

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



November 4, 1997

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: Don Torey and Joanne Frank, co-chairpersons of the Membership Committee advise that fourteen new curlers joined our ranks at the Open House held the weekend of October 18th and 19th. Their names and addresses are: **Susan and Mark Bussy**, 20 Treetop Lane, Dobbs Ferry; **George Cowles**, 125 Whitson Road, Briarcliff Manor; **Ron Dayan**, 6117 Tyndall Avenue, Bronx; **Joan Dessoie**, 280 Bronxville Road, Bronxville; **Marlene Etzinger**, 111 West 89th Street, New York; **Robin Gestring**, 23 Liberty Street, Ossining; **Hiroshi and Reiko Iwamoto**, 5 Meadow Brook Road, Irvington; **Jennifer Laurie**, 17 O'Brien Street, Norwalk, CT; **Jeff Lesuk**, 23 Liberty Street, Ossining; **Jeffrey O'Donnell**, 97 Walgrove Avenue, Dobbs Ferry; **Frank Pavlik**, 46 Main Street, Irvington; **Greg Poole**, 6117 Tyndall Avenue, Bronx.

In addition, we also have four new junior associate members who curl together as a team. The four are **Daniel Brennan, Rob McKay, Jonathan Soares** and **Tim Watson**. They are all currently college students and therefore will not be participating in any of our regular club competitions.

We also want to welcome back to the ranks of active curlers at Ardsley eight people who have been inactive for a number of years. They are **Adam Chebetar, Todd and Katy Clough, Kim Freeman, Tom and Dian Geary, Carl Phares** and **Steve Weppner**.

Congratulations to Don, Joanne and Laureen Paul who arranged for the food served at the Open House.

CURLING EQUIPMENT: Representatives of Curler's World, a company selling curling equipment, will be in the warm room at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 14, 1997 to display their wares and take orders. They will only be here that one night so don't miss them if you are in the market for equipment.

ANNUAL FRUIT SALE: It is once again time for our annual fruit sale. We will be offering 4/5 bushel boxes of delicious navel oranges or Indian River pink grapefruit for \$22.00 a box. This is the same price as last year!. Boxes of 1/2 oranges and 1/2 grapefruit are also available at the same price. The fruit will be delivered to **Brian and Heather Kenny's** house at 13 Hudson Road

East, Irvington. The fruit will be ready for you to pick up the weekends of December 13th and 14th and December 20th and 21st.

A sign-up sheet will shortly be posted in the warm room.

We hope that 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 urge all curlers to call your friends and neighbors and ask them to order fruit. Our prices compare favorably with those in the grocery stores.

Remember, this sale is one of your club's greatest sources of revenue.

For further information, or to place an order if you will not be in the warm room to sign up, call **Heather Kenny** (914-591-6906) or **Carl Phares** (914-941-5116).

TURKEY TROT BONSPIEL: Our own intracub fall bonspiel will be held on November 29th and 30th. The first draw will take place on Saturday morning with the semi-finals on Saturday evening. The finals will take place on Sunday. Coffee and pastries will be served in the morning. Lunch will be served both days and dinner will be served Saturday evening. The committee consists of **Patti Burns, Laurie Frees, Lauren Paul, Walter and Lillie Baggett and Kal and Kathy Sundaram.**

A sign up sheet will shortly be posted in the warm room if it's not already there. Please sign up as soon as possible so that the committee will know how many people will participate.

COUNTRY CLUB DINING PRIVILEGES: Now that the curling season has started, members of the Ardsley Curling Club (and that includes members of the Ardwicks, New York Caledonians and St. Andrew's) are welcome to use the dining facilities at the Ardsley Country Club. The hours and days that meals are served may vary from month to month during the winter season so it is advisable to call in advance (914-591-8150) to make sure they are open and to make reservations. Dress in the Grill Room is casual (sweaters and shirts with collars are permitted) 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 BONSPIEL TRAIL: During the summer season when curling is probably the last thing any of us have been thinking about a group of dedicated curlers have been actively bonspieling both here in the U.S. and abroad.

MIXED SUMMERSPIEL, CAPE COD CURLING CLUB, JULY 9TH-12TH: **Geoff and Pippa Broadhurst**, together with **Jim and Rosemary Kindler** represented Ardsley, while **Trevor and Kitty Davey, Chris Banino and Jennifer Laurie** represented the New York

Caledonians. **Gerry and Elaine Scherocman**, curling with a couple from the Border Club of Canada, represented St. Andrew's. **Ralph and Alison Bankes**, together with **Ed and Pam Siebert** apparently representing both St. Andrew's and Ardsley, also participated in the bonspiel. Since none of the four teams seemed inclined to provide a record of wins and losses we can only assume that they had an enjoyable weekend at the Cape.

MEN'S SUMMERSPIEL, CAPE COD CURLING CLUB, JULY 16TH-19TH: A team skipped by **Walter Baggett**, with **Paul Mort**, **Bill Winkler** (a former curler) and **Chris Banino** represented Ardsley. **Don McKay**, curling as a member of the "U.S. Men's" team, with Dave Dewies and Bob Octaviano of Cape Cod and Vern Griffin, won the third event.

VIRY CUP INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL, VIRY-CHATILLON, FRANCE: **Walter and Lillie Baggett** entered this international bonspiel again this year with **Walter** skipping and **Lillie** playing lead. They were joined by Stephen Hinds from London at third and Peter Welch from England at second. They won their first game against a French team 11 to 7 and then defeated a team from Geneva, Switzerland 8 to 6 in their second game. They won their third game against another undefeated team, the Swiss Turtle women's team on which **Carol Gutekunst** played second, by a score of 10 to 8, which put them in third place overall in the competition of twenty teams. In the next game, against the second place team from Strasbourg, Walter's group lost by a score of 7 to 5. On Sunday, the final day of the bonspiel, Walter's team defeated a team from Adelboden, Switzerland by a score of 11 to 7, thereby finishing third in the bonspiel and winning the Coupe de la Ville de Viry, a trophy that now sits on the Baggett's mantle.

Carol and Jim Gutekunst also participated in the same bonspiel, **Carol** with the Swiss Turtle international women's team and **Jim** with the Swiss Turtle international men's team. **Lillian and Julian Harwood**, members of the Cape Cod Curling Club, also curled with the Swiss Turtles. The other two members of each team came from Canada and Switzerland. The Swiss Turtle women's team, the only all women's team in the bonspiel, came in 4th place. **Carol** said that the high point of the bonspiel was when her team beat the men's team from Baden Hills in Germany which won the bonspiel in 1996 and also won the 4th event in last year's Douglas International Bonspiel here at Ardsley.

At the bonspiel banquet on Friday evening, **Walter and Lillie** were initiated into the Margarita Curling Club with the official opening of a U.S. branch, with **Lillie** as its first President. **Steve Smith** is also a member, as are a few people from Minnesota. The club has members in Canada, England, Scotland, Holland, Denmark, Germany, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and Russia. The Margarita Curling Club entered a team in the 1997 Douglas International bonspiel and made it all the way to the finals of the first event where they were defeated by the St. George's Curling Club of Canada. Their presence was even more notable for

their serving of Margaritas to everyone in the warm room after the finals. As part of **Walter's** and **Lillie's** initiation they had to prepare and serve Margaritas for the after dinner festivities.

GNCC ICELESS BONSPIEL AND ANNUAL MEETING: The meeting was hosted by the Albany and Schenectady Curling Clubs over the weekend of September 19th and 20th. Ardsley and St. Andrew's were represented by **Walter Baggett, Bunky Harmon, Paul and Isabelle Mort, Helenne Kayser and Don and Nadja McKay**. The following officers for the GNCC were elected: Sam Williams, President; Peggy Hatch, 1st Vice- President; Tom Garber, 2nd Vice-President; Sue Wheeler, Secretary. **Bunky Harmon** was re-elected as Treasurer..

Aside from meetings and partying, this weekend is also devoted to sports such as golf, quoits and lawn bowling. **Paul and Isabelle Mort** vanquished all comers to win the Ted Childs Lawn Bowling Trophy. Along with the honor of winning the trophy goes the obligation of storing the balls and running the competition in September of 1998..

1997 SUMMER PICNIC held at the home of **Ralph and Alison Bankes** was a great success. The **Bankes** were assisted by **Tom and Dian Geary** who report that the Silent Auction raised \$800.00 for the curling club. The weather was perfect, everyone enjoyed the swimming pool and the food was delicious and plentiful. **Ed Siebert** provided the beer and soft drinks. Possibly because of the heat and because everybody arrived on time at 3:00 PM, it was necessary to make a beer run to replenish the supply by 6:00 PM.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 1997-1998 SEASON.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chairpersons</u>
Nov. 29-30th	Turkey Trot Bonspiel	Kal & Kathy Sundaram
Dec. 14th	Christmas Party	?
	Time and place not yet decided	
Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve Party	Lillie & Walter Baggett
Jan. 9 - 11th	Empire State Bonspiel	Jean Murphy
Feb. 6 - 8th	Francis Dykes Bonspiel	?
Feb. 27 - Mar. 1st	Douglas International Bonspiel	Walter Baggett
April 4th	Pull the Plug Party	?

Because of the three bonspiels in January and February the Headless Horseman intraclub bonspiel may be eliminated this year or may possibly be spread over several weekends as a regularly scheduled curling event.

MIXED CURLING NEWS: The mixed program this year is chaired by **Rosemary and Jim Kindler** (914-693-9017) assisted by **Gail and Ray LaBrosse** (914-762-9839). They have

scheduled three sessions each weekend at 8:00 PM Friday and 4:30 and 7:30 PM on Saturday. They also plan to have dinner served in the warm room on Saturday evening.

There will be a mini-bonspiel on November 9th with two more scheduled in the second half of the year, one of which will be scheduled to coincide with the winter Olympics in February.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Vic Huebner, who is now entering his second season as President of the Ardsley Curling Club, has addressed the following message to our Skips: " As Skips in curling you have a very important leadership role. Members of the rink, and particularly new Curlers, are looking for help in improving their game, but also to be included as a team member. Some of the feedback from last season indicated that some new members did not feel included. Please make a point, especially after the game, to explain some of the strategic aspects of the game and be sure to engage new people in the discussions. I know almost all of you do so, but there have been a few complaints. Our members are most influenced by our Skips and other team members. Please keep the needs of newer and less experienced curlers in mind and thank you for your contribution to the club as Skips."

Vic also sees the accountabilities of Skips to include the following:

- 1) Be sure all team members get equal ice time.
- 2) Maintain Curling Rules, Etiquette and Sportsmanship.
- 3) Help curlers improve through constructive comment.
- 4) Lead the rink through good strategy and shot making.
- 5) Make the game enjoyable.

The Board has agreed to investigate and install a monitoring system to alert key people if the electric power to the compressor fails or is interrupted. This system is expected to be installed this fall. While the Board was discussing this matter at the Ardsley Country Club, the power failed and the rest of the meeting was conducted by candlelight.

The Board also agreed that they should try and address as many of the concerns as possible that were expressed by members in the recent survey.

ADDRESS CHANGES: We will include any address or telephone number changes or corrections from the most recent roster. Please mail the corrections to Robert D. Hill, 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

Kay Sugahara's new home address is: 123 Harbor Drive #703, Stamford, CT 06902 (203-359-9991)

Todd and Katy Clough now live at 129 Devoe Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514 (914-238-6772)

Kevin and Nancy Clancy are now residing at First Hill Apartments, 400 10th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98122. Their telephone number is 1-206-447-2052.

THIRTY YEARS AGO THIS MONTH: The November 1967 issue of Duck Soup discloses that several of our current members joined the Ardsley Curling Club. They are **Burns and Bobbie Patterson** and **John and Mary Jean Keenan**. They must have been teenagers when they joined!

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH: The November 1972 issue of Duck Soup welcomes **Ed Godbold** and **Paul and Isabelle Mort** as members of the Ardsley Curling Club. They were probably in their early twenties at the time.

COMPRESSOR BONDS TO BE REDEEMED: At the closing dinner on April 26th a drawing was held to determine which bonds would be redeemed. The lucky winners and their bond numbers were as follows:

<u>Bond Holder</u>	<u>Bond Number(s)</u>
Geoff and Pippa Broadhurst	28,29,34
Anne Carret	39
Carl Honzak	80
Bob and Jinny Hill	89
Vic Huebner	97
Steve Hunter	100
Brian and Heather Kenny	116
Gert and Tracy Messing	135
Tom Reznicek	147

If you wish to redeem your bond please mail it to the ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB, P.O. Box 7054, Ardsley on Hudson, NY 10503.

DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL MEN'S BONSPIEL: Although this bonspiel doesn't take place until the end of February 1998, the planning committee chaired by **Walter and Lillie Baggett** has already met several times. Many of the major tasks have already been assigned but there is still much work to be assigned. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the warm for volunteers for all the various activities.

Invitations have already been distributed at several bonspiels and are now being mailed to curling clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada.. Hopefully we will have teams entered from Moscow, Belarus, Canada, the Netherlands, England, France, Germany and Switzerland.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP IS DECEMBER

1ST, 1997: Please mail, call or fax your copy to Bob Hill at 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor NY 10510 (914-944-7009)

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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST. ANDREW'S GOLF CLUB. Thanks to the kind services of **Helenne Kayser**, Christmas will continue to be celebrated by curlers at the traditional party at St. Andrew's. This year it will be held on Sunday evening, December 14th, with cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. ~~As in past years, everyone attending is asked to bring a~~ present suitable for a "him or her" at a cost not to exceed \$5.00. These will be distributed by Santa Claus during the dinner hour. Hopefully **Gerry Scherocman** will be there to lead us in song to the accompaniment of **Don McKay's** harmonica. Notices have already been sent out by Helenne but if you didn't get yours call her at 914-337-4745 to make your reservation. The cost will be \$36.00 per person and reservations are guaranteed. This has always been an enjoyable evening and should not be missed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE CURLING CLUB. **Lillie and Walter Baggett**, together with **Joan Dessoie** and **Steve Weppner**, are 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 champagne. Curlers and non-curlers are invited. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. The curling will involve two-end games throughout the evening with curlers rotating their positions after each game. The first draw will be at 8:00 PM. Dress in your finest evening wear in which you are able to curl. If you have any questions, call **Lillie or Walter** at 914-591-6864. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the warm room.

FRUIT SALE. The fruit will already have been ordered from Florida by the time you receive this newsletter. The club always orders extra cases of oranges and grapefruit so if you did not get your order in on time, call **Heather Kenny** (914-591-6906) or **Carl Phares** (914-941-5116) and ask them to set some fruit aside for you.

THE NEXT OPEN HOUSE will be held on Sunday, January 11th from 2:30 - 5:00 PM. The Empire State Bonspiel finals will start at 1:00 PM and will still be going on at 2:30 so that your guests will have an opportunity to watch some first rate curling before going on the ice

themselves with our instructors. Please call **Joanne Frank** at 914-693-4952 if you would like to have a written invitation from the curling club sent to your guest. Members should try to attend the Open House with their invited guests. For general information about the Open House, please call **Pete Murphy** at 914-762-3561.

TWO BROOMS. On Friday morning, December 5th, the Ardwick's will host the women's curlers from Nutmeg in the first half of their home and home competition. After the morning games, the Ardwick's will entertain the Nutmeg curlers at a luncheon at the Ardsley Country Club.

THE ICE HOUSE GANG (that's us) VS. THE GOOD OLD BOYS (that's Nutmeg) will meet the following Friday, December 12th, at 9:30 AM at Ardsley for the first of their two meetings. After the games, all will climb to the Ardsley Country Club for refreshments and lunch. The second meeting of these two groups will be held at Nutmeg later this winter.

THE BILLS FOR YOUR DUES HAVE BEEN MAILED and so, hopefully, have your checks. Payment is due upon receipt, either in full or at least 1/2 now and the balance no later than January 15, 1998. If you have any questions or comments about your bill, please call our new Treasurer, Kevin Lockhart at 914-591-6964.

WHO HAS THE CURTAIN RODS? We are speaking of the rods for the two picture windows in the warm room. They were there when we closed up last spring but they aren't there now. Anyone with any knowledge of their whereabouts please call Geoff Broadhurst (914-591-7356) or Vic Huebner (914-693-4741).

THE 44th EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL will be held at the Ardsley Curling Club from January 8th to January 11th. The event rotates every year between the Schenectady CC, the Utica CC and the Ardsley CC. As this year's host we expect 16 teams from around the Northeast and Canada to attend. Invitations have been sent to all the clubs in the United States Women's Curling Association as well as many of the Canadian clubs.

The event starts on Thursday evening, January 8th, with a welcoming party at **Heather and Brian Kenny's** home in Irvington. Matches start Friday morning and conclude on Sunday afternoon with the finals scheduled to start at 1:00 PM.

Be sure to mark your calendar for that second weekend in 1998

THE FRANCIS DYKES MEMORIAL BONSPIEL will be hosted by Ardsley the weekend of February 5-8. **Mike Murphy** has agreed to chair the event this year. Last year, **Mike's** team won the Davies Bowl, awarded to the winner of the third event. The Dykes is one of three special bonspiels designed for curlers with "five or fewer years of curling experience".

The Dykes is for men curlers, while the **Ray Kayser Memorial Bonspiel** is for mixed curlers and the **Women's Challenge** is for women curlers. Anyone interest in assisting Mike, please call him.

THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL is almost here again. It is scheduled to be played at Ardsley from February 26 to March 1, 1998. This year it may truly be an international bonspiel. While it is customary to have Canadian teams entered, and we have had a team or two from Europe, this year the chairman, **Walter Baggett**, advises that we may have a team from Russia and another from the Republic of Belarus, as well as curlers from Canada, the Netherlands, England, France, Germany and Switzerland.

The planning committee, chaired by **Lillie and Walter Baggett**, has met several times to organize another successful bonspiel. The other members are **Gert and Tracy Messing**, **Ed and Pam Siebert**, **Vic and Merle Huebner**, **Paul Mort** and **Steve Smith**.

The invitations have been distributed at a number of early out-of-town, and even out-of-country, bonspiels and mailed to all curling clubs.

At this point, most of the major activities for the Douglas have people who have agreed to chair them. These include **Tracy Messing** for the opening reception, **Carl Phares** for the breakfasts, **Isabelle Mort** for lunches, **Jeanette Wang** for the farewell buffet on the last day, **Helenne Kayser** for table snacks, **Alison Bankes** for the Friday night dinner, **Merle Huebner** for the Saturday night dinner, **Paul Mort** for the budget and officiating, **Steve Smith** and **Joanne Frank** for computer photography, **Steve Smith** and **Gert Messing** for the draw and ice, **Harry Harper** for the raffle, **Ellen Del Colle**, **Pete Murphy** and **Ed Siebert** for the Journal.

The committee is making available the opportunity for visiting curlers to stay with our local curlers in their homes. If you have space, and would be willing to have one or more curlers at your home, please let the committee know.

THE TURKEY TROT BONSPIEL was held Saturday and Sunday, November 29th and 30th. Eight teams signed up for the 'spiel and a good time was had by all, with curling and dining at the club on Saturday evening and brunch at **Heather and Brian Kenny's** house on Sunday. The finals started at 1:00 PM on Sunday with **Pete Murphy's** team of **Jean Murphy**, **Jeff Lesuk** and **Robin Gestrung** defeating **Geoff Broadhurst's** team of **Pippa Broadhurst**, **Jim McGinnis** and **Laurie Frees** in a close game. At the end of seven ends, **Geoff's** team was ahead by one stone with **Pete** having the hammer in the eighth and final end. With his last rock, **Pete** was able to knock **Geoff's** stone out of the house, thereby winning the game. In the second event, **Vic Huebner**, with **Merle Huebner**, **Chris Banino** and **Patti Burns** defeated **Ray Labrosse**, **Anne MacMillan**, **Steve Weppner** and **Joanie Dessoie**. The third event was won by the **Paul** family, **Jeff**, **Laureen**, **Jeffrey** and **Jonathan**, who defeated **Jim Kindler**, **Rosemary Kindler**, **Jean Glus** and **Jonathan Marshall**. **Lillie and Walter Baggett**, with the assistance of **Kathy**

and **Kal Sundaram**, ran the event this year. **Patti Burns, Laurie Frees, Laureen Paul** and **Steve Smith** were also on the committee.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL, sometimes known as "**HAVE BROOM WILL TRAVEL**", has been well traveled this month.

GNCC Jr. CHAMPIONSHIPS USCA PLAYDOWNS. The most important news comes from our Junior curlers who on the last weekend of November, at the Utica CC, defeated three other GNCC teams to win the right to represent the GNCC in the USCA Junior National Men's Championship at the Kettle Moraine CC in Hartland, Wisconsin February 1-7, 1998. The team, consisting of **Dave Falco**, Skip, **John Soares**, Vice Skip, **Tim Wilson**, Second, and **Rob McKay**, Lead, and **Dan Brennan**, Alternate, and coached by **Jennifer Laurie**, won all four games they played with impressive scores. The other teams entered in the playdowns were Utica and two teams from Broomstones. During the course of the playdowns, **Rob McKay** played the lead position in three games and **Dan Brennan** played lead in one game. All four members are college students and are 19 and 20 years of age. They also plan to curl in the Douglas International at Ardsley February 26th to March 1st.

ROSS TARLTON BONSPIEL. On the weekend of November 6-8, three Ardsley curlers joined **Sam Williams**, the new GNCC President, and curled under the GNCC banner. The Ross Tarlton was played at the Toronto Cricket CC between 16 teams representing the Ontario Curling Association and 16 teams representing the GNCC. Curling with **Sam Williams** were **Geoff Broadhurst, Bunky Harmon** and **Paul Mort**. This team won three of their four games but, despite this impressive record, the teams representing the "OCA" outscored the GNCC by some 500 to 450 points.

THE 38th ANNUAL MONCTONIAN BONSPIEL was held at Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada over the weekend of November 12-15. There were 72 teams entered in this event and 3 of them were from the United States. Of those three, two were from Ardsley. **Ed Godbold** skipped one team assisted by **Walter Baggett, Paul Mort** and **Bob Hayes** (a former member of Ardsley now living in Charlotte, South Carolina). This team made it to the quarter finals and in Paul's words "made a lot of friends".

The other Ardsley team consisted of **Jerry McCarty, Steve Smith, Jim Gutekunst** and **Chris Banino**. They were joined in Moncton by two additional members, **Kevin Murray** from Quebec City, who skipped the rink, and **Dan Garside** from Toronto. In Jerry's words, this was a team with true NAFTA qualities. Once there they purchased a considerable amount of Canadian currency, which happened to be on sale, and proceeded to invest in the Moncton economy.

Over the four days, they managed to play six games, winning three, and being eliminated

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in the semi-finals of the Bacardi event. The thought of all that prize rum may have been too much for the team to handle. The training will prove valuable however, since Gutekunst and Garside have recruited McCarty and Smith to attend the Quebec International Bonspiel, a seven day event at the end of January. Hopefully, our Ardsley curlers will return before spring.

Jerry McCarty has informed me that a tradition of the Monctonian is an informal contest to determine which curler looks the worse for wear (read partying). Although **Chris Banino** did not take first place, **Jerry** says he ran a close second.

WINDMILL CUP BONSPIEL. A few months ago, on September 26-28 to be exact, **Steve Smith** and **Lillie Baggett** played in this bonspiel in the town of Zoetemeer, The Netherlands. Last year they were accompanied by **Jim Gutekunst** and **Vic Huebner** but unfortunately that pair was not able to join them this year. In their absence, they drafted **Stephen Hines** from England and **Johan Boelee**, who curled at Ardsley last year but is now back in The Netherlands. The group curled as **Margarita USA** (you may recall from the last issue of Duck Soup that **Lillie** is the President of Margarita USA CC) and although they only finished in the bottom of the top half, which **Lillie** assures me is "not too bad", they still proceeded with the tradition of throwing a Margarita party. The party started in **Steve's** room and then moved to the hotel elevator where everyone had their ups and downs. One of the teams they curled against was from the Republic of Belarus whom they invited to the Douglas International. **Lillie** would like to hear from any Ardsley curler interested in curling in this 'spiel in September 1998:

BONSPIELS FOR EVERYONE. If you are a new curler, or have curled for a number of years, and have never been on an out-of-town bonspiel but would like to go on one, the question arises, "how do I do it"? There are several ways. If you have curled for five years or less you are eligible for the Dykes (for men), the Kayser (for mixed) or the Women's Challenge. Get together with some of your friends in this category and make up your own team. **Walter Baggett** is our club's representative to the GNCC and can help you get an invitation and an entry form. If you can not make up a team, just spread the word around that you would like to go to a bonspiel and eventually someone in the process of making up a team will get back to you. And finally, the Ardsley Curling Club used to post a schedule of out of town bonspiels on the bulletin board where people could sign up as singles or as a team. This practice has fallen into disuse in recent years but hopefully, if enough members ask about it, it will be resumed this year.

LAME DUCK DELIVERY STICKS. You may have noticed some strange looking sticks hanging with the brooms out on the ice. These are a new addition to Ardsley this year and are for the use of those who have knees that no longer bend or backs that simply protest too

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much when the stone is delivered in any of the conventional styles of delivery practiced at Ardsley. The original idea was conceived by a curler somewhere to the North but Paul Mort, Carl Phares and others are working on a special version for use at Ardsley. A few weeks ago two Senior curlers skipped teams in a match sharing the same stick with quite satisfactory results.

PENDING MATTERS AT ARDSLEY.

1) The Board of Directors has approved the installation of a monitoring system in the control room that will automatically telephone several members of the club if the compressor ceases to operate for any reason, including power loss.

2) A committee of Pam Siebert, Jean Murphy, Kay Sugahara, Vic Huebner and Geoff Broadhurst is preparing plans for the renovation of the basement area to include a new and enlarged kitchen and new and bigger men's and women's dressing rooms and bathrooms.

3) Shortly after the first of the year a sign-up sheet will be posted somewhere in the warm room regarding the possibility of junior curling (young children, not the age of the ones going to the National Championships). Evidently enough interest has been expressed by members of the club and their friends to warrant a survey being made. If enough people sign up, the club is prepared to run an experimental program on Saturday afternoons for a period of six to eight weeks.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

THE BLANTON (as of 11/26)

Team	Skip	W	L	Bye	Team	Skip	W	L
B1	Godbold	3	2		B5	Austin	1	4
B2	Harmon	0	4	1	B6	LaBrosse	5	0
B3	Baggett	1	4		B7	M. Murphy	4	1
B4	Messing	3	2					

THE WILDS (as of 11/23)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
W1	Smith	2	2	W3	Broadhurst	2	2
W2	Austin	2	3	W4	Barghout	3	2

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (as of 11/24)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
A1	J. Gutekunst	3	2	A5	Baggett	1	3
A2	Austin	1	3	A6	Lockhart	1	3
A3	P. Murphy	3	2	A7	Siebert/Poole	2	2
A4	Messing	4	0				

ICEBREAKER (Final Scores)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
L. Baggett	3	0
M.J. Keenan	2	1
J MacIntosh	1	2
M. Cowles	0	3

Curling with Lillie on the winning team were **Molly Babcock, Reiko Iwamoto and Laureen Paul.**

MIXED CURLING

Going into the home stretch with just one more weekend to go the two leaders in the total point score are **Adam Chebetar's team and Scott Silverman's team.**

The committee is planning another Mini Bonspiel for the weekend of January 4th. The theme will be "Neon Curling" and if you want to know what that is you'll have to participate to find out.

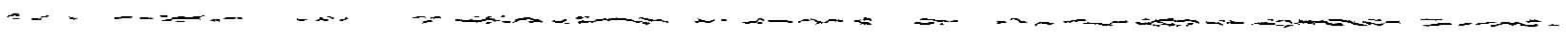
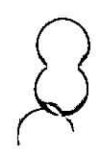
Pete Murphy, Jean Murphy, Don Whyte and Noriko Whyte were the winners in the mini bonspiel held on November 9th. The runners-up were **Geoff Broadhurst, Pippa Broadhurst, Jim Kindler and Rosemary Kindler.**

PLEASE HANG YOUR COATS DOWNSTAIRS! We have a more than adequate supply of coat hangers downstairs. Please don't throw them over the back of a chair in the warm room.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP IS JANUARY 2ND.

It would really be great if committee chairmen and chairwomen would send me their material by mail or fax and not wait until the last minute. Skips going to bonspiels could also help if they would send me a report naming the members of their rink and the results of their outing. We would also love to get articles from members of the club. Please send everything to Bob Hill, 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 or fax it to me at 914-944-7009.

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Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 7, 1998

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP?

That issue, as written, contained seven pages, all of which were delivered to the Ardsley Country Club for printing and mailing on December 4th. Unfortunately, the office at the country club lost the last three pages, didn't notice that they were missing, and sent out just the first four pages. When the error was called to their attention, they printed the final three pages and finally mailed them on December 19th.

ICE HOUSE GANG CHILLS THE GOOD OLD BOYS.

On Friday, December 12th, Ardsley's senior curlers defeated Nutmeg's seniors by a total point count score of 26-15 in the first of the two meetings to be held this season. The second meeting is scheduled to be held at Nutmeg on Friday, February 13th. **Ed Godbold's** team defeated Bob Will of Nutmeg 13-1. **Geoff Broadhurst's** team lost a close game to Dave Nelson by a score of 6-5. That game was tied at the end of six ends at 3 all. Nelson picked up 3 in the 7th end and **Geoff** was only able to get two of them back in the 8th and final end. **Bunky Harmon's** team, after leading Charlie Mack's team comfortably for the first seven ends, gave up 4 points in the 8th and ended in a tie at 8-8. Seventeen Ardsley curlers participated in the three games. Curling with **Ed** were **Paul Mort, Lee Heffner, Carl Honzak and Carl Phares**. **Geoff Broadhurst** had **Tony Ficalora, Norm Laird and Bob Hill**. **Isa Barghout, Don Torey, Bill Borowitz, Pete McCuen and Bill Havens** curled with **Bunky**. The extra members on two of the teams split the curling chores. **George Cowles and Jessie Wang** substituted for Nutmeg who arrived with just ten curlers.

NUTMEG SWEEPS ARDWICKS IN TWO BROOMS COMPETITION.

On Friday, December 5th, the ladies from Nutmeg sent three teams to Ardsley to compete in the first "Two Brooms" competition of the season. The final point score was Nutmeg 31 - Ardwick 18. **Joanna Owens (Nutmeg)** defeated **Jean MacIntosh, Gail LaBrosse, Jan Conner and Patti**

Burns by a score of 13-5. **Donna Parkey** (Nutmeg) defeated **Mary Jean Keenan, Heather Kenny, Noriko Whyte** and **Jean Glus** 9-6 and **Diane Muldowney** (Nutmeg) defeated **Lillie Baggett, Molly Babcock, Laureen Paul** and **Reiko Iwamoto** 9-7. A rematch will be played later this season at Nutmeg.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL.

A New York Caledonian rink composed of **George Austin, Doug Buchanan, Gert Messing** and **Bob Welch** traveled to Schnectady the weekend of November 20th for the 18th playing of the Achilles Bonspiel and came away with the Iroquois Medal as winners of the second event. After an opening round loss to a Schnectady rink, our local team proceeded to peel off four straight victories over **Pointe Claire I, Pointe Claire II, Landsdowne** and another Schnectady rink to bring home the medal. **Gert Messing** skipped the four solid matches over the two Montreal and one Ottawa rink and the decisive finals over Schnectady.

Another local team, curling under the mantle of the New York Caledonians, was the runner-up in the first event at the 41st Calder Trophy Bonspiel held at the Norfolk Curling Club the weekend of December 4th. **Jim Ajello, George Austin, Greg Poole** and **Bob Welch** reached the finals by defeating two Albany rinks, but then lost in the finals to a strong Norfolk rink. This exciting final match was tied 3-3 after 6 ends but Norfolk picked up 3 stones in the 7th end. Nevertheless, **Greg Poole** skipped our local rink back to force the opposing skip to throw his last rock in the 10th end to seal the Norfolk victory.

An Ardsley team skipped by **Walter Baggett**, with **Ed Godbold, Paul Mort** and **Don Torey** also entered the Norfolk Bonspiel and won the Beerbash (4th event) for which they were awarded a case of beer. A good time was had by all. We know Ed does not drink beer, so who got his share?

Pete Murphy skipped an Ardsley rink in the Nashua Mixed Bonspiel the weekend of December 4th. Completing the Murphy rink were **Jean Murphy, Mike Murphy** and **Sarah Murphy**. They lost in the final of the fourth event with a record of 2 wins and 3 losses. Along the way they played a rink skipped by **Ragnar Kamp** who, at the age of 17, skipped the 1977 Swedish National Team that won the World Championship.

THE "GRAND MATCH". * * You have probably casually noticed the interesting painting which hangs on the east wall of the warm room near the door leading to the ice. This work of art was presented to the Ardsley Curling Club by **H. Lawrence Achilles** for whom the first event of

the Schnectady Men's Invitational Bonspiel was named. Larry Achilles was a generous benefactor of the Ardsley Curling Club as well as the Schnectady and Nutmeg Curling Clubs. He originally was a member of Schnectady and was substantially involved in the building of their current rink. After retirement, he moved to Darien, CT. and curled for a number of years as a member of Ardsley. When the Nutmeg facility was built in Darien, he joined that club and helped in their program. When we built the Ardsley facility in 1966, he was a significant supporter of our project and was elected an Honorary Member in 1967.

The original painting was done in 1853. It depicts the Grand Match of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. This event was held in Scotland between the highlanders and the lowlanders whenever the ice was of sufficient thickness to hold the thousands of curlers and spectators who gathered for the event. A close look at the painting will reveal minute detail in the faces of many of the participants and spectators. These are actual miniature portraits of people who attended and were included as the result of presentations to the painter by each individual. ** This information came from the January 11, 1973 issue of Duck Soup. At that time the original painting was displayed at a curling club in Paris, France. Also, the author notes, that because of weather conditions no Grand Match had been held in the past 12 years.

TEENAGE CURLING. Bob Welch, chairman of our new youth (ages 10-18) curling program, got things off to a flying start on Saturday, January 3rd. Approximately 18 youths have signed up for curling and although they were not all able to attend on the 3rd because of school vacations, things are looking good. Several parents who were there said that they thought some of their children's friends would want to join. Paul Mort helped with instructions on the ice. If you want to help out or know of children who would like to join (their parents do not have to be members), call Bob Welch at 914-366-0144. They will be curling every Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00.

ST. ANDREW'S CURLING CLUB, INC. Congratulations to Bob Welch who has recently been elected President of the club.

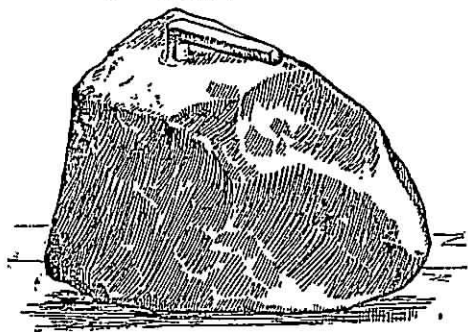
COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM. The country club dining facilities will be closed from Sunday night, January 25th, following the Super Bowl party. It will reopen for lunch on Friday March 7th. Prior to January 25th, the club is open for lunch and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

1997-1998 ROSTERS. A number of members have not picked up their rosters from the warm room. Next time you are there please check and see if your copy is still there. Each copy is marked with a members name.

1997-1998 DUES. JUST A REMINDER! Your dues are payable in full by January 15th. The club has to pay bills all year long and we depend upon a steady and timely cash flow to meet our obligations and maintain a good credit rating.

CURLING STONES AVAILABLE! Don McKay has just 3 curling stones left for sale. The stones are the property of the American Curling Foundation and, according to Don, are all in good condition. If they are not sold soon they will have to be returned to the Foundation. The price is \$100.00 per stone and the purchase is tax deductible. If you want a stone for your hearth, call Don at 914-941-7982.

THE JUBILEE STONE. And while we are on the subject of stones, how would you like to have delivered the stone pictured below which was in use in the mid 1800's. It belonged to a curler named John Hood of Chapelhill, Cocksburnspath, Scotland and weighed 117lbs. Can you just imagine how this rock could have cleaned out all the opponents guards protecting his lying stone? This assumes, of course, that the curler had the strength to get this monster down to the other end of the sheet.



ROSTER CORRECTIONS. Please make the following corrections to your roster:
Leo Harmonay's correct home telephone number is 914-332-0832. His business telephone number is 914-937-8600. His correct street name is Gracemere Lake Drive. **Jeff Lesuk's** correct home telephone number is 914-923-1369. **Jim McGinnis's** home telephone number is 914-747-2268. His business telephone number is 914-332-1131 and his business fax number is 914-747-4609. Please call **Bob Hill** (914-944-7009) if any other corrections are necessary.

THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL. The 1997 Journal was an enormous financial success and we are hoping to make the 1998 Journal equally so. We would like broader participation in selling sponsorships and ads and so all members are asked to consider who they can approach to support the Club through this publication. Members can also purchase sponsorships themselves to support the Club. A letter is being sent to all members and a calling tree is being organized to follow-up. The Journal must be completed by the first week in February so please act quickly.

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. **Helenne Kayser** is to be congratulated for taking on the job of running the affair and doing such an excellent job. Attended by 69 curlers, spouses and friends, the evening was a joyful success. Cocktails in the John Reid Room were followed by dinner in the dining room at which **Chris Banino**, dressed as Santa Claus, passed out presents to all present. **Mitzie Wang**, **Tracy Messing** and **Geoff Broadhurst** all won free dinners in the lottery. After dinner, a good few celebrants returned to the John Reid room to toast each other and the holiday season.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. **Lillie Baggett** reports that approximately 35 people attended the dinner party at the curling club. Those wishing to curl were divided into three-member teams who rotated positions after each two end session. All curling was finished before midnight and **Ed Godbold's** team of **Kal** and **Kathy Sundaram** ended up with the highest point count. **Chris Banino's** team of **Jennifer Laurie** and **Hiroshi Iwamoto** ran a close second. Each member of the two teams received a bottle of wine as a prize. Bottles of wine were also awarded to **Reiko Iwamoto** and **Cynthia Hodes** for their superior curling.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

MEN'S LEAGUES

THE WILDS (final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W1	Steve Smith	6	3
W2	George Austin	5	4
W4	Isa Barghout	4	5
W3	Geoff Broadhurst	3	6

Curling with **Steve Smith** were **Bunky Harmon**, **Bob Baensch** and **Jonathan Marshall**.

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (1st Session - final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
A4	G. Messing	6	0	A7	G. Poole	2	4
A1	J. Gutekunst	4	2	A6	K. Lockhart	1	5
A3	P. Murphy	4	2	A2	G. Austin	1	5
A5	W. Baggett	3	3				

Curling with **Gert** on the winning team were **Steve Smith**, **Burns Patterson** and **Chris Banino**.

THE COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (2nd session through 12/29)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
G. Austin	3	0
G. Messing	3	0
P. Murphy	1	1
J. Gutekunst	1	1

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
G. Poole	1	1
S. Silverman	1	2
W. Baggett	1	2
K. Lockhart	0	2

THE BLANTON (as of 12/18)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B4	G. Messing	7	1
B6	R. LaBrosse	6	2
B1	E. Godbold	5	3
B7	M. Murphy	5	3

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B3	W. Baggett	4	4
B2	B. Harmon	1	7
B5	G. Austin	1	7

THE LINC SEIBERT (AS OF 1/3/98)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
LS1	Broadhurst	1	0
LS2	Harmon	1	0
LS3	Mort	0	1
LS4	McCarty	0	1

MIXED CURLING (10/31 - 12/6/97)

Final Standings

1st Place

Kevin Lockhart
Mary Lockhart
Kal Sundaram
Kathy Sundaram
Rosemary Kindler

2nd Place

Scott Silverman
Paul Huebner
Mark Bussy
Susan Bussy

The winning margin (checked and rechecked) was just 1/2 point, proving that every stone counted.

Thanks to **Kay Sugahara, the Cloughs, the Etzingers, Jeff Lesuk and Robin Gestring** for the dinners.

NEON CURLING ? The mixed group held their 2nd mini bonspiel last weekend and curled in the dark. Thirty-two people participated, including 6 new curlers who had never been on the ice before. They turned off the lights, tied blue and green "glow" rings to each stone, hung "glow" necklaces on each curler and gave the skips "glow" torches to illuminate the broom. The winning team was our Dykes entry of **Bill Borowitz, Norm Laird, Pete McCuen and Jim McGinnis**. One of the new curlers, **Paul Roue**, shared curling time with this group. The second place team consisted of **Geoff Broadhurst, Pippa Broadhurst, Jeff Paul and his son Jeffrey Paul**. **Diana Roue** shared curling time with this team.

The next mini bonspiel will be a two day affair on Sunday, February 15th and Sunday February 22nd.

WOMEN'S CURLING EVENING LEAGUE

THE ICEBREAKER (final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
J. Murphy	3	0	P. Broadhurst	1	2
A. MacMillan	2	1	M. Cowles	0	3

Joanne Frank, Cynthia Hodes and Isabelle Quinn curled on **Jean Murphy's** winning team..

Both the Women's Daytime and Evening leagues are now playing the Wells-Wicks competitions.

PLEASE LOCK THE ENTRANCE DOOR AND TURN OFF THE LIGHTS IF YOU ARE THE LAST TO LEAVE THE CURLING CLUB. In the last week or so, the front door of the club was found in the unlocked position twice when there was nobody in the building. On one occasion, the basement lights had been left on. In past years, vandals entered the building on several occasions and helped themselves to both personal property and club property. There is a knob on the inside of the door that activates the combination lock. If you are the last to leave, please check to make sure that the lock has been activated and that the door is locked - and also check to see if all the lights have been turned off!!!

SOME SAD NEWS. Several weeks ago we learned that **Joe and Lynne Leuner** were killed in an automobile accident while returning to their home in Savanna, Georgia. Both Joe and Lynne had curled at Ardsley in the 1970's.

Jacques Artel, a former member of the New York Caledonian Curling Club, died on December 18, 1997. A Memorial Service will be held at the First Reformed Church, Hastings-on-Hudson, at 11:00 A.M. on January 17, 1998.

Pam Jaynes, Bob Whitman's daughter, has written to say that Bob suffered a massive stroke in June. Bob had been an outstanding curler for many years at Ardsley and was widely known throughout the Grand National Curling Club as the "Ice Fox".

COMING EVENTS. Don't forget that the FRANCIS DYKES BONSPIEL will be played at Ardsley on February 5th - 8th. Also the DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL will be at Ardsley February 26th - March 1st.

MEMO FROM THE ICE COMMITTEE. (This was received at the very last minute and has been condensed to squeeze it in.) Having recently been voted the best curling facility in Westchester County by several reputable curling journals published in southern New York, the ice committee would like to remind the members of a few do's and don'ts necessary to retain our high quality.

1) Please curl with clean shoes. The committee has noticed some mud streaks on the ice which seem to have come from sneaker treads. If you don't keep a pair of curling shoes at the club, please make sure you clean your street shoes carefully before going on the ice!

2) Please use sliders and grippers. Not only will this make your curling experience safer, it will also keep the ice clean. Duct tape is an effective training tool. However, if used over a prolonged period, the glue seeps from the tape's edges, picks up dirt, and deposits a dirt/glue mix on the ice.

3) Sweep the ice after each match. During the course of play, brush hairs, lint, etc. is deposited on the ice. If left for a period of time, it adheres to the ice surface. Not only are they unsightly, but they seem to emerge at the most inopportune times.

4) Respect the facilities. The ice committee has procured various tools and equipment stored on the ice for use on the playing surface only. Please feel free to use them to clean the ice should the need arise. Please do not use them for general cleaning.

We are proud of the condition of the ice this year, but also understand that forces beyond our control alter the curling environment. If you should encounter one of these extra terrestrial events, please feel free to speak with one of the committee. Input can only expand their understanding of playing conditions. The committee members are **Steve Smith (chief honcho), Gert Messing, Chris Banino, Bill Borowitz and Bob Welch.**

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS FEBRUARY 3, 1998. Please mail, fax or call your material to me by that date. The more information you can give me, the better the article will be. I don't promise to publish everything I receive, but more is often better than less. Skips going to bonspiels would be most helpful if they would make a note of their wins and losses and any other interesting events and send it to me. Committee chairmen can help by letting me know what their committees have accomplished, the standings of the teams in their particular events, and any other news that is relevant.

Bob Hill
914-944-7009

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 10, 1998

44th EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL. Fourteen rinks from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Canada competed in the bonspiel at the Ardsley Curling Club the weekend of January 8 - 11, 1998. The event got off to a fine start with a cocktail and buffet dinner party at the home of Heather and Brian Kenny on Thursday evening, January 8th. Bright and early the next morning the curling got underway with draws at 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. After hanging up their brooms for the day, the ladies adjourned to the Ardsley Country Club for the banquet and to be entertained by the Hudson Bells.

On Saturday morning it was back to the ice with curling starting at 8:00 A.M. and continuing all day, with the semi-finals in the 1st and 3rd event at 7:00 P.M. Saturday's dinner was served in the warm room during the semi-final matches.

Three Ardwick rinks participated in the bonspiel. Ardwick I was skipped by **Alison Bankes** with **Ann MacMillan, Patti Burns** and **Laureen Paul**. Ardwick II was skipped by **Mary Jean Keenan** with **Molly Babcock, Lillie Baggett** and **Noriko White**. Ardwick III, was skipped by **Jean Murphy** with **Alice Yeh, Pauline Davies** and **Sarah Murphy**.

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THE 57th ANNUAL FRANCIS DYKES MEMORIAL BONSPIEL was held at the Ardsley CC on February 6-8. Seventeen GNCC teams were entered in this event designed for male curlers with 5 or fewer years experience. Three teams from the curling club were entered. Ardsley was skipped by **Mike Murphy** assisted by **Chris Banino, Bob Welch** and **Jeff Paul**. St. Andrew's was skipped by **Bill Borowitz** with **Norm Laird, Peter McCuen** and **Jim McGinnis**. The N.Y. Caledonian entry was skipped by **Paul Gutekunst** with **Brian O'Neill, Jeff Lesuk** and **Leo Harmonay**. The Ardsley team defeated the N.Y. Caledonians, Albany II, and Broomstones II before losing to Plainfield in the semi-finals of the first event. This loss placed them in the finals of the fourth event in which they defeated Nutmeg. The St. Andrew's team lost their first two games to Nutmeg and Nashua, won their third game against Utica III, and then lost to Utica II. The N.Y. Caledonians lost their first two games against Ardsley and Belfast, won their third game against Norfolk, and then lost their final game to Broomstones II.

The ten-end finals in the first and second events were exciting to watch. In the first event it was Plainfield against Broomstones I. Broomstones had a lead throughout the match, leading by two at the end of nine ends and with the hammer in the tenth. In the tenth, Plainfield was lying three when the Broomstones skip came up to deliver the final stone. He managed to remove one Plainfield stone but rolled out himself leaving Plainfield with two points and a tie game. In the eleventh end, Plainfield was lying five with the Broomstones skip about to deliver the final stone. He made a beautiful draw to the four foot circle to score one point and to win the match by a score of 8-7.

The second event featured Utica I against Philadelphia. Utica held the lead throughout the match and was ahead by two going into the tenth end. Philadelphia scored three points in the tenth to take the game by a score of 8-7.

— — In the third event Broomstones II played Utica II. Utica II had a commanding lead throughout most of the game and won by a score of 9 - 5.

Mike Murphy chaired the bonspiel and was assisted by three others of the Murphy Clan: wife **Sarah** and father and mother **Pete and Jean**.

44th Empire State (continued from page 1)

Ardasley I defeated Chesapeake, skipped by former Ardsley curler **Teresa Welch**, in their first game, lost to Utica II in their second game and then were eliminated when they lost to Ardwick's II in their third game. Ardwick's II defeated Albany in their first game, lost to Nutmeg in their second game, defeated Ardwick's I in their third game and were finally eliminated when they lost to Schenectady I in their fourth game.

Ardwick's III lost their first two games to Utica I and to Schenectady III, and then went on to defeat Albany, Schenectady II, and then Schenectady I in the finals of the third event in seven ends, to win the Schenectady Stone. Congratulations to **Jean Murphy** and her team mates.

The first event winners were the ladies from Nutmeg skipped by Diane Muldowney, who defeated the team from Broomstones in a very close match that was tied at the end of 7 ends and ended with a final score of 5-4.

The second event was won by Chesapeake who defeated Schenectady III by a score of 8-5. Curling with **Teresa Welch** was her daughter **Sarah Welch** and her daughter-in-law **Carrie Welch**, a member of the Ardwick's.

Other members of the Ardwick's curling in the bonspiel were **Mieko Takiguchi** (here on a visit) substituting for Albany. **Mary Lockhart** and **Gail LaBrosse** curling as skip and 3rd for the Phily-Ard team, and **Marion Cowles**, substituting on the Richmond Hill team which, incidentally, was skipped by former Ardsley Curler **Fran Currie**.

Co-chairpersons of the bonspiel were **Jean Murphy** and **Mary Jean Keenan**. The Saturday night dinner was prepared by **Mitzie Wang**, **Laureen Paul** and **Pam Siebert**. Lunches were the domain of **Suad Barghout** and **Gail LaBrosse**, while breakfasts were prepared by **Jean MacIntosh** and **Carl Phares**. **Jinny Hill** assembled the referees and **Jean**

Glus, in addition to being the Treasurer, also doubled as Publicity Chairman successfully persuading the Gannett papers not only to send a reporter and photographer to the club, but to print a story.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER.

Sue Roue, 49 Glen Oaks Road, Rye, NY (914)835-1170.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. **Walter & Betty Steinemann** have moved to North Carolina. Their correct address is: 1712-6 Deerfield Drive, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469. The telephone & Fax number is 910-755-5287.

SCOTSFEST'98. On January 27th, bright and early in the morning, 5:00 A.M. to be precise, a group of hardy Ardsley and Nutmeg curlers met at the Ardsley Curling Club with a TV crew from ABC's Good Morning America program. For the next four hours brief shots of live curling appeared on the program. Appearing for Ardsley, not all at once, were **Mary Jean Keenan, Bill Borowitz, Jennifer Laurie, Pam Siebert, Pippa Broadhurst, Paul Mort, Walter Baggett** and **Harry Harper**. **Chris Banino**, now there's a Scottish name for you, was the Chief of the Clan for Ardsley.

ScotsFest is a celebration of Scottish spirit which kicked-off in January and continues through the month of February. It promotes all things Scottish, not the least of which is Scotch Whisky (note the lack of an "e" in whisky). Whisky produced outside of Scotland is often spelled "whiskey" with an "e". For those of you interested in improving your knowledge of miscellaneous and useless facts, you might find it helpful to know that the name whisky comes from the Gaelic "uisge beatha" meaning "water of life". Next time you order a drink from **Tom** ask for a "uisge beatha" on the rocks and see what you get. Also, if you're looking for something new for dinner, you might try Haggis which is Scotland's national dish. First, kill a sheep. Then take its heart, liver and lungs, add a few spices, and mix thoroughly before stuffing it in the lining of the sheep's stomach, after removing it from the sheep of course. When done, remove from the oven and thoroughly drench with "uisge betha". Once you've tried Haggis, I'm certain that you will agree with Robert Burns when, in his famous poem Address To A Haggis, he said,

His Knife see rustic Labour dight, (wipe)
An' cut ye up wi' ready slihjt. (skill)
Trenching your gushing entrails bright.
Like onie ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight.
Warm-reekin, rich!

AND THEN THERE WAS DAVID LETTERMAN who appeared at the curling club with the men's U.S. Olympic team on January 19th. This spot, which was set up by the USCA,

appeared on the David Letterman show on February 5th.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. At its January Meeting the Board approved plans to improve the interior of the "wood shed" to make it more suitable for use as a smoking room. Geoff Broadhurst will supervise the project.

*If Bill Clinton took up curling, which do you think he would prefer, outturns or
interns?*

ARDSLEY CURLING OLYMPICS. The Ardsley Mixed curlers are holding a two day bonspiel on Sunday, February 15th and Sunday, February 22nd. This event will replace the traditional Headless Horseman in this year's calendar of events. It will be an open bonspiel in which teams may be mixed, all men or all women. More than 20 Nutmeg curlers are expected to join us in this event. Jim Kindler expects that there will be 10 - 12 rinks entered with curling to start about 10:30 A.M. in the morning on the 15th. Dinner will be served in the warm room on Sunday evening the 15th and an International lunch will be served on Sunday the 22nd. Non-participants are invited to both meals. Please call the Kindlers (914-693-9017) or the LaBrosses (914-762-9839) for additional information.

New Ardsley Curling Club T-shirts and sweat shirts are on display in the warm room. Orders are being taken through March 7th.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL.

Some old news first. The Philadelphia CC Harvest Bonspiel was held November 20-23. A group from the Ardsley CC, curling under the banner of Manhattan CC won the 3rd event. **Kay Sugahara** skipped and was assisted by **Kim Freeman** and **Jim and Carol Gutekunst**.

GNCC MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

A St. Andrew's rink, skipped by **Gert Messing** with **Pete Murphy**, **George Austin** and **Bob Welch**, traveled to Schnectady to participate in the 125th Gordon Emmet Grand National Curling Championships on the weekend of January 16th to 18th. They opened up with a decisive victory over Plainfield CC, then won a tight match against Broomstones CC, and then handily defeated Albany which placed them in the first event finals against against a nationally ranked Granite team. At the end of three ends our team held a 4-0 lead which changed to a 5-4 deficit after six ends. The final four ends were filled with critical shots by both teams but unfortunately Granite prevailed with a final score of 7-6.

GOVERNOR'S BOWL

A New York Caledonian rink comprised of **Greg Poole, George Austin, Steve Weppner** and **Jeff Paul** traveled to Albany to compete in the 32nd Governor's Bowl on the weekend of January 30th to February 1st and won the third event, receiving the Fort Orange Medal. This team opened with a victory over Norfolk, lost a tight match (7-6) to Albany, and then proceeded to peel off three straight victories against Utica, Garden State and Rochester. **Jeff Paul**, in his first bonspiel, won the hard fought "Lead O' the 'spiel" contest in this 16 team competition.

An Ardsley team, skipped by **Walter Baggett** with **Bunky Harmon, Paul Mort** and **Kal Sundaram** were also at Albany for the Governor's Bowl. They lost their first game to Utica, took the next game from a Granite team (from Petersham) in six ends, and then lost their final game to a Schenectady team.

FLASH FROM QUEBEC CITY. One of Duck Soup's foreign correspondents has just reported that a trio from our club, namely **Steve Smith, Jim Gutekunst** and **Jerry McCarty**, competed in the 85th Quebec International Bonspiel from January 24th to January 30th. Sixty-four teams competed for a full week. The team consisted of the above three local curlers plus Don Garside from Toronto and Kevin Murray and Ian Young, both from Quebec City. This six man team curled a total of seven games under the well known name (?) of Canada/USA Swiss Turtles of international fame. After a great start of winning their first three games and placing in the top 8 round robin, they proceeded to get a boot in the pants and were brought back to reality by losing the next four games. Accommodations were at the Chateau Frontenac where numerous hospitality parties were also held. Curling took place in three clubs in or around Quebec City. The editor has learned that as "rookies" in this event, **Steve Smith** and **Jerry McCarty** developed an unusual technique in giving shoe shines, a typical rookie duty. Ask them about it when you see them.

MITCHELL BONSPIEL

An Ardsley team-consisting of **Walter Baggett, Paul Mort** and **Don Torey** entered the 48 rink Mitchell Bonspiel at the Utica CC the weekend of January 8th to 11th and were the runner-up in the third event. **Ed Godbold** was originally scheduled to curl but was unable to make the trip because the ceiling in his condominium was falling down.

GNCC SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

Two teams from the Ardsley CC, an Ardsley team and a New York Caledonian team, entered this bonspiel at the Cape Cod CC the weekend of February 5-8. **Bunky Harmon's** team of **Ed Godbold, Isa Barghout** and **Don Torey**, who won the 1st event in 1997, were hoping to repeat this year. Unfortunately, things do not always work out the way we want them to. **Bunky**, suffering from an injury incurred at the Governor's Bowl, skipped from the lead position in their

first game and lost to a Schnectady team. **Bunky** curled in the skip's position in the second game but was forced to withdraw at the end of four ends and the team lost to the Caledonians. In the third game, with **Ed Godbold** skipping, the team, playing with a substitute, beat Nutmeg, skipped by Bob Will, in an extra end. In the fourth game they were defeated by another Schnectady team.

The N. Y. Caledonian team, skipped by **George Austin** with **Bill Luckfield** (a former Caledonian now living on Cape Cod), **Steve Weppner** and **Carl Phares**, lost their first game to a Cape Cod CC team. They then beat our Ardsley team and a team from the Keystone CC (from Lancaster, PA) which put them in the finals of the second event. In the finals they lost to a Garden State team on which **Paul Mort** was playing lead. **Carl Phares** was determined to be the "Senior Senior" in the bonspiel. **Ken Cooper**, another former Caledonian, was playing in the bonspiel, and was so impressed with **Carl's** stick that he converted to its use.

THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL will be played at Ardsley CC from February 26th to March 1st. **Walter Baggett**, who is chairing the event this year, says that they already have 19 teams entered and expect to have 24 by the time the 'spiel starts. **Walter** says they have a team from Minsk in Belarus, two teams from Canada, the Margarita Curling Club with members from Canada, France and Switzerland, and a team from Chicago. The GNCC will be represented by teams from Albany, Cape Cod, Nashua, Nutmeg, Philadelphia, Plainfield and Utica. Our GNCC Junior Men's Championship rink is also planning to enter. Four local teams skipped by **Bunky Harmon**, **Gerry Scherocman**, **George Austin**, and **Kevin Lockhart** have also entered. The first matches are presently scheduled to start at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 26th. There will be curling all day Friday and Saturday with the finals on Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

Lunches will be available on Friday and Saturday from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at a price of \$5.00. Dinner will be served Saturday evening during curling from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. at a price of \$15.00.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!! SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE WARM ROOM.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (2nd session - final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
A4	Messing	7	0	A6	P. Murphy	3	3
A5	Austin	5	2	A2	Silverman	2	5
A7	Poole	3	2	A8	W. Baggett	1	5
A1	J. Gutekunst	3	3	A3	K. Lockhart	1	5

As you can see, not every team played all seven matches that were scheduled. The games

that were missed will not be rescheduled. **Gert Messing's** winning team consisted of **Steve Smith, Chris Banino and Burns Patterson**. When Burns left for Florida his place was taken by **Gerry Scherocman**. Curling with **George Austin** on the 2nd place team were **Isa Barghout, Bob Welch, Jim Ajello and Jeff Paul**.

MEN'S LEAGUES

THE BLANTON (final standings)

The regular Blanton competition ended with a tie for first place. A playoff will be scheduled to determine the 1st and 2nd place teams.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B4	Messing	7	3
B7	M. Murphy	7	3
B6	LaBrosse	6	4
B1	Godbold	5	5

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B3	Baggett	5	5
B5	Austin	3	7
B2	Harmon	2	8

WELLS (as of 2/4/98)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W1	Smith	1	1
W2	J. Gutekunst	3	0
W3	V. Huebner	2	0
W4	Scherocman	0	3

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W5	Barghout	1	2
W6	Messing	1	2
W7	M. Murphy	2	1
W8	LaBrosse	1	2

LINC SEIBERT (as of 2/4/98)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
LS1	Broadhurst	4	2
LS2	Harmon	1	5

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
LS3	Mort	2	4
LS4	McCarty	5	1

WOMEN'S CURLING

WELLS WICKS (Thursday A.M. league)

Final standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
2	MacIntosh	5	1	119
4	Keenan	3	3	99

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
3	Baggett	2	4	87
1	Glus	2	4	77

Curling with **Jean MacIntosh** were **Gail LaBrosse** and **Suad Barghout**. Different curlers substituted as the fourth member of this team.

MIXED CURLING

Second Session (final results)

The winning rink in the second session was skipped by **Mike Murphy** with **Sarah Murphy, Liz Murphy** and **Paul Nystrom**. The runner-up was **Tod Clough's** rink with **Katie Clough, Tom Doherty** and **Joanie Dessoie**.

The committee wishes to thank the following curlers, all of whom prepared Saturday dinners: the **Sundarams, Steve Weppner, Joanie Dessoie, the Huebners, the Lockharts, the Kennys, Carl Phares, the Keenans, and the Broadhursts**.

USCA JUNIOR NATIONAL MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. The Ardsley team playing as the GNCC representative in the championships at Kettle Moraine CC in Hartland, Wisconsin won four games and lost five games. Three of the five games were lost by just 1 point and a fourth by just 2 points. The team beat Washington, North Dakota, Michigan and Illinois and lost to Wisconsin I and II, Minnesota, Nebraska and Alaska. The five teams that defeated Ardsley were all in the semi-finals. The five members of the team are **Dave Falco (skip), John Soares (vice-skip), Tim Wilson (second), Rob McKay (lead)** and **Dan Brennan (alternate)**. **Jennifer Laurie** is their coach. The team won the Curtis Cup, the Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to all !!! Incidentally, they expect to curl in the Douglas International.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

- 1) March 23rd (tentative) - Annual membership meeting
- 2) March 29th - Ardsley has extended an invitation to Nutmeg curlers to join us for the day. Times and programs have not yet been formulated.
- 3) April 4th - Pull the Plug Party.

TEENAGE CURLING. The program continues to be a success with approximately 17 - 19 young curlers showing up every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. for two hours of curling and instruction. The group is separated by age with the older children forming two teams on one sheet, a younger group playing a game on a second sheet, and the youngest children receiving instruction on the third sheet. **Bob Welch** is the leader of this program and he is being helped by **Bill Borowitz, Paul Mort, Jeff & Laureen Paul, Heather Kenny, Don Torey, Lee Heffner, George Austin** and **Bob Hill**.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS MARCH 2ND !!!!! Please mail, fax or call your material to me by that date. Skips going out of town to bonspiels would be very helpful if they would call me and give me a record of their wins and losses and any other newsworthy information.

Bob Hill (914-944-7009)

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ICE HOUSE GANG REGAINS TROPHY. On Friday, the 13th of February, seventeen curlers from Ardsley traveled to Nutmeg CC to compete in the second half of the traditional Ice House Gang vs. the Good Old Boys contest. The first games were held at Ardsley in December. This is a contest for senior men - those 55 years of age and older. The final standing is based on total points scored in both competitions. **Geoff Broadhurst** skipped our #1 team to a tie with Nutmeg #1, 6-6. Curling with **Geoff** were **Isa Barghout, Carl Honzak, John Keenan, Bill Borowitz** and **Bill Versfelt**. **Ed Godbold**, skipping Ardsley #2, lost his match to Nutmeg by a score of 9-2. We must remember, however, that in the December match **Ed** won by a score of 13-1. Curling with **Ed** on the 13th were **Lee Heffner, Norm Laird, Pete McCuen** and **Jessie Wang**. **George Austin** lead Ardsley #3 to a 7-3 victory over his Nutmeg opponent. Curling with **George** were **Paul Mort, Don Torey, Carl Phares, Bob Hill** and **Bunky Harmon**.

Ardsley won the December games 26-15 and lost the February games 15-20. The final point score was Ardsley 41 and Nutmeg 35. This was the 10th anniversary of the competition with Nutmeg holding a record of 6 wins against Ardsley's 4 wins.

THE 63rd DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL has come and gone and by all standards was a tremendous success. The **Baggetts, Walter and Lillie**, along with all their assistants, did a great job of organizing and implementing. Twenty-two teams were entered this year and it truly was an international event. One team was from Minsk, in Belarus, The Margarita team was composed of curlers from France, Switzerland and Canada, St. Georges came from Ontario, Canada, and the Turtles CC had Canadians playing at the skip and second position. The U.S. team traveling the greatest distance to curl at Ardsley was the foursome from Chicago. Eight GNCC clubs, in addition to the three home clubs, sent representatives to participate. Curling began on Thursday evening, February 26th, and lasted to Sunday afternoon, March 1st.

The Douglas Medal, awarded to the winners of the first event, went to the Garden State Curling Club skipped by Pete Mitchell who defeated the Ardsley II rink skipped by **Greg Poole**

with **Gerry Scherocman, Ed Siebert and Scott Silverman**. The New York Caledonian Medal was won by **Gert Messing's** St. Andrew's rink of **Bruce Green, Kevin Lockhart and Bob Welch**. The runner-up was the GNCC champion Junior team skipped by **Dave Falco** with **Jon Soares, Tim Watson and Chris Banino** substituting for **Ed McKay**. The third event, The Ardsley Medal, was won by the Margarita CC skipped by Markus Fischer with **Doug Buchanan** filling in at lead. They beat **George Austin's** N.Y. Caledonian team of **Pete Murphy, Mike Murphy and Jim Ajello**.

The fourth event, The Williamson Medal, was won by **Jim Gutekunst's** N.Y. Caledonia II team of **Vic Huebner, Ray LaBrosse and Peter Gutekunst**. They defeated the Cape Cod II team.

Geoff Broadhurst's Ardsley I team with **Bunky Harmon, Paul Mort and Bill Borowitz** made it to the finals of the Mahopac Medal, the fifth event, where they were eliminated by Howie Zwiefel's Plainfield CC team.

The St. Andrew's Medal, awarded to the winners of the sixth event, was won by the Chicago CC. The runner-up was Albany II.

Other Ardsley curlers playing in the Bonspiel were the Ardsley III team skipped by **Walter Baggett**, with **Harry Harper, Kal Sundaram and George Cowles**. **Steve Weppner** curled with Cape Cod I and **Steve Smith** curled with the Turtles CC.

It takes a lot of people to make a bonspiel successful. Only the people who were in charge of the various enterprises are noted here, but all who worked are entitled to a vote of thanks from the club. **Ed Siebert and Pete Murphy** put the Journal together. **Carl Phares**, as we have come to expect, prepared the breakfasts. **Isabelle Mort** arranged for the lunches on Friday and Saturday while **Paul Mort** obtained all the medals. Dinner on Friday night was arranged by **Alison Bankes and Nadja McKay**, while the Saturday night dinner was the domain of **Merle Huebner and Mitzie Wang**. **Arthur Mojo** was the head referee and **Steve Smith, Gert Messing and Chris Banino** kept the ice in great condition. The final lunch on Sunday was arranged by **Jeannette Wang**, and the hor d'oeuvres for the whole weekend were **Kathy Sundaram's** department.

The first Douglas International Bonspiel was played in 1988. This was a combination of the Douglas Bonspiel, which was being played for the 53rd time, and the New York International Bonspiel which was being played for the 13th time. The New York International was played for the first time in 1976 when the Ardsley CC and the New York Caledonia CC and the Mahopac CC decided to merge their two Bonspiels, the Ardsley Bonspiel and the Cuthbertson Bonspiel, into one bonspiel with the hope that it would be easier to attract out of town teams to one bonspiel instead of two.

TWO BROOMS. On January 12th the Ardwick's played the second round of this competition at the Nutmeg CC, the first round having been played at Ardsley on December 5th, 1977. At the end of the first round, Nutmeg led the Ardwick's by a score of 31-18. This time around Nutmeg came away with 19 points to Ardwick's 14 points giving Nutmeg the overall win of 50 points to 32 points. **Pippa Broadhurst** skipped a rink of **Elaine Scherocman**, **Meiko Takaguchi** and **Rosemary Kindler** to a tie against Nutmeg's Joy Noble. **Jean Murphy** with **Pam Siebert**, **Gail LaBrosse** and **Norah Clarke** lost to Jill Owens rink, and **Ann MacMillan** with **Laureen Paul**, **Patti Burns** and **Laurie Frees** defeated Andrea Peterson's Nutmeg rink..

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB HISTORY. In 1973 Joe Ringland, an Ardsley Curler, took it upon himself to write the history of the Ardsley Curling Club from its inception in 1932 to the end of the 1971/72 curling season. Fortunately for Joe, some of the members, and I guess Joe himself, never threw anything away and so he had a store of newsletters, treasurers reports, miscellaneous correspondence, etc. from which to gather all the information he needed. I have been trying to put together the information from 1973 to date so as to bring the history up to date. Unfortunately, the files at the club do not have any information beyond the end of the 74/75 curling season. **Geoff Broadhurst** had most issues of Duck Soup and House Calls beginning with the 90/91 season up through the 96/97 season and I have all the issues for the 96/97 and 97/98 seasons. If any one has copies of any issue of Duck Soup for the 75/76 season through the 89/90 season, please call **Bob Hill** at 914-944-7009!!!

WHO HAS BEEN CURLING AT ARDSLEY THE LONGEST? A careful review of membership rosters indicates that **Lee Heffner** has been curling as a member of the Ardsley Curling Club since the fall of 1964. He was followed in 1966 by **Bob Hill** and in 1967 by **Tony Ficalora**, **Bill Havens**, **Mary Jean** and **John Keenan**, **Jean MacIntosh** and **Burns Patterson**.

THE ARDSLEY OLYMPICS were held at the club on two successive Sundays, February 15th and 22nd. Thirty-nine curlers from Ardsley, twenty-nine curlers from Nutmeg and two unaffiliated curlers (70 in all) made up the twelve teams that competed in the bonspiel.

The Olympics consisted of two six-end games and two four-end games for each team, as well as competitions for Best Front End, Best Vices and Skips and Best Sweeping. Winners were determined by total points, including substantial bonus points for the winners and runners-up in each event.

Team Iceland, skipped by **Scott Silverman**, with **Alice Yeh** and two Nutmeg curlers, **Thane** and **Carol Pressman**, won the Gold Medal. The team amassed a large point total the first

day that carried them to a first place finish despite strong showings by four or five other teams on the second Sunday of the bonspiel.

Team Australia skipped by **Bob Welch** with **Carrie Welch**, **Geoff Broadhurst**, **Dale Strand** (from Nutmeg), **Robin Gestring** and **Bob Hill** won the Silver Medal.

The Bronze Medal went to team Norway skipped by **Diane Muldowney** with **Karl Koss**, **Dean Ford**, **Ann Gauruder** (all from Nutmeg) and **Brian O'Neill** and **Carl Phares**.

The highlights of the special competitions were **Carl Phares'** winning shot in the Best Front End competition and **Trevor Davey's** "hit and roll" shot to the button, only inches from perfection.

The Best Sweeping competition, Ardsley's answer to Ice Dancing, was judged, as the rules required, on the "effectiveness, coordination, innovation, grace and artistic flair" shown by sweepers. Accompanied by the music of Dr. John and others, the competitors swept with the spirit the occasion called for. Teams Norway, Australia and Germany put so much "omph" into their sweeping that the judges, unable to decide which team was best, called it a three-way tie.

The committee thanks all who helped with the planing, the ice, the food, the decorations, the judging and the clean-up. In addition, thanks to everyone who curled in the bonspiel, from the highly skilled to the commendably eager. It was a good party!!!

And especially the club should thank **Rosemary** and **Jim Kindler**, and **Gail** and **Ray LaBrosse** who planned this event and labored to see that it worked from beginning to end.

THE ARDSLEY COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM is open for business again, having been closed for the month of February. The dining room and grill room are open for lunch and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All active members of the Ardsley Curling Club have dinning privileges during the curling season.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (3RD SESSION THROUGH 3/10)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
A1	J. Gutekunst	5	1	A5	Austin	5	1
A2	Silverman	4	2	A6	P. Murphy	3	3
A3	K. Lockhart	2	4	A7	Siebert/Poole	1	5
A4	Messing	3	3	A8	Baggett	1	5

MEN'S LEAGUES

LINC SEIBERT (final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
LS1	Broadhurst	6	3	LS3	Mort	3	6
LS4	McCarty	6	3	LS2	Harmon	2	7

Geoff Broadhurst's team and Jerry McCarty's team are in a tie for first place. A playoff will be scheduled to determine the winner.

WELL'S (through 3/11)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W2	Gutekunst, J.	6	2	W5	Barghout	4	4
W7	Murphy, M.	5	2	W5	Messing	3	5
W1	Smith	4	3	W6	LaBrosse	3	5
W3	Huebner	4	4	W4	Scherocman	2	6

WOMEN'S CURLING

ALL AMERICAN (Tuesday Evening League)

Pippa Broadhurst's team of Patti Burns, Katy Clough and Carrie Welch won the evening All American contest.

ALL AMERICAN (Thursday A.M. League)

Final Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>#Points</u>
#2	J. Macintosh	113
#4	M. J. Keenan	99
#1	J. Glus	97
#3	L. Shortridge-Baggett	91

Curling with **Jean MacIntosh's** winning team were **Noriko Whyte, Marion Cowles and Kris Liddle.**

NEW SMOKING LOUNGE. In the February edition of Duck Soup I credited **Geoff Broadhurst** as being the supervisor of the smoking room construction. I was wrong. It was **Gerry Scherocman**. The walls have been paneled, new lighting fixtures and an exhaust fan have been installed and new sliding doors with windows have been installed inside the old outer doors.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL. There is not much to be reported this time, either because few people went to bonspiels or because they went but did not tell anyone about it. In any event, here's what we know:

Walter and Lillie Baggett with George and Marion Cowles went to the Norfolk CC Mixed Bonspiel on the weekend of February 12-15. They played four games, one on Friday, which they won, and three on Saturday which they lost.

Gerry and Elaine Scherocman and Kitty Davies played in the Border CC mixed and, according to Elaine, had a good time.

Gerry and Elaine Scherocman together with **Ed and Pam Siebert** traveled to Canada to play in the Baie d'Urfe mixed bonspiel. Gerry injured his neck while there but they still came away with a 2-2 record.

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER. Kazuo and Midori Seki have joined as mixed curlers. Their address is 12 Sturgis Road, Bronxville, NY 10708 and their telephone number is 914-779-9240.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00 P.M. in the warm room. Notice of the meeting together with a Proxy has been sent to all members. All members are urged to attend, but if you can not, please sign and return the Proxy. The Board of Directors will report on the financial and membership status of the club. The Nominating committee of **Mary Jean Keenan, Pete Murphy and Scott Silverman**, has nominated three directors for the class of 2001. They are **George Austin, Kevin Lockhart and Pam Siebert.** Kevin and Pam have been serving interim appointments by the Board as members of the class of 1998. Due to a procedural error, the appointment of Pete Murphy to the Board in the previous year was never approved by the full membership. We will therefore be voting for his membership on the Board in the class of 2000.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. As the curling season draws to a close, now scheduled for Sunday, April 5th, there is not too much on the books. However, the **PULL-THE-PLUG PARTY** is set for Saturday, April 4th. This is an affair that should not be missed because it will have to tide you over until next November. There will be curling, there will be eating, and there will be partying. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the warm room.

After that we will have a **CLEAN UP DAY** on Saturday April 18th and then the **CLOSING DINNER** on Friday, April 24th.

THE FINAL ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP will be published in mid April. I would appreciate it if all chairmen and chairwomen would make an effort to get their news to me no later than April 10th. You can call, write or fax it to Bob Hill (914-944-7009)

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CLOSING DINNER

APRIL 24TH

The closing dinner will be held at the Ardsley Country Club on Friday, April 24th. Cocktails at 7:00 PM will be followed by dinner at 8:00 PM. There is a choice of entree: either Filet Mignon or Fillet of Salmon. The price, including complimentary wine at dinner, is \$30.00 per person. Reservations are necessary. If you have already received your notice but have not returned your reservation card, please do so before April 19th. If you did not receive your notice, and wish to attend, please call Mary Jean Keenan at 914-591-7819.

It has always been the practice of the club to present the men's curling awards at the closing dinner. In recent years the ladies and mixed awards have also been presented at this time. Skips of winning rinks are urged to attend with as many of their team mates as possible.

Pete Murphy has asked us to inform you that the "**Rookie of the Year**" will be elected at the dinner. If you wish to nominate anybody for this title, please call **Pete**.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

THE BLANTON. At the end of the regular session **Gert Messing** and **Mike Murphy** were tied for first place, each with a record of 7 wins and 3 losses. A play-off was held in April and **Gert's** team emerged victorious winning the gold medal. Curling with **Gert** were **Jim Gutekunst, Ed Siebert, Norm Laird** and **Brian O'Neill**. **Mike Murphy's** silver medalists were **Steve Smith, Chris Banino, Jerry McCarty** and **Mike McWalters**.

THE LINC SEIBERT. There was a tie in this competition also. At the end of the session, **Geoff Broadhurst's** team was tied with **Jerry McCarty's** team at 6 and 3. In the playoff, **Geoff's** team came from behind and defeated **Jerry's** team in a close match. According to **Jonathan Marshall**, **Geoff** won the game with a phenomenal last shot in the last end. Curling on **Geoff's** team were

George Austin, Jim Kindler and Jonathan Marshall. Curling with Jerry in the Linc Seibert were, Adam Chebetar, Carl Honzak, Jeff O'Donnell and Walter Baggett.

WELLS (Final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W2	J. Gutekunst	9	2	W1	S. Smith	5	6
W7	M. Murphy	7	4	W5	I. Barghout	4	7
W3	V. Huebner	6	5	W8	R. LaBrosse	4	7
W6	G. Messing	6	5	W4	G. Scherocman	3	8

Curling with **Jim Gutekunst's** winning rink were **Geoff Broadhurst, Ed Siebert, Richard Kilsheimer and Brian O'Neill**. The runners-up, **Mike Murphy's** team, consisted of **Pete Murphy, Bill Borowitz, Jim McGinnis and Jeff Lesuk**.

Gerry Scherocman's team of **Walter Baggett, Paul Mort, John Bourhill, and Bill Havens** have joined a distinguished group of curlers who have won the "**Furlined Trophy**", awarded to the last place team.

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (Final Standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
A5	G. Austin	6	1	A3	K. Lockhart	3	4
A1	J. Gutekunst	5	2	A4	G. Messing	3	4
A2	S. Silverman	4	3	A8	W. Baggett	2	5
A6	P. Murphy	4	3	A7	Siebert/Poole	1	6

Playing with **George Austin** were **Isa Barghout, Bob Welch, Jim Ajello and Jeff Paul**. **Jim Gutekunst** had **Kay Sugahara, Brad Sabel and Carol Gutekunst** on his team.

MIXED CURLING (3rd Session)

For the final session of mixed curling the committee juggled the usual line-ups a bit - splitting many couples and assigning them to different teams and introducing some players to the skip position. The winners of the third session were **Bob Welch's** team of **Don Torey, Rosemary Kindler and Robin Gestring**. The runners-up was a team skipped by **Jim McGinnis** with **Vic Huebner, Noriko Whyte and Jeannette Wang**.

Thanks to the **Bankes, Broadhursts, Robin Gestring and Jeff Lesuk, Hodes, Keenans,**

LaBrosses, Carl Phares, and the Welches and others for providing Saturday dinners this session.

Ray and Gail LaBrosse will be the Mixed Curling Chairpersons next season. They will be assisted by **Robin Gestring** and **Jeff Lesuk**.

The medals for mixed curling will be awarded at the closing dinner on April 24th at the Ardsley Country Club. If you were on a team that won a medal, you should certainly try to be there to accept it!!

WOMEN'S CURLING

JUNIOR SKIPS (Thursday A.M. League)

Final Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
#4	Noriko Whyte	3	0	72
#1	Suad Barghout	2	1	68
#2	Marion Cowles	2	1	42
#3	Gail LaBrosse	0	3	40

THE FLAME (Thursday Evening League)

Final Standings

First place was won by **Jean Murphy's** team of **Laureen Paul, Merle Huebner** and **Cynthia Hodes**.

Second place was won by **Liz Murphy's** team of **Patti Burns, Rosemary Kindler** and **Kathy Sundaram**.

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

ANNUAL MEETING. The Active Members of the Ardsley Curling Club, either by proxy or personal vote if they attended, elected the following persons to the Class of 2001 of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting on March 22, 1998: **George Austin, Kevin Lockhart** and **Pam Siebert**. To correct a procedural error in which **Peter Murphy's** appointment to the Class of 2000 was never approved by the full membership, he was elected to that position.

President Vic Huebner submitted his final report in which he briefly discussed some of

the improvements made to the facilities, such as the compressor monitoring system, roof repairs, conversion of the woodshed into a smoking room, the purchase of a new refrigerator and the installation of new broom racks. He also discussed the fact that the club was not able to reduce membership turnover and in fact membership was reduced to 129 active members. Furthermore, the club did not proceed to consider the amendment of the by-laws to qualify for 501(3)(c) status.

He praised the work of the Ice Committee comprised of **Steve Smith, Gert Messing, Chris Banino, Bill Borowitz and Bob Welch** in preparing the ice and keeping it clean and keen. Other members thanked for their contributions to club activities were: the **Kennys and Carl Phares** for the fruit sale, **Bob Welch, Paul Mort, Don Torey and Bill Borowitz** for initiating the Junior Curling program, **Bob and Jinny Hill** for Duck Soup, **Geoff Broadhurst** for keeping watch on what needs to be done to keep our facility in good shape, **Don McKay and Jessie Wang** for upholstering the chairs in the warm room, and to **Ed Siebert and Pete Murphy** for organizing the Douglas International Journal which was a huge financial success.

He also expressed his appreciation to all those members who chaired our special events such as the Turkey Trot, Christmas Dinner, New Years Eve Party, Empire State Bonspiel and the Douglas International Bonspiel.

(Editor's Note: We should not forget that it was the **Vic Huebner**, as President of the club, who was behind each of these committees and kept the club moving for the past two years. His two year term as president is now over and we all owe him a vote of thanks for the time and effort he has devoted to the club).

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS. Following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors met to elect the new officers for the 1998-1999 season. **Pete Murphy** was elected President and **Pam Siebert** was elected Vice-president. **Harry Harper** was re-elected Secretary and **Kevin Lockhart** was re-elected Treasurer.

PULL-THE-PLUG-PARTY. "It was sad, oh it was sad, it was sad when the great ship went down, husbands and wives, little children lost their --" Well I'm sure you get the idea. The theme of the party was "The Titanic" and many people showed up in costumes, some of whom won prizes. The first prize was awarded to two cadavers, the second prize to a mortician, and a third prize to a lady passenger who was foresighted enough to wear sea sickness prevention strips on her wrists. The cadavers were subsequently identified as **Bob and Carrie Welch** by the mortician, **Ann MacMillan**, and **Marion Cowles** won the third prize for not heading for the windward railing throughout the voyage.

The ship was decorated with life preservers, Titanic posters, and waves on the windows.

Lillie Baggett ran a successful lottery, **Isa Barghout** ran the curling competition and **Pete Murphy** was the M.C.

Isa came up with a novel idea. Not only did we play the "free guard zone" rule for the first four stones, we played it for all sixteen stones. Any rock between the hog line and the house could not be removed from play. It could be moved or promoted, either accidentally, which was normally the case, or intentionally, but could not be knocked out of play. As you can imagine this led to quite a bit of frustration. Twelve teams took to the ice and each played two 4-end matches with the front end reversing positions with the rear end (that doesn't sound right) with the skip and vice-skip every two ends.

Scoring was based on a point count system and the final results were: **Paul Mort's** team of **Lillie Baggett**, **Jeff Lesuk** and **Robin Gestring** took first place with 29 points, **Geoff Broadhurst's** team with **Pippa Broadhurst**, **Brian O'Neill** and **Leo Harmonay** took second place, and **Vic Huebner's** team of **Merle Huebner**, **Kal Sundaram** and **Bob Hill** took third place. **Brian Kenny's** team and **Greg Poole's** tied for fourth place, each with 25 points and **Scott Silverman's** team was in sixth place. All the above skips then competed to see who could draw closest to the button. **Greg Poole** was the closest at 11 1/2 " followed by **Brian Kenny** at 19". All the others were beyond the 19" mark and **Isa**, as Captain of the ship, rightly refused to measure them. After all, rank does have its privileges.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL.

THE P.C.C. STONE, Plainfield C.C. March 12-15.

George Austin, **Gert Messing**, **Gerry Scherocman** and **Jeff Paul** were runners-up in the first event. They consecutively defeated teams from Nutmeg, Philadelphia, Plainfield (a last rock takeout and stay 7-6 victory). In the finals they lost to another Plainfield team skipped by **Don Baird**.

A second team of **Steve Smith**, **Walter Baggett**, **Paul Mort** and **Bob Hayes** (a former Ardsley curler) also entered the P.C.C. Stone. They lost their first game, won the second game and then lost their third and final game.

THE GOLDEN HANDLE, Nutmeg C.C., March 19-22.

We had four teams from Ardsley entered in this mixed bonspiel!

Kay Sugahara, **Jim** and **Carol Gutekunst**, and **Pauline Davies**, with **Kay** skipping and **Jim** throwing last rocks, made it to the finals of the 1st event before losing to a Nutmeg team.

Bob and **Carrie Welch**, with **Bob's** parents, **Terry** and **Jim Welch** from the Chesapeake C.C., won the 4th event.

Gerry and Elaine Scherocman with Ed and Pam Siebert lost in the semi-finals of the fourth event to the **Welch** family.

Walter and Lillie Baggett with George and Marion Cowles lost three games but had a great time.

GREENWOOD MEN'S BONSPIEL, Nova Scotia.

Steve Smith and Walter Baggett, for the eighth time in as many years, ventured to this Canadian Air Force Base to participate in their 42nd annual bonspiel. They were joined by two curlers from the Mayflower C.C. of Halifax, Nova Scotia who have been with them most of the eight years. They won their first three games before losing their fourth which dropped them into the A event consolation. The team won the first match in this event and then, minus Walter, who had to return to New York, went on to win the event

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

CLEAN-UP DAY, Saturday, April 18th beginning at 9:00 AM. Come help put everything away for the summer. Volunteers needed.

SUMMER GOLF OUTING, Thursday, June 4th, at the Ardsley Country Club. All curlers and their spouses are invited to participate. The cost will be \$80.00 per person including lunch and hors d'oeuvres after golf. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM and the shot gun will start at 12:30 PM. **Bill Havens and Mary Jean Keenan** are the co-chairpersons. Reminders will be sent out in May.

ST. ANDREW'S SUMMER PICNIC. Reliable sources have informed Duck Soup that there will be a summer picnic. They just don't know where or when. When the decision has been made, notices will be sent to all curlers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. **Paul and Isabelle Mort** have moved. Their new address is 31-3 Saddle Trail, Ossining, NY 10562. The new telephone number is 914-762-1828.

THE RECIPE CORNER. **Lillie Baggett** asked that this recipe of **Merle Huebner's** for butterflied lamb be published, so here it is. The marinade is made as follows: 2 cloves of garlic crushed in 2/3 cup of oil, 4 tablespoons lemon juice or 1/4 cup of wine vinegar, 1/2 cup chopped onion, 2 teaspoons prepared Dijon mustard, 2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon oregano, 1/2 teaspoon basil, dash freshly ground pepper, 1 crushed bay leaf, crushed mint leaves. Mix ingredients for marinade. Place 1 leg of lamb, boned, flattened, with most of fat removed, in a broiler pan, add most of the marinade and let stand a few hours. Broil over hot coals 45 minutes to an hour,

basting with left over marinade. Meat should be charred outside and pink inside.
If it doesn't turn out well, call **Lillie** or **Merle**, not the editor!

THE WAYWARD CURLER

Who's the stranger, Mother dear?
Look, he knows us; ain't he queer?

Hush, my dear, don't talk so wild;
He's your father, dearest child.

He's my father? Not at all!!
Father died --away last fall.

Father didn't die, you dub
Father joined the Curling Club.

But now the season's closed, so he
Has no place to go, you see:

No place left for him to roam,
That is why he's coming home.

Kiss him - he won't bite you child,
All those curling guys look wild.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS UNTIL NEXT FALL. The next issue of Duck Soup will be out in November 1998. Until then, think of ways to promote curling in this area and attract new members.

If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?