve special treatment from us. I can assure you that your time with them will always be something that you will remember.

On wednesday night, January 29th, the Scots are being entertained at dinner by the Royal Bank of Scotland in their New York City offices. On Thursday night, following the curling, the Scots and the Americans curling against them will have dinner at the Broadhurst's and the Huebner's.

~~Jinny Hill is in charge of the group preparing the Thursday lunch and dinners and would appreciate help with the food preparation. If you can help, please call her at 914-944-7009.~~

Two Ardsley teams, and one each from the N.Y. Caledonian Curling Club, St. Andrew's Curling Club and the Chesapeake Curling Club will compete against the Scots.

During their stay in the U.S.A., the Scots will curl at 24 or 25 curling clubs. At the end of the tour, the country with the highest number of points will be declared the winner of the Herries-Maxwell Trophy. At the present time the U.S.A. is in possession of the trophy, having won it in 1982 when the U.S. team visited Scotland, and having successfully defended it in 1987 in the States and in 1992 in Scotland.

**THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN**, Ardsley's own intra-club mixed bonspiel, will be played from February 14th to the 16th. If you are a new curler this year, be sure to sign up, it's a great way to gain some bonspiel experience. Rich Andrechak and Jane Cavanaugh are running the event.

**THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL** will be held at Ardsley from Thursday, February 27th to Sunday March 2nd. This year the bonspiel is being co-chaired by Gert and Tracy Messing, Ed and Pam Siebert and Walter and Lillie Baggett. A sign-up sheet will shortly be posted in the warm room for teams interested in entering the bonspiel.

The plans call for a dinner party, with live music, in the warm room on Saturday evening, March 1st. A separate sign up sheet will be posted for those not playing in the bonspiel who would like to come for dinner. All club members are invited to attend whether they dine or not. There will be curling during the dinner hour.

At the present time, two European teams have entered the bonspiel, preserving the integrity of the INTERNATIONAL name.

Something new has been added this year. Ed Siebert is having a JOURNAL printed in which the club is selling advertising space to contractors, suppliers, and friends of curling. The prices range from \$50.00 for a business card size space to \$450.00 for a full page. We have been

informed that sales are going quite well. Anyone interested in advertising can call Ed at 914-428-2614.

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**NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED.** Many of you may have wondered about the activity on December 20th and 21st regarding the efforts some members of the club were expending on our curling stones. Last January, while he was at the Douglas International Bonspiel, Shorty Jenkins, the world's foremost ice and curling rock consultant, was asked whether he thought our stones were due for machine sharpening after about thirty years of use. Upon inspection, he opined that it would take another fifty years - per side! - before the stones would be worn down enough. He further advised that he had a manual method of grinding the stones which would produce fast, evenly matched stones.

Therefore, Kay Sugahara arranged for Shorty to start work on our stones on December 20th and by the evening of the 21st the task was completed. He was assisted by Chris Banino, Geoff Broadhurst, Ed Godbold, Vic Huebner, Paul Mort, Greg Sheridan, Steve Smith and Kay Sugahara. The large number of assistants was required to spin the rocks on emery cloth. If you think it's hard to spin rocks on ice, try it on sandpaper! Over \$500.00 worth of emery cloth was used.

With the precise weight of each stone determined this past summer by Geoff Broadhurst and Jessie Wang, Steve Smith was able to write a computer program to match the stones.

The whole objective of this exercise was to make the stones faster and to match the pairs of stones. It is believed the speed has increased by 2 1/2 to 3 seconds. The stones now curl about 4 1/2 to 5 feet but will straighten out to 4 to 4 1/2 feet in about one month. It is hoped that no one will have difficulty playing a good game under the frostiest of conditions with these faster stones.

**DUES REMINDER.** Dues are payable in full by January 15, 1997. Please call Rich Andrechak at 914-476-0854 if you have any questions about your balance.

**ROSTER CHANGES.** Carl Phares' new address is : P.O. Box 307, Apt. 3J2, Scarborough, NY 10510. The telephone number is unchanged.

If any address or telephone number appearing in the 1996-1997 roster is incorrect, please send the correct information to : Robert D. Hill, 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

**ARDSLEY DUCK GEAR** That strange sign that has been hanging in the warm room for awhile may have mystified you as well as many others. No more, however. Here is the straight information as provided by Rich Andrechak. Lands' End and the Queensboro Shirt Company will embroider the "Duck" logo on garments purchased from them.

Rich Andrechak has a sample of the logo and also the catalogs in which the clothing items can be seen. Jean Glus, Jean Murphy and Mike Donohue are also working on this matter.

The minimum order from either vendor is 6 items of the same "style". Sizes, colors and genders are all considered the same "style".

Since the garments are customized, both vendors require payment with the order. The first order will be sent in at the end of January. If you are interested, please talk to any of the above members. In future years the orders will be placed twice each season.

**ICE HOUSE GANG VS. THE GOOD OLD BOYS:** On Friday, December 6th, the Ice House Gang (that's us) played against the Good Old Boys ( that's Nutmeg ) at the Ardsley Curling Club in the first of their two contests. Sometime in February a return match will be held at Nutmeg. This is a competition between the Senior men of both clubs. Unfortunately, Ardsley lost this first round tying one game and losing two.

Skiping for Ardsley this time were Burns Patterson, Geoff Broadhurst and Bunky Harmon. Others curling for Ardsley were Isa Barghout, Bill Borowitz, Tony Ficalora, Bill Havens, Bob Hill, Carl Honzak, John Keenan, Jesse Wang and Bill Versfelt. In trying to reconstruct the teams for House Calls, it became apparent that this is a Senior's competition - very few curlers could remember whose team they were on!

Anyway, after curling everyone adjourned to the Country Club for refreshments and lunch and we all had a good time.

**MEN'S COMPETITIONS:** The following results were recorded as of December 31, 1996

#### Blanton

<u>Team #</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team#</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B3	Sugahara	5	1	B1	Kenny	2	4
B2	Godbold	4	2	B4	Davey	2	4
B5	Harmon	4	2	B8	Baggett	2	4
B6	Gutekunst	4	2	B7	Broadhurst	1	5

#### Wilds

<u>Team #</u>	<u>Skips</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team #</u>	<u>Skips</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W3	Baggett/ Barghout	7	2	W1	Austin/ Harmon	4	5
W4	Broadhurst/ McCarty	5	4	W2	Huebner/ Mort	2	7

## WOMEN'S COMPETITION

### The Flame

"The Flame", Ardwick's evening competition, was won by Jean Murphy, skip, with Pam Siebert, Chris Levie, Donna Williams and Laureen Paul. Second place medals were won by Pippa Broadhurst, skip, with Liz Murphy. Margaret Guiry and Ellen Delcolle.

<u>SKIP</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>SKIP</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
J. Murphy	3	0	A. Dudley	1	2
P. Broadhurst	3	0	M. Cowles	1	2
N. Clancy	1	2	E. Scherocman	0	3

Jean Murphy's team had a first place win with 83 points. Pippa Broadhurst's team won second place with 66 points.

### Ice Breaker

The Ice breaker, the Ladies weekly competition, was won by Mary Jean Keenan, skip, with Molly Babcock, Gail Labrosse and Marjorie Zickel. Second place medals were won by Marion Cowles, skip, with Janice Conner, Jean Glus, Jeanetta Wang and Mieke Takiguchi.

<u>SKIP</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
Mary Jean Keenan	3	0
Marion Cowles	2	1
Anne Dudley	1	2
Jean MacIntosh	0	3

### Two Brooms

On December 3, 1996, at the Ardsley Curling Club, the evening Ardwick's played against the Nutmeg Curling Club in the "Two Brooms".

Nutmeg's T. Ryan, skip, with J. Stannard, S. Reiter and S. Bolster defeated Ardwick's A. Barnes, skip, with E. Scherocman, M. Takiguchi and S. Murphy by a score of 8 to 7.

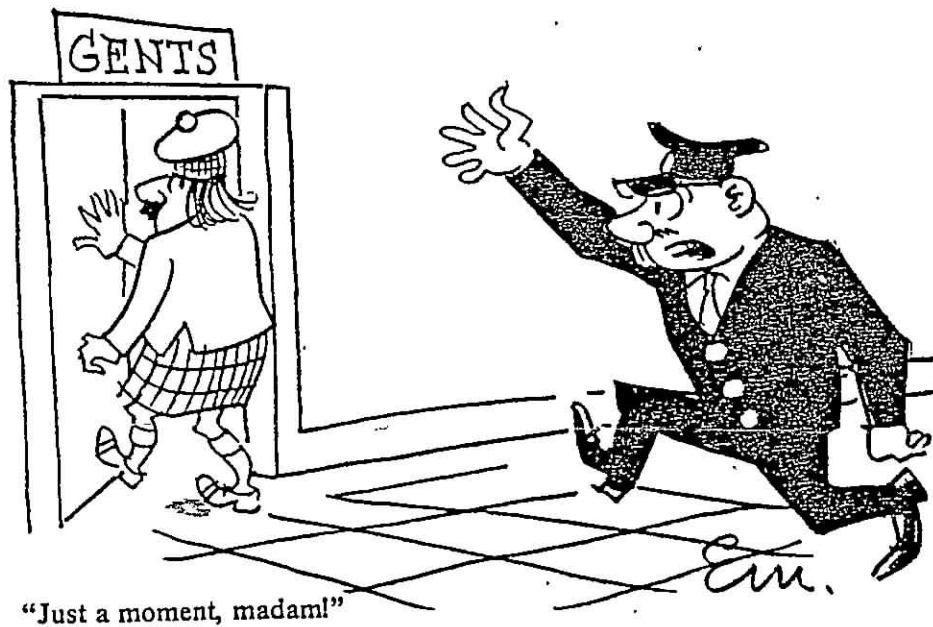
Nutmeg's A. Wiggins, skip, with D. Muldowney, J. Owens and Krista Kostenko defeated Ardwick's J. Murphy, skip, G. Hortensius, P. Broadhurst and P. Siebert by a score of 10 to 7.

Ardwick's N. Clancy, skip, with M. J. Keenan, P. Burns and L. Frees defeated Nutmeg's A. Barnes, skip, with J. Vanderheiden, S. Peterson and L. Roiter.

**USWCA SCOT TOUR.** The U.S. Women's teams touring Scotland in November of 1996 took an early lead in the first week of the tour but were unable to maintain their pace. The final score was Scotland 852 and the U.S. 801.

**OUT-OF-TOWN BONSPIELS.** Some of our curlers have been away at Bonspiels but unless some member of the team sends in the news there will be no report in House Calls. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LENGTHY, WELL WRITTEN OR CORRECTLY SPELLED. ALL I NEED IS THE NAME OF THE BONSPIEL, WHERE IT WAS PLAYED, WHO CURLED, DID YOU WIN OR LOSE?.

**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE.** Please have all articles submitted to Bob Hill, 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 (914-944-7009) by January 31, 1997.



# **HOUSE CALLS** FEBRUARY 1997

*Ardsley Curling Club, Ardwick's Curling Club, N.Y. Caledonian Curling Club,  
St. Andrew's Curling Club*

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.** The Open House held on January 19th resulted in seven new curlers joining the club as Active members. They are: **Richie Herold, Zuzanna Loviskova, Brian O'Neill, Jeff Paul, Bob and Carrie Welch and Sandy Wolf.** In addition, two recent graduates of Brown University joined as Associate members. They are **Jack Hughes and Jeremy Sterns** who were instrumental in establishing a curling club at Brown.

Bob Welch is the son of Jim and Teresa Welch who curled at Ardsley for many years before moving to Maryland. They now curl at the Chesapeake Curling Club.

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## **COMING EVENTS.....**

**THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN.** Rich Andrechak and Jane Cavanaugh are running the intra-club bonspiel this year from February 14th to the 16th. The sign up sheet is in the warm room. For additional information call Rich at 914-476-0854.

**THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL.** February 28th to March 2nd - circle the dates on your calendar. **Gert Messing and Associates** ( which includes wife **Tracy** and **Paul Mort, Ed and Pam Siebert, and Walter and Lillie Baggett**) are finalizing plans for the bonspiel. **Paul Mort** advises that they hope to have 24 teams entered including two from Europe. Teams from Utica, Albany, Cape Cod, Nashua and Plainfield are already entered.

**Tracy Messing** has planned a steak dinner with live music for Saturday evening. A sign-up sheet will shortly be posted giving the time and price of the dinner. All members and their guests are invited to sign up. If you don't plan on dining at the club, just come down and watch the evening curling..

**NEW COMPETITION.** Starting this Thursday, February 6th at 8:00 PM there will be open curling at the Ardsley Curling Club every Thursday night when bonspiel schedules permit. New curlers are urged to participate if they possibly can. It doesn't require advance registration. Curlers will be assigned to teams as they arrive. Men and women are welcome. **Bill Borowitz** (914-478-1762) is in charge. If you have any questions, please call him.

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**SCOT TOUR 1997.** The Scots have come and gone but, for many of us, the two days they were in New York will be remembered for quite a while. They arrived on the morning of January 29th, checked into their hotel, and departed for New York City shortly thereafter. While in the city fifteen Scots took helicopter flights while the rest visited museums. At 6:00 PM they assembled with a group of U.S. curlers from the Ardsley, NY Caledonian, St. Andrew's, Plainfield and Nutmeg Curling Clubs for dinner at The Royal Bank of Scotland. The bank's offices are on the 26th floor of the Wall Street Plaza overlooking the South Street Seaport, the East River and Brooklyn. Since it was a clear evening the view was magnificent.

As the elevator passed the 23rd floor, the skirl of a bagpipe could be heard and, sure enough, a piper in full regalia greeted the curlers as they arrived. After an ample length of time, ~~during which the Scots and the local curlers introduced themselves while quenching considerable~~ thirsts, the piper reappeared followed by a lass bearing a Haggis. For those of you unfamiliar with the fine art of Scottish cooking, the haggis is a pudding commonly made of the heart, lungs and liver of a sheep, minced with suet, onions, oatmeal, salt and pepper and boiled in a bag, usually the stomach of a sheep. (After all, why waste any part of the animal). The presentation of the Haggis is usually followed by the delivery of Burns' address "To a Haggis". Fortunately there just happened to be a Scot nearby who was able to make the address, about half of which we colonials were able to understand. If the recipe does not exactly make your mouth water, then it must be because I forgot to include the gravy - a liberal dousing with Scotch whiskey. Anyway - following an evening of good cheer, food, drink and song - we all departed for home and hotel.

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**GNCC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT ARDSLEY.** Five teams from Ardsley, Broomstones, Nutmeg, Rochester and Utica played in a round robin from January 23rd to the 25th to see who would represent the GNCC in the the Women's National Championship to be held in Seattle, Washington on March 1st through the 8th. The winning team at Seattle qualifies for a spot in the Women's World Championship in Berne, Switzerland.

Ardsley was represented by a team skipped by **Jean Murphy**, with **Sandy Buchanan**, **Gloria Hortensius** and **Alice Yeh**.

The final standings were as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Utica	4	0
Rochester	3	1
Ardsley	2	2
Nutmeg	1	3
Broomstones	0	4

"Why do you curl?"

"To aggravate myself"

**HAVE BROOM - WILL TRAVEL.** Although the news is sketchy at best, here is what I have been able to find out about our wandering curlers.

**EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL AT SCHENECTADY CC.** The weekend of January 23rd - 26th saw two Ardwick's teams journeying to Schenectady to compete in the Empire State Bonspiel. Ardwick's #1 was skipped by **Jean MacIntosh** with **Marion Cowles**, **Molly Babcock** and **Lillie Baggett**. **Lillie Baggett** reports that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

**Nancy Clancy** skipped Ardwick's #2. She was assisted by **Ann MacMillan**, **Patti Burns** and **Mieko Takiguchi**. They won their first game against a Utica rink skipped by **Marsha Garber**, then lost their next game to a team from Montreal (the eventual winner of the 1st event). They then won the next two games against two teams from Nashua which placed them in the finals of the third event. Unfortunately, a Schenectady team skipped by **Eleanor Lisuzzo**, defeated the Ardwick's and our team ended up with the runner-up's Duckling Trophy.

**MITCHELL BONSPIEL, UTICA, JAN 9TH - 12TH.** This was a 44 team bonspiel held in Utica's brand new curling club. **Walter Baggett** skipped a rink consisting of **Ed Godbold**, **Paul Mort** and **Don Torre**. **Paul** didn't say much about the curling but said the new facility was great.

**GORDON EMMET, SCHENECTADY, JAN 16TH - 19TH.** This event is the GNCC Men's Championship. A team skipped by **George Austin**, with **Glen Holman**, **Scott Silverman** and **Paul Mort** entered the bonspiel and made it to the semi-finals of the 3rd event before being eliminated. All was not lost however because **Paul Mort** won the "Lead of the Year" contest.

#### **THE GOVERNOR'S BOWL, ALBANY, JAN 30TH - FEBRUARY 2ND.**

**Walter Baggett** skipped a rink consisting of **Bunky Harmon**, **Ed Godbold** and **Kal Sundaram**. They lost the first game, won the second game, which put them in the semi-finals of the 2nd event where, unfortunately, they lost again.

**TORONTO CRICKET, SKATING AND CURLING CLUB, TORONTO CANADA, JAN 17TH - 19TH.** The Baggetts, **Walter** and **Lillie**, and the Takiguchis, **Shoji** and **Mieko**, returned to Toronto for the 2nd time. **Lillie** said, that although they did better this time than they did the first time, they still did not reach the finals.

**GNCC SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP, PHILADELPHIA CC, FEBRUARY 6TH - 9TH.** Three rinks from Ardsley will compete in this bonspiel. They are **Bunky Harmon's** rink of **Ed Godbold**, **Isa Barghout** and **Don Torey**; **George Austin's** team of **Bob Baensch**, **Paul Mort** and **Shoji Takiguchi**; and **Bill Versfelt's** rink of **Lee Heffner**, **Bill Havens** and **Bob Hill**. With that number of teams entered in one bonspiel perhaps one will win a medal.

**TWO BROOMS:** On January 9th the Ardwick's traveled to Nutmeg CC where they played the second game of their home and home competition. The three teams were as follows: **Mary Jean Keenan, Jean Murphy, Nancy Clancy and Betty Steineman; Pippa Broadhurst, Mieko Takiguchi, Heather Kenny and Margaret Guiry; Jean MacIntosh, Molly Babcock and Lillie Baggett.** Mary Jean Keenan and Pippa Broadhurst won their games while Jean MacIntosh lost her game.

The scoring for the Two Brooms considers first the won and loss record of each club, then the number of ends won, and finally the number of stones. This year the Ardwick's and Nutmeg were tied in the first two categories and so the victory and the trophy went to the club with the greatest number of points. Nutmeg outscored the Ardwick's by just 3 stones and so retained the Trophy!

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**SCOT TOUR 1997** (continued from page 2) At 10:00 AM the next morning, three teams of Scots and U.S. curlers assembled at Ardsley to do battle - two other teams of Scots having left earlier to curl at Plainfield. Appearing for Ardsley #1 were **Doug Buchanan, skip, Bunky Harmon, Ed Godbold and Brian Kenny.**

Their match, against a Scot team skipped by Jack Kennedy, ended in a 9-9 tie. A N.Y. Caledonian team skipped by Steve Smith, with **Vic Huebner, George Austin and Glen Holman** defeated a Scot team skipped by David Hird 11-8. **Walter Steineman and Bill Borowitz** substituted for George Austin and Glen Holman in the first end because of trouble with the trains that morning. **Ralph Bankes** skipped the St. Andrew's rink consisting of **Gert Messing, Gerry Scherocman and Don McKay.** They defeated a Scot rink skipped by Andrew Stevenson 9-3.

In the afternoon draw, Ardsley #2, skipped by **Pete Murphy** with **Geoff Broadhurst, Kay Sugahara and Paul Mort,** lost to a Scot rink skipped by Jack Kennedy 8-5. The other afternoon match pitted a rink from Chesapeake, skipped by Rich Melzer, against a Scot team skipped by David Hird. The Scots won that match 8-6.

Following the usual after curling tradition of a wee drop or two, all adjourned to dinner parties at Geoff and Pippa Broadhurst's and Vic and Merle Huebner's where, of course, they all had another wee drop or two before having a delicious dinner prepared by a host of curlers who shall be thanked shortly.

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Now, just in case anyone is interested in the overall scores, it went something like this.

Before arriving at Ardsley, the U.S. lead the Scots by a total count of 614 stones to 530 stones - a lead of 84 stones. After all the curling at Ardsley and Plainfield, the U.S. still lead the Scots - but by only 82 stones. After leaving here, the Scots went to Nutmeg and then on to the Boston clubs. The last games were played at The Country Club on Sunday afternoon. I don't know what the final score was but Bill Rotton tells me that the U.S. won by 60 points, thus retaining possession of the Herries Maxwell Trophy. The Scots returned home by plane Monday evening, February 3rd.

Now all will be peace and quiet until 2002 when the U.S. Tour visits Scotland again.

Many thanks to the **Broadhursts** and the **Huebners** who provided their homes for the Thursday night parties. Also to the following chefs who prepared the dinners : **Sandy Buchanan, Jinny Hill, Isabelle Mort, Nadja McKay, and Carl Phares** and the desserts: **Kathy Austin, Bunky Harmon, Jeanne Heffner, Tracy Messing, Pete Murphy** and **Elaine Scherocman**. **Carl Phares** also prepared the continental breakfast at the club. **Jean MacIntosh, Mary Jean Keenan, Betty Steineman** and **Jinny Hill** all helped with the luncheon at the curling club. **Bob Hill and Paul Mort** chaired the event.

We learn something new everyday. Who knew that Bunky and Pete could bake a cake?

**MEN'S COMPETITIONS:** Both the Wilds and Blanton competitions are finished.

The Wilds was won by the rink co-skipped by **Walter Baggett and Isa Barghout**. Other members of the rink were **Chris Banino, Jim Kindler, Shoji Takiguchi** and **Ken Yoshida**. The final standings were:

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Baggett/Barghout	7	2
Broadhurst/McCarty	5	4
Austin/Harmon	4	5
Huebner/Mort	2	7

The Blanton competition was won by **Kay Sugahara's** team of **Pete Murphy, Jerry McCarty, Norm Laird, Bill Borowitz** and **Bernie Etzinger**. The second place team was skipped by **Jim Gutekunst** with **Doug Buchanan, Ray LaBrosse, Bill Havens, Jim McGinnis** and **Sean Cammann**. The final standings were:

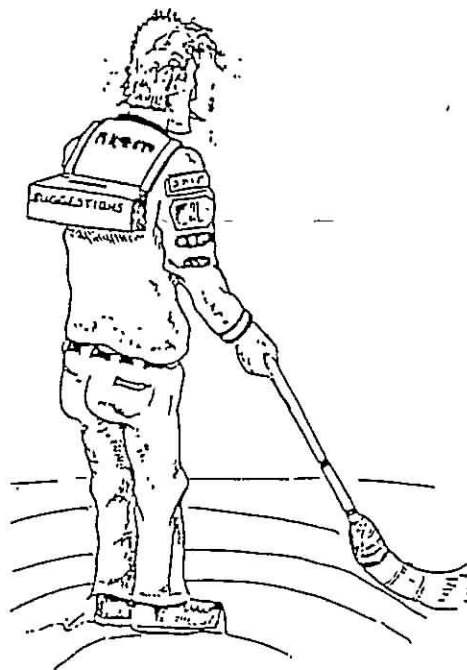
<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Sugahara	8	1
Gutekunst	6	3
Godbold	5	4
Harmon	5	4
Baggett	4	5
Kenny	3	6
Davey	3	6
Broadhurst	2	7

**DUES REMINDER!!!!!! IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES IN FULL, PLEASE DO SO NOW! IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE BALANCE DUE, CALL RICH ANDRECHAK AT 914-476-0854.**

Smith: "How could a jerk like that manage to score an eight-ender on a team as good as yours?"  
Jones: " It was easy! He was laying seven when he went down to throw his last stone"

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH.** Please send all news items to Bob Hill, 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 or call him at 914-944-7009.

An alcoholic young Brier contender  
Came to skip in the midst of a bender  
He told team-mates who groaned  
He curls best when he's stoned..  
But I hear they gave up an eight-ender!



# HOUSE CALLS

MARCH 1997

*Ardstey Curling Club, Ardwick's Curling Club, N.Y. Caledonian Curling Club,  
St. Andrew's Curling Club*

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**61st DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL:** The St. George's Curling Club, skipped by Vito Cosentino of Ontario, Canada, defeated the Margarita Curling Club, skipped by John Hodge of Calgary, Canada, to win the Douglas Medal. The game was tied at the end of nine ends and St. George's took one in the tenth to win. The N.Y. Caledonian Medal, awarded to the winner of the second event, was won by Nutmeg #2 skipped by Jay Miller. They defeated the St. Andrew's Curling Club, skipped by **Davis Yetmen**, with **Gert Messing** at 3rd, **Doug Buchanan** at 2nd and **Don Boss** at lead. The third event, played for the Ardsley Medal, was won by Mike McKay's rink from the Chatham CC. They defeated Jon Barbagallo's team from the Norfolk CC.

In other events, Baden Hill Golf and Curling Club defeated the Nashua CC to win the Williamson Medal, Plainfield CC beat the Cape Cod CC to win the Mahopac Medal and the Burlington CC defeated **Ed Siebert's** Ardsley #2 team to win the St. Andrew's Medal. Curling with Ed were **Harry Harper**, **Thanos Dousmanis** and **Johan Boelee**.

From the time the very first stone was thrown, this was a great bonspiel. There were 22 teams entered. One team, Baden Hill, came from Germany. Another team, known as the Margarita CC, drew its members from four countries, Canada, The United Kingdom, Netherland and Switzerland. The Burlington Turtles were from Ontario as was the skip of the St. George's CC. In addition to our own teams from Ardsley, N.Y. Caledonian CC, St. Andrew's CC, and the St. Andrew's Golf Club curlers (yes, there are two St. Andrew's clubs), we had teams from Albany (1), Cape Cod (1), Chatham (1), Nashua (1), Norfolk (1), Nutmeg (2), Philadelphia (1), Plainfield (1) and Utica (1). (continued on page 5)

**HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL:** Beginning on Valentine's Day, February 14th, thirteen teams squared off in the annual intra-club Headless Horseman Bonspiel. The "Washington", the 1st event, was won by **Ralph and Allison Bankes** with **Ann McMillan** and **Jodie Stohn**. **Alice Yeh** substituted for two games, including the final. The runners-up were **Pete Murphy's** team of **Thanos Dousmanis**, **Elizabeth Murphy** and **Robert Sonnenschein** along with some first round help by **Alice Yeh**.

The "Irving", the 2nd event, was taken by **Geoff and Pippa Broadhurst** with **Taka Yatagai** and **Ellen Del Colle**. **Rich Andrechak** filled in for two rounds on Sunday. The runners-up were **Gerry and Elaine Scherocman** with **Bill Borowitz** and **Jonathan Marshall**.

The "Katrina", the 3rd event, was won by **Bunky Harmon**, **Ray Labrosse**, **David Hodes** and **Cynthis Hodes**. Runners-up were **Don and Nadja McKay**, **Bill Havens** and **Paul DelColle**.

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**COMING EVENTS:** With the curling season rapidly drawing to a close there aren't many more coming events to talk about. One always worth promoting, and probably the most fun of all, is the:

**"PULL-THE -PLUG PARTY"** scheduled for **Saturday, April 5th**. This will be the last day and night of curling and partying at the Ardsley Curling Club until next fall. There will be curling, of course, wining and dining, of course, and sometimes even ice skating after the last stone has been thrown. Throw in a few other games to fill in the time and you have a most enjoyable evening. Look for the sign up sheet in the warm room. The event will be chaired by **Mike and Sarah Murphy**. (914-237-7493).

Another sign that the season is almost over is the following announcement. All you golfers will want to sign up for the **"GOLF OUTING"** which is set for **Thursday, June 5th**, at the Ardsley Country Club. **Bill Havens** is the chairman. See the enclosed flier for further information.

**SUMMER PICNIC:** As if that wasn't enough of a hint that warm weather is just around the corner, did you happen to notice the sign on the inside of the entrance door? It says that the **SUMMER PICNIC** will be held at **Ralph and Allison Bankes'** home on Saturday, August 2nd. There will be more details on this later but you can mark the date on your calendar now.

**HAVE BROOM - WILL TRAVEL:** In the previous issue of House Calls, some of you may remember I said that, with three teams entered in the GNCC Senior Men's Championship at the Philadelphia CC, perhaps one team might win a medal. Well, something did happen:

**Bunky Harmon** skipped his team to the finals of the first event in which they defeated a Nutmeg team, skipped by Charlie Mack, to win the **"Nutmeg Stone"**. Curling with Bunky was **Ed Godbold, Isa Barghout** and **Don Tore**. Along the road to victory they defeated teams from Potomac, Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania and Nashua. Unless my memory fails me, I think that's the first out-of-town bonspiel an Ardsley team has won this season. If I'm wrong, please correct me! This same team played in the Senior's last year at Nutmeg and reached the first event finals where they lost to a Nutmeg team skipped by Ralph Bosch in an extra end. That year they received runner-up medals.

**George Austin**, with **Paul Mort, Shoji Takaguchi**, and **Bob Baensch**, skipped his rink through some challenging games but did not get into the finals of any event. They defeated Bill Versfelt's Ardsley rink, lost a close game to Nashua CC and lost to Triangle CC skipped by Ken Cooper. They did make many friends, as the saying goes.

**Bill Versfelt** skipped a team with **Lee Heffner, Bill Havens** and **Bob Hill**. They didn't do well but they made a **whole pile of friends!**

**ICE HOUSE GANG VS. THE GOOD OLD BOYS (Chapter two).** On Friday, February 14th, it was the turn of the Ice House Gang to visit the Good Old Boys at the Nutmeg CC in Darien, CT. Three teams from Ardsley participated in the event as follows: **Geoff**

**Broadhurst** skipped team #1 with **Bill Havens**, **Carl Honzak** and **Bob Hill** and **John Keenan** sharing the position of lead. Team #2 was skipped by **Ed Godbold** with **George Austin**, **Don Tore** and **Bill Borowitz**. Team #3 was skipped by **Bunky Harmon**, with **Walter Steineman**, **Norn Laird** and **Jessie Wong**.

The results this time were better than the 1st meeting in December. In that outing, we lost two games and tied in the third. This time we won two games and lost one. However, it's the total point count that determines the winner and unfortunately we only picked up 1 point this time and were down by eight in the first match. So - the Good Old Boys keep the trophy for another year.

**The FRANCIS DYKES.** The Nashua, New Hampshire, Curling Club was the host for this men's bonspiel for male curlers with 5 years or less experience. **Mike Murphy** skipped a team composed of **Thanos Dousmanis**, **Chris Banino** and **Greg Sheridan**. The team won the third event and brought The Davis Bowl back to Ardsley. The trophy was on the bar for several days and if you looked at it carefully you might have noticed that **Pete Murphy's** (Mike's father) name was on the trophy for having played on the winning team in 1974 along with **Geoff Broadhurst**. That year the team was skipped by former Ardsley curler **Bruce Crocket**. The fourth member of that team was **Bob Murphy**. Also, **Wayne Stewart's** name was on the trophy for having skipped the winning team in 1987. It was won in 1971 by **Chuck Galloway**, another former curler at Ardsley.

The **WOMEN'S CHALLENGE** was played at the Nutmeg CC February 28th through March 2nd. This event is similar to the Dykes in that all players may not have curled for more than five years. **Lillie Baggett** skipped one team with **Mary Lockhart**, **Patti Burns** and **Noriko Whyte**. The other team was skipped by **Liz Murphy** with **Laurie Frees**, **Margaret Guiry** and **Laureen Paul**. **Lillie Baggett** advises that neither team made it to the finals.

**HEADLESS HORSEMAN** (Continued from page 2). Spectators say that the shot of the event was a 10(?) stone promote in the 1st event finals by **Ralph Bankes**, proving conclusively that he spent much of his youth in a pool hall. And speaking of "shots", **Elaine Scherocman** said she would never go out on the ice again without a scotch even if it was 8 o'clock in the morning.

**Rich Andrechak** and **Jane Cavanaugh** ran a great event and were ably assisted by **Suad** and **Isa Barghout**, who coordinated the Saturday dinner, **Joanne Frank**, **Patti Burns**, **Laurie Frees**, **Kathy Sundaran** and **Brian Kenny** who sold raffle tickets, decorated the warm room, served food, cleaned up and generally lent a hand wherever it was necessary.

The **ARDSLEY COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM** will reopen on Fri., March 7th:

**OUTDOOR CURLING:** On January 29th, before sunrise, a group of Ardsley Curlers, along with several Nutmeg curlers, participated in an outdoor curling demonstration as part of a promotion for Scotsfest '97 on Good Morning America. The event took place in Prospect Park in Brooklyn and served as a background for weather reports on ABC TV. The wind chill factor was

well below zero and all curlers were reminded of the benefits of controlled temperatures inside our club.

Participants included **Jim and Carol Gutekunst, Vic, Merle, Heather and Anthony Huebner, Mike and Sarah Murphy, Steve Smith and Bill Haughey.** Steve Smith, Jim Gutekunst and Vic Huebner spent a good part of the prior night painting circles and lines and preparing the ice.

**Art Mojo** arranged for the use of the St. Andrew's curling stones which allowed the event to take place. The Ardsley Curling Club received a \$500.00 donation from the publicity firm arranging the event. Thanks to **Jim Gutekunst** for organizing the outing.

**CLEAN YOUR BRUSHES:** **Ed Godbold** has asked that the following article be included for everyone's information. Curlers disagree as to how often Brownie Brushes and other brushes with cloth covered heads should be cleaned. The original Brownie heads (many of these are orange) hold onto dirt quite well. The new Brownie heads (many of these are blue) have a tighter weave and need cleaning more often. In both cases, the more often you clean, the easier it is to do. We now have 4 inch white brushes at the ends of our sheets which are good for cleaning these heads. Be sure to hold the brush over a waste basket while you are cleaning it.

The traditional brushes of horse hair or hog hair seem not to collect debris very often. However, it is useful to check at the beginning of a game to be sure no foreign material is in the hairs.

If anyone desires one of these brushes, Ed Godbold can supply one at cost or tell you where to buy one locally. He also has several replacement Brownie heads and the tool required to screw them on.

**MEN'S COMPETITIONS:** With the second half of the season well underway, here are the standings in the men's events as of March 2nd.

#### WELLS

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Huebner, V.	4	1
Scherocman	3	2
Buchanan	3	2
Gutekunst, J.	3	2

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Smith	2	3
Barghout	2	3
Godbold	2	3
Sugahara	1	4

#### LINC SEIBERT

<u>Skips</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Smith/Harmon	5	4 *
Barghout/McCarty	5	4 *
Austin/Huebner, V.	4	5
Broadhurst/Mort	4	5

#### JUG OGDEN

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Versfelt	1	1
Andrechak	1	1
Kindler	1	1
Zegeling	1	1

\* The Smith/Harmon and Barghout/McCarty teams, being tied for first place at the end of the competition, will have to play each other to determine the winner.

**WOMEN'S COMPETITION:** The evening ALL AMERICAN competition was won by Marion Cowle's team of Pam Siebert, Laurie Frees, and Norah Clarke at lead.

**NEW MEMBERS' ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS:** In the last issue of House Calls we printed the names of the members who joined in January of this year. Here are their addresses and telephone numbers which you might want to add on to your copy of the roster.

Harold, Richard	240 Albany Avenue Thornwood, NY 10594	(H) 747-0421 (B) 212-748-4096
Hughes, Jack	205 East 95th Street New York, NY 10128	(H) 212-410-3340 (B) 212-888-0082
Loviskoa, Zuzanna	13 Old Wagon Road Old Greenwich, CT 06870	(H) 203-637-3821
O'Neill, Brian	28 Riverview Road Irvington, NY 10533	(H) 591-6787 (B) 725-0654
Paul, Jeff	20 Riverview Road Irvington, NY 10533	(H) 591-6988 (B) 620-1317
Sterns, Jeremy	205 East 95th Street, Apt. 26C New York, NY 10128	(H) 212-410-3340 (B) 201-521-3968
<del>Welch, Robert &amp; Carrie</del>	<del>141 Main Street, Apt 3 Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522</del>	<del>(H) 693-0410 (B) 203-708-5800 (Bob)</del>
Wolf, Sanford (Sandy)	2500 Johnson Avenue 20-H Bronx, NY 10463	(H) 718-884-7910

**61ST DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL** (continued from page 1) One of the highlights of the Saturday evening party was when the Margarita CC called everybody to attention while they mixed margaritas in a very large bowl and offered a drink to all who were present, explaining that this is a tradition wherever they curl. **Kay Sugahara** had his new computer program in operation and was able to show pictures of all the curlers on the screens. The meals were superb thanks to the cooking and dedication of all the women. **Ed Siebert** put together a journal in which he sold advertising that successfully raised a substantial amount of money for the club.

**Gert and Tracy Messing** were the Chairpersons and they drew deeply from the membership to first organize the bonspiel and then to get it going and keep it going until the last stone was thrown. Helping the Messings were **Pam and Ed Siebert, Lillie and Walter Baggett, Allison and Ralph Bankes, Merle and Vic Huebner, Isabelle and Paul Mort, Helenne Kayser, Nadja and Don McKay, Pete Murphy, Carl Phares, Elaine and Gerry Scheroman, Steve Smith, Heather and Brian Kenny, Sandi Buchanan, Mitzi Wang, Jeannette Wang, Kathy and Kal Sundaram, Kay Sugahara, Joanne Frank, Nancy Sabel, Mary Jean Keenan, Bill Borowitz, Bob Hill, and Rich Andrechak.** The list goes on and on. There are probably more names that should appear here and I apologize if your name has not been included.

**SPRING AND SUMMER CLEAN UP:** Soon after the last stones have been delivered, the compressor has been shut down and the ice has melted, the call will go out for volunteers to clean house and perhaps do some painting and repair work over the summer months. What usually happens is a few dedicated people show up and do the work. It doesn't all get done because there aren't enough hands to do it. The following paragraph has appeared in the newspaper and also in the Philadelphia CC newsletter. It seems to fit the situation.

"There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done".

A reminder that this is a **DO IT OURSELVES CLUB. JUST DO IT.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH.** Please mail or fax your material to **Bob Hill** at 914-944-7009.

# Duck Soup

April 1997



*for Ardsley, Ardwick's, N. Y. Caledonian and St. Andrew's Curlers*

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY THE CHANGE OF NAME? Actually, all we have done is change the name of the newsletter back to what it always was until a few years ago. The "DUCK" has always been the symbol of the Ardsley Curling Club and the newsletter used to be called Duck Soup and is now called Duck Soup once again.

**NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED.** At the annual meeting on March 22nd the following three members were elected to the Board for a term of three years: Isa Barghout, Vic Huebner (re-elected for a 2nd term) and Don Torey. Isa and Don are replacing Geoff Broadhurst and Brian Kenny whose terms have expired. Both have served on the Board for many years and are to be thanked for their services to the club.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Saturday, April 19th, at 9:00 A.M. Just be there and do what you can to put everything away for the summer season. Vic Huebner will be there to tell you what to do. If enough people show up, it will not be a big job or a long job. Maybe we could just call it clean-up morning.

**CLOSING DINNER:** Saturday, April 26th, at the Ardsley Country Club. Cocktails at 7:00 P.M. and dinner at 8:00 P.M. Everyone should already have received a yellow post card giving the choice of entree and the price. If you are going to attend, please send the card back immediately so the club can get a head count. It's a lot of fun and the last time everyone will be together until next season. Remember, if you were on a team that won a medal, this is the night the medals get distributed! Be sure you are there to collect yours! If you did not receive a card, call either Vic Huebner (914-693-4741) or Jane Cavanaugh (914-476-0854).

**GOLF OUTING:** Thursday, June 5th, at the Ardsley Country Club. The entry fee is \$75.00 which includes lunch, hors d'oeuvres after golf, prizes, greens fees and golf carts. Cocktails will be charged to your account. Lunch will be served at 11:00 A.M. and the golf will start at noon. All men and women curling at Ardsley are invited as well as members from the Nutmeg Curling Club. Call Chairman Bill Havens (914-693-0176) for more information.

SUMMER PICNIC: Saturday, August 2nd, at 3:00 P.M. at the home of **Ralph and Alison Bankes**, 165 Nannyhagen Road, Thornwood, NY. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date is Sunday, August 3rd. The price is the same as last year, \$15.00 per person, for a great barbecue. Bring your bathing suits, unless you swim and sun bathe au naturel, and a towel. An umbrella might not be a bad idea as it started to pour last year just as everybody was sitting down to eat. Appetizers and desserts would be welcomed. **BE SURE TO BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE!** It can be awfully lonely at a curling party without a drink. Suggestions and help will be welcomed. RSVP to **Dian and Tom Geary** (914-328-7263). Dian says there is a possibility of a silent auction as well. Call her for further information.



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1996-1997.** Vic Huebner spoke at the annual Meeting of the club on March 22, 1997, and covered many of the important events that contributed to the success of the past season, not the last of which was the ability of **Steve Smith** and a crew of helpers to make ice twice within a matter of weeks due to a power outage in October. **Gert Messing's** and **Ed Siebert's** efforts to obtain the new handles for our curling stones, and **Kay Sugahara's** arrangements to have the running surface of our stones sanded, increased our enjoyment of curling this season.

A new lease was signed with the Ardsley Country Club which assures our use of the facility until 2004. The lease was initially drafted by **Kevin Clancy** and after he became ill **Don McKay** acted as our legal counsel.

The instruction provided to new curlers this year has resulted in them becoming proficient curlers much faster.

The membership drive was also successful with our total active membership maintained at 148.

The following special events hosted by Ardsley this season were also mentioned by **Vic**: The USCA Women's Regional Playdowns, chaired by **Sarah Murphy**, The Douglas International

Bonspiel, chaired by **Gert and Tracy Messing**, which made a profit of about \$2500.00 and the journal, spearheaded by **Ed Siebert**, which cleared about \$8,000.00. Other special events praised in his report included the Scot Tour, chaired by **Bob and Jinny Hill** and **Paul Mort**, the Headless Horseman, the Turkey Trot, The Christmas Party at St. Andrew's and the New Year's Eve party. The Fruit sale raised about \$2,500.00 thanks to the efforts of **Heather Kenny** and **Carl Phares**, and **Jean MacIntosh** for the use of her garage.

The efforts of **Rich Andrechak**, **Jane Cavanaugh** and **Mike Donohue** in promoting DUCK GEAR has resulted in attractive logos, sweaters and shirts which could raise funds for the club in the future. The publishing of the club newsletter by **Bob Hill** was also mentioned as a benefit to the club this past season.

**Vic Huebner** then went on to point out several significant challenges ahead of us. These include:

1. Reducing membership turnover. Last year we had 40 members leave. We replaced this many, but the turnover is costly due to the discounted dues for new members in the first year.
2. Attracting new members. We need to continue to gain new members and the best way to do this is through personal invitations.
3. We need to improve organization of committees and working groups in the area of Finances, Ice and Facilities. Several of the committees formed last fall worked very well and we need to expand on these.
4. We need to keep our ice cleaner. There is too much dirt brought in on our shoes. Shoes should be thoroughly cleaned before going on the ice. In fact, street shoes should not be worn on the ice! We need to take much of the maintenance load off **Steve Smith's** shoulders next year.
5. Resolving the warm room smoking question is an important issue and the feedback from all members is important.
6. Amending the By-Laws of the club for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code needs to be completed.

**HAVE BROOM, WILL TRAVEL:** Members have been traveling far and wide the past few months and here are the details of their bonspieling - successful and not so successful.

**GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL:** Played at Nutmeg Curling Club on March 20 - 23. The **Murphy** clan was well represented as **Mike and Sarah**, playing with the Petersons of Nutmeg, made it to the finals of the first event only to loose to a Weston, MA. rink. Meanwhile, **Pete and Jean**, playing with former Ardsley curlers **Mike and Linda Foster**, made it to the finals of the 2nd event only to lose in a 12-end match to Charlie Mack's Nutmeg team.

**THE STOCKTON:** This men's bonspiel was played at The Country Club on February 13 - 16. **Davis Yetman** skipped a St. Andrew's rink assisted by **Harry Harper** and two curlers from the Boston Area. The team lost their first game to Garden State, Beat TCC-1 in their second game scoring a 7 ender in the process, then lost to TCC -2 before going on to beat Nashua, Town

of Mount Royal, and then beating the Royal Montreal Curling Club in the finals of the 3rd event.

CITY OF OTTAWA BONSPIEL: **Bunky Harmon, Ed Godbold, Paul Mort** and former Ardsley curler **Bob Hayes**, leaving his retirement home in Charleston SC, journeyed to Canada on the weekend of March 7-9th in this 200 team event. The Ardsley curlers played at 5 different curling clubs in the Ottawa area . As **Paul Mort** puts it, " It was almost a perfect weekend and then on Saturday we found a team we could beat".

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: The following weekend, March 14-16th, **Walter Baggett, Paul Mort, Bob Hayes** and a substitute from Moncton played in the PEI bonspiel. Actually, we should say bonspiels because they had one bonspiel on Friday, in which the Ardsley team won the 4th event, and another bonspiel on Saturday in which the Ardsley team were in the finals of the fourth event.

P.C.C. STONE. **Walter Baggett, Paul Mort, Kal Sundaram** and **Don Torey** played in the Plainfield Curling Club bonspiel. Quoting **Paul**, " The competition was keen. The Ardsley curlers were the first to finish." The N.Y. Caledonians were represented by a rink skipped by **George Austin** with **Steve Smith, Isa Barghout** and **Bob Welch**. They were the runners-up in the second event. St. Andrew's was also represented by **Gert Messing, Davis Yetman, Gerry Scherocman** and **Ryan Davis** (a member of Nutmeg) who were the runners-up in the third event.

RAY KAYSER BONSPIEL: This mixed bonspiel for curlers who have curled for 5 years or less, was held at the Utica Curling Club on the weekend of March 6-9th. **Shoji Takiguchi, Lillie Baggett, Rich Andrechak** and **Jane Cavanaugh** represented Ardsley in this 23 team event (12 of whom were from Utica). As the saying goes, they had a great time.

MEN'S COMPETITIONS: These are the final standings in the men's events.

#### WELLS COMPETITION

Steve Smith's rink, composed of **Brian Kenny, Paul Mort, Bill Borowitz, David Hodes** and **Phil Sargenti**, took first place in the Wells with a record of 7 wins and 3 losses. At the end of the regular competition, **Doug Buchanan's** team was tied with **Jim Gutekunst's** team at 6-4. In the playoff, Doug's team of **Walter Baggett, Paul Gutekunst, Bill Havens, Richard Kilsheimer, Chris Lewis** and **Brian O'Neill** defeated the Gutekunst rink.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W1	Smith	7	3	W4	Huebner, V	5	5
W3	Buchanan	6	4	W5	Barghout	4	6
W7	Gutekunst, J	6	4	W6	Sugahara	4	6
W2	Scherocman	5	5	W8	Godbold	3	7

**Ed Godbold's** team of **Gert Messing, Shoji Takiguchi, Bob Baensch, Jim McGinnis** and **Al Gordon** have the distinct privilege of winning(?) the Furlined Trophy.

### JUG OGDEN COMPETITION

The Jug Ogden was won by Andre Zegeling's team of Geoff Broadhurst, Bunky Harmon, Bill Havens, Jerry McCarty and Don Whyte.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
J1	Zegeling	6	2	J4	Kindler	4	4
J3	Andrechak	4	4	J2	Versfelt	2	6

### MONDAY EVENING COMPETITIVE CURLING

Davis Yetman's rink consisting of Gert Messing, Gerry Scherocman, and Steve Smith won this competition with a record of 6-1. Each of the eight teams should have played seven games to complete the round robin. As you can see from the following record, either all teams did not play the required number of games or the results were not posted.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
#1	Yetman	6	1	#5	Sugahara	3	3
#2	P. Murphy	2	2	#6	J. Murphy	3	2
#3	R. Bankes	4	1	#7	W. Baggett	4	3
#4	V. Huebner	3	2	#8	Austin	1	6

### WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

#### ALL AMERICAN WEEKDAY COMPETITION

The All American Ladies Weekday Competition was won by Anne Dudley's team consisting of Molly Babcock, Betty Steinemann and Mieko Takiguchi.

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
Anne Dudley	4	2	110	Mary Jean Keenan	3	3	96
Jean MacIntosh	4	2	108	Marion Cowles	1	5	88

#### WELLS-WICKS WEEKDAY COMPETITION

Molly Babcock's team of Mieko Takiguchi, Heather Kenny and Marjorie Zickel won first place in this competition. The second place team was skipped by Mary Jean Keenan, with Lillie Baggett, Patricia Brady and Jeanette Wang.

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
Molly Babcock	5	1	145	Marion Cowles	2	4	79
Mary Jean Keenan	3	3	116	Jean MacIntosh	2	4	74

### JUNIOR SKIP COMPETITION

Jean Glus, with the assistance of Molly Babcock, Suad Barghout and Noriko Whyte, took first place in this four team competition. Lillie Baggett's team took 2nd place while Betty Steinemann and Gail Labrosse came in third and fourth.

### MIXED CURLING RESULTS

<u>Fall Session</u>		<u>Winter Session</u>	
<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>
G. Broadhurst	W. Steinemann	V. Huebner	W. Steinemann
J. Cavanaugh	B. Steinemann	M. Huebner	B. Steinemann
J. McGinnis	R. LaBrosse	T. Dousmanis	J. Kindler
J. Stohn	G. LaBrosse	A. MacMillan	R. Kindler

<u>Spring Session</u>	
<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>
J. Boelee	H. Harper
C. Lewis	A. MacMillan
L. Paul	T. Dousmanis
J. Paul	D. Geary

One notable event that occurred several months ago, on February 10th to be exact, was an 8-ender scored by the team of Pete Murphy, Mike and Sarah Murphy and Harry Harper. Somebody told me that Nancy Clancy, Pam Siebert and Ed Siebert were three of the four people on the other team. Fortunately for the fourth person, his or her name could not be recalled by our source.

Laureen Paul was named the "Rookie of the Year" by the mixed curlers.

### PULL THE PLUG PARTY:

On Saturday, April 5th, some 70 Ardsley Curlers joined together for the last party of the season in the curling club. The first draw started at 6:00 PM to be followed by draws at 7:00 and 8:00 PM. The theme of the party was "Space Odyssey" and many of the curlers arrived in

costumes to fit the occasion. Prizes were awarded to the three top teams as follows:

First place went to **Harry Harper's** team of **Johan Boelee, Ann MacMillan** and **Robert Sonnenschein**. **Bob and Carrie Welch**, assisted by **Marion Cowles** and **Thanos Dousmanis** won the 2nd place event, while **Doug and Sandi Buchanan** with **Jeff and Laureen Paul** took the 3rd prize.

Prizes were also awarded to those curlers with the most imaginative costumes. **Laureen and Jeff Paul** and **Jim McGinnis** all dressed in outfits appropriate for a 21st century space outing, captured the first prize. **Steve Smith**, slathered in Noxema, took second prize while **Pam Siebert** and **Paul Huebner** won the third prize.

At some point during the evening a delicious steak dinner, cooked on the premises, with all the trimmings was served. **Sarah and Mike Murphy**, together with their committee, are to be congratulated for a job well done.

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1st curler: Sounds like George had a few disagreements with his skip tonight!

2nd curler: How can you tell?

1st curler: I just overheard him tell the bartender that this was the first time he had been given the correct amount of ice all evening!

### SCARSDALE GOLFERS TRY CURLING.

Did you know that four members of the Scarsdale Golf Club, all bowlers, visited the Ardsley Curling Club this winter to try their hands at the "Roaring Game"? Well neither did I until I saw the newspaper article fastened to the bulletin board. This was evidently the first leg of a home-and-home curling-bowling adventure. **Pete Murphy, Walter Baggett, Don Torey and George Austin** instructed the visitors in the fine art of delivering stones for awhile and then played a short match with two bowlers and two curlers on each team. The outing got good coverage in the local Scarsdale newspaper - they even had four photographs.

### PICK UP YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to return to the club and pick up any personal property, such as sweaters, shoes, coats, pots and pans, that you may have left there after the last game. The curling club is used by the Ardsley Country Club as a camp for the young children of members on rainy days during the summer and your items should be put away for safe keeping. Taking your things home with you also makes it much easier to clean the club.

### DUCK GEAR

**Rich Andrechak** suggests that we all think about the type of clothing we would like to order next fall. If you have any suggestions, please call him at 914-476-0854.

### NAME TAGS

The list of members who wanted new name tags has gone astray. Any member wanting new tags for next season please call **Brian** or **Heather Kenny** (914-591-6906).

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Dora: I've never considered myself a racist but I'll never forgive the early Scottish people!

Cora: Yeah, I know what you mean. It's tough when your husband is both a golfer and a  
curler.

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### LAST ISSUE

This is the last issue of the newsletter until November 1997. I hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed writing it. See you all in the fall, Bob Hill