

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Membership Committee, chaired by Jim Kindler, advises that 22 new members have joined the curling clubs following the Open House. They are:

- ✓ **Elyse Albu**, 500 Central Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583 (472-5168)
- ✓ **Peter Austin**, 29 Boulder Trail, Bronxville, NY 10708 (961-7305)
- ✓ **Doug Benson**, 102 Hillside Place, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (332-9102)
- ✓ **Margaret Bryant**, 50 DeKalb Ave., White Plains, NY 10605 (428-1433)
- ✓ **Elaine Eichler**, 47 Old Orchard Lane, Stamford, CT 06903 (203-322-3198)
- ✓ **Thomas Green**, 128 Ashford Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (693-6724)
- ✓ **Yongsoo and Kathleen Ha**, 11 Hollywood Dr., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (674-1059)
- ✓ **Mary Henderson**, 56 Maple Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (693-1164)
- ✓ **Elizabeth Hodes**, 49 Cricket Lane, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (693-6861)
- ✓ **Wolf and Rita Jakubowski**, 7 Horner Ave., Hastings, NY 10706 (478-2792)
- ✓ **Laura King**, 2 Woodchuck CT. West, Norwalk, CT 06854 (203-854-9566)
- ✓ **Roger and Janet Wynn Kubarych**, 3 Erie Street, Irvington, NY 10533 (591-4754)
- ✓ **Bill Malgieri**, 416 Benedict Ave., Tarrytown, NY 10592 (332-9730)
- ✓ **Brenda Moore**, 26 Marble Terrace, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 (478-7358)
- ✓ **Jacqueline O'Rourke**, 9 Johnson CT., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (693-8196)
- ✓ **Kristina Ross**, 5 Tudor City Place, NYC, NY 10017 (212-661-8721)
- ✓ **Jann Sterling**, 10 Hollywood Dr., Hastings-on Hudson, NY 10706 (478-7612)
- ✓ **Glenn and Shari Zimmerman**, 52 Palm Lane, Westbury, NY 11590 (516-333-7255)

Furthermore, four members of the club who have been absent for several years have returned to the fold. They are: **Shoji and Mieko Takiguchi**, 38 Birch Lane, Irvington, NY 10533 (591-3738), **Pat Newman**, 20 Bramble Brook Road, Ardsley, NY 10502 (693-2132), and **Marjorie Zickel**, 74 Villard Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 (478-2584).

### FRUIT SALE

We will all have to look elsewhere for our Christmas oranges and grapefruit this year. Unfortunately our two peddlers, **Carl Phares** and **Heather Kenny**, aren't available to open the store this year. **Carl**, as most of you know, has been hospitalized at Montifiore Hospital and **Heather's** house is being remodeled, forcing the Kenny family to live elsewhere while the work progresses. One bit of good news is that **Carl** has been released from the hospital and is back home.

## COMING EVENTS

**TURKEY TROT BONSPIEL.** November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. For the benefit of our new members, this is an intracub affair. A sign up sheet has already been posted in the warm room. If you want specific information, call Pete Murphy at (914-762-2684)

**SAINT ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Last year this party was cancelled due to an insufficient number of members expressing an interest in attending. That was a shame because the party had always been a wonderful evening affair. As of this date, the fate of the party is unknown.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE.** "The Millenium Bonspiel" has been cancelled. As the date approached, too many people found that they just could not get away during the Holiday Season. Sooooo, we will have our annual party as usual at the curling club. Except it may not be "as usual" this year because **Walter and Lillie Baggett** are putting their thinking caps on to come up with something special!! Watch for more information in our December issue and keep your eyes glued to the bulletin board for more information. In any event, save the date.

**HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL.** February 11-13, 2000

**DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL** February 24-27, 2000. St. Andrews chairs the event this year.

**GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL** March 16-19, 2000

**PULL THE PLUG** April 1, 2000.

## **WE NEED HELP**

This is a club run by the members. It has always been that way and it probably always will be that way. Every program, every league, every special event must have members to run them. If the volunteers don't raise their hands and offer to help out, then things don't get done. And if they don't get done then all the members suffer. Right now, Pete Murphy is looking for someone to assume the Chairmanship of the House Committee. This has nothing to do with the ice. Its responsibilities are limited to everything on the other side of the glass such as the warm room and the basement. The committee needs several people. If you are interested please call Pete.

The Headless Horseman is coming up later this winter. At the moment no one has volunteered to run it. It's not a big job but it does take advance planning so the need is there right now for someone to say, "I'll do it"

I'm sure there are other positions open so why not step in and lend a hand. It will be greatly appreciated and let Pete get a good nights sleep. Remember you don't have to wait to be asked!



## CURLING DATA SHEETS

It's amazing the number of people who don't return the information sheets that the club sends out each September. The information on those sheets helps the curling chairmen make up the teams, helps the roster chairman make up the roster (yes, there will be one this year), enables us to keep the address list up to date for the mailing of Duck Soup and other special mailings, enables the Country Club to assign account numbers to be used at the bar and dining room, and helps the Treasurer with his billing of the members. At this late date, with curling already started, we have yet to hear from many members. We have had to phone many people to find out if they are curling.

All of the bills have been mailed. If you have not received your bill, it means that we don't know if you still want to belong to the club, even as an Associate Member, and will shortly have to remove your name from the books. So, please call Bob Hill (914-944-7009) and let him know your status!

## GNCC ICELESS BONSPIEL

The first Grand National Curling Club Iceless Bonspiel and Annual Meeting to be held at the Ardsley Curling Club took place on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The games, golf, lawn bowling and quoits, were played on Friday and the annual meetings and banquet were held on Saturday at the Ardsley Country Club.

Peggy Hatch, a former Nutmeg Curler, was inducted as the new President of the GNCC. **Ed Brandt**, a former Ardsley curler, was presented with a plaque in recognition of his many contributions to the sport.

**Geoff Broadhurst** and **Pete Mitchell** conducted a seminar on marketing on Saturday morning.

Winners of the sports events were: Tom Garber and Bill Rotton of the Utica C.C. won the Ardsley Bowl (low net). **Burns Patterson** won the prize for low gross and closest to the pin. Peggy Rotton (Utica C.C.) won the Buffalo Gals Trophy (low net). **Pippa Broadhurst** won the Glengary Goblet for women's low gross. **Ann Fagan** won the women's prize for being closest to the pin. **Mary Jean Keenan** won the longest drive contest.

In the lawn bowling contest, **Paul** and **Isabelle Mort** won first prize, the Childs Lawn Bowling Trophy, and Ed Ocain, as usual, won the Bell Silver Quoit Medal.

Only forty people attended the banquet. Unfortunately there were not many Ardsley, New York Caledonians, Nutmeg or Saint Andrew's curlers in attendance.

## GNCC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

You may have noticed all the yellow books on the railing to your left as you enter the warm room. These are for you. The book contains a schedule of all the GNCC bonspiels for the 99/00 season, a record of the bonspiels played in the 98/99 season, a list of all the GNCC Curling Clubs and their officers, and finally, a description of the "Rules of Play". All members of the curling club in 98/99 should find one with their name on it. Unfortunately, there are not copies for members who have just joined the club.

## BASIC ETIQUETTE FOR CURLERS

In order for all players to enjoy the game of curling, the following rules of etiquette should be observed.

- 1) Be on time! All players should be ready to go on the ice at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- 2) If you are unable to curl a specific game, notify your skip well in advance.
- 3) Please help keep the ice clean by wiping your shoes before going on the ice.
- 4) Be ready to deliver your stone when your turn comes. Get into the hack immediately after the preceding player has delivered his or her stone.
- 5) Stand quietly and motionless to the side of the sheet between the hog lines when an opposing player is in the hack preparing to deliver his or her stone.
- 6) After sweeping a stone, sweepers should immediately leave the area of the house and return to the sides of the sheet between the hog lines.
- 7) Be courteous to players on other sheets of ice and do not disrupt their games.
- 8) Should you "burn" a rock (touch a running stone), acknowledge this to your fellow teammates immediately. The rock should be stopped before it hits any other stone.
- 9) Viewers should not disrupt the play of the game with excessive noise or by pounding on the plate glass

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

At the meeting on October 28, 1999 the Board established the following official policy regarding substitutes. An Associate Member is allowed to curl in our intracub bonspiels such as the Turkey Trot, The Headless Horseman, New Year's Eve, and Pull the Plug provided there is room for them. An Associate Member may curl only once as a substitute in regular league play.

There are no restrictions regarding Active Members substituting. It should be noted however that an effort should be made to find substitutes from the same league before going to other leagues.

Under the heading of New Business, Pete Murphy advised that a roster of members would be available by Thanksgiving. He also advised that the N.Y. Caledonians would hold their annual meeting at the club on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

Obviously there is not much to report this early in the season but we have the results of the Cape Cod Women's Summerspiel held on July 13, 1999 at Falmouth, MA. A rink skipped by **Trish Ryan**, with **Nancy Clancy**, **Ann MacMillan** and **Laurie Frees** defeated teams from Schnectady, Duluth and Albany to make the final of the first event, losing that in a tough game to Utica.



Also at Cape Cod for the Mixed Summerspiel were Trish Ryan, Peter DeJong, Jennifer Stannard and Jim O'Boyle. We have no results to publish but **Trish** says they all got nice tans!

**Nancy Clancy** and **Patti Burns** enjoy the summer weather at the Cape so much they went up there before the Women's Bonspiel to play in the Mixed Bonspiel with two members of the Potomac C.C. Three close games left them less than one stone out of the running for the finals, but according to **Trish** they got their consolation at the beach.

### **CURLING CLUB GOLF OUTING**

About 36 curlers from all four clubs met on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for our annual outing at the Ardsley Country Club. Following an excellent brunch the players headed to the course for their 18 hole golfspiel and then returned to the clubhouse for cocktails and awards.

Low gross for the men was won by **Jim Meinhold** while **Mary Jean Keenan** won the prize for women's low gross. **Jim Kindler** had the low men's net and **Jean Murphy** took low women's net. Second low net for the men was **Kay Sugahara** and second low net for the women was **Jean Glus**. Ardsley's over all score was enough to win the trophy.

### **OH WHERE HAS IT GONE?**

A painting by Anne Dudley of two women, one slightly plump in a red dress and holding a drink sitting at a table, the second a slim woman holding a curling broom, standing. The picture was removed for the cleanup in the spring of 1998 and never showed up for the 98/99 curling season. **Ann MacMillan** purchased the picture several years ago and would like to have it back. If anyone knows where the picture is now, please call **Ann** at 914-969-4669.

### **THE LABROSSE'S HAVE RETURNED HOME**

We received a letter from Gail earlier this summer advising that they have returned to Canada. Their current address is 89 Second Avenue, Ottawa ON K1S 2H4. After July 2000 they will be back in their own home at 142 Southern Drive, Ottawa ON K1S 0P8.

### **JUNIOR CURLING**

Our Junior curling program will start on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Please call Jeff Paul (914-591-6988) or Don Torey (914-834-5285) if you have any questions.

## NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The next issue of Duck Soup will go to press on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please send any articles, news and bonspiel results to Bob Hill by that date. The address is 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. You can also phone it in (914-944-7009) aol.com.

## WHO'S WHO AT ARDSLEY

Pete Murphy – President  
Jim Kindler – Vice President  
Pam Siebert – Secretary  
Carl Phares – Treasurer

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Nancy Clancy – Tuesday night ladies  
Norika Whyte – Thursday morning ladies  
Bunky Harmon – Seniors Friday morning  
George Austin – Thorndike (Monday evening)  
Bob Hill – Duck Soup  
Walter Baggett and Lillie Shortridge-Baggett – New Year's Eve



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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To All*

### 1999 TURKEY TROT

Kay Sugahara's team of Kitty Davey, Bill Borowitz and Brenda Moore won the 1999 Turkey Trot held November 26 - 28 defeating Shoji Takaguchi's team of Ann Macmillan, Tom Doherty and Elizabeth Murphy.

In the second event, Joanna Owens, Chuck Owens, Jill Owens and Mary Ann Moore defeated Bunkie Harmon's foursome of Mieko Takaguchi, Jim McGinnes and Margaret Bryant.

The third event saw the Lockharts, Kevin and Mary and the Jakubowskis, Rita and Zack, defeat Trish Ryan, Jennifer Stannard, Jim O'Boyle and Ed Tucker.

Patty Burns, Laurie Frees and Mitzi Wang organized, prepared and served the food.

The turnout this year fell far short of last year's Turkey Trot when twelve teams signed up. This year only eight teams participated.

### ICE HOUSE GANG VS. THE GOOD OLD BOYS

On Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Senior curlers from Nutmeg, otherwise known as the Good Old Boys met the Senior curlers from Ardsley, N.Y. Caledonians and St. Andrew's, otherwise known as the Ice House Gang. All three sheets were filled as three teams from each group, competing in the first of the "here and here" competitions strove for victory. The results were as follows: George Austin's team of Lee Heffner, Don Torey and Bob Hill, after taking an early lead, ended up tied by Bob Will's team of Bill Mack, Jim Meinhold and Dale Strand 7-7. On the center ice Geoff Broadhurst, Tony Ficalora, Carl Honzak and Jessie Wang surrendered an early lead to Dave Noble's team of Vance Ward, Karl Koss and Rene Menzel and lost by a score of 7-6. Meanwhile, on sheet C, Bunkie Harmon, Isa Barghout, Shoji Takaguchi and John Keenan/ Bill Borowitz (each played four ends) lost to Charlie Mack, Dick Montgomery, Bob Reiter and Will Stewart by a score of 9-4.

When you add up all the points, the Good Old Boys, that's Nutmeg, are 6 points ahead of the Ice House Gang, that's Ardsley et al. A second match will be played in March to determine the winner. Last year the Ice House Gang was only 4 points behind at this point and took 5 points in the second match to retain the trophy. Can they do it again? Stay tuned to find out.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, but unfortunately you will not see him at St. Andrew's this year because there will not be a party. Maybe next year.

**New Year's Eve.** Not the Millenium Party as originally planned with curlers flying in from Europe to participate, but our own Millenium party never the less. Lillie and Walter Baggett are planning a festive evening of curling, games, dining and champagne at midnight. Curlers and their non-curling spouses, friends and guests are all invited. There will be a series of two-end curling matches for the curlers and games for all that wish to play.

The party will start at 8:00 PM. The cost is \$35.00 per person, including dinner and champagne.

The sign-up sheet has already been hung, so please put your name on it as soon as possible. This is definitely one New Year's Eve that should not be spent at home alone!

**OPEN HOUSE.** The second open house will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2000 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please call Jim Kindler if you would like to have an invitation mailed to a friend.

**THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN.** This is an intra-club bonspiel that will be held the weekend of February 11-13 at the curling club. All curlers are invited to participate, new curlers, old curlers, active members and associate members. It is a bonspiel, exactly like an out of town bonspiel, except that you don't have to go away to participate. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the warm room and the signees will be assigned to a team. The goal is to get 64 curlers to enter so that we can have a 16 rink 'spiel. There will be a cocktail party, followed by dinner, on Saturday night. Gold and silver medals are awarded to the winners and runners-up of the first two events, The Washington and the Irving. Prizes are presented to the winners and runners-up of the third and fourth events.

**SO, WHEN YOU SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, SIGN UP.**

**65<sup>th</sup> DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL.** February 24-27, 2000. This is an annual Men's Bonspiel that is chaired by St. Andrew's this year. The chair rotates between Ardsley, N.Y. Caledonians and St. Andrew's.

**GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL.** This is Nutmeg's annual Mixed Bonspiel and it will be played at Ardsley the weekend of March 16-19, 2000.

**BULL THE PLUG PARTY.** This is the final party of the year, after which the compressor is turned off and the ice disappears. The date is Saturday, April 1, 2000.



## THE 1999/2000 ROSTERS ARE HERE

Thanks to **Pete** and **Jean Murphy**, the new rosters have been printed and delivered to the warm room. Please take one copy the next time you are at the club.

## WE STILL NEED HELP

The article in the November issue of Duck Soup pleading for help may have done some good. **Jessie Wang** has volunteered to be the House Committee chairman. Now **Jessie** would appreciate it if others would volunteer to help him! Please call him at 914-946-6855 if you can spare an occasional hour or two.

There are other positions waiting to be filled. **The Headless Horseman** needs a chairman and needs one soon!

## A BIT OF HISTORY

**FIFTY YEARS AGO.** It was so warm on December 27, 1949, that curling at St. Andrew's was cancelled. The temperature was 62 degrees. It appears that global warming was a problem even then.

At a special meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club held on November 21, 1949, it was decided that: 1) The membership of the Ardsley Curling Club be limited to thirty-five. 2) The dues for the 1949/50 season are \$50.00 per person.

**FORTY YEARS AGO.** For the seventh time in eight years an Ardsley rink won the district medal. Ardsley, skipped by **Dick Wells** with **B. R. Wood**, **Art Kemp** and **Langdon Hockmeyer**, repeated their success of the previous year.

A quote from the December 11, 1959 issue of Duck Soup reads, "Last weekend will go down in history as one of the worst performances ever given by Ardsley curlers in the Wilds competition. We were able to post only one victory and that was the result of a match between two Ardsley rinks". For those of you not familiar with the history of the Wilds, it was a competition played between the Ardsley C.C., Mahopac C.C., N.Y., Caledonian C.C. and St. Andrew's C.C. at the St. Andrew's Curling Club. In those days fourteen teams competed for the medal and games were played on both Saturday and Sunday.

## HAVE BROOM, WILL TRAVEL

**THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ROSS TARLTON.** This 32 rink annual bonspiel was held November 11-14, 1999 at the Bay View Country Club in Toronto that has six sheets of ice. Sixteen teams from the GNCC competed against a like number of teams from the Ottawa Curling Association. The GNCC rink consisted of **Bunkie Harmon** (Treasurer of the GNCC), **Tom Garber** (1<sup>st</sup> V.P. of the GNCC, Utica C.C.), **Bob Pelletier** (2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. of the GNCC, Potomac C.C.) and **Geoff Broadhurst** (Director of the USCA). This rink had a record of 1 win, 1 tie and 2 losses.

A Nutmeg rink consisting of **Bob Will, Karl Koss, Rene Menzel** and **Dick Montgomery** also made the trip to Toronto. **Bob Will** was rather reticent in talking about their results and would only say, "they enhanced international relations no end".

The Ottawa Curling Association retained the Ross Tarlton Shield by defeating the GNCC by a score of 386 to 304.

In 2000 the games will be played in the USA either in the Albany-Schenectady area or at Lake Placid.

**THE MONCTONIAN BONSPIEL.** Two teams from Ardsley were among the 66 teams entered in the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Monctonian Bonspiel in Moncton, N.B. on November 18-20, 1999. The first team entered under the name of **Paul Mort** (a former Ardsley Curler now living on Cape Cod). This team was skipped by **Walter Baggett**, with **Ed Godbold** at vice, **Paul Mort** at two and **Bob Hayes** (another former Ardsley curler now living in Charleston, S.C.) at lead. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> time Walter and Paul had played in the bonspiel, the 14<sup>th</sup> time for Ed and the 10<sup>th</sup> time for Bob. The team won their first two games and then lost the third and fourth games. This put them in the finals of the Romeo Marine sponsored event (4<sup>th</sup> event out of 10 events) which unfortunately, they lost. However, as runners-up, they were each awarded with clock radios.

The other team from Ardsley consisted of (listed alphabetically) **Chris Banino, Don Garside** (from Toronto), **Jim Gutekunst, Jerry McCarty** and **Steve Smith**. A sixth member joined the team this year, **Mark Edwards** (also from Toronto). They won their 1<sup>st</sup> game, lost the 2<sup>nd</sup>, won the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> games and lost the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**THE CALDER TROPHY, NUTMEG C.C.** **Walter Baggett** skipped a rink consisting of **Ed Godbold, Paul Mort** and **Kal Sundaram** in Norfolk, CT the weekend of December 3-5<sup>th</sup>. All games are 10 ends. Our Ardsley curlers lost their first three games which put them in the "Beer Bash", the 4<sup>th</sup> event which they won on Sunday morning by defeating an Albany team 10-2.

**THE PISCES.** Nutmeg won the most recent Pisces event, a friendly held between Nutmeg and Cape Cod, returning the award to Nutmeg after two straight years of Cape Cod custody. Nutmeggers **Carleton Cleveland, Lydia and Chuck Chinzi, Peter DeJong, Nancy Draper, Charlie Mack, Dick Montgomery, Jim O'Boyle, Chuck and Joanna Owens, Jill Owens, Trish Ryan** and **Jennifer Stannard** all participated. **Paul Mort** and **Archie Bruce** were part of the Cape Cod team.

**FOUNDERS OPEN, PLAINFIELD C.C.** **Jeff Hannon** and **Sally Mackenzie Hannon**, together with two Plainfield curlers played in the Founders bonspiel the weekend of November 11-14. I guess they had a good time but they did not report any scores.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL, PHILADELPHIA C.C.** Three Nutmeggers plus substitutes from Philadelphia, playing as an Ardsley team, entered this bonspiel on the weekend of November 18-21. **Jeff Hannon, Sally Mackenzie Hannon** and **Jill Owens** narrowly missed a berth in the first event finals by winning the first three games and then losing the fourth.



Another foursome from Ardsley C.C., but playing as the Manhattan C.C., were **Kay Sugahara** (skipped but threw 2<sup>nd</sup> rocks), **Jean Murphy**, **Pete Murphy** (threw skips, rocks), and **Kim Freeman**. They won three games and lost two games.

**Nutmeg** entered a team composed of **Trish Ryan**, **Peter DeJong**, **Jennifer Stannard** and **Jim O'Boyle**.

## OUT OF TOWN BONSPIELS

The bulletin board in the warm room has been rearranged. There is one section that is devoted exclusively to Bonspiel Invitations. Anyone interested in going to one of these events is welcome to take the invitation, fill it in and send it off to the host club. Try it, you'll like it.

## BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board has been divided into sections for mixed, men's, women's and bonspiel invitations. Let's try and keep it that way. Special notices can be posted on the board by the front door or on the boards down stairs.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

### MEN'S CURLING

#### THE THORNDIKE (through 12/8/99)

Team	Skip	W	L
T3	A. Flotron	5	1
T10	G. Messing	5	1
T12	G. Scherocman	4	1
T8	P. Murphy	4	2
T5	S. Silverman	3	2
T1	I. Barghout	3	3

Team	Skip	W	L
T4	G. Austin	2	4
T9	J. Gutekunst	2	4
T11	D. Purkey	2	4
T2	H. Purkey	2	4
T6	S. Smith	2	4
T7	W. Baggett	1	5

#### THE BLANTON (through 12/7/99) \*

Team	Skip	W	L
B4	G. Austin	4	0
B1	W. Baggett	4	1
B3	G. Messing	3	1
B5	P. Murphy	3	1
B8	J. Lesuk	3	2

Team	Skip	W	L
B7	J. McCarty	2	3
B10	B. Borowitz	1	3
B2	B. Kenny	1	4
B6	B. Harmon	1	4
B9	J. McGinnis	1	4

- Not all teams have played 5 games as of 12/7

#### THE WILDS (through 12/7/99)

Team	Skip	W	L
W1	G. Austin	2	2
W2	G. Broadhurst	2	2

Team	Skip	W	L
W3	J. McCarty	2	2
W4	I. Barghout	2	2

## WOMEN'S CURLING

### WELLS WICKS (through 12/7/99) Tuesday evening league.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>B</u>
WW7	A. Yeh	3	0	0	WW5	N. Clancy	1	2	0
WW1	D. Purkey	2	0	1	WW6	A. MacMillan	0	3	0
WW3	J. Murphy	2	0	1	WW4	T. Ryan	0	3	0
WW2	D. Muldowney	1	1	1					

### WELLS WICK (through 12/7/99) Thursday morning league

As of 12/7/99 the four teams in this league have only played one game. Two skips, **Mary Jean Keenan** and **Trish Ryan**, have each won one game. The other two skips, **Jean MacIntosh** and **Diane Muldowney**, have each lost one game. The games played in November were played informally and records were not kept. The next issue of Duck Soup will have an up-to-date record of all games played in this session.

## MIXED CURLING NEWS

**Reminder:** The second session of mixed curling begins December 17/18<sup>th</sup>, followed by a two week holiday hiatus. There is a sign up sheet for the Millenium New Year's Eve party in the warm room, be sure to sign up and bring friends and family!. Regular mixed curling will resume the weekend of January 7/8 and continue through January 28/29.

Saturday dinners have been a huge success thanks to those who have volunteered their time and effort in providing the wonderful meals. Thank you **Kim Freeman, Don Torey, Pippa and Geoff Broadhurst, Jeff and Laureen Paul, Brian and Heather Kenny, Mary Jean and John Keenan, Ed and Pam Siebert, Mitzi and Jesse Wang, Elaine and Gerry Scherocman, Hiroshi and Reiko Iwamoto and Joy and Dave Noble.**

**Robin and Jeff** would like to thank one and all for your cooperation and enthusiasm. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday and good curling in 2000!!!

### SUNDAY NUTMEG LEAGUE (through 12/5/99)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
N4	Jill Owens	3	0	N4	C. Owens	1	2
N1	B. Lawless	2	1	N6	J. Owens	1	2
N2	A. Wiggins	2	1	N5	P. DeJong	0	3

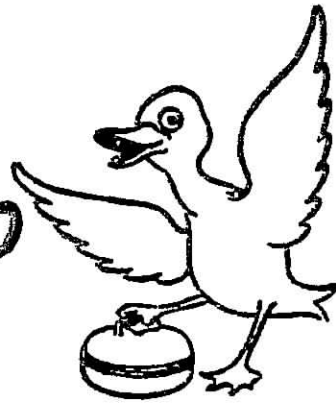
## THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The January issue of Duck Soup will go to press on Friday, January 7, 2000. Please send your copy to me by the 4<sup>th</sup>. My email address is [rdh9e@aol.com](mailto:rdh9e@aol.com). My new fax #, which was not included in the new roster, is 914-944-0003. If all else fails you can call me at 914-944-7009 or write to me at 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

Bob Hill

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### ARDSLEY RECEIVES A 501 (c) (3) DESIGNATION

Thanks to the efforts of **Don McKay**, the curling club has finally received notice from the Internal Revenue Service that we have been designated a 501 (c) (3) organization as of December 16, 1999. The provisions of that designation state that "donors may deduct contributions to you (the club) as provided in section 170 of the code." Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use (the club) are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of the code.

Contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received.

The next step has already been taken. That is to apply to New York State for exemption from state and local taxes.

There are certain obligations on the part of the Ardsley Curling Club to qualify for this designation. Basically the club must develop and promote the Olympic sport of curling, must develop youth programs, junior programs and senior programs that lead to national and international competition.

The club has already received four donations from members, two in the form of "C" Bonds (compressor bonds) and two in cash.

### ARDSLEY YOUTH PROGRAM

**Jeff Paul** and **Don Torey** report that the youth program continues successfully with about 15 curlers appearing on the ice every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 PM. If any readers know of youths that would like to try curling, please call either **Jeff** or **Don**.

### COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM

Members of the curling are reminded that they may use the dining facilities at the Ardsley Country Club during the curling season. At this time of year that is on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. However, the club closes for its seasonal overhaul on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and will not reopen until Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## COMING EVENTS

**OPEN HOUSE.** The second Open House will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2000 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Please call Jim Kindler if you would like to have an invitation sent to a friend.

**THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN** This is an intra-club Mixed bonspiel to be held the weekend of **February 11 – 13.** For curlers unfamiliar with the Headless Horseman perhaps a description is called for. It is simply a bonspiel played on our own ice with only our own members participating. By "own members", I mean anyone curling at Ardsley including New York Caledonians, Nutmeggers, and St. Andrew's members. (Is St. Andrew'sians a word?). It is a three or four event bonspiel with the winners and runners-up of the first two events receiving gold and silver medals and the others receiving prizes.

Everyone is invited to participate – men, women, new curlers, experienced curlers, old curlers and not so-old curlers. Some elect to sign up as couples or foursomes and others sign up individually. The committee, however, reserves the right to break up the foursomes if they feel that the team is too strong. The committee will make up the teams doing their best to come up with a balanced list of entrees.

Depending upon the number of teams entered – and sixteen is the ideal number – competition usually starts Friday evening and continues throughout the weekend with the finals on Sunday afternoon. Every team starts out in the first event, which is called the Washington. Teams losing their first match drop down to the second event, which is called the Irving. And so it progresses. Winning teams stay in the event they just played in and the losers drop down to the next event. Every team is guaranteed at least three games. Eventually the teams that continue losing are eliminated and become spectators while the winners become finalists.

During the weekend there is a dinner served at the curling club, usually on Saturday night, to which all curlers are invited, even those not entered in The Headless Horseman. The dinner, of course, is usually preceded by a cocktail party.

It's a lot of fun and a great way for new curlers to savor the experience of bonspiel curling.

The sign-up sheet will be posted well in advance of the bonspiel, so keep your eyes peeled, and put your John-Hancock down at the first opportunity. Remember it only takes 64 curlers to make up 16 teams and we have about 177 members.

**Alice Yeh and Scott Silverman will chair the event this year.** If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like to volunteer to help, call them at 914-793-6466.

**65<sup>th</sup> DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL** February 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Bob Welch, chairman of the bonspiel, reports that nine teams have already confirmed their entry. Of those nine, two are from the Chicago area, one from Moncton, N.B. and one from Europe. As far as the social affairs are concerned, Kim Freeman has agreed to run the Friday dinner and Isa Barghout will prepare the Saturday dinner. Bob would appreciate calls from other members willing to help out with all the various jobs involved in running a bonspiel.

**GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL** March 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up of local teams for the Golden Handle has been in the warm room since before Christmas. We've reached our quota of 6 local teams plus last year's winners, the Murphy's. The other three teams that

signed up will be placed on a "wait list" and entered if we need them. We would like the curlers on the "wait list" teams to make themselves available as substitutes during the bonspiel.

The committee needs volunteers for the show. No talent is required, but people with agoraphobia are not encouraged to apply. Please call Jennifer Stannard (203-329-7625) if you'd like to help out or look for the sign-up sheet, which will appear soon.

We'd also love some help from people on such mundane duties as sweeping the ice, putting out snacks, writing winners and losers on the score sheet, etc. Please contact Sally (203-846-6100 or [SMAC000@aol.com](mailto:SMAC000@aol.com)) or Trish (203-972-7508 or [TPRISH07@aol.com](mailto:TPRISH07@aol.com)) if you have any time to volunteer the weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. We desperately need people willing to dye their hair - or any other visible body part - green for the 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Trish Ryan*

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB** Although no date has been set, the meeting will take place in March. The Secretary will mail notices to all members.

**PULL THE PLUG PARTY** Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 The final party of the year with dinner and curling. After the last rock has been thrown, the compressor is shut down and

The

Ice

Melts.

As of this date, we are still looking for volunteers to chair this event! If you haven't contributed any time to running the club this year, **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!!!** Call Pete Murphy. Incidentally, the April 9, 1990 issue of Duck Soup reported that 130 people attended the Pull The Plug Party that year.

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### **EDWARD S. HAND, SR.**

It has been quite a few years since Ed Hand curled at Ardsley, and there are probably only a dozen or so members still curling who knew him. His sons have asked that we publish the following notice.

"Family and friends of the late Edward S. Hand, Sr. are gathering on Sunday, January 23, 2000, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club, 14 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale. This gathering is to celebrate Ed Hand's life on what would have been his ninety-third birthday. Ed Hand died on December 30<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness."

Ed Hand was the fourth Ardsley curler to pass away this season. Jim Zonino died on November 9, 1999, Bill Nolan died on November 17, 1999 and Herb MacIntosh passed away on January 1, 2000.

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### **THE BONSPIEL TRAIL**

There were very few, if any, bonspiels during the holiday season but three USCA Playdowns were scheduled.

The 1<sup>st</sup> round of the District 1 playdowns was held at Utica C.C. the weekend of December 17-19. Gert Messing entered his Ardsley team of Gregg Poole, Mike Murphy and Bob Welch. They won 5 games and lost 1 and ended up in second place. A Utica C.C. team,

skipped by Dean Kelly, took first place with the same 5 and 1 record – the difference being that Utica defeated Ardsley. Ardsley is still in the running, however, as their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish puts them in the FINAL SIX playdowns at the Gordon Emmet bonspiel in Schenectady the weekend of January 20-23.

The 1<sup>st</sup> round of the District 3 playdowns was held at the Plainfield C.C. the weekend of January 6-9. Two local teams, playing under the banner of the Garden State C.C., entered the 8-rink event. **Rob Smith** and **Jay Miller** (both from Nutmeg) teamed up with Plainfielders Dave Durrant (skip) and Bill Buchanan to win the "B" section of the draw and advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in Schenectady.

**George Austin** skipped a rink with **Ryan Davis** (Nutmeg), **Jeff Paul** and Keefe Davis (Ryan's brother from the Albany area) to a first match victory over Rochester. They then lost the next game (despite a midway 5-1 lead) to a Pete Mitchell/Danny Steski rink who went on to win the "A" section and a ticket to the next round at Schenectady. **George** and his team were then eliminated in a double knockout competition by a solid Philadelphia team.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS MEN'S CURLING

### THE WILDS (Final standings)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
W1	Austin, G.	4	3	W3	McCarty	3	4
W2	Broadhurst	4	3	W4	Barghout	3	4

George Austin's team and Geoff Broadhurst's team will playdown for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

### THE THORNDIKE (through 1/11/2000)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
T3	Flotron	9	1	T11	Purkey, D.	5	5
T10	Messing	9	1	T1	Barghout	4	6
T12	Scherocman	6	3	T8	Murphy, P.	4	6
T5	Silverman	5	4	T2	Purkey, H.	3	7
T4	Austin, G.	5	5	T7	Baggett, W.	2	8
T9	Gutekunst	5	5	T6	Smith, S.	2	8

### THE BLANTON (final standings)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
B4	Austin, G.	8	1	B2	Kenny	4	5
B5	Murphy, P.	7	2	B7	McCarty	4	5
B3	Messing	6	3	B10	Borowitz	3	6
B1	Baggett	5	4	B6	Harmon	2	7
B8	Lesuk	5	4	B9	McGinnis	1	8

Congratulations to **George Austin's** team of **Bob Welch**, **Ed Siebert**, **Tim Fenton** and **Kevin Murphy**, and also to **Pete Murphy's** team of **Trevor Davey**, **Isa Barghout**, **Jim O'Boyle** and **Peter Austin**.



**FIFTY YEARS AGO** In February of 1950, the Ardsley Curling Club offered to the Grand National Curling Club of America the **Ardsley Bowl** as a trophy for the golf competition at the annual Iceless Bonspiel.

### WOMEN'S CURLING

#### **WELLS WICKS** (Tuesday Evening through 1/11/2000)

Team	Skip	W	L	Bye	Team	Skip	W	L	Bye
WW2	Muldowney	4	1	1	WW1	Purkey	3	2	1
WW7	Yeh	4	2	0	WW5	Clancy	2	3	1
WW3	Murphy, J.	3	2	1	WW4	Ryan	2	3	1
					WW6	MacMillan	0	5	1

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, The Tuesday night ladies held a Christmas Party. They curled four ends, three in the dark, with glow sticks on the stones and skip's brooms. They then adjourned to the warm room where they feasted on delicious hors d'oeuvres, a six foot hero sandwich, salads, and delicious desserts. They borrowed the mixed's Yankee Peddler format for a gift exchange, and had a lot of laughs. Everyone received a Christmas gift, either an ornament or Christmas socks.

#### **WELLS WICKS** (Thursday Morning through 1/6/2000)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
WW4	Muldowney	3	1	WW2	Ryan	2	2
WW1	Keenan	2	2	WW3	MacIntosh	1	3

**Noriko Whyte** reports that the Thursday morning ladies had a wonderful Christmas luncheon at Harvest on Hudson on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### MIXED CURLING

The first session is over and the Mixed curlers are now well into the second session. The winners of the first session are as follows:

First place, with a total of 56.75 points, went to **Isa Barghout's** team of **Robin Gestring**, **Bill Malgiere** and **Elaine Eichler**.

Second place, with a total of 54.5 points, went to **Peter DeJong's** rink of **Jim O'Boyle**, **Mark Bussy**, **Laura King** and **Terry Crandall**.

And finally, in a tie for third place, each with 51 points, were **Geoff Broadhurst's** team of **Pippa Broadhurst**, **David Crowley** and **Diane Ritter** and **Trevor Davey's** team of **Kitty Davey**, **David Hodes** and **Cynthia Hodes**.

**Jeff** and **Robin** wish to remind people that there are still open dates for Saturday night suppers.

### SUNDAY NUTMEG LEAGUE

Scores through 1/9/2000

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
N4	Jill Owens	4	1	N5	P. DeJong	2	3
N1	B. Lawless	3	2	N6	Joanna Owens	2	3
N2	A. Wiggins	3	2	N3	C. Owens	1	4

**NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ARDSLEY** It was not the millenium bonspiel every one talked about last spring, with curlers returning from Paris and London, but we still did have a couple from the Netherlands and four or five from the Norfolk Curling Club. Add another thirty-five or so local people and you have the Ardsley New Year's Eve Party.

Twelve teams played three matches, each two ends, with one half hour between draws to allow for a sociable drink and a delicious steak dinner prepared by Chef **Isa Barghout**, ably assisted by his wife **Suad** and **Mitzi Wang**. I am sure others were involved and I apologize for not including their names – but after all it was New Year's Eve and who can remember?

A Norfolk rink with **Ann Fagan** at lead won the first prize. The runner-up was a rink skipped by **Jennifer Stannard** with **Bob Hill**, **Laurie Frees** and **Kathy Sundaram**. Prizes were awarded to all winners and runners-up.

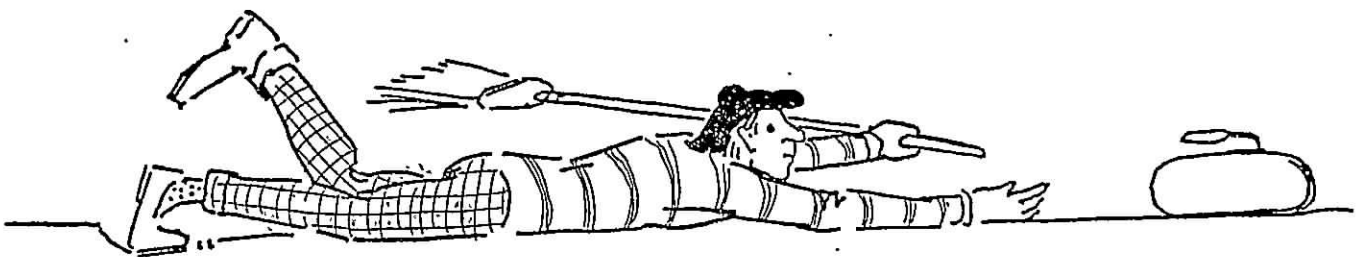
**Lillie** and **Walter Baggett** are to be congratulated once again for chairing this annual party.

### HOG LINE

Where did the term "Hog Line" originate? Your Editor has done a minimum amount of research on the matter but has discovered that Charles E. Funk, author of a book titled "Hog on Ice & Other Curious Expressions", devoted several pages to the expression "Hog on Ice". Mr. Funk states that if one looks in an unabridged dictionary, he will see that in the Scottish game of curling the word "hog" is used to describe a curling stone under certain conditions. That is, when a player does not give his stone sufficient impetus to cause it to slide beyond a certain distance, that stone when it comes to rest is called a "hog". He does not provide an explanation but quotes from the Century Dictionary, published in 1889 as follows: "Origin obscure, by some identified with hog (i.e., swine), as 'laggard stones that manifest a pig-like indolence,' or, it might be thought, an allusion to the helplessness of a hog on ice."

Several pages later Mr. Funk comes to the conclusion that sometime during the early centuries of the game, rules were established that "hogs" must be removed from play if they did not reach a certain point on the ice - the Hog Line.

**THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP WILL GO TO THE PRESS ON FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please send your copy to Bob Hill by February 10<sup>th</sup>. My email address is [rdh9e@aol.com](mailto:rdh9e@aol.com), my fax number is 914-944-0003, my telephone number is 914-944-7009 and my address is 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. Certainly with all those avenues open to you, someone will think to send me some news.



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## THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

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We have reached a mid point of the season and as you read through *Duck Soup*, it has clearly been busy and we still have half of the season ahead of us. Do not hesitate to call me and let me know if you see areas where we can improve. We are always looking for positive suggestions.

My last item is one that is a key to our financial success each year. Please be sure to see what you can do to help.

Once again we will be publishing the 65<sup>th</sup> Douglas International Journal, that is given to each participant in the bonspiel. This publication is vital to our organization and has become our **#1 fund raiser**. The funds we raise for it impacts all the curlers who are curling at the Ardsley Curling Club. We have kept the cost of curling down for the last four years due to the journal publication, so it is in your best interest to go out and beat the bushes and bring in those ads. Please take time to look at the accompanying rate sheet, pick up last year's journal and try to think of a business that would benefit from advertising in the journal. Samples are available to distribute to potential advertisers. You can call me if you need one. **Please help**, all it takes is a few phone calls. Many ads add up to big dollars!

Thanks again for all of your help.



Pete Murphy



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# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN

The 29<sup>th</sup> Headless Horseman Bonspiel was played the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> with 14 teams entered. **Dave Noble** with **Joy Noble**, **Karl Koss** and **Mary Ann Moore** won the Washington (1<sup>st</sup> event) by defeating **Diane Muldowney's** rink of **Tom Doherty**, **Sue Bussy** and **Mark Bussy**. The Irving (2<sup>nd</sup> event) was won by **Isa Barghout** with **Mieko Takiguchi**, **Kal Sundaram** and **Jesse Wang**. They defeated **Shoji Takiguchi's** team of **Patti Burns**, **Tim Fenton** and **Nicole Chapman**.

The Katrina (3<sup>rd</sup> event) final was the closest match of the day. **Pete Murphy's** team of **Ann MacMillan**, **Steve Hess** and **Ann Fagan** eked out a one-point victory over **Bob** and **Carrie Welch** and **David** and **Arlette McLaren**. Tied at the end of the ninth end 7-7, Pete stole one point in the tenth to win the game. The **McLarens** were substituting for the **Zimmermans** who had played the earlier games but were unable to curl on Sunday.

The Graveyard (4<sup>th</sup> event) final was played Sunday morning with **Ryan Davis's** rink of **Heather**, **John** and **Lois Huisman** defeating **Kay Sugahara's** rink of **Ann Gaurader**, **Jim Kindler** and **Brenda Moore**.

The social side of the bonspiel was equally active and featured a lunch and dinner on Saturday at the club and a brunch hosted by **Brian** and **Heather Kenny** at their home on Sunday. **Isa Barghout** and **Kathy** and **Kal Sundaram** prepared the Saturday night dinner, and **Mitzi Wang** and **Pippa Broadhurst** ran the silent auction raising \$1,043.00 for the **Ardwicks**, which will be used to meet the expense of hosting the Empire State Bonspiel in 2001.

**Alice Yeh** and **Scott Silverman** chaired the bonspiel this year and were ably assisted by the **Bussys**

### ARDSLEY RECEIVES "EXEMPT ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION" FROM NEW YORK STATE

Having already received our 501 (c) (3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service, which make gifts to the club tax deductible, the club has now been designated an "Exempt Organization" by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance effective January 24, 2000. This means that the Ardsley Curling Club, Inc. is exempt from paying sales and use tax to suppliers and mechanics. Each seller must be supplied

with a special form that is good for three years unless otherwise terminated. All bills must be made out to the Ardsley Curling Club, Inc.

The exemption does not apply to affiliated or subordinate groups such as the Ardwick's, the New York Caledonians or St. Andrew's. Nor does it apply to officers, members or employees of the Ardsley Curling Club, Inc. Personal purchases made by these individuals are subject to the sales tax.

**The exemption does not cover sales tax on our dues and assessments. Members must continue to pay the sales tax and the club must continue to pay the state.**

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**George and Marion Cowles** have moved to: 308C Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589. Their new telephone number is 914-276-0753 and the fax number is 914-276-0754. Their email is still { [HYPERLINK mailto:geocowles@aol.com](mailto:geocowles@aol.com) }. Incidentally, the recently added piano in the warm room is a gift from Marion and George.

**Dick Montgomery's** telephone and Fax numbers were reversed in the roster. His telephone Number is 203-655-8495 and his fax number is 203-655-1680

**Bob Hill's** fax number, which was not in the roster, is 914-944-0003

If there are other members who have moved, are about to move, or whose data in the roster is incorrect, please let **Bob Hill** know and the new information will be published in the next issue of Duck Soup.

### **COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM**

Just a reminder – The Country Club Dining Room will reopen starting with lunch on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the remainder of March, the club will be open for food service every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### **PAYMENT OF CURLING CLUB BILLS**

With just 1 ½ months to go before the end of the season, there are still seventeen members who have not paid their dues in full. Although this is a small percentage of our total membership, the amount of money is significant when considering that we operate on a tight budget. **IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE MEMBERS WHO HAS NOT YET PAID THE FULL AMOUNT OF YOUR DUES, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHECK NOW!!!!**

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Please hang your coats and hats in the basement. The chairs in the warm room were not meant to be coat hangers. This is especially true during events such as the Douglas International when there are many spectators who may want to use the seats.

It has also been requested that curlers do not change shoes in the warm room and leave their street shoes lying about.

In other words, please leave your stuff in the basement!



## COMING EVENTS

**THE 65<sup>TH</sup> DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL** General chairman **Bob Welch** has at least 20 teams entered at this date and is looking to have as many as 24 before the spiel starts on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a six-event bonspiel with the finals on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served in the warm room on Friday and Saturday nights for curlers and non-curling members. The committee is still searching for volunteers to help with various chores and a sign-up sheet has been placed in the warm room for this purpose. Call **Bob Welch** for information at home (914-366-0144) or at work (203-708-5800).

**THE GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL** March 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the warm room for people interested in lending a hand with the various activities involved in the bonspiel.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The meeting will be in March and notices will be mailed to all members.

**PULL THE PLUG** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. Despite the date, we're not fooling. This is the last day of curling until next fall.

**CLOSING DINNER** The date has not been set, but stay tuned to this station for details.

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL OR HAVE BROOM WILL TRAVEL

**MITCHELL BONSPIEL** Played at the Utica C.C. January 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. **Gert Messing's** team of **Greg Poole**, **Mike Murphy** and **Bob Welch** won their first four games and then lost in the first event finals.

**Walter Baggett** skipped a rink with **Ed Godbold**, **Jim McGinnis** and **Bob Hayes**, losing three games.

**CHESAPEAKE MIXED BONSPIEL** Two Nutmeg teams entered this bonspiel at the Chesapeake C.C. on the weekend of January 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. **Jeff Hannon**, **Sally Mackenzie Hannon**, **Michael Fry** and **Jill Owens** won the 4<sup>th</sup> event. **Trish Ryan**, **Peter DeJong**, **Jennifer Stannard** and **Jim O'Boyle** were finalists in the second event.

## **GORDON-EMMET GNCC MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP and the PLAYDOWNS (THE FINAL SIX) FOR THE USCA NATIONALS**

(**George Austin** was present at the Schnectady C.C. on the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> and supplied much of the following article).

In an exciting and pressure packed new format, the Schnectady Curling Club hosted both the historic Gordon-Emmet GNCC Men's Championship and the men's playdowns for the three spots in the USCA Nationals. Two local rinks qualified for the nationals to be held at Ogden, Utah from March 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> emerging victorious after a six team round robin format replete with tie breaking further playoffs. **Andy Flotron**, **Dave Durrant**, **Bill Buchanan** and **Jay Miller** qualified with a 3-2 record.

**Gert Messing**, **Greg Poole**, **Mike Murphy** and **Bob Welch** qualified for Utah by besting a **Pete Mitchell**, **Danny Steski** rink after a four way tie for the third national spot was created by a spectacular 10<sup>th</sup> end last rock take out by Danny through a narrow port to prevent Utica from going to the nationals outright. **Gert's** rink then came back to knock out Utica in the semi-finals of the additional playdowns. To get to Utica they had to play seven ten-end games in 31/2 days.

In the 16 team Gordon-Emmet Bonspiel, a New York Caledonian rink skipped by **George Austin** with **Jeff Lesuk**, **Jeff Paul** and **Peter Austin** (in his first bonspiel) won the 2<sup>nd</sup> event Emmet medal defeating Rochester C.C. in the finals.. **George** added that the last N.Y. Caledonian rink to win the Emmet medal was 50 years ago and the skip was **Will Cuthbertson**.

#### **46<sup>th</sup> EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL** Utica C.C. January 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Nancy Clancy** skipped a rink consisting of **Trish Ryan**, **Ann MacMillan** and **Patti Burns**. They were runners-up in the second event.

Two other teams out of Ardsley also participated. **Diane Muldowney** skipped with **Terry Welch**, **Noriko Whyte** and **Carrie Welch**. They reached the semi-finals on Sunday morning but were eliminated. The same fate awaited **Jean MacIntosh's** foursome of **Marion Cowles**, **Merle Huebner** and **Terry Crandall**.

Ardsley will host the Empire State next year.

**GOVERNOR'S BOWL** was played for at the Albany C.C. the weekend of January 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. A New York Caledonian rink consisting of **George Austin**, skip, **Ryan Davis**, **Keefe Davis** and **Peter Austin** won the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Governor's Bowl. On their way to the victory they defeated teams from Norfolk C.C, Schnectady C.C., Border C.C. and the defending champion, Charlie McCullough, with his Schnectady rink. **Peter Austin** was in the finals of the "Lead of the Spiel" contest.

**TCC MIXED BONSPIEL** January 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> at The Country Club, Brookline, MA. An Ardsley team consisting of **Geoff** and **Pippa Broadhurst** with **Jim** and **Rosemary Kindler** had one victory, one near victory and, all in all, a grand time at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Mixed International Bonspiel. They report that the hospitality of the folks at TCC, the plentiful food, drink and music and Saturday night skating on the pond made this a first class good time.

**QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL** (From the beautiful Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City by **Jerry McCarty**).

**Steve Smith**, **Jim Gutekunst** and **Jerry McCarty** traveled to the 87<sup>th</sup> (not theirs) Quebec International Bonspiel for a week of curling and fun in late January. The bonspiel was played at three curling clubs with 61 teams entered. Steve joined an old friend,

**Marcus Fischer**, who was skipping the Swiss Margarita Curling Club and needed one more curler. **Two friends joined Jerry and Jim, Don Garside** from Toronto and **Denis Nadeau** from Quebec City. They struggled to survive a week of curling without the bye offered by having the fifth team member. They managed to finish with three wins and five losses.

**Steve** and **Marcus** were more fortunate. They won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the **B** event, a medal and a picture in next year's bonspiel book. This was a great accomplishment for **Steve** (his third year) and **Marcus** (a rookie). They celebrated at the closing dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Chateau Frontenac being serenaded by a 15-piece orchestra. **Jerry** and **Jim** also had their picture taken – with **Denis Nadeau** in his RCMP uniform.

**THE FRANCIS DYKES.** This twenty rink bonspiel for curlers with not more than five years experience was held at the Norfolk C.C. the weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Two teams from here participated. Curling as the Ardsley Curling Club was a team skipped by **Bob Welch** with **Jeff Lesuk, Jeff Paul** and **Jim McGinnis**. They had a record of three wins and two losses. Their last game was tied at the end of eight ends and they were finally eliminated in the ninth.

A St. Andrew's team skipped by **Bill Borowitz** with **Norm Laird, Brian O'Neill** and **Pete McCuen** lost their first game, won the second game and then lost the third Game, leaving ample time to enjoy the party.

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO THIS MONTH** "Ardsley has had a great week of curling. For the first time in its history it has won the Dykes Trophy, in an all Ardsley finish. **Dick Wells**, with **Bob Warner, Victor Hockmeyer** and **Ward Van Alstyne** won the medal in a hard fought match with Ardsley's #2 rink skipped by **W. H. Gish** with **Ash Thorndike, Harold Sothern** and "Grassy" **Grasskamp**. The final match (14 ends) was much closer than the 14-10 score indicated." *This article appeared in the February 5, 1950 issue of Duck Soup.*

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**GNCC SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP** was played at the Nashua C.C. on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Bunky Harmon** lead an Ardsley team consisting of **Ed Godbold, Isa Barghout** and **Don Torey**. They won their first match against **Charlie Mack's** Nutmeg entry, lost their second match to Schnectady #3 (the first event winner), won the third against Nashua #1 and then lost their last match to another Schnectady team. At the banquet a comedian providing the entertainment said that **Isa** looked like Nehru, **Don** resembled Steve Allen and **Bunky** looked like Nikita Krushchev, at which point **Bunky** removed his shoe and started banging on the table.

**George Austin** skipped the New York Caledonian entry with **Pete Murphy, Geoff Broadhurst** and **Vic Huebner**. Their record was 3-1, beating Triangle C.C. (skipped by former Caledonian Ken Cooper), Potomac C.C., and a Nashua C.C. team. They lost to Nashua #2, the 1<sup>st</sup> event runner-up. George reports that **Pete Murphy** honed up on his automobile and mink coat skills while **Vic Huebner** spent his spare time distributing sardines.



Nutmeg was represented by **Charlie Mack**, skip, with **Karl Koss**, **Chuck Owens** and **Vance Ward**. **Charlie** reports that they "were finalists in the semi-finals in the third event (that means we won 1 game out of 4)" They lost to Ardsley in an extra end, lost to Schnectady, beat Triangle (Ken Cooper) by eight stones, and then lost to Philadelphia on the last stone. Her did say the drinks were fine.

Nutmeg is the long time sponsor of this event and the keeper of the trophy and medals.

**PLAINFIELD THRIFTY OPEN BONSPIEL** **Jeff and Sally Hannon** were the 4<sup>th</sup> event winners in this January 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 'spiel. **Clay and Julie Duncan** of Plainfield C.C. played the front end..

**CANUSA MIXED BONSPIEL** Border Curling Club. **Jeff Hannon** with **Sally Hannon** (don't they ever stay home), **Jeff Lesuk** and **Robin Gestring** made it to the finals of the second event before being eliminated this past weekend.

**Trish Ryan**, **Peter DeJong**, **Nancy Clancy** and **Jim O'Boyle** won 2 and lost 2. **Trish** reports that **Gerry and Elaine Scherocman** together with **Ed and Pam Siebert** were also at the bonspiel but she was unable to supply any scores. I tried to reach them but it appears that they have all left town.

**NORFOLK MIXED BONSPIEL** Ardsley was represented in this eight team bonspiel at the Norfolk C.C. the weekend of February 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> by **Walter Baggett**, **Lillie Baggett**, **George Cowles** and **Marion Cowles**. They had a successful 'spiel and were the runners-up in the 1<sup>st</sup> event,

## CLUB COMPETITIONS MEN'S CURLING

### THE THORNDIKE (Second Half as of 2/7/2000)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
<u>Division I</u>					
Austin, G.	3	0	Purkey, D	1	2
Flotron	2	1	Scherocman	1	2
Messing	2	1	Silverman	0	3

### Division II

Barghout	2	1	Purkey, H.	2	1
Gutekunst	2	1	Baggett	1	2
Murphy, P.	2	1	Smith, S.	0	3

### LINC SEIBERT (Through 2/6/2000)

<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	Smith, S.	2	1	LS4	Barghout	2	1
LS2	Broadhurst	2	1	LS3	Harmon	0	3

**THE WELLS** (through 2/10/2000)

Team	Skip	W	L
W7	Austin, G.	4	1
W9	Lesuk	4	1
W1	Huebner	3	2
W2	Smith, S.	3	2
W8	Murphy, P.	3	2

Team	Skip	W	L
W4	Murphy, M.	2	2 *
W3	Broadhurst	2	3
W5	Davey	2	3
W10	Baggett	1	4
W6	Gutekunst	0	4 *

\* Game postponed. To be played at a later date.

**WOMEN'S CURLING****WELLS WICKS** (Thursday morning league – Final Standings)

Team	Skip	W	Pts.	Team	Skip	W	Pts.
WW1	Keenan	3	100	WW4	Muldowney	3	90
WW2	Ryan	3	92	WW3	MacIntosh	1	63

Three teams each had 3 wins so the winner was selected on a point basis. **Mary Jean Keenan's** team, consisting of **Noriko Whyte**, **Jan Connor** and **Mary Tarricone**, with a score of 100 points, was declared the winner.

**WELLS WICKS** (Tuesday Evening – Final Scores)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
WW7	Yea	4	2	WW1	Purkey, D	3	3
WW2	Muldowney	4	2	WW4	Ryan	3	3
WW3	Murphy, J.	4	2	WW5	Clancy	2	4
WW6	MacMillan	1	5				

There was a three-way tie for first place so the final decision was based on points. **Alice Yeh's** team of **Laura King**, **Carrie Welch** and **Margaret Bryant** outscored **Jean Murphy's** team of **Rosemary Kindler**, **Mary Ann Moore** (and a substitute after **Rita Jacobowski** had to drop out). A close third was **Diane Muldowney's** team of **Pam Siebert**, **Susan Bussy** and **Ginny McGovern**.

**MIXED CURLING**

At the end of the second session, four teams were in close competition for the first place position. In fact **Vic Huebner's** first place team led **Geoff Broadhurst's** second place team by just ½ point. The four leading teams and their point counts were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place (54pts)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place (53.5pts)	3 <sup>rd</sup> place (52pts)	4 <sup>th</sup> place (50.25pts)
Huebner, V.	Broadhurst, G.	Kindler, J.	Bankes, R.
Huebner, M.	Broadhurst, P.	O'Boyle, J	Bankes, A.
King, L.	Harper, H.	Frees, L.	Iwamoto, H.
Malgieri, B	Fagan, A	Huisman, J.	Iwamoto, R.
Eichler, E.		Huisman, L.	

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## for Ardsley Curlers



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### PULL THE PLUG

Where has the time gone? Another season is rapidly drawing to a close and it will soon be time to hang up the brooms, put the shoes and sliders away, and watch the ice melt. **BUT** we have one more opportunity to gather – **Pull The Plug on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 P.M.**

The theme this year will be the **“Greatest Fools Party of 2000”**. Costumes are not required but anything foolish could win a prize. If you feel you look foolish enough without a costume then just come as you are – you might still win a prize.

The committee has been hard at work for some time. **Dave and Joy Noble** are chairing the event and will be assisted by **Alice Yeh and Scott Silverman, Katy and Todd Clough, Marion and George Cowles and Don Torey.**

As usual the party will feature some form of curling, dinner, and a celebration of April Fools Day.

The sign-up sheet is in the warm room so add your John Hancock quickly. If you can't get to the club to sign up, call a committee member and make your reservation. Remember, this is it, your last chance to curl this season.

### CLOSING DINNER

Mark your calendars now. The date is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The place is the terrace at the Ardsley Country Club. **Pete Murphy** guarantees good weather and a beautiful sunset over the Palisades. This is the time and place where all you lucky winners receive your medals so be sure and attend. Those of us who did not win anything this past season get to applaud those who did and to enjoy a great dinner and a few drinks with friends.

It is also the time to express your appreciation to **Pete** for serving the past two years as President of the Ardsley Curling Club. His term will have ended and he can now sit back and relax and enjoy curling once again.

Dinner reservation cards will be sent out to all members well before the event.

### GEOFF BROADHURST ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE USCA

At a recent meeting of the United States Curling Association, Geoffrey Broadhurst, already a director, was elected a Vice President of the organization. He will be in charge of Member Services.

## DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL

The 65<sup>th</sup> Douglas International Bonspiel was held at the Ardsley Curling Club from February 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Three teams from Canada, two from Chicago, two from Utica, plus one team each from Albany, Cape Cod, Norfolk, Plainfield, Philadelphia, Schenectady and a combined team from Plainfield/Norfolk made up the out-of-town entries. Three Ardsley teams, one Caledonian team, one St. Andrew's team plus the Turtles, the Bronx team and the Treeline team made up the balance of the 22 teams entered. The Turtles, a team skipped by Steve Smith, was staffed by Ardsley curlers. The Bronx team, skipped by Andre Flotron of Nutmeg, is a GNCC entry in the USCA Men's Nationals. Treeline, skipped by Bruce Green, had Dannie Steski, an Associate member of Ardsley, at vice.

The curling started at 5:00 PM on Thursday and lasted until the finals ended about 4:00 PM on Sunday. Dinner was served Friday and Saturday night in the warm room and lunch was served Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Continental breakfasts were available each day as well.

The **Douglas Medal**, awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> event winner, was won by the Bronx entry, skipped by **Andre Flotron** with Dave Durrant, Bill Buchanan and **Jay Miller**. The runner-up was Utica 2 skipped by Brian Moore.

In the closest of the afternoon finals, Treeline, skipped by Bruce Green with **Dannie Steski**, Duane Rutan and Dennis Mellrup defeated Chicago 2, skipped by Bob Sorensen by a score of 6-5 to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> event **New York Caledonian Medal**. The 10 end final was tied at the end of nine ends 5-5, had two blanked ends, and was won by the last rock when Green drew to the eight foot.

The **Ardsley Medal**, awarded to the third place winner was taken by **George Austin's** Caledonian team with **Davis Yetman**, **Pete Murphy** and **Peter Austin**. The runner-up was **Jeff Lesuk's** Ardsley 3 team, with **Brian Lawless**, **Jeff Paul** and **Tom Doherty**.

On Sunday morning the **St. Andrew's Medal** (4<sup>th</sup> event) was won by the Mayflower Curling Club of Halifax, Nova Scotia (aka The Billy Team) skipped by Rick Wennberg who defeated the Schenectady Curling Club skipped by Shane Longley. **Rob Smith** and **Ryan Davis** curled on this team.

The 5<sup>th</sup> event **Williams Medal** was won by **Tony Steiert's** Philadelphia entry which defeated Camille Villeneuve's Kenogami team. **Tony Steiert** won the Douglas Medal in 1999.

The **Mahopac Medal**, awarded to the winner of the 6<sup>th</sup> event, was won by Ardsley 1 skipped by **Gert Messing** with **Gregg Poole**, **Mike Murphy** and **Bob Welch**. They defeated **Steve Smith's** Turtle team of **Bill Borowitz**, **Jim Kindler** and **Brian O'Neill**.

The bonspiel was a resounding success this year thanks to the hard work of the many members who chipped in and helped. Special thanks to **Isa** and **Suad Barghout** and **Kim Freeman** who coordinated and ran the Friday and Saturday dinners. Also special thanks to **Rosemary** and **Jim Kindler** for Saturday lunch and **Pam Siebert** for Friday's lunch. We can also thank **Cynthia Hodes** for fresh coffee and bagels every morning and **Carrie Welch** for the Sunday brunch. I have a list of 46 additional persons who pitched in and helped run the bonspiel but space precludes printing their names.

Two additional names need to be mentioned. They are **Bob Welch** who was the chairman of this years Douglas International. He started working on this last fall and is still winding down. Running a bonspiel is a hard job and he deserves a lot of credit for the success. The other person, it should go without saying, is **Steve Smith** who, along with his many assistants, insured that we had great ice from the first to the last rock.

## 2000 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Gert Messing** led his rink of **Greg Poole**, **Mike Murphy** and **Bob Welch** to the US National Championships in Ogden, Utah from March 4th to the 11<sup>th</sup>. They lost their first game against Wisconsin I ( which lost in the finals to Wisconsin III), won their second game against Washington, lost their third game to **Andre Flotron's** New Jersey rink, lost their fourth, fifth and sixth games to two North Dakota rinks and the team from Maine and then defeated a Minnesota team in their seventh and final game.

In addition to **Gert's** New York entry, two other teams from the GNCC participated in the nationals. **Andre Flotron** skipped the New Jersey entry with **Jay Miller** at lead. The Maine team was skipped by **Ragnar Kemp**. New Jersey made it to the final 8 and Maine reached the semi-finals only to loose to **Craig Brown's** Wisconsin III rink by a score of 7-5. Wisconsin III then went on to defeat Wisconsin I in the finals.

A highlight program focusing on the 2000 U.S. National Championships will air on Outdoor Life Network at 4:00 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup> and at 1:00 PM EST on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The program is being produced by USA Curling, and will feature commentator Ray Trumbull.

## ICE HOUSE GANG RETAINS TROPHY

On Friday, March 3, 2000, The Ice House Gang (Ardsley's Senior curlers) defeated the Good Old Boys of Nutmeg by a score of 28 to 15, more than overcoming the 6-point deficit they incurred after the first of the two matches played on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Ice House Gang thus retains the prized trophy (actually it's just a wooden plaque but Trophy sounds more impressive) for the third successive year. The overall record now Stands at Ice House Gang 6 and the Good Old Boys 6.

**Geoff Broadhurst** with **Ed Godbold**, **Shoji Takiguchi**, **John Keenan** and **Bill Havens** defeated Nutmegs rink of **Charlie Mack**, **Bill Mack**, **Cleve Cleveland** and **George Cowles** by a score of 7 to 3. **George Austin's** team of **Bill Borowitz**, **Norm Laird** and **Carl Honzak** defeated **Bob Will**, **Vance Ward**, **Karl Koss** and **Don Torey** by a score of 11 to 4. **Bunky Harmon**, **Isa Barghout**, **Peter McCuen** and **Jessie Wang** were victors in a match against **Dave Noble**, **Dick Montgomery**, **Dale Strand** and **Bob Hill**. **Bunky** scored a six end in this match by executing a promote double takeout with the sweeping perfectly called by **Isa**. The final score was 10 to 8.



## TWO BROOMS

This annual competition between the Ardwick's and the Nutmeg ladies was held on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The Nutmeg team of **Jill Owens, Sally Hannon, Joanna Owens and Laura King** defeated Nancy Clancy's rink of **Robin Gestring, Mary Jean Keenan and Heather Huisman**. Alice Yeh's team of **Mieko Takiguchi, Ann MacMillan and Pam Siebert** posted an exciting win over **Ann Wiggins, Allison Antoniow, Sally Bolster and Heidi Follin**. The game was tied after seven ends and Alice had to steal to win in the eighth. **Jean Murphy** with **Alison Bankes, Pippa Broadhurst and Mary Lockhart** won over **Diane Muldowney, Trish Ryan, Jennifer Stannard and Mary Ann Moore**.

The Ardwick's took the trophy for the first time since 1992.

According to **Jean Murphy**, in the last twenty-nine years, the trophy has been won by Nutmeg 21 times, by the Westchester Wicks (the St. Andrew's ladies) 4 times, by the Ardsley ladies (before the Ardwick's were formed) 2 times and by the Ardwick's 2 times.

## THE GOLDEN HANDLE

Nutmeg presented its 37<sup>th</sup> Golden Handle Bonspiel this past weekend, March 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, on the Ardsley ice. Eighteen rinks played in the five-event bonspiel.

The first event, The Golden Handle, was won by The Plainfield Nuts skipped by **Jeff Hannon** with **Trish Ryan, Jeff Paul and Jennifer Stannard**. The runners-up was Nutmeg II skipped by **Brian Lawless** with **Tracy Lawless, Ed Tucker and Jill Owens**.

The Nutmeg Shield, the second event, was won by a team called the N.Y. Nuts, skipped by **George Austin**. **Donna and Hal Purkey** and **Nancy Clancy** made up the balance of the nuts. Considering the number of clubs involved, they should have been the "Mixed Nuts". An Albany team skipped by **Dave Ryan** was the runner up.

The Friendship Trophy, awarded to the winner of the third event, went to **Tony Steiert's** Philadelphia I rink. Former Ardsley curlers **Mike and Betty Beaudrias** played 2<sup>nd</sup> and vice on this rink. The runner up was Philadelphia II skipped by **Norm Stahlheber**. This match was the closest of the three-afternoon finals. It got down to the last rock played in the 10<sup>th</sup> end. Philadelphia II had a chance to tie with one point or win with two but the stone slipped by a guard and then slipped by the lying rock to give the end and the game to Philadelphia I.

Two Ardsley rinks played in the finals of the fourth event, The Rat Race. Ardsley I, the Murphy clan, skipped by **Mike** with **Jean, Pete and Liz**, defeated Ardsley II skipped by **Scott Silverman** with **Alice Yeh and Ed and Pam Siebert**.

The Little Handle, awarded to the winner of the fifth event, went to the Highland Curling Club team skipped by **Warren Brooke**. They defeated Ardsley III skipped by **Jeff Lesuk** with **Robin Gestring, Tom Doherty and Ann Gauruder**.

**Sally Hannon** ran the bonspiel with a committee consisting of **Peter DeJong, Jeff Hannon, Jill Owens** and **Trish Ryan**. **Steve Smith's** ice committee consisted of **Peter DeJong, Trish Ryan** and **Sally and Jeff Hannon**.

The Friday night dinner committee was large enough to add two more rinks to the bonspiel. They were, in no particular order of importance, **Isa Barghout, Dave Noble, Mary Ann Moore, Laura King, Donna Purkey (the spud lady), Lee Mack, Joanna Owens** and **Chuck Owens**.

Saturday night the dinner was held at Rudy's Beau Rivage in Dobbs Ferry. The floorshow, written, produced and directed by **Jennifer Stannard**, had a cast of talented amateurs, whose

Mary Ann Moore and Pam Maher provided the Sunday brunch.

Decade patches for those who have played in 10 Golden Handles were awarded to **Kim Freeman, Jody Law** and **Sue Dyer** of Norfolk C.C.

### THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

The National Men's Senior Championships were played at Curl Mesabi in Eveleth, MN and at the Hibbing Curling Club in Hibbing, MN from February 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of 96 teams from 16 states and 46 curling clubs participated. The oldest curler was 90.4 years of age and the next oldest was 89.7 years of age. The average age of the oldest team was 78.7 while the average age of the two youngest teams was 55.5. Minnesota had the greatest number of teams with 35 while Wisconsin was a close second with 30.

Ardslay was represented by skip **Geoff Broadhurst, Bunky Harmon, Norm Laird** and **George Cowles**. They lost the first two games against teams from Two Harbors CC and St. Pauls CC, both from MN. They then rallied to win their next four games against teams from Anchorage CC, Waupaca CC (WI), Arlington CC (WI) and Wauwatosa CC (WI) to take the 4<sup>th</sup> event (out of 8) in the Seniors Event.

While there they witnessed a rare event – a 1-0 game. There were 7 scoreless ends with the skip who won the toss intentionally blanking each end to keep the hammer. Unfortunately for him, he missed his last shot in the 8<sup>th</sup> end and lost the game 1-0.

**Charlie Mack** lead his Nutmeg rink of **Chuck Owens, Karl Koss** and **Vance Ward** to the quarter finals of the 3<sup>rd</sup> event winning two and losing two on the way. **Charlie** comments that they saw the best in the new 8 sheet \$3,000,000. + Curl Mesabi facility and the not so good in the 7 sheet facility at the Hibbing CC facility. He said that the sheet they curled on would make sheet 3 at the old St. Andrew's facility look excellent. One bit of good news, he said, was that Bud Sommerville was knocked out earlier than they were.

**NO-NUT** An annual "friendly" held by Nutmeg CC and Norfolk CC otherwise known as the "Connecticut State Championship". The No-Nut was held at Norfolk CC this year on March 5<sup>th</sup> and won handily by Nutmeg. In the first round **Brian** and **Tracy Lawless**, with **Ed Tucker** and **Laura King** defeated their Norfolk opponents while **Ann Wiggins, Jim O'Boyle, Jill Owens** and **Carleton Cleveland** narrowly lost to their opposition.

In the next round **Brian Lawless, Dick Montgomery, Karl Koss and Tim Fenton** lost their game while **Diane Muldowney, Tracy Lawless, Sally Hannon and Sally Bolster** won their game.

In the third round, the women's team of **Diane Muldowney, Jill Owens, Jennifer Stannard and Laura King** and the men's team of **Jeff Hannon, Ed Tucker, Jim O'Boyle and Carleton Cleveland** both won their games.

The final score was: Nutmeg 65.25 and Norfolk 35.25.

**CHICAGO:** **Donna Purkey** playing 3<sup>rd</sup> and **Jennifer Stannard** at lead joined a skip from Wauwatosa named Lois Heiden and a 2nd from Kettle Moraine named Janis Duncan to win the second event of a Chicago Bonspiel with a record of 4-1. This was a warmup for Lois, **Donna** and Janis who will be joined by Ann Robertson (TCC) and Ann Brown (Exmoor) in the Senior Worlds in Glasgow.

**USWCA NATIONAL BONSPIEL** **Donna Purkey**, playing with Philadelphia curlers Rosemary Morgan, Peggy Hatch and Saralee Schneck were runners-up in the 4<sup>th</sup> event at the Granite CC in Seattle, WA in February. **Joanna and Jill Owens, Jennifer Stannard and Laura King** were also playing but did not fare as well.

**BROOMSTONES MIXED BONSPIEL** **Peter DeJong, Trish Ryan, Jim O'Boyle and Jennifer Stannard** went to Wayland, MA the weekend of February 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. According to **Trish** "they did not place"

**ALBANY MIXED BONSPIEL** Never ones to give up hope, **Peter and Trish** decided to try another bonspiel the following weekend, This time their front end was **Jim Meinhold and Laurie Frees** and this time they were third event "finalists".

**ROBBIE BURNS THRIFTY BONSPIEL** After looking through the GNCC record of events I found that we missed the **Davey's** entry in this open 'spiel in January. **Trevor and Kitty** with some help from Bill MacDonald and Larry Roedl won the 2<sup>nd</sup> event.

**RAY KAYSER MIXED BONSPIEL** **Jeff Lesuk** skipped a rink with **Robin Gestring** at vice, **Jeff Paul** at 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Ann Gauruder** at lead. They won their first game, lost the second and then won the next three games winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> event. **Jim McGinnis, Margaret Bryant and David and Arlette McLaren** also entered the bonspiel but were knocked out in the semi-finals of the 4<sup>th</sup> event.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS MEN'S CURLING

**LINC SEIBERT** (Through 3/11/00)

Team	Skip	W	L
LS1	Smith	3	3
LS2	Broadhurst	3	3

Team	Skip	W	L
LS3	Harmon	1	6
LS4	Barghout	1	6



**THE THORNDIKE** (2<sup>nd</sup> half as of 3/16/00)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Division I					
Austin, G	7	1	Silverman	4	4
Messing	6	1	Flotron	3	4
Gutekunst	5	3	Purkey, D.	1	7

## Division II

Murphy, P.	6	2	Purkey, H.	3	5
Barghout	5	3	Scherocman	3	5
Baggett, W.	3	5	Smith, S.	1	7

**THE WELLS** (through 3/15/00)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W9	Lesuk	8	1	W4	Broadhurst	4	5
W1	Huebner	6	3	W6	Gutekunst	4	5
W7	Austin, G.	6	3	W2	Smith, S.	3	6
W8	Murphy, P.	6	3	W4	Murphy, M.	2	7
W5	Davey	5	4	W10	Baggett	2	7

**WOMEN'S CURLING****ALL AMERICAN** (Tuesday evening league—as of 3/15/00)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Stannard	3	1	Muldowney	2	2
Purkey	3	1(forfeit)	Ryan	1	3
Murphy, J	3	1	Clancy	0	5
Yeh	3	2			

**CORRECTION:** The previous issue of Duck Soup erroneously stated that Diane Muldowney's team came in third in the Wells Wicks competition. That team came in second, only two points off from Alice Yeh's first place finish.

**ALL AMERICAN** (Thursday morning league – final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
4	Ryan	6	133
3	Muldowney	3	110
2	Keenan	3	107
1	MacIntosh	0	78

The winning team was skipped by Trish Ryan with Noriko Whyte, Jean Glus and Kathleen Ha.



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**CLEAN UP DAY** This is the day when everything is put away for the summer, the floor in the ice area is mopped clean, the kitchen is thoroughly cleaned etc. Watch for a notice on the bulletin board. It usually is two weeks after Pull the Plug.

**ARDSLEY GOLF 'SPIEL:** The date has not been set as of this printing.

**ST. ANDREW'S SUMMER PICNIC:** The date and place have not been determined as of this printing.

## PLEASE PAY YOUR OUTSTANDING BILLS

There are a few curlers with outstanding bills, some to the Ardsley Country Club for bar charges, but most to the Ardsley Curling Club. A very few of these are for the balance of the annual dues and the rest are for the purchase of curling pins.

Statements will be mailed by the curling club within the next week covering these outstanding balances.

## THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP DURING THE 1999/2000 SEASON

The next issue will go to press shortly after the closing dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Any news should be sent to **Bob Hill** by phone at 914-944-7009, by fax at 914-944-0003 or by e-mail at [rdh9e@aol.com](mailto:rdh9e@aol.com).

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club was held on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Peter Murphy presented his annual report, Bob Hill presented the Treasurer's report and the membership report.

Pam Siebert, Secretary of the club, read the names of the nominees for directors in the class of 2003 and they were duly elected. They are Todd Clough, Jeff Lesuk and Ed Siebert.

Following the annual meeting, the directors met to elect the officers for the current year that will end at the annual meeting in 2001. The officers are:

President - Jim Kindler  
Vice President - Ed Siebert  
Secretary - Pam Siebert  
Treasurer - Bob Hill

The Board of Directors is now constituted as follows: Class of 2001 – Jim Kindler, Pam Siebert and Bob Hill, Class of 2002 – Jim McGinnis, Jeff Paul and Lillie Shortridge-Baggett, Class of 2003 – Todd Clough, Jeff Lesuk and Ed Siebert.

Other members of the board are: **Steve Smith** – Chairman of the Ice Committee, **Ed Godbold** – Men's Curling Chairman, **Mark/Susan Bussy** – Mixed Curling Chairmen (only one vote), **Pippa Broadhurst** – President of the Ardwick's, **George Austin** – President of the New York Caledonians, **Bob Welch** – President of St. Andrew's Curling Club.

### PULL THE PLUG

Under the capable direction of **Dave** and **Joy Noble**, approximately 40 curlers and some 20 non-curlers gathered for the Pull the Plug party the night of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ten teams took to the ice to play two sets of two-end games. The rules of scoring were what you might expect on April Fool's day – unusual. Positions were rotated after each end so that each curler played one end in every position. When it was over and the points totaled **Walter Baggett's** team of **Lillie**, **John Huisman** and **Laura King** took first place, **Robin Gestring's** foursome of **Don Torey**, **Bill Malgiari** and **Elaine Eichler**

took second place and **Jim and Rosemary Kindler** with **Jesse Wang and Shoji Takiguchi** came in third.

Several after dinner games were organized by the committee. The "Bump to the Button" contest was won by Phil Stevens, the "Lead's Contest" was won by **Laura King** with **Jeff Paul** a close second, and the Skip's "Draw to the Button – sheet A to sheet C" was won by **Rosemary Kindler**. Her prize was dinner for two at Off Broadway.

In the costume contests, "Best Fools of 2000" was won by **Jim and Rosemary Kindler**. The "Best Fools Hat and Hands" contest was won by **Jean MacIntosh** with the second prize going to **Mark Bussy** and the third prize to **Wolf Jakobowski**. **Bob Welch** won the prize for the most original costume and **George Cowles** won the prize for the most obscene costume.

**Joy Noble, Scott Silverman** and **Alice Yeh** were responsible for a delicious dinner, while **Katy Clough** was in charge of the decorations (and apparently the cleanup, for she was hard at work with a broom Sunday before the annual meeting). **Don Torey** purchased the prizes and **Marion and George Cowles** pitched in wherever and whenever necessary.

## ARDSLEY IS ON THE INTERNET!

The Ardsley Curling Club is finally on the web. You can find it at [ardsleycurling.org](http://ardsleycurling.org). **Mike Murphy** is the webmaster. At the present time, the site contains a history of the curling club, directions on how to get there, a resume of the 1999 Douglas International Bonspiel, and an almost complete roster.

## GOLF OUTING

By this time you all should have received a separate mailing regarding the annual golf outing. All Curlers and their spouses are eligible to participate on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Ardsley Country Club. The day starts off with Brunch at 9:30 AM. Followed by a Shotgun start at 11:00 AM. Prizes will be awarded following the golf.

The entrée fee is \$85.00 per person which includes all golfing fees, prizes and meals. Your check should be sent to the Ardsley Country Club but made payable to the Ardsley Curling Club.

**Mary Jean Keenan** is the chairperson of the outing but all reservations should be made directly with the Ardsley Country Club. If you have any questions, please call **Mary Jean** at 914-591-7819.

## COMPRESSOR BONDS

At the closing dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup>, thirty-three bonds were drawn for redemption. Most of those bond holders have been advised of their selection and their options in redemption – either by check from the club or by a gift from the holder to the club, in which case the holder will receive an income tax deduction under our new 501 (C)(3) designation by the IRS. We do have one problem however. Some of the bondholders are no longer members and have moved from their prior addresses. If any one reading this

knows of the whereabouts of the following persons, please send the information to Bob Hill. Those missing are: **James Ajello, Elizabeth Bourne, Charles Elliot, Peter Hortensius, Steve Hunter, Dennis Nagami, and Tom Reznicek.**

## ARDWICKS ELECTIONS

Just prior to the closing dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Ardwick's met to elect new officers. They are:

President	<b>Pippa Broadhurst</b> (2 year term)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-president	<b>Mary Lockhart</b> ( 2 year term)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-president	<b>Nancy Clancy</b> ( 2 year term)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-president	<b>Kim Freeman</b> ( 2 year term)
Secretary	<b>Marion Cowles</b> ( 1 year term)
Treasurer	<b>Jean Glus</b> ( 1 year term)

## SCOTTISH LADIES TOUR

**Pippa** is already at work on next season's schedule. The Scottish Ladies Tour will be arriving at Ardsley on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The tour returns to the United States every ten years and last played at Ardsley on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1991. The only Ardsley ladies still curling here who played the Scotts are **Kim Freeman, Elaine Scherocman and Jan Conner.**

In connection with the 2001 visit, **Pippa** is looking for homes near the club to billet the ladies. Call her at 591-7356 if you have a room available.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

### MEN'S CURLING

### THE WILDS

The January 14<sup>th</sup> issue of Duck Soup left the Wilds with a tie for first place between **George Austin's** rink and **Geoff Broadhurst's** rink. If there was a playoff, I missed it. There must have been one, however, because **George's** team of **Bob Baensch, Carleton Cleveland and Carl Honzak** were awarded the gold medals at the closing dinner.

### THE WELLS (final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W7	Austin, G.	8	3
W9	Lesuk	8	3
W5	Davey	7	4
W1	Huebner	7	4
W8	Murphy, P.	7	4

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W6	Gutekunst.	5	6
W3	Broadhurst	4	7
W2	Smith, S.	4	7
W4	Murphy, M.	3	8
W10	Baggett	2	9



The tie breaker between **George Austin's** tem and **Jeff Lesuk's** team was won by **George's** team without **George**. In his absence, **Scott Silverman** skipped the team to a 5-4 victory winning it with a take-out and stay with the last shot of the game.

Gold Medal

Austin, G.  
Silverman  
Hodes  
Austin, P.  
Murphy, K.

Silver Medal

Lesuk  
Messing  
McGinnis  
Harmon  
Jakubowski

**THE FURLINED TROPHY**

This is an historic trophy awarded to the last place team in the WELLS COMPETITION. There are many well-known skips on the list of recipients. This year it was "won" by **Walter Baggett** who was assisted by his team of **Jeff Hannon, Harry Harper, Kal Sundaram and Harry Quinn**.

**LINC SIEBERT** (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>
LS4	Barghout	7	1	LS2	Broadhurst	3	4
LS1	Smith, S.	4	3	LS3	Harmon	1	7

**Isa Barghout's** team consisted of **Shoji Takiguchi, Vance Ward and Doug Draeseke**.

**THE THORNDIKE** ( final standings)

<u>Division I</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Austin, G.	9	1	Murphy, P.	7	3
Messing	6	2	Barghout	6	4
Gutekunst	5	5	Scherocman	5	5
Silverman	5	5	Baggett	4	6
Flotron	4	4	Purkey, H.	4	6
Purkey, D.	2	8	Smith, S.	1	9

Those curling with **George Austin** were **Jeff Hannon, Jeff Paul and Ed Siebert**. **Gert Messing's** rink consisted of **Gregg Poole, Mike Murphy and Bob Welch**.

**Pete Murphy** played with **Jean Murphy, Liz Murphy, Steve Hess and Nick Foster**.

**George Austin** was awarded so many gold medals (Thorndike, Blanton, Wells and Wilds) at the closing dinner that the chairman considered hiring police protection to escort him back to his Bronxville home.

## WOMEN'S COMPETITION

### THE ALL AMERICAN (Tuesday evening league – final standings)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
Stannard	5	1	132	Murphy	4	2	93
Purkey	4	2	106	Clancy	1	5	80
Muldowney	4	2	102	Ryan	1	5	69
Yeh	4	2	98				

Jennifer Stannard's team of Mieko Takiguchi, Carrie Welch and Isabelle Quin won outright with a 5-1 record. There was a four-way tie for second based on the win and loss standings but Donna Purkey's team of Liz Murphy, Rosemary Kindler and Cynthia Hodes took second place based on the point count. Diane Muldowney with Laura King, Heather Huisman and Margaret Bryant was a close third.

## MIXED CURLING

The results of the third session of mixed curling were:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Dave Noble  
Joy Noble  
Mary Ann Moore  
Brenda Moore  
Elly Hollander

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Tom Doherty  
Don Torey  
Nick Foster  
Inger Foster  
Elyse Albu

A new medal was struck this year in memory of **Carl Phares, Jr.** who contributed much to the club and to mixed curling. It was awarded to the winning teams in the first, second and third sessions of mixed curling.

## UNITED STATES CURLING NEWS

For those of you who have not been receiving the above paper, or for those of you who do receive it but do not read it, there was an article in the May 2000 issue, which is worth discussing here. **And I hope you read this!**

The article was about the use of the "extender" referred to as the "stick" at Ardsley and many other clubs. The USCA has endorsed the use of the stick for club and bonspiel play in any competition that does not lead to National Championships.

This is important to Ardsley because it can open curling to many people who may have considered it unsuitable for themselves because of back or leg problems. The use of the stick now permits people with those problems to participate in the sport. Our major problem has always been, and probably will continue to be, membership.

Think of all the potential members who have come to an Open House, watched, and perhaps even tried, to deliver a stone using the method demonstrated on the ice, and said "that's not for me with my problems".

So this summer, think back to your friends and acquaintances that have come to the club and gone home without signing up. Call them up and tell them there is a new technique that makes curling similar to "shuffleboard" and invite them back to try again next fall. Tell them you have a friend with two artificial knees who curls and if he can do it, so can they. If they don't believe you, I will even show them my scars!

## SUMMER PICNIC

There will be a picnic this summer at **Steve Smith's** in Mahopac on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be mailed to all members at a later date.

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As I finished writing this issue we had a call from **Bette Fletcher** advising that **Herndon "Fletch" Fletcher** had died on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> in Sarasota, Florida.

**Fletch** was a long time curler at Ardsley – 80 years old – and had been playing golf three times a week until he went into the hospital ten days ago. The **Fletchers** always seemed to win something in mixed events – even with Bette saying what a poor curler she was. **Fletch** had a great sense of humor, held positions at the club over the years and will be missed. He was a very good friend to many of us.

If anyone cares to write, Bette's address is: Mrs. Herndon Fletcher, 4964 Greencroft Road, Sarasota, Florida 34235.

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**THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP UNTIL THE 2000-2001 CURLING SEASON BEGINS IN NOVEMBER.** During the summer break, think about candidates for new members and what else you can do to help the club beginning next fall.