

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Scott Silverman and Alice Yeh, the chairpersons of the Membership Committee, advise that 18 new curlers have joined the club this year. They are:

Mary Lou Banino, Box 119, Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10503
Joseph and Barbara Cannon, 73 Manchester Road, Eastchester, NY 10709
John Elliott, 1 Manse Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583
Jane English, 17 McKinley Place, Ardsley, NY 10502
Elizabeth Hill, 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
Ann Murphy, 60 Kensington Lane, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Cheryl Petcherych, 45-08 40th Street, Sunnyside, NY 11104
Katherine Scanlan, 68 East Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, NY 10530
Richard and Lisa Schreyer, 569 Stonetown Rd., Ringwood, NJ 07456
John Secor, 11 Riverside Drive Apt. EW, New York, NY 10023
Frank Simonetti, 14 Gedney Circle, White Plains NY 10605
Patricia Sementa, 2250 Broadway, Suite 3H, New York, NY 10024
Scott and Jennifer Webb, 8 Peters Road, Riverside, CT 06878
Tsun-cheng Yeh, 30 McKinley Place, Ardsley, NY 10502
Grant Zolkavich, 2250 Broadway Suite 3H, New York, NY 10024

In addition we are pleased to welcome back the following four curlers who formerly curled at Ardsley:

Ellen Ambrose, 73 Manchester Road, Eastchester NY 10709
Paul Huebner, 219 Clinton Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Nadja McKay, 211 Macy Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
Ted Pitt, 525 East 82nd Street Apt 11F, New York, NY 10028

WHO'S WHO AT THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

For the benefit of the new members, and the existing members who might be interested in knowing, here is a list of officers, directors and committee chairmen for the current season.

OFFICERS

President – Jim Kindler
Vice-president – Ed Siebert

Secretary – Pam Siebert
Treasurer – Bob Hill

Member Section

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DIRECTORS

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 DIRECTORS

Steve Smith – Chairman of the Ice Committee; Ed Godbold, Men's Curling Chairman; Mark and Susan Bussy, Mixed Curling Chairmen (only one vote); Pippa Broadhurst, President of the Ardwick's; George Austin, President of the N.Y. Caledonians; Bob Welch, President of the St. Andrew's Curling Club.

OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Nancy Clancy – Tuesday night ladies curling

Mary Lockhart & Merle Huebner – Thursday morning ladies curling

Bunky Harmon – Seniors Friday morning curling

George Austin – Thorndike (Monday night curling)

Bob Hill – Duck Soup

Jeff Paul & Don Torey – Junior curling

Walter Baggett – Grand National Curling Club Representative

WHAT MAKES THE CURLING CLUB RUN

By Jim Kindler, President

There has been a lot of activity at the curling club since the close of the curling season last spring. This summer's events included the annual Golf Tournament, organized by **Mary Jean Keenan**, a coffee for new curlers run by the Membership Committee and a Summer Picnic, held at **Steve Smith's** home on Lake Mahopac on the most (and only) beautiful day in August.

This fall, before the start of the regular season, the club was host to a GNCC Level 2 Ice Clinic, organized by **Sally Hannon** and **Steve Smith**. We also held an Open House over the course of six days under the direction of the Membership Committee chairs **Alice Yeh** and **Scott Silverman**. The Opening Dinner and **Pete Murphy's** Curling Clinic followed the Open House.

Amidst all these goings-on, the club facilities were cleaned and set up for the new season. Thanks are in order for the many members who lent a hand to make these events a success.

One important reason for taking note of these activities is to emphasize that they are all the result of the efforts of club members. As you know, it is the membership itself that keeps the Ardsley Curling Club running. Club members make and tend the ice. Keep the facilities in good repair and run the leagues, bonspiels and other curling and social events at the club. This volunteer effort enables us to keep the club operating while maintaining dues at an affordable level - - and we can always use more help. Any members who have not been involved in one of the standing committees (Ice, House and Facilities, or Membership, for instance) or in the preparation for an in-house bonspiel or other club event are urged to do so this year. We will have a sign-up sheet posted in the warm room for members to register their preferences and areas of interest. Please help out if you can.

FRUIT SALE

There will not be a fruit sale this year at the Ardsley Curling Club.

CURLING INSTRUCTION

Because members were not appearing on Thursday night for instructions, **Pete Murphy** has asked us to advise all curlers that he will be willing to make appointments to meet members at the club for instruction. Please call **Pete** at either of the following telephone numbers to schedule an appointment: (H) 914-591-4064 or (B) 212-314-4004.

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 five minutes prior to the start of the game.
- 2) If you are unable to curl in 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. Do not stand around in the house.
- 7) Be courteous to players on other sheets of ice and do not disrupt their game.
- 8) Should you "burn" a running stone (touch a moving stone with any part of your body or equipment) immediately inform your teammates, stop the progress of the stone before it hits any other stone, and remove it from play.
- 9) Do not cross from one side of the sheet to the other when a player is in the hack preparing to deliver his stone.
- 10) Viewers should not disrupt the play of the game with excessive noise or by pounding on the plate glass.
- 11) More experienced curlers should offer advice and information to beginners. Remember that new curlers have enough problems learning to deliver a stone. Understanding what the skip is calling for and why that shot is called for, will lead to more enjoyment of the game.

- 12) Never criticize a teammate's or opponent's shot. Everyone is doing the best they can.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Turkey Trot. Will be played on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25th and 26th. This is an intra-club bonspiel for both men and women. New curlers are urged to participate in this event. **Jim Kindler** and a committee yet to be named will run the event.

Plainfield Friendly – This is an event that has lain dormant for many years but is now being resurrected. The first of two home and home matches is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd at Ardsley while the second will be played at Plainfield sometime after the first of the year on a date yet to be selected. It is a mixed affair that will start in the morning, break for lunch, and then resume in the afternoon. **Jim McGinnis** and **Margaret Bryant** are running the affair and have already posted a sign-up sheet in the warm room. All curlers, experienced and inexperienced are urged to sign up. The format, as currently planned, calls for four end games.

Christmas Party. The annual (well almost annual) Christmas Party has been moved from St. Andrew's Golf Club, where it was a tradition for many years, to the Ardsley Country Club on Sunday, December 10th. **Jeff** and **Sally Hannon** will be in charge. The plans are not yet complete but cocktails should start at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow. Santa Claus has been contacted but has not yet responded to a request for his appearance with a sack full of gifts for all the good curlers. Each person attending is asked to bring a wrapped gift whose cost should not exceed \$10.00. All curlers and their non-curling spouses and friends are invited. Watch for more information on the bulletin board in the warm room. Call **Jeff** or **Sally** (203-846-6100) if you would like to help.

New Year's Eve. This should really be called "Baggett's New Year's Eve" because **Walter** and **Lillie** run the party every year. We don't have any information yet but should have it in plenty of time for the December issue. However, if the format follows that of previous years, there will be curling, a buffet dinner, more curling and then champagne at midnight. The bar will of course be open, music will be playing and games (other than curling) will be offered. All curlers and their non-curling spouses and friends are invited.

Scottish Women's Tour. They're back! Where does the time go? Every ten years a group of Scottish women curlers travel to this country to compete against U.S. teams throughout the northeast. They will be at the Ardsley Curling Club on Tuesday, January 9, 2001. The last time the Scots visited Ardsley was January 31, 1991. **Jan Conner** and **Nadja McKay**, two of our current curlers, played against the Scots in that match. Our records do not indicate what the final cumulative scores were but a 1991 issue of Duck Soup said the visitors returned to Scotland ahead by some 400 points. **Pippa Broadhurst** is in charge of the event at Ardsley. **Jennifer Stannard** is looking for talent to entertain our visitors. If you can help, please call her at 203-329-7525.

The Empire State Bonspiel. This women's bonspiel is held annually at a curling club in New York State. This year it's our turn and the dates are January 25th to 28th. **Nancy Clancy** is the chairwoman. More information will be available as we approach the date.

The Headless Horseman Bonspiel is scheduled for the weekend of February 9th – 11th. This is an annual intra-club event for all people curling at Ardsley.

The Douglas International Bonspiel will be played at Ardsley from February 22nd to the 25th. This is our annual men's bonspiel and will be chaired this year by **Pete Murphy**.

The Golden Handle Bonspiel is the Nutmeg Curling Club's Mixed bonspiel. It will be played at Ardsley from March 15th to the 18th.

Pull the Plug. The final party and last chance to curl for this season will be held on Saturday, March 31st.

AN EIGHT ENDER

On Thursday night, November 2nd, during the Blanton competition, we had a very rare eight ender at Ardsley. **Brian Kenny's** team of **Steve Smith, Tim Fenton** and **Pete McCuen** were playing against **Jeff Hannon's** team of **Jim Gutekunst, Cleve Cleveland, Shoji Takaguchi** and **Bruce Huffine**. After two ends **Jeff** withdrew from the game because of recent knee surgery turning over the skip's job to **Jim Gutekunst**.

After 7 ends the score was tied 6 – 6 with **Brian** having the hammer (the last rock) in the 8th. When it came time for the skips to throw their last stones, **Jim's** last rock hit a guard in the front of the house and rolled out leaving **Brian's** stones counting. Thinking the game was over **Jim** went to shake hands, only to discover that **Brian** was going to throw his last stone and it was only at that point he realized that **Brian** was already lying seven.

Brian made his shot and scored his eight ender. **CONGRATULATIONS.**

NUTMEG CURLING FACILITY REPORT

By Trish Ryan, Building Committee Chairman

Last January, Nutmeg concluded negotiations for the purchase of a plot of land in Wilton, CT. on which to build a new curling club. Initial meetings with the town representatives from Planning and Zoning and the Environmental Commission were promising. We were given wetlands approval, a significant achievement in Wilton, with no significant modification of our plans. We were, however, denied a variance to build because of the excessive slope of the land, effectively ending our ability to build on this site.

Although the Connecticut curlers are unhappy at the outcome on this site we are not disheartened. A new search has already begun and possible sites are already turning up. If anything, this experience has strengthened our resolve to continue with our goal, to build a curling club in Fairfield County in the near future.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS

Associate Membership in the Ardsley Curling Club is available to any person who has formerly been an Active Member in the Ardsley Curling Club, the New York Caledonian Curling Club, the St. Andrew's Curling Club or the Nutmeg Curling Club. Being an Associate Member entitles that person to charge drinks at the bar while visiting the warm room, to receive Duck Soup, to take part in the club's various social activities and dinners, and when asked, to participate in some of our special events such as the Headless Horseman, the Turkey Trot and Pull the Plug. It does not, however, entitle a person to substitute in any of the regularly scheduled league events.

LOST AND FOUND

At the extreme left end of the clothes rack in the basement is a group of sweaters, vests and jackets that have been hanging there for some years. It is the intention of the club to donate these clothes to some charity if they are not reclaimed shortly. Since some of the sweaters are Ardsley curling sweaters of a type that can no longer be purchased it would seem to me to be a good idea to try one on and if it fits, keep it.

ARDSLEY HOSTS AN ICE CLINIC

By Peter DeJong

Here's to good curling ice at Ardsley thanks to a Level 2 Ice Clinic held there October 13th - 15th. Instructed by Shorty Jenkins, a world renowned Ice Technician who has supervised the making of ice for numerous Canadian National and World Championships, the clinic was three intensive days of hands-on learning and classroom instruction. The ice arena was flooded and painted white, the circles were scribed and painted, and all the appropriate lines were either painted or marked with the laying of acrylic string (looks better than the plastic tape of years past).

A company called Jet Ice was brought in to demonstrate painting techniques and the importance of using purified water to make curling ice. Shorty Jenkins and the Jet Ice representatives offered several tips on making quality curling ice at minimal costs. Shorty also lectured on trouble-shooting and maintaining curling stones as well as pebbling techniques.

A message he repeatedly drilled home to the participants, which should be shared by all, is that a curling club's biggest assets are quality ice and curling stones. Treat them with respect and they'll reward you with great games. Abuse them and they'll rob you on your final shot in the 8th end of a game.

Clubs participating in this clinic included Plainfield, Nashua, Rochester, Norfolk, Nutmeg and Ardsley. Steve Smith, Guy Raymond and Shoji Takiguchi represented Ardsley. Nutmeg participants were **Sally Hannon, Peter DeJong** and **Trish Ryan**.

Hats off to **Trish Ryan** who coordinated the entire event and **Steve Smith** who prepped the ice arena for the clinic.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

Margarita bonspiel. Kim Freeman, Steve Smith, and Lillie and Walter Baggett traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota on the weekend of October 19-22 to attend the first Margarita Bonspiel held on this side of the ocean at the St. Paul Curling Club. The Margarita Curling Club is made up of 175 members, at last count, from 22 countries with established clubs in eleven countries. Our four members made up Ardsley's Margarita contingent.

The Ardsley group lost their first game to a group of Canadian ladies from Lachine. They won their first game in the second event against an Italian team and then the second game against a mix of Canadian and St. Paul curlers. In the semi-finals of the second event Ardsley lost to a father/son/uncle group from Mapleton and St. Paul.

Next year the bonspiel will be held in Hamburg, Germany. Walter reports there is a possibility the event could be held at Ardsley in 2003.

Cape Cod Summer Bonspiels.

The Mixed Bonspiel was played on July 16, 2000. Ardsley was represented by Geoff and Pippa Broadhurst with Jim and Rosemary Kindler. They made it to the fourth event scramble on Sunday before being eliminated.

Trish Ryan, Peter DeJong, Jennifer Stannard and Jim O'Boyle represented Nutmeg. They went 3-0 in their initial draw to make the finals of the second event. Coming back from a 0-6 deficit after two ends, they tied it in the eighth end only to lose to a Broomstone rink on the last rock in the ninth end.

The Men's Bonspiel was played on July 23, 2000. Geoff Broadhurst, Bunky Harmon, Isa Barghout and Bob Hayes represented Ardsley and had a great time while treating their opponents kindly.

The Women's Bonspiel was played on July 19, 2000. Trish Ryan, Tracy Lawless, Jennifer Stannard and Lori Mountford from Madison, WI, represented Nutmeg. Trish reports that they "finished out of the jewelry".

Jill Owens, playing with a Scots Tour Reunions team, was a finalist in the second event.

A team called Chiminutpa for (Chi)cago, (Mi)chigan, (Nut)meg and Philadelphia (pa) won the third event. Donna Purkey played second on that team.

The Perth, Scotland, Reunion of the Wengen Curling Club. Walter Baggett flew to Scotland on September 5th to participate in this bonspiel. The Wengen Curling Club is located in Wengen in the Bernese Oberland of Switzerland. It was founded in 1915 and its membership is predominately made up of Scots and Englishmen. The teams Walter was playing with had a 2-2 overall record.

The Pisces. For the 16th time the Nutmeg curlers and the Cape Cod curlers met, this time at Cape Cod, but in prior years it was sometimes played in Darien. Three teams of Nutmeggers consisting of Sally Bolster, Cleve Cleveland, Peter DeJong, Tim Fenton, Jan and Dick Montgomery, Mary Ann Moore, Jim O'Boyle, Jill Owens, Chuck and Joanne Owens, Donna Purkey, Trish Ryan and Jennifer Stannard, met an equal number of Cape Codders and came away victorious by a total score of 46 - 34.



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Among those curling for Cape Cod were former Ardsley curlers **Paul Mort** and **Archie Bruce**.

BONSPIELS FOR EVERYONE

Walter Baggett sent me an article to include in this issue of Duck Soup regarding bonspiels, which are curling tournaments, and the opportunities to participate in them. Unfortunately I am limited to eight pages per issue and was unable to include it this month. I apologize to Walter and will include it in the December issue.

Walter will post a chart of bonspiels in the warm room so that members can see the schedule and sign up if they are interested in attending any particular 'spiel.

THE FERRAGUZZI DINNER

About a dozen curlers turned out for a dinner at the country club on October 13th in honor of Tom and Mike Ferraguzzi. They have retired from bartending and other duties at the curling and country clubs to devote time to their teaching careers. **Nancy Clancy** and **Jim Kindler** both spoke at the toast/roast portion of the affair; Jim presented a proclamation expressing the curling club's "gratitude to Tom and Mike for their contributions to the club as well as to the sport of curling."

Despite his retirement, Tom has been seen in the warm room recently helping our new bartender, Andrew Garcia.

COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM

All curlers are reminded that, during the curling season, they have dining privileges at the Ardsley Country Club. During the winter months the dining rooms are open for lunch and dinner Friday, Saturday and Sunday. However, the club is closed during the month of February. You can charge your drinks and food using your account number. New members have been assigned numbers by the country club. Until you know your number (you can ask the bartender at the curling club) please print your name on the check.

It is advisable to call the country club to make reservation for dinner (591-8150). Sports clothing is suitable in the grill room but not the main dining room where men are required to wear jackets and ties. Blue jeans are not permitted in the clubhouse at any time.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The December issue of Duck Soup will go to press on or about December 11th. We are always seeking news items to include and so would appreciate your contributions. Please send all news to **Bob Hill** at 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 or fax it to 914-944-0003. You can also e-mail it to me at rdh9e@aol.com.

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THE TURKEY TROT

While many of us were recovering from too much turkey over the weekend of November 25th and 26th, a group of Ardsley and Nutmeg curlers were busy participating in our annual event celebrating that bird. Eight full teams, divided into two divisions, began curling at 2:00 PM on Saturday. By about 9:00 PM that evening each team had curled against every other team in the same division playing five end games. Games were scored on the same point system basis as used in Mixed Curling.

On Sunday all eight teams made the finals. The winning team in each division played in the first event while second, third and fourth place teams played against each other for the other events. These were eight end games.

In the 1st event, **George Austin's** team of **Kitty Davey, Peter Austin** and **Patti Burns** defeated **Bob Welch's** team of **Carrie Welch, Cheryl Petcherych** and **Theresa Welch** (his mother and former Ardsley member). The second event was won by **Bunkie Harmon's** team of **Trish Ryan, Ryan Davis** and **Heather Davis** with **Bill Havens** as a substitute. They defeated **Jeff Lesuk's** team of **Robin Gestring, Shoji Takiguchi, Mieko Takiguchi** and **Mary Ann Moore**.

The third event was won by **Walter Baggett's** team of **Lillie Baggett, Tom Doherty** and **Jean Glus** who defeated **Kay Sugahara's** foursome of **Pam** and **Ed Siebert** and **Nicole Chapman**. The fourth event went to **Jim O'Boyle's** team of **Laurie Frees**, and **Mark** and **Susan Bussy** when they defeated **Jennifer Stannard, Peter DeJong, Ann Fagan** and **Jesse Wang**.

Dinner was served on Saturday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM and brunch was served on Sunday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Jim and **Rosemary Kindler** organized the bonspiel and expressed their thanks to **Steve Smith** and **Bob Welch** for maintaining the ice, and to **Walter Baggett** for collecting the entry fees. They also wish to thank everyone who brought food and helped with the clean-up.

WELCOME TO NEW CURLERS

Four new members have joined the club since the last issue of Duck Soup. They are:

Brent and Margaret Maceachern, 30 Benedict Ave., White Plains, NY 10603
Richard and Lisa Schreyer, 569 Stonetown Road, Ringwood, NJ 07456

AND SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS

There will be another Open House on Sunday, January 21st, from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. **Scott Silverman** and **Alice Yeh** are in charge again so, if you have any questions, please call them at 914-793-6466.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday night, December 10th, the Ardsley Country Club was the site of the first curlers' Christmas Party in several years. **Sally** and **Jeff Hannon** chaired the event with the help of **Trish Ryan**. Fifty-four curlers were present for cocktails, dinner and a visit from Santa Claus, a.k.a. **Kay Sugahara**. Each person attending brought a present for Santa to distribute so that all went home with a gift.

This was the first time the party was held at Ardsley. In previous years it had been hosted by the St. Andrew's curlers at the St. Andrew's Golf Club.

WHAT MAKES A CURLING CLUB RUN

In the previous issue of Duck Soup an article, written by **Jim Kindler**, appeared under the above title. **Jim** was politely explaining that it is the efforts and work of the members that keeps the club operating and that more help is needed. He posted a note and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs in the basement in the hope that volunteers would appear. I checked the sheet on Tuesday, December 4th and was disappointed to find that not one person had signed up.

Of course there are many members at work now and I am sure their services are appreciated. But we need more help. Please don't be shy. If you put your **John Hancock** on a piece of paper it doesn't mean that you will be responsible for running an event. You may end up on a committee helping someone else or perhaps helping with minor repairs or painting around the club. In any event, please consider lending a hand.

DUCK GEAR.

Merle Huebner has just completed the first order of clothing for those of you who signed up. She wants everyone to know that sometime after Christmas another catalogue will be arriving and there will be an opportunity for all to place orders.

2000 - 2001 ROSTER

Pete and **Jean Murphy** have completed the new roster and it will be available in the warm room this week. There is one copy for every member so please take yours with you at the first opportunity.

CLUB COMPETITIONS MEN'S CURLING

The Blanton (through 12/7)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
B1	M. Murphy	5	0	B6	Welch	5	1
B2	Baggett	2	4	B7	Paul	3	3
B3	McCarty	2	3	B8	Banino	1	3
B4	Kenny	2	3	B9	Barghout	1	3
B5	Hannon	2	3				

The Wilds (through 12/2)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
W1	G. Austin	2	1	W3	Harmon	0	2
W2	Barghout	1		W4	Takiguchi	1	1

The Thorndike (through 12/5)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
T7	P. Murphy	5	0	T10	Silverman	2	3
T5	Messing	5	1	T4	Hannon	2	4
T11	Zolkavich	4	1	T9	Gutekunst	1	4
T2	H. Purkey	4	2	T8	Baggett	1	4
T6	G. Austin	3	2	T3	Muldowney	0	6
T1	Barghout	3	3				

Nutmeg Sunday League (through 11/19)

Team	Skip	W	L	Team	Skip	W	L
3	Joanne Owens	2	0	2	Wiggins	1	1
5	Chuck Owens	2	0	4	Jill Owens	0	2
1	B. Lawless	1	1	6	DeJong	0	2

GUESS WHO?



THE SCOTS ARE COMING

The Scottish Lady curlers will be arriving by bus from Boston on Tuesday, January 9th about 11:30 A.M. These twenty ladies start their tour of the United States in Boston on January 5th and will finish in Anchorage, Alaska on the 28th. They will spend a busy two days in our area. Upon arrival at Ardsley they will be greeted by members of the US Naval Sea Cadet Coast Guard bearing flags, drums and rifles after which lunch will be served in the warm room at 12:30. Non-curlers are invited and will be charged \$5.00.

The first three games begin at 1:30 P.M. in which curlers from Chesapeake, Plainfield, Philadelphia and Potomac will oppose the Scots. The second round of games begins at 5:00 P.M. and will feature teams from Ardsley and Nutmeg against the Scots. **Nancy Clancy** will skip Ardsley I with **Alison Bankes**, **Katie Clough**, and **Patti Burns**. Ardsley II will be skipped by **Jean Murphy** with **Lydia Chinzi**, **Liz Murphy** and **Meiko Takiguchi**. Nutmeg's rink will be skipped by **Ann Wiggins** with **Diane Muldowney**, **Joy Noble** and **Trish Ryan**.

Dinner will be served in the warm room at 7:30 P.M. (non-curlers are invited at \$10.00 per person). After dinner the host clubs will provide live entertainment choreographed by **Jennifer Stannard** (she is still looking for volunteers, especially men). The Scots will then take center stage to entertain the colonists.

On Wednesday, January 10th, the ladies will travel to New York City for a tour of the NBC studios, lunch, and sightseeing. They will return to Irvington later in the afternoon in time for a dinner party at **Brian and Heather Kenny's** home.

Pippa Broadhurst is chairing the event at Ardsley and has arranged housing for our visitors in members homes in the area.

The following morning they resume their journey to curl against other GNCC teams in northern New York.

The Scottish Ladies last played at Ardsley on January 31, 1991. Only two games were played at Ardsley that year. Three of the Ardsley members who curled in that event remain active curlers today; they are **Kim Freeman**, **Jan Conner** and **Nadja McKay**. We have no record of these scores but apparently the Scots returned home some 400 points ahead of their U.S.A. hosts after playing a total of 137 games at 19 curling clubs

ARDSLEY PLAINFIELD FRIENDLY

On Sunday, December 3rd, three mixed teams of Plainfield curlers played against a similar number of Ardsley teams. A total of nine games were played of which Plainfield won 5 and Ardsley 4. Although Plainfield won the trophy, they opted to leave it here until the January 14th rematch at Plainfield. Where it remains until next year depends upon the scores on the 14th? **Geoff** and **Pippa Broadhurst** with **Joe** and **Barbara Cannon**, **Shoji** and **Mieko Takiguchi** with **Tom Doherty** and **Guy Raymond**, and **Dave** and **Joy Noble** with **Rick** and **Lisa Schreyer** represented Ardsley.

Jim McGinnis and **Margaret Bryant** were the chairpersons.

ICE HOUSE GANG VS. THE GOOD OLD BOYS

On Friday, December 8th, the Ardsley Senior men, The Ice House Gang, met the Nutmeg Seniors, The Good Old Boys, for the first of their two matches, the second to be played in March. The Nutmeggers took the day by a combined score of 25 to 23. **Bob Will's** team of **Brian Lawless, Doug Draeseke, Rene Menzel** and **Will Stewart** took **Bunky Harmon's** sextet of **Isa Barghout, Pete McCuen, "TC" Yeh, George Cowles** and **Bill Havens** by a score of 11 to 9. On center ice, **Charlie Mack, Chuck Owens, Carleton Cleveland** and **Bruce Huffine** won against **George Austin, Walter Baggett, Lee Heffner, Don Torey** and **Frank Simonetti** by a score of 9 to 7. Meanwhile, on sheet "C", **Geoff Broadhurst, Ed Godbold, Norm Laird, Guy Raymond, Shoji Takiguchi** and **Bob Hill** eked out a two point victory against **Dave Noble, Bill Mack, Jim Meinhold** and **Tim Fenton** by a score of 7 to 5.

After the eight end matches the curlers retired to the Country Club for some liquid refreshment and a superb luncheon.

Prior to Friday's games, the overall record stood at the Ice House Gang 6 and the Good Old Boys 6.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

THE BOSTON CASHSPIEL was played at Broomstones the weekend of November 2nd to the 5th. This was the third Boston Cashspiel and it attracted twenty rinks from around the country and Canada. A team from Ardsley, entered as "New York" and skipped by **George Austin** with **Mike Murphy, Bob Welch** and **Jeff Paul** went 2-2 defeating Ohio (the defending champion) and Utica C.C. but losing to Minnesota, in a tight match, and New Jersey. The New Jersey entry was skipped by **Bill Buchanan** with **Gert Messing, Danny Steski** and **Bill Nichol**. They had a 3-2 record defeating Minnesota, Utica and Ardsley. The eventual winner of the bonspiel was a Canadian rink led by **Danny Steski's** cousins.

THE ROSS TARLETON. This bonspiel was played on November 9th and 10th at the Albany and Schnectady Curling Clubs. The bonspiel pits 16 Canadian teams from the Ottawa Curling Association against a like number of teams from the Grand National Curling Club with the winning side being determined by the total stone count. Each team played four games during the two days.

Ardsley, for the first time in many years, entered a team in the bonspiel. It was skipped by **Walter Baggett** with **Norm Laird, Pete McCuen** and **Bruce Huffine**. **Pete** reports that they got off to a slow start due, in part at least, to **Walter's** having to miss the first match during which they were skipped by an Albany substitute. After that things steadily improved and closed out with a 2 stone win over a strong Toronto team. **Pete** was reluctant to tell us what happened with the second and third games but did admit that their contribution to the total GNCC score was on the negative side.

Nutmeg, a long time participant in the Ross Tarleton, was represented by the team of **Bob Will, Dick Montgomery, Karl Koss** and **Rene Menzel**. While their effort was reported as being about a draw overall, they closed out with a 9 rock gain for the U. S.A. in their last match

Bunky Harmon skipped the GNCC team with Tom Garber (1st VP) Paul Mort (Schedule Chairman) and Bob Pelletier (2nd VP). Their record was 1 – 3 with a net contribution of –5 to the overall score.

The big news was that the U.S. won: GNCC 404 and the OCA 367, the first win for the U.S. since 1994.

THE ACHILLES BONSPIEL was held at the Schenectady Curling Club on November 16th to the 19th. (Also known as the 21st Annual Men's Invitational Bonspiel). A local team skipped by **George Austin** with **Bob Welch**, **Jeff Paul** and **Peter Austin** came away with the coveted Achilles medal as the 1st event winner. Along the route to victory they defeated Montréal West, Plainfield, Canadian Club of Boston and Broomstones in a thrilling final, by a score of 4-3, Saturday night before a large crowd.

THE CALDER TROPHY. The Norfolk Curling Club hosted the 44th annual Calder Trophy Bonspiel the weekend of November 30th to December 3rd. Three teams from Ardsley were among the 14 entered.

A New York Caledonian rink skipped by **Grant Zolkavich** with **George Austin**, **Bob Welch** and **Peter Austin** won the third event, The President's Cup, after losing their first game to Broomstones (by an inch on the last rock) and a tough second game to Norfolk I. They then proceeded to win their next three games against Potomac, Plainfield and Albany.

Walter Baggett's team of **Ed Godbold**, **Paul Mort** and Norfolk curler Hartley Mead defeated Albany, Potomac and Broomstones. This set them up in the finals of the first event against another Broomstones team skipped by Tim Ho. Unfortunately the Baggett team seemed to lose the magic overnight and succumbed to the youngsters from Boston.

A third Ardsley team skipped by **Jeff Hannon** with **Jeff Lesuk**, **Jim McGinnis** and **Mark Bussy** won their first game against the Yetman brothers from the Curling Club of Boston, but then lost the next two games and retired to the bar for games of darts and Canadian dice.

The bonspiel was the largest it has been in recent years. The Saturday night dinner of London broil cooked over an outdoor wood fire was reported to have been delicious.

COMING EVENTS

New Year's Eve. What would New Year's Eve be without the party at the curling club? For those of you who have never attended, **Walter** and **Lillie Baggett** put on a great party. There is curling for everyone who wishes to participate (with the first draw at 7:00PM), a buffet dinner, games, champagne at midnight, and dancing. All curlers and their non-curling spouses, family and friends are invited. The cost is \$35.00 per person and the sign-up sheet has already been posted.

Empire State Bonspiel. This women's event will be held at the Ardsley Curling Club from January 25th to the 28th. **Nancy Clancy** is the chairwoman and is being assisted by **Anne Schneider** and **Jean MacIntosh** in the meals department, **Patti Burns** in

photography and invitations and **Trish Ryan** with the draw. **Nancy** still needs a lot more help. There are still openings in the food department, decorations, welcome kits, hospitality and clean up. Please call her if you can help.

The Headless Horseman Bonspiel This mixed annual intra-club bonspiel will be held on February 9th to the 11th. It is open to all curlers, young and old, experienced and inexperienced, good and not so good, and active and associate members. It is run like a GNCC event with 16 teams (hopefully) with each team guaranteed at least three games. The bonspiel usually starts Friday evening and ends with finals on Sunday afternoon. A cocktail party and dinner will be held in the warm room on Saturday night. Medals are awarded to the winners and runner-ups (runners-up?) of the first and second events, the "Washington and the Irving". It is a great opportunity for curlers who have never participated in a bonspiel to learn what it is like. The sign-up sheets should appear shortly. Curlers may sign up as individuals or couples and a committee will then make up the teams.

The Douglas International Bonspiel This is the Ardsley Curling Clubs annual men's bonspiel. It is a joint function of the Ardsley Curling Club, the New York Caledonian Curling Club and the St. Andrew's Curling Club. It is a combination of the original St. Andrew's Douglas Bonspiel and the more recent Ardsley and New York Caledonian Club New York International Bonspiel. This will be the 66th anniversary of the original Douglas bonspiel. The chairmanship of the bonspiel rotates among the three clubs and this year the honor goes to Ardsley's **Pete Murphy**. The dates are Thursday, February 22nd to Sunday, the 25th.

Last year 22 teams were entered from clubs throughout the northeast, Canada and as far west as Chicago.

The Golden Handle Bonspiel is Nutmeg's annual mixed bonspiel. This year marks the 38th time it will have been played. The dates are set for March 15th to the 18th.

Pull the Plug. This is it, the last day of curling in the 2000/2001 season. After this there is nothing left to do except watch the ice melt, clean the club, take your apparel home and wait 'til next season. The date is Saturday, March 31st.

BONSPIELS FOR EVERYONE

By Walter Baggett

Bonspiel is one of those curling terms whose origin is lost in the mists of time. It clearly refers to some sort of good time or spiel. The modern reality is a curling tournament or competition. Most new curlers know about our in house versions like the Turkey Trot and the Headless Horseman and perhaps even our own local bonspiel, The Douglas International, where we host men's teams from around the world.

What you may be less aware of is the opportunity to attend bonspiels in other clubs. There are many bonspiels - men's, mixed and ladies - held fairly close to home. There are those at the Plainfield CC in NJ, The Philadelphia CC in Paoli, PA. just outside

of Philadelphia, the Albany CC and Schnectady CC just up the Hudson or the Norfolk CC in Norfolk, CT.

All of these events, and many others, are listed in The Grand National Curling Club's 2000-2001 Schedule of events. That is a little white booklet, many copies of which are waiting patiently in the warm room to be picked up by our members.

Knowing when and where to go is simply not enough. You need to want to go and find someone else with the same thought. **Walter Baggett** will post an out of town bonspiel sign-up sheet at the clubhouse. Once that is up all you need to do is put your name down and see whom else signs up and – voila – you may have a team.

Until that time, the best way to get on a team is simply to spread the word around that you are available. Once enough people who normally go to bonspiels are aware of your interest you should be invited to fill out a rink.

DUES REMINDER

At least one half of your annual dues should have been paid upon receipt of your bill. Sadly, there are still quite a few who have not yet paid. The full amount is due on Tuesday, January 2, 2001.

BOB WHITMAN

Bob Whitman curled at Ardsley for many years. He was not only an ardent and serious curler who enjoyed the game, but was also actively involved in the management of the club. He played in all the men's leagues and in the mixed league with his wife Sirkka.

Because of his careful and prolonged study of all the possibilities of each shot when skipping he earned the title of "**Ice Fox**".

We were all saddened to hear that Bob died on November 10, 2000 after a long illness.

BARBARA BOURHILL

Our condolences also go to John Bourhill whose wife, Barbara, died on November 28, 2000 after a long illness.

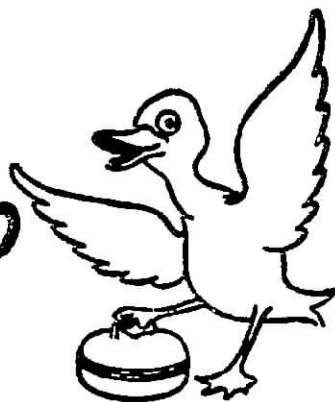
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Mike** and **Sarah Murphy** on the birth of their son, **Tobias**, on December 7th. Of course you know what this does to **Pete** and **Jean** – they are now *grandparents!*

The next issue of Duck Soup will be published on or around January 12, 2001. We eagerly solicit all members for contributions. Send yours to Bob Hill by fax (914-944-003), e-mail (rdh9e@aol.com,) or regular mail to 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

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SCOT'S LADIES TOUR 2001

They were here for only two days, but what a two-day event it was! The five teams of Scottish women curlers arrived at the Ardsley Curling Club on Tuesday morning, January 9th, by bus from the Boston area. While in Boston, they curled at The Country Club, Nashua Curling Club and Broomstones Curling Club. Their flight from Edinburgh to Amsterdam (where they missed the connecting flight and laid over for 22 hours) and then on to Boston did not seem to have had any ill effects on their curling skills for when they arrived at Ardsley they had already outscored their U.S. opponents 150 to 96, a difference of 54 points.

At Ardsley a Color Guard of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets and a throng of Ardsley curlers, host families and curlers from Nutmeg, Chesapeake, Philadelphia, Plainfield and Potomac, greeted them.

After a welcoming speech in the warm room from Ardwick's President Pippa Broadhurst, and a luncheon, prepared by Alice Yeh and Mary Jean Keenan, the first three games commenced. Scottish teams played against teams from Plainfield, Chesapeake/Potomac, and Philadelphia. The game between Scotland and Plainfield was close but was finally taken by the Scots by a score of 7-5. The other two games were never in doubt. Scotland defeated the Chesapeake/Potomac team 17-2 and the Philadelphia team 10-3. The cumulative score now stood at Scotland 184 and the U.S. 106, a difference of 78 points.

The afternoon games pitted three Scottish teams against two Ardsley teams and one Nutmeg team. These games were all close. Nancy Clancy's team of Alison Bankes, Katy Clough and Jennifer Stannard lost to Scotland 7-4. Anne Wiggins' foursome of Diane Muldowney, Joy Noble and Trish Ryan were outscored by just one point, 9-8. Jean Murphy was the heroine of the day! She and her teammates, Lydia Chinzi, Liz Murphy and Mieko Takiguchi won their game by defeating Scotland 9-3.

Now, with the curling finished, Scotland had accumulated 203 points against the U.S. total of 127 points, a spread of 76 points.

Dinner Tuesday evening (again organized by Alice Yeh and Mary Jean Keenan) was served in the warm room and followed by a Jennifer Stannard Production consisting of Ardsley and Nutmeg ladies, colorfully costumed and singing humorous curling songs sung to old favorite tunes. Their grand finale had a group of male curlers sweeping gracefully and dancing "not so gracefully" while attired in shorts, blinking bow ties and white top hats, all the while trying to keep time to the song "One Singular Sensation". Fortunately, no one was physically injured (their pride may have been hurt, however) and the dancers were able to exit quickly and turn the entertainment over to the Scottish ladies who obviously were much better prepared than the men.

The Scots had a day off on Wednesday and took a morning train to New York City where they had a tour of the NBC studios, took helicopter rides over New York, did some shopping and ate lunch at various restaurants.

Wednesday evening **Heather and Brian Kenny** graciously offered their house for the farewell dinner. **Brian, the elder**, unfortunately was called to the Far East on business and so **Brian, the younger**, stepped in and admirably filled his shoes, greeting the guests at the door, taking coats, passing food, serving his own delicious chocolate cookies and distributing gifts to our visitors..

Thursday morning the Scots departed by bus for Schenectady for two days of curling. From there they head west eventually ending in Fairbanks, Alaska on January 29th. Hopefully somewhere along the way the U.S. can take some of those points back.

Many people helped to make the event a success. **Alice Yeh** and **Mary Jean Keenan** organized the meals, **Marion Cowles** was responsible for the decorations, **Mary Lockhart** put the kits together, **Jennifer Stannard** organized the entertainment and did a beautiful job singing - the curlers grace Tuesday evening. **Steve Smith's** ice was described as "brilliant" by the Scots who said it was the best they had seen on the trip. And finally we must thank **Bill Borowitz** who came to help Steve but ended up helping serve the meals and doing whatever else needed doing. Of course it was **Pippa Broadhurst** who put the whole operation together and deserves a great deal of credit for its success.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Even though the next Open House will not be held until January 21st, our members have been hard at work signing up new curlers. The latest to join are:

Al and Ruth Andreades, 2257 Sultana CT., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. 914-962-7789
Andrew Buck, 75 Greenridge Ave., White Plains, NY 10605. (H) 914-993-3347; (B) 914-421-2505

Martin Heikel, 2 Birch Drive, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. (H) 914-242-9777; (B) 914-312-2084
Ethel Moran, 127A Columbia CT., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. 914-243-7165

Returning members who were unable to curl during November and December are:
Margaret Guiry, Virginia McGovern, Harry Quinn, and Marjorie Zickel.

OPEN HOUSE

Notices were mailed last week to all members regarding the Open House to be held at the Ardsley Curling Club on Sunday, January 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. If you have any potential members please bring them down to the club at that time.

COMING EVENTS

EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL. As of this date 18 teams, two of which are from Canada, have signed up for the bonspiel to be held from January 25th to the 28th. The first draw is scheduled for 8:00PM on Thursday evening. Friday's curling should start about 8:00 AM and run through to

7:00 PM. Curling should start again about 8:00 AM on Saturday. Sunday's matches should be at 9:30 AM and again at noon.

There will be a party at **Jean MacIntosh's** house Thursday evening. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the curling club on Friday and the banquet will be held at the Ardsley Country Club Friday night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will all be served at the curling club on Saturday.

Nancy Clancy is still seeking members to assist in the warm room and with the serving of meals.

THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL. This annual intra-club mixed bonspiel will be held from Friday to Sunday, February 9th to the 11th. This will be the 30th year it has been played. All curlers are urged to sign up as quickly as possible. We hope to make this a sixteen team bonspiel and the first 64 people to sign up will get to play. The rest will be substitutes. The sign-up sheets are already posted in the warm room. Interested curlers may sign up as singles or couples and will be assigned to teams by the committee. The cost is \$30.00 per person, which includes dinner on Saturday night in the warmroom.

New curlers are not only welcome, but are urged to participate. The event is played as if it were a regular bonspiel with winning teams advancing on to the finals. Teams that lose in the 1st event drop down to the 2nd or 3rd event. Everyone is guaranteed at least three games.

Mitzi Wang is running a silent auction on Saturday night, the proceeds of which will go to the Ardsley Curling Club. She will place a carton on the table in the basement this week into which you may place any articles you wish to donate. **Mitzi** has suggested that some members may wish to donate services, a game of golf at your club, a weekend at your summer home, a sail on your boat, etc. She would set a minimum bid on these things to insure that they command a fair price. If you have any suggestions or questions please call **Mitzi** at 914-946-6855.

Katy and Todd Clough are running the bonspiel this year and are looking for a few good men and women to help. They can be reached at 914-238-6772.

This is a lot of fun so don't miss it. If you were thinking of doing something else that weekend, I urge you to change your plans and curl in the Headless.

THE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL. The 66th Douglas International Men's Bonspiel will be held at Ardsley from Thursday, February 22nd to Sunday, February 25th. **Pete** and **Jean Murphy** are chairing the event this year.

THE GOLDEN-HANDLE BONSPIEL is Nutmeg's annual mixed bonspiel. This will be the 38th time it will have been played. The dates are set for March 15th to the 18th.

PULL THE PLUG. The final curling of the 2000/2001 season will be held on Saturday, March 31st. After the last stone has been thrown, **Steve Smith** will figuratively "pull the plug" and turn off the compressor.

COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM

During the curling season, members of the curling club may use the dining facilities at the Ardsley Country Club. During the month of January the club is open from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM for lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dinner is served from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday (Jacket, no tie, in the dining room), from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Saturday (Jacket and tie

in the dining room), from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Sunday (Jacket, no tie, in the dining room). Hours in the grill are the same and sports attire may be worn. At no time may blue jeans be worn in either dining facility.

The club will close after the Super Bowl on Sunday January 28th and will reopen for lunch on Friday, March 2nd. The club will follow the same schedule in March as in January.

CURLING CLUB DUES

The balance on all outstanding dues is payable now. If you have not sent in your check, please do so now. The club has bills that must be paid and without your dues this does become a problem.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

BY Walter Baggett

An enthusiastic crowd of twenty-five curlers and friends showed up for the annual welcoming in of the New Year. With a small group and six teams, there were three two-end draws with all teams on the ice at the same time. This provided time for curling, cocktails, curling, dinner, curling and welcoming the New Year with champagne.

At the end of the evening the results were somewhat questionable due to the champagne. While the first calculations awarded first place to **Walter Baggett's** team, a subsequent recount indicated that **Dave Noble's** team of **Joy Noble** and **Barbara and Joe Cannon** had won. **Walter's** team of **Lillie** and **Elaine Malgieri** were the runners-up in the first event. The original calculations had placed **Ed Siebert's** team and **Ed Godbold's** team in a tie for first place in the second event. The recount (where have I heard that expression before?) gave the victory to **Ed Godbold's** team of **Diane Ritter, David Crowley** and **Jesse Wang**. **Ed Siebert's** team of **Pam, Laura King** and **Mary Ann Moore** were demoted to runners-up.

Walter and **Lillie** organized the event, **Mieko and Shoji Takiguchi** decorated the warm room and **George Cowles** was the banker.

CAN HOLLYWOOD BE FAR BEHIND?

By Pete McCuen

On Thursday, December 14th, a crew of seven including producer, director, cameraman, lighting man and on-air personality, spent over nine hours taping the ins and outs of curling at our club. They were from Gotham TV, a Manhattan based production company specializing in features of area activities to be shown on cable's Metro Channel. Highlighted activities included the making and maintaining of the ice with "the ice-man" **Steve Smith**. The show's host even tried his hand at pebbling. Then followed an intensive training session in basic curling techniques led by Professor **Peter Murphy**. The shooting of a game played by Ardsley curlers included such unique stunts as mounting a camera on a rock and recording its dizzying trip down the sheet.

How much of all this actually makes it to the screen remains to be seen since the actual airtime will be 4-5 minutes. The cutting room floor will be covered. The show is expected to air in late January or early February. As soon as we know the date and time we'll post it in the warm room.

INTERNET UPDATE

Check out the Ardsley Curling Club's Internet site if you haven't looked at it in awhile. It has been updated and improved. Highlights are a new "Announcements" section listing upcoming club events and the publishing of the last issue of Duck Soup. It can be found at "www.ardsleycurling.org"

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Men's Curling

The Blanton (Final standings)

Team	Skip	W	L
B1	Murphy, M	8	0
B6	Welch	6	2
B5	Hannon	4	4
B7	Paul	4	4
B8	Banino	4	4

Team	Skip	W	L
B2	Baggett	3	5
B9	Barghout	3	5
B3	McCarty	2	6
B4	Kenny	2	6

Congratulations to **Mike Murphy** and his team of **Ed Godbold, Harry Harper, Steve Hess** and **Jeff Lesuk** for winning the first place gold Blanton Medal with a perfect 8-0 record. Second place and the silver medal go to **Bob Welch's** team of **Bill Borowitz, Trevor Davey, David Hodes** and **Bill Malgieri**.

The Wilds (Final standings)

Team	Skip	W	L
W1	Austin, G	5	1
W2	Barghout	3	3

Team	Skip	W	L
W4	Takiguchi	3	3
W3	Harmon	1	5

George Austin's team of **Geoff Broadhurst, Bruce Huffine, Jim Kindler** and **Dick Montgomery** won the gold Wilds Medal. **George**, with a different team, won the Wilds last year after playing off a tie with **Geoff Broadhurst's** team.

The Thorndike (as of January 16th)

Skip	W	L
Messing	8	1
Murphy, P.	7	2
Zolkavich	7	2
Austin, G.	6	3
Gutekunst, J.	4	5

Skip	W	L
Purkey, H.	4	5
Silverman	4	5
Hannon, J.	3	6
Baggett, W.	3	6
Barghout	3	7
Muldowney, D.	1	8

Women's Curling

Wells Wicks (Final Standings – Tuesday Evening)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Muldowney	4	1 *	Purkey	2	3
Murphy, J.	4	1 **	Stannard	1	4
Clancy	3	2	Murphy, L.	1	4 ***

* **Diane Muldowney** won 1st place on points.

** **Jean Murphy** had one win by default

*** **Liz Murphy** had one loss by default

Congratulations to **Diane Muldowney's** rink of **Cynthia Hodes, Ann MacMillan** and **Anne Schneider** for winning the first place gold medal. **Jean Murphy's** team of **Sue Bussy, Ann Fagan**, and **Mieko Takiguchi** won the second place silver medal.

Wells Wicks (Final Standings – Thursday Morning)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
Muldowney, D.	2	1	53	Broadhurst, P.	1	2	63
MacIntosh, J.	2	1	53	Keenan, M.J.	1	2	23

There was a tie for 1st place between teams skipped by **Diane Muldowney** and **Jean MacIntosh**. Each team had two wins and one loss and 53 points. Curling with **Diane** were **Pam Siebert** and **Jean Glus**. **Marion Cowles, Kathy Sundaram** and **Kristin Liddle** curled with **Jean MacIntosh**.

Mixed Curling

Results of the November/December Session

First Place with 59 points

Vic Huebner, Merle Huebner, Ed Siebert, Pam Siebert, Ann MacMillan

Second Place with 52.75 points

Dave Noble, Joy Noble, Joseph Cannon, Barbara Cannon

Third Place with 52.25 points

Shoji Takiguchi, Grant Zolkavich, Katy Clough, Jean Glus, Patricia Sementa

Fourth Place with 42.75 points

Scott Silverman, Alice Yeh, Tom Doherty, Richard Schreyer, Lisa Schreyer.

Sunday Nutmeg League

Standings as of 1/7/01

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
5	C. Owens	4	1	6	P. DeJong	1	2
1	B. Lawless	3	2	2	A. Wiggins	2	3
3	Joanna Owens	3	2	4	Jill Owens	0	5

ROSTER CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

Joseph and Barbara Cannon, 8 Facese Way, Amawalk NY 10510. (H)914-962-6157
(B) 914-762-2444

Elizabeth Hill. The street address and telephone numbers are correct but the apartment # is 241T

Donald Torey now has an e-mail address. It is: donaldtorey@aol.com

If any member has a change, correction or new information they would like to have disseminated, please send the information to Bob Hill.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

There is not very much to report this issue. Either everyone stayed at home for the holidays or they are reluctant to report on the results.

We do know, however, that **Patti Burns** and **Laurie Frees** accompanied **Jennifer Stannard** and **Trish Ryan** to Broomstones to play in the Silver Belles on November 30th to December 3rd. According to **Trish**, they used up all their good shots in the second game leaving them out of the final competitions.

Charlie Mack, **Trish Ryan**, **Jennifer Stannard** and a substitute from Philadelphia won the second event at the Chesapeake Funspiel. **Peter DeJong**, curling with three Chesapeake members, romped through the competition losing out finally in the semi-finals of the first event.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES CURLING

The Thursday morning ladies league is short of curlers. **Pippa Broadhurst** has issued an invitation to the Senior Men curlers to join them. Anyone interested in accepting this invitation should call **Pippa** to make certain that they have space available. Her telephone number is 914-591-7356.

HUMOR?

A new curler was practicing take-out shots one day with the help of an experienced curler who happened to be a minister. The novice was having great difficulty hitting the broom and missed shot after shot. Every time he missed he exclaimed "DAMN, I missed". This went on for some time and he kept repeating "DAMN I missed again". Finally the minister cautioned him against the use of profanity in the curling rink. The novice tried again and missed again and cursed again. The minister warned him that God would punish him if he continued to curse. It did no good. The novice tried again and missed and said "DAMN, another miss". Just then there was a loud clap of thunder and a light fixture fell and hit the minister on the head. A voice from on high exclaimed "DAMN, I missed".

NAME TAGS

Don Torey has posted a sign-up sheet in the warm room for any curler who wants to order a new nametag. If you would like one, please print your name and curling club. The club automatically orders and pays for name tags for new members but present members will have to pay for their own tags.

NOTICE

Men's curling scheduled for Saturday morning, February 3rd, at 9:30 AM has been cancelled due to a heavy out-of-town bonspiel schedule that weekend. Steve Smith is organizing an informal pick-up game(s) for anyone interested. Call Steve at home (845-628-2089) or in his office at the warm room (914-591-9800) if you would like to curl.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Championships will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from March 31, 2001 to April 9, 2001. Walter and Betty Steinemann, former members of the Ardsley Curling Club, are considering going and would like to hear from any of their friends who are also considering making the trip. They live at 1628 Lake View Court, Ocean Isle Beach NC 28469 and their telephone number is 910-755-5287.

NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The next issue of Duck Soup will go to press on or about February 14th. Please send any information to **Bob Hill** before that date. We would like to have the results of any bonspiels you have been to or other news of interest to the members. You can fax it (914-944-0003), e-mail it rdh9e@aol.com, mail it to 9 Elizabeth Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510, or call me at 914-944 7009. I can't make it any easier than that!

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47th EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

The Ardwick of the Ardsley Curling Club hosted the bonspiel on January 25th to the 28th. There were 18 teams entered this year from the far north of Quebec to the shores of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. The bonspiel has a rich tradition; it rotates between Ardsley, Utica and Schenectady where it will be held in 2002.

The first event, the Clarke Trophy, was won by Nutmeg 1, skipped by **Diane Muldowney** with **Tracy Lawless**, **Heide Follin** and **Laura King**. They bested the Nashua Curling Club who went home with the Seibert Trophy awarded to the first event runner-up.

Chesapeake, skipped by Terry Welch (a former Ardsley member) with Sarah Welch, **Ann MacMillan** and **Carrie Welch**, won the Ardsley Duck awarded to the winner of the second event. Schenectady 1 was the runner-up and was awarded the Ardsley Duckling.

In the 3rd event, Schenectady 3 defeated Ardsley 2 skipped by **Jean Murphy** with **Sandi Buchanan**, **Katy Clough** and **Betsy Sugahara**. Schenectady 3 won the Schenectady Stone while Ardsley won the Schenectady Cup.

Lennoxville 1, from Québec, took the Hurd Brothers Cup, awarded to the winner of the 4th event while yet another team from Schenectady, Schenectady 4, was the runner-up and won the Helen Hurd Trophy.

Two other local teams, Ardsley 1 skipped by **Alice Yeh** with **Mieko Takiguchi**, **Liz Murphy** and **Ann Fagan** and Nutmeg 2, skipped by **Trish Ryan** with **Jennifer Stannard**, **Cheryl Peteherych** and **Heather Davis**, also played in the bonspiel. (con't on page 3)

THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN

The 30th playing of the Headless Horseman was held the weekend of February 9th to the 11th. Twelve teams entered the event with the first draw starting at 6:00 PM on Friday evening and a second draw at 8:15 PM. There was curling all day on Saturday and two more draws on Sunday.

The first event, The Washington, was won by **Jean Murphy's** team of **Pete McCuen**, and **David and Cynthia Hodes**. They defeated **Kay Sugahara's** foursome of **Betsy Sugahara**, **Bruce Huffine** and **Kitty Davey** in a close game that could have gone either way until the skips' rocks in the 8th end.

In the second event, **Ed Siebert's** team and **Jim Kindler's** team played for the Irving Medal. **Jim's** team of **Don Torey**, **Laurie Frees** and **Ethel Moran** came home with the gold medal while **Ed's** team of **Patti Burns**, **Richard Kilsheimer** and **Harry Quinn** had to be satisfied with the silver medal.

The third event, The Katrina, was won by **Bob Welch's** team of **Carrie Welch, Grant Zolkavich and Patricia Sementa**. The runner-up was **Gert Messing** with **Mark and Sue Bussy**, and **Frank Simonetti**.

And last, but not least, we come to the Graveyard, the fourth event, in which **Jeff Lesuk, Jim McGinnis and Barbara** and **Joe Cannon** defeated **Pete Murphy, Steve Hess, Bill Havens** and **Terry Grandall**.

The social agenda for the weekend featured a dinner at the club Saturday evening while the 7:30 draw provided the entertainment and Sunday brunch at **Heather and Brian Kenny's** home. Continental breakfasts were available Saturday and Sunday morning and lunch was served on Saturday.

Katy and Todd Clough did a fine job chairing the bonspiel this year. **Betsy Sugahara, Liz Hill, and Kay Sugahara** assisted them.

The Ice committee, consisting of **Bob Welch, Gert Messing, Mike Murphy and Bill Borowitz**, kept the ice in great condition throughout the weekend.

A SILENT AUCTION, chaired by **Mitzi Wang**, was held in the warm room during the bonspiel. It was extremely successful, raising \$3,109.00 for the club. Many thanks **Ed Siebert** and all the other members who generously supplied the items to be auctioned. **Mitzi** was assisted by **Dave Noble, Isabelle Quinn** and **Jesse Wang**.

COMMENTS

By Bob Hill

The Headless Horseman has been an important event for the Ardsley Curling Club for many years and we hope it will continue to be so for many more. It is a bonspiel designed for all members to participate in. It offers an opportunity for people curling in different leagues to get together and meet people they otherwise might never see at the club. It also is an opportunity for new members to enjoy the bonspiel experience without having to leave home. And above all, it's fun. Great curling skills are definitely not required, only a desire to participate.

Katy and Todd did a great job this year with the support of their committees. They put the sign-up sheets in the warm-room at an early date and followed this up by e-mail and telephone calls to enlist more curlers. Despite all their efforts, only 48 curlers plus a few substitutes, signed up for the bonspiel. Currently we have 163 members curling at Ardsley and yet only 48 signed up. This is a poor showing!

Gert Messing sent me an e-mail immediately after the bonspiel congratulating everybody who was involved in its organization. He was one of the 48 who participated, I was another. Both of us have been absent from the Headless Horseman for several years. **Gert** said "If we are to survive as a curling club, we have to do a better job of participating in these events. Having only curled in the Monday and Wednesday night leagues for the past several years, it was great to see all these new curlers that I had never seen before. I would especially like to see more of our men curlers and associate members curl in these events. They are not mixed league events, they are CLUB EVENTS".

Hopefully next year all of our members will keep the date of the Headless Horseman free of other events and join in the event. 18 teams should be the goal. That takes 24 more curlers than we had this year, not an insurmountable goal when you consider that we had 115 members this year that did not participate.

47th Empire State Bonspiel (continued from page 1)

The bonspiel got off to a great start with a welcoming party at the home of Jean MacIntosh. **Geoff Broadhurst** directed traffic on Fargo Lane while **Brian Kenny**, **Pete Murphy** and **Bob Hill** tended the bar. Friday night the banquet was held at the Ardsley Country Club. The food was reported to be fabulous and the entertainment produced by **Jennifer Stannard** topped off a most enjoyable evening. **Nancy Clancy** said, "the show stopper was a men's chorus line of anonymous studs".

The ladies kept a tight schedule of curling on Friday, due in large part to **Bill Borowitz's** great ice maintenance. For the rest of the weekend he had an able ice committee consisting of **Bob Welch**, **Jeff Paul**, **Gert Messing** and **Mike Murphy**.

Nancy Clancy further reports that "the Committee worked tirelessly to make everything the best it could be. **Anne Schneider**, who had never been to a bonspiel before, coordinated three days of food service. **Ann MacMillan** led a team of craftswomen who made up lovely kit bags. **Ann Fagan** ran a very successful 50-50 raffle."

"We had help from so many, especially **Laurie Frees**, **Mieko Takiguchi**, **Jean MacIntosh**, **Marion Cowles**, **Jinny Hill**, **Nadja McKay**, **Mary Ann Moore**, **Rosemary Kindler**, **Jean Glus**, **Terry Crandall**, **Barbara Cannon** and **Mitzi Wang**. **Trish Ryan** prepared the draw and **Jennifer Stannard** decorated the club as the Empire State should be".

The co-chairs were **Nancy Clancy** and **Patti Burns**. **Patti** was the tireless artist-in-residence, who made up the name tags, teams signs, kits and manned the warm room, together with **Nancy**, morning, noon and night.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club will be held in the warm-room at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 25, 2001. All members, whether they curl under the banner of New York Caledonians, St. Andrew's or Nutmeg, are Active members of the Ardsley Curling Club and are invited to attend. Business at the meeting will include the nomination and election of new Directors, the President's report and the Treasurer's report. Proxies will be mailed to all members in the near future. If you are unable to attend, please be sure to return your signed proxy.

A CURLING MOVIE?

No kidding. A Canadian company is actually making a movie called "Men With Brooms". If you doubt me, check it out at http://www.canoe.ca/Slam010213/col_lefko-sun.html.

CURLING TRAINING

Pete Murphy has scheduled a training program on Thursday, March 1st, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Anyone who would like some additional instruction is welcome to attend.

SUPERBOWL POOL

Jeff Lesuk's pool was won by **Pippa Broadhurst**. She and the club each made \$500.00

SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Society will host, for its members, an "Introduction to Curling & Bonspiel" on Sunday, March 4th from 3-7 PM at the Ardsley Curling Club.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel. Jeff Lesuk with Jeff Paul, Peter Austin and Jim McGinnis traveled to the Utica Curling Club on February 1st to compete in this bonspiel for men with 5 years or less curling experience. They won their first four games with the last three being blowouts with Ardsley winning by no fewer than nine points. In the first event finals against Broomstones Ardsley fell behind at the beginning but came back to close within one point after 8 ends only to fall short in the 10th. As runner-up they won the Donald McKay Medal.

Wengen, Switzerland. Walter and Lillie Baggett with George and Marion Cowles returned to Switzerland for another bonspiel in January of 2001. We don't know how the Baggetts and George made out but we do have the following report from Marion regarding the ladies competition.

"I was lucky enough to be on the winning team! The Schenkel System of 4 rounds of 4 ends was played, all in lovely sunshine outdoors. My team, consisting of 2 Swiss, one Swede and me, won all four rounds. I played 2nd. The prizes were the nicest I've ever been fortunate enough to win in a competition— lovely handmade needlepoint pillows created by one of the club members. And to think, I almost didn't enter the event!"

Norfolk Mixed Bonspiel. Two teams from Ardsley/Nutmeg entered this ten-team bonspiel the weekend of February 8th to the 11th. Walter and Lillie Baggett with George and Marion Cowles won their first match against a Broomstones team and lost their second to a Norfolk team. This placed them in the semi-finals against the Nutmeg foursome skipped by Jeff Hannon. It was a tight game all the way with Ardsley down one after seven ends. In the eighth end Ardsley was lying two when Jeff promoted one of his stones to take the end and the game. Ardsley then went on to win the fourth event in a game against another Norfolk rink.

The Nutmeg rink skipped by Jeff Hannon with Sally Hannon, Jim Meinhold and Trish Ryan won their first game against Plainfield, lost their second game to a third Norfolk team. After defeating Ardsley in their third game, Nutmeg went on to defeat Plainfield in the third event finals.

USCA Playdowns. Grant Zolkavich skipping with Gert Messing at 3rd, Bill Buchanan of the Plainfield C. C. at 2nd and Dannie Steski at lead (he is an Associate member of Ardsley), and Bill Nickle of Plainfield as the 5th member of the team were undefeated in a six team round robin. The team is curling under the banner of New Jersey.

Mitchell Bonspiel. The same team played the weekend of Jan 11th to the 14th in the Mitchell Bonspiel at the Utica C.C. and won the second event.

Playdowns: The Final Six. The weekend of January 18th to the 21st the team entered the final playdowns to determine which three GNCC teams would go to the Nationals in Madison, Wisconsin on February 25th to March 5th. They finished in a three-way tie for second place and

then won the first playoff match to qualify for the Nationals. **Gert** says that they would appreciate any e-mail sent to Team New Jersey during the Nationals at the USCA web site www.usacurl.org.

USCA Senior Men's Championship. Nutmeg sent a team to this bonspiel held at Portage, Wisconsin on the weekend of February 15th to the 18th. The team was skipped by **Charlie Mack** with **Chuck Owens**, **Karl Koss** and **Vance Ward**. Charlie reports that they had a great time in spite of the curling. They won their first game and then lost the next three.

53rd USWCA National Bonspiel. Two local teams entered this 32 team bonspiel at Madison, Wisconsin the weekend of February 8th to the 11th. An Ardsley rink skipped by **Diane Muldowney** with **Cheryl Peteherych** at vice, **Cindy Rapaich** at 2nd (from Duluth) and **Mieko Takiguchi** at lead won the 4th event.

A Nutmeg team skipped by **Joanna Owens** with **Jill Owens**, **Jennifer Stannard** and **Laura King** had fun but came home early. **Jennifer** injured her leg after only three ends and the team played every other match with a substitute.

35th Governor's Bowl. Three local teams competed in this sixteen rink bonspiel held at the Albany Curling Club the weekend of January 25th to the 28th. In an all Ardsley Curling Club final, Ardsley II skipped by **Jeff Hannon** with **John DeJong** (Plainfield C.C.) **Scott Silverman** and **Peter DeJong** defeated the defending champion New York Caledonian rink skipped by **George Austin** with **Grant Zolkavich**, **Ryan Davis** and **Peter Austin**. In reaching the finals Ardsley I knocked off Norfolk I, Utica and Albany I while the New York Caledonians bested Schenectady II, Norfolk II and Riverfield (south of Montreal).

Ardsley I skipped by **Walter Baggett** with **Ed Godbold**, **Ed Springstead** (out of Albany CC) and **Kal Sundaram** went 3-2 and finished as runner-up in the third event.

George says that the pre superbowl atmosphere and home cooked meals make Albany one of the sweet spots on the circuit.

21st Annual GNCC Senior Men's Championship. Four local teams were among the 18 teams competing in this bonspiel at the Chesapeake C.C. the weekend of February 2nd to the 4th.

A New York Caledonian rink skipped by **George Austin** and including **Geoff Broadhurst**, **Shoji Takiguchi** and **Jim Kindler** emerged victorious over a Nutmeg rink skipped by **Charlie Mack** with **Chuck Owens**, **Karl Koss** and **Vance Ward**. In winning the first place Nutmeg Stone, the New York Caledonians defeated Broomstones, Schenectady I and Schenectady II while Nutmeg bested Schenectady III (last year's winner), Philadelphia II and Albany I before losing 8-4 in the final match to the New York Caledonians.

Pete McCuen provided the following article for Duck Soup. "Ardsley I skipped by **Bunky Harmon** with **Ed Godbold**, **Isa Barghout** and **Don Torey** and Ardsley II skipped by **Dick Montgomery** with **Bill Borowitz**, **Norm Laird** and **Pete McCuen** realized that if they could each contrive to lose their first two matches they would meet in a third event game to determine the championship of the Ardsley Ice House Game and the Nutmeg Good Old Boys. No challenge being too great for these stalwarts, they both, with cunning and effort, accomplished this feat to set up the vital showdown. In a very tight game, Ardsley II held a slim one-shot lead entering the eighth end. With the hammer, Ardsley I protected a biter at the front of the house with an impenetrable wall and, on the final shot, **Skip Harmon**, surprised even

some of his own teammates with a skillful draw to the left side of the twelve foot to snatch the title (unofficial) for his rink. In keeping with the agreement between the two Ardsley teams, Ardsley I then lost its final game to Utica to conclude the weekend's bout of Ardsleymania..

ARDSLEY COUNTRY CLUB

The dining facilities at the Country Club will reopen on Friday, March 2nd. On Sunday, March 11th Noriko Whyte will give a piano concert at the club. If you would like to attend please call the country club to check the time.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Men's Curling

The Thorndike (as of February 13th)

Division I

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Murphy, P.	2	0	Zolkavich	1	1
Austin, G.	1	1	Messing	0	1

Division II

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Baggett, W.	2	0	Barghout, L.	0	2
Hannon, J.	2	0	Muldowney, D.	0	2
Silverman, S.	3	0	Purkey, H.	0	2

The Wells (through 2/15)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W2	Lesuk	5	1	W1	Austin, G.	2	3
W9	Murphy, M.	4	1	W7	Broadhurst	2	3
W10	Welch	4	2	W5	Huebner, V.	2	4
W4	Davey	4	2	W3	Murphy, P.	1	4
W6	Gutekunst	3	3	W8	Smith	1	5

The Linc Seibert (through 2/17)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
LS2	Broadhurst	2	1	LS1	Smith	1	2
LS3	Barghout	2	1	LS4	Takiguchi	1	2

Sunday Nutmeg League

As of 2/4

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
6	Wiggins	2	0	3	Joanna Owens	1	1
1	Jill Owens	1	1	4	B. Lawless	1	1
2	DeJong	1	1	5	O'Boyle	0	2

Mixed Curling

The Mixed Curling winners for the second session, December/January are:

First Place – 40.75 Points

Brian Kenny

Heather Kenny

Don Torey

Cheryl Peteherych

Second Place – 39.75 Points

Kevin Lockhart

Marion Cowles

George Cowles

Barbara Cannon

MEN'S TOUR OF SCOTLAND

In the fall of 2001, 20 curlers from the USA will travel to Scotland to compete for the Herries Maxwell Trophy. **Geoff Broadhurst** and **Bunky Harmon** from Ardsley will be among the seven GNCC curlers making the trip. **Paul Mort** and **Archie Bruce**, both of whom curled at Ardsley a few years ago, will also be joining the tour. The Scots toured the USA in January of 1997 when the "colonists" won the trophy with a score of +60.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

66th Douglas International Bonspiel. The 'spiel will start Thursday evening, February 22nd with the first draw at 5:30 PM and a second draw at 8:00 PM. There will be curling throughout the day on Friday and Saturday with the finals Sunday afternoon. **Pete Murphy**, the chairman, expects 18 teams to be entered.

The Golden Handle Bonspiel. This is Nutmeg's Mixed Bonspiel and it will be held at Ardsley the weekend of March 15th to the 18th. The word from **Trish Ryan** is that they need volunteers for Friday and Saturday lunch, Friday's dinner in the warm room and Sunday brunch. They are also looking for all you amateur thesbians for their show- no talent needed.

Annual Meeting. Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 PM in the warm room.

Pull The Plug Party. The final curling party of this season will take place at Ardsley on Saturday, March 31st. We hope that everyone will attend for the curling and the dinner. This is an "all members" event so don't forget to add your name to the sign-up sheet when it appears in the warm room.

Closing Dinner. The date has not been set as of this time but should be determined shortly.

The Next Issue of Duck Soup will go to press on or about March 19th. Please get your copy to Bob Hill by March 12th.

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66th DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL

A Garden State team, skipped by Pete Mitchell, won the Douglas Medal in an exciting game against Ardsley II, skipped by **Mike Murphy** with **Bob Welch**, **Pete Murphy** and **Ryan Davis**. The final score in the 10-end game was 5-4.

New York Caledonian I, skipped by **George Austin** with Tony Steiert, **Peter Austin**, and **Shoji Takiguchi** won the 2nd place New York Caledonian Medal by defeating Utica I by a score of 8-4 in 9 ends.

The third place Ardsley Medal was won by **Jeff Lesuk's** Ardsley III team, which defeated the Canadian Club of New York by a score of 10-3. Curling with **Jeff** were **Jeff Paul**, **Scott Silverman** and **Bill Borowitz**.

The Potomac Curling Club won the fourth event for the Williamson Medal when they defeated the Ard-Nuts skipped by **Walter Baggett**. Marcus Fischer of the Margarita Curling Club, **Tim Fenton** and **Bruce Huffine** made up the balance of the team.

The Mahopac Medal, awarded to the winners of the 5th event, went to New York Caledonian II skipped by **Vic Huebner** with **Isa Barghout**, **Ed Siebert** and **Paul Huebner**. They defeated **Geoff Broadhurst's** Ardsley I team of **Bunky Harmon**, **Jim Kindler** and **Pete McCuen**.

And finally, the Broomstones Curling Club won the 6th place St. Andrew's Medal. The runner-up was the Philadelphia Curling Club.

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PULL THE PLUG

The final curling event of the season is almost here. On Friday, March 31st, the **ICE HOUSE GANG**, chaired by **Bunky Harmon**, is hosting the Pull the Plug party. Everyone is invited, including members of Ardsley, Nutmeg, New York Caledonians, St. Andrew's, Active Members, Associate Members and their spouses/friends. The Ice House Gang will be extremely disappointed if we don't have a large turnout. For those who have never attended a Pull the Plug party, we will have curling for all those who wish to curl. The teams will be made up by the committee once we know who will be there. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner will be served in the warm room. The price of admission is \$15.00 a person.

Every year the committee selects a theme for the party. This year it is a **Pajama Party**. If you don't own a pair of pajamas or a nightgown, please wear something else – like your regular curling clothes. If you haven't signed up, call **Bunky** at 591-9565.

Please don't miss it!!

REMEMBER THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S TOUR?

When the lassies departed from Ardsley they had accumulated a lead of 76 points with the score being Scotland 203 and the U.S. 127. The Grand National ladies should not feel too badly. Their counterparts across the USA did no better. The final score was Scotland 1082 and the USA 787, a spread of 295 points!

ICE HOUSE GANG RETAINS TROPHY

When we last visited this subject in December, **The Good old Boys** (that's Nutmeg) had just defeated the **Ice House Gang** (that's the rest of us) in the first of two matches. The score was 25-23.

Now the second of the two match "here and here" series has been completed. The **ICE HOUSE GANG** overcame their 2 point deficit by winning the second match 24-19 giving them a 3 point margin of victory.

It is the Policy of Duck Soup to print as many member's names as possible (it helps circulation) o here goes.

George Austin, Bill Borowitz, George Cowles and Bob Hill tied **Dick Montgomery, Brian Lawless, Bruce Huffine and Rene Menzel** 7-7. **Isa Barghout, Shoji Takiguchi, Don Torey, Carl Honzak and T. C. Yeh** (the latter two playing four ends each) lost to **Bob Will, Karl Koss, Cleve Cleveland and Tim Fenton** by a score of 6-9. **Bunky Harmon, Ed Godbold, Pete McCuen, Bill Havens and Guy Raymond** (again the last two curlers played four ends each) saved the day by winning their game against **Charlie Mack, Vance Ward, Doug Draeseke and Dale Strand** by a score of 11-3.

This contest was started in 1989. The Ice House Gang has won 7 times and the Good Old Boys 6.

GOLDEN HANDLE 2001

The 38th Golden Handle Bonspiel was held at the Ardsley Curling Club from March 15th to the 18th.

The first event, The Golden-Handle, was won by Plainfield II skipped by Andrea Stepnosky. They defeated Philadelphia I skipped by Tony Steiert with **Jean and Pete Murphy** and Anne Steiert.

The second event, The Nutmeg Shield, was won by Philadelphia II. Colorado skipped by Tom Davis (Ryan's father) with **Heather and Ryan Davis** and Pat Davis (Ryan's mother) was the runner-up.

The Manhattan Curling Club skipped by **Kay Sugahara** with **Cheryl Peteherych** and **Bill and Elaine Maligieri** defeated Plainfield I to win the the Friendship Trophy.

The famous "Rat Race", otherwise known as the fourth event, was won by the **Welch** family. **Bob Welch** skipped, his sister **Sarah Welch Phelps** played vice, his brother-in-law **Dan Phelps** was 2nd and his mother, **Theresa Welch** was lead. The runner-up was the Silver-Ards skipped by **Shoji Takiguchi** with **Marion and George Cowles** and **Mieko Takiguchi**.

The fifth event was won by the Plainley Nuts foursome with **Jeff Hannon** at the helm.

Assisting him were **Trish Ryan, Jeff Paul and Susan Bussy**. Philadelphia III was the runner-up.

Who else but **Trish Ryan and Sally Hannon** ran the bonspiel. They had a committee of sixteen helping them as follows: **Pete Dejong, Steve Smith, Bill Borowitz, Mary Ann Moore, Laura King, Jill Owens, Pam Mahr, Jeff Hannon, Donna Purkey, Sue Tattar, Jim O'Boyle, Joy Noble, Laurie Frees, Ethel Moran, Heide Follin and Jennifer Stannard**.

Friday's dinner was served in the warm room and the Saturday evening banquet was held at Ruby's Beau Ravage in Dobbs Ferry.

Kay Sugahara was awarded his 10-year patch for good attendance

Douglas International Bonspiel (continued from page 1)

Sixteen teams competed in the bonspiel including a team from Belarus.

Pete Murphy was the chairman this year. The chairmanship rotates between Ardsley, N.Y. Caledonians and St. Andrew's. Next year it will be the responsibility of the New York Caledonians.

Assisting **Pete** were **Pam and Ed Siebert** in charge of the Journal, **Merle Huebner** as food coordinator, and **Pippa Broadhurst** and the **Kindlers** hosting the Thursday evening festivities. **Mieko Takiguchi** and **Ethel Moran** managed Friday's lunch. Jim Kindler and Pete McCuen acting as "caterers with wheels" as they picked up forty rotisserie chickens a Sam's Club made Friday dinner possible. Once delivered, **Merle Huebner, Heather Huisman** and **Mary Ann Moore** performed their magic and delighted everyone. **Mark and Sue Bussy** managed the Saturday lunch. Saturday dinner was the culinary high point. **Isa and Suad Barghout** once again demonstrated their incredible skills using our less than top of the line cooking equipment. And finally, on Sunday morning **Jean Murphy, Katy Clough and Jim Kindler** were responsible for providing brunch.

Special highlights included four teams with father and son combinations – **Huebner, Austin, Murphy and Flaman** (Canadian Club of New York – father and 2 sons-came from Saskatchewan).

COMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting. Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 PM. Notices have already been sent to all members.

Pull the Plug. Friday, March 31st

Closing Dinner. Friday, May 4th at the Ardsley Country Club. Save the date. Further information will follow. Medals will be presented to the members of the winning teams during the past season.

Golf Outing. Thursday, May 31st at the Ardsley Country Club. Further information will follow.

ADDISON HASTINGS

Add Hastings was an Active Member of the Ardsley Curling Club from 1935 until his death in 1972. Over the years, he acquired numerous curling trophies and honors, including

being President and later, honorary life member of the Grand National Curling Club. Most important to him, however, was the spirit of "The Game" and the friends he made. He was keenly interested and supportive of new curlers. He taught the game and installed the spirit of curling in everyone who came in contact with him.

The Ardsley Curling Club established a men's curling league called "The Hastings" in his honor. As the number of men curlers decreased the league was terminated and the medal taken out of play.

This year the Grand National Curling Club has revived the medal, with the permission of Ardsley, and it was awarded to the winner of the fourth event in the Kayser five year and under Mixed Competition.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

There is not too much news this issue. Either everyone stayed home or those who did venture out on the trail do not care to have their results made public.

The PCC Stone was held at Plainfield from March 8th to the 11th and three local teams participated. A New York Caledonian team met an Ardsley team in the finals of the 2nd event, The Garden State Bowl. **George Austin's** Caledonian rink of **Jeff Lesuk, Peter Austin** and **Shoji Takiguchi** defeated the Ardsley rink skipped by **Ryan Davis** with Carl Petersen, Yves McGale and **John Huisman**.

On the way to the finals **George's** team lost to Plainfield and defeated Ridgetown (Ontario) and Ottawa while **Ryan's** team lost to a different Plainfield rink then defeated a third Plainfield team and Schnectady.

Walter Baggett and **Steve Smith** formed the nucleus of another Ardsley team but were ousted by a fourth Plainfield team, Ottawa and Potomac.

Broomstones Mixed International was held on February 22nd to the 25th. Nutmeg was represented by **Peter DeJong, Jim Meinhold, Trish Ryan** and honorary Nutmegger **Alice Yeh**. They defeated Belfast and Nashua but fell to a Broomstones team in the semi-finals of the first event which dropped them down to the fourth event finals where they defeated a Broomstones/Welland, Ontario team.

The theme this year was "Survivor: The Australian Outback". Each team had to take part in several survival tasks and complete a video taped immunity plea in order to gain bonus points and a possible second shot at getting into a final event. Thankfully Nutmeg did not need the bonus points because they won their first two games.

Kayser Bonspiel for mixed curlers with 5 years or less curling experience was held at Petersham on March 1st to 4th. **Jim O'Boyle, Susan Bussy, Mark Bussy** and **Laurie Frees** lost their first game by one stone, then defeated an Albany team on Skips rocks, and then defeated two Broomstones teams to win the 2nd event and the St. Andrew's Medal.

GNCC Olympic Qualifiers were held at the Rochester Curling Club from March 9th to the 11th. An Ardsley team skipped by **Mike Murphy** with **Bob Welch** and Tim Ho and Scott Price of Broomstones won the 3rd slot out of 6. At the time of this writing they are on their way to Duluth,

Minnesota to compete in the next step. There they will join 32 teams from throughout the USA. The four top teams in this playdown will then meet with the National Men's Champions from this year and last year to compete for the right to represent the USA in the Olympics.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Thorndike (as of March 20th)

Division I

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Murphy, P.	5	2	Messing	3	3
Austin, G.	5	2	Zolkavich	1	6

Division II

Silverman	6	0	Muldowney, D.	2	4
Hannon	4	1	Baggett	2	4
Purkey	2	3	Barghout	1	5

The Wells(through 3/14)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W10	Welch	7	2	W6	Gutekunst	5	4
W1	Austin, G.	6	3	W5	Huebner, V.	4	5
W2	Lesuk	6	3	W7	Broadhurst	3	5
W9	Murphy, M.	6	3	W3	Murphy, P.	1	7
W4	Davey	5	4	W8	Smith	1	8

Linc Seibert (through 3/10)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
LS1	Smith	3	2	LS3	Barghout	3	2
LS2	Broadhurst	3	2	LS4	Takiguchi	1	4

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

All American / Tuesday Evening (through 3/13)

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Yeh	6	2	Stannard	4	4
Murphy, J.	5	3	Clancy	3	5
Muldowney	5	3	Broadhurst	1	7

ARDSLEY ON TV

I hope many of you were able to view the Metro Group's program on Sunday, March 11th or any of the subsequent dates. At the end of the hour they featured 4 or 5 minutes of curling at the Ardsley Curling Club. Among those appearing were **Pete and Jean Murphy, George Austin, Steve Smith, the Broadhursts and the Takiguchis**. It was short but it was well done.

The next, and final, issue of Duck Soup will appear after the closing dinner.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Duck Soup #6 2000/2001

May 21, 2001

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS

First, the Board is considering a change in the custom of winners' buying drinks and losing teams' buying back at the conclusion of every game. While this is the practice at many curling clubs, it is not followed everywhere. Changing the practice at Ardsley would relieve members of what can be significant and unwanted expense, particularly for those who do not drink alcoholic beverages. The custom of socializing for a time after games is an important part of curling, which we would expect to continue as before. Under the proposal, however, members would simply buy their own drinks. To effect a change, the Board would adopt and publish a resolution stating, in substance, that buying and buying back drinks should no longer be regarded as either a social obligation or an expected courtesy after games at the Ardsley Curling Club.

Also under consideration is the formation of a new curling league on Thursday evenings. The league would, hopefully, attract members of all skill levels, but would be focused on the needs of less-experienced curlers. For example, newer members would get a chance to play different positions on teams, including skip. Kayser or Dykes teams might use the league to get some practice time together, and the league might serve as an opportunity to provide instruction for those who want it. Participants could enter individually or as a team. Teams could be mixed, all male or all female. To institute the new league and still hold some Men's League games on Thursday nights, we would schedule games at both 7:00 and 9:00 PM on Thursdays (the 8:00 PM Men's Wednesday night games would be unaffected).

We need feedback from the membership on these proposals. Please contact **Pippa Broadhurst** (gopippago@yahoo.com) or **Jeff Lesuk** (jeffnrob@aol.com) with any reactions, thoughts or suggestions.

HELP

The club is trying to locate two past members so that we may notify them that their "C Notes" have been selected for redemption. They are **Mike Donohue** and **Maureen McLoughlin**. If anyone knows where he or she can be reached, please notify **Bob Hill** at 914-944-7009. Furthermore, at the Board of Directors meeting on May 15, 2001, it was decided to call in all C notes that have not already been retired. Notices have already been mailed to those

note holders. If anyone reading this still has a C note please contact **Bob Hill** and make arrangements to submit the notes, either as a tax deductible contribution or to be redeemed at \$100.00 per note. (Please do it soon before I disappear for the summer).

OUR NEW WEBSITE

It's not up and running yet but it will be shortly. Thanks to **Pete McCuen** the club has found a new host which will enable us to make frequent changes and additions to our site at a very reasonable cost without entering into a contract. Access to the site will not change – www.ardsleycurling.org – will still get you there. It will take approximately thirty days to make the changeover and in the meantime, the old site is still there. Our new site will be linked with the GNCC and the USCA. Hopefully we will be able to link it to other sites in our neighborhood, spreading the word about our existence.

The Canadian Club of New York has recently opened a website at www.canadianclubny.org and thanks to its Treasurer, **Don Torey**, it is linked to our website.

Geoff Broadhurst has discovered an interesting site – www.curlingbasics.com – run by the Dusseldorf Curling Club, Germany. It's in both German and English and is great for showing the fundamental shots.

COMING EVENTS

The Golf Outing – at the Ardsley Country Club on Thursday, May 31st. Notices were recently mailed to all members. If you did not receive your copy and wish to play, please call the Ardsley Country Club at 914-591-8150 to make reservations.

Summer Picnic at Chez Smith. The date is Saturday, August 4th, and the place is **Steve Smith's** home in Mahopac. Notices giving all the details will be mailed well in advance of the party.

Archie Bruce

Archibald McTavish Bruce died on April 21, 2001 in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Archie had curled for many years at St. Andrew's and at Ardsley and had been Treasurer of the Ardsley Curling Club at one time. After moving to Falmouth and joining the Cape Cod Curling Club his talents were soon recognized and he was elected President of that club. In addition to his curling abilities, Archie was well known for his humorous stories and jokes and entertained at many of our social affairs.

NUTMEG NEWS

Jill Owens reports that they will have their annual meeting and Silent Auction on Sunday, June 3rd and that they hope to have more definite information about a lease agreement on a site in Wilton, CT

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Thorndike (final standings)

Division I

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Austin, G.	6	2
Murphy, P.	5	3
Messing, G.	4	3
Zolkavich, G.	1	7

Division II

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Silverman, S.	7	0
Hannon, J.	4	2
Muldowney, D.	3	4
Baggett, W.	3	4
Purkey, H.	2	4
Barghout, I.	1	6

George Austin's first place team consisted of Mike Murphy, Bob Welch and Jeff Paul. Playing with Pete Murphy's runner-up team were Jean Murphy, Peter Austin, Elizabeth Murphy and Nick Foster.

In Division II Scott Silverman's teammates were Alice Yeh, Trevor Davey, Kitty Davey and Nancy Clancy.

The Wells (final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W10	Welch	8	3	W6	Gutekunst	5	6
W2	Lesuk	8	3	W5	Huebner	4	7
W9	Murphy, M.	8	3	W3	Murphy, P.	4	7
W1	Austin, G	7	4	W7	Broadhurst	3	8
W4	Davey	6	5	W8	Smith	2	9

In the playoffs for first place, Jeff Lesuk's team defeated Mike Murphy's team. Then Bob Welch's team defeated Jeff Lesuk's team.

Bob Welch's first place team consisted of Gert Messing, Bill Borowitz, Mark Bussy and Yongsoo Ha. The silver medal went to Jeff Lesuk's team of Ed Godbold, Jerry McCarty, Richard Kilsheimer and Tim Fenton.

Steve Smith's team of Scott Silverman, Walter Baggett, Dick Montgomery, Guy Raymond and Tsun-Cheng Yeh received the infamous Furlined Trophy, awarded to the last place team in the Wells.

The Linc Seibert (final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
LS3	Barghout	4	2
LS1	Smith	4	2
LS2	Broadhurst	3	3
LS4	Takiguchi	1	5

Isa Barghout's team of Bob Baensch, Steve Hess, Doug Draeseke and Ted Pitt won the Linc Seibert Medal in a playoff against Steve Smith's team of Dick Montgomery, Jim Kindler, Tim Fenton and Vance Ward.

MIXED CURLING

Third Session Results (the results of the first and second sessions appeared in earlier editions of Duck Soup)

Gold Medal

Ed Siebert
Pam Siebert
Richard Schreyer
Lisa Schreyer

Silver Medal

Kay Sugahara
Meiko Takiguchi
Bill Malgieri
Sue Bussy

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

All American

Tuesday Evening League

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Points</u>
Yeh	7	3		218
Murphy, J.	7	3		215
Muldowney	6	4		196
Stannard	5	5		172
Clancy	3	6	1	172
Broadhurst	1	8	1	102 (includes one forfeit)

Alice Yeh's winning team consisted of **Cynthia Hodes, Ann Fagan and Mary Ann Moore**. Jean Murphy's runner-up team had **Cheryl Peterych, Laurie Frees and Barbara Cannon**.

Thursday Morning League

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Muldowney	3	0
MacIntosh	2	1
Ryan	1	2
Keenan	0	3

Curling with **Diane Muldowney** were **Marion Cowles, Merle Huebner and Mary Ann Moore**. The runners-up were **Jean MacIntosh, Pam Siebert, Barbara Connor and Lydia Chinzi**.

The ladies expressed their thanks to the following men who filled in when needed: **George Austin, Isa Barghout, Norm Laird, Pete McCuen, Lee Heffner, Bob Hill, Shoji Takiguchi and Don Torey**.

Creighton Wesley Schreyer

Lisa and Rick Schreyer are the proud parents of a son who arrived on May 2nd.

HAVE BROOM WILL TRAVEL

Sally Hannon playing 3rd, and **Jeff Hannon** at 2nd, joined Ray and Stephanie Lawreck in the Plainfield Mixed "Bomsqueal" the weekend of March 28th and came home as the 4th event runners-up.

USCA Men's National Championships. **Grant Zolkavich** and **Gert Messing** with **Bill Buchanan** and **Dannie Steskie** curling under the banner of New Jersey ended up with a record of 2-5. They defeated teams from Massachusetts and Wisconsin and lost to teams from Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio and two teams from Washington, one of which, Washington 2, was the eventual winner.

Men's National Qualifier for the 2002 Olympics. An Ardsley rink skipped by **Mike Murphy** with **Bob Welch** at 3rd and **Tim Ho** and **Scott Price**, both out of Broomstones, finished with a 0-3 record at Duluth during the March 28th to April 1st playdowns.

SURVEY RESULTS

Only 33 members responded to the survey mailed out by **Jim Kindler**. Among the topics covered were:

Clubhouse facilities: 7 members found the condition satisfactory while 12 found them in need of improvement. Several people said the downstairs changing area needs improvement, such as a new carpet and the toilet areas need work. A new stove is definitely required said many and the Board has agreed to purchase a new stove before next season. Several people said the back of the bar looks "unhealthy". A new warm room ceiling would also be an improvement.

Curling Instruction: 4-satisfactory; 6-need improvement. A comment was that the program needs more organized training.

Ice Conditions: 20-satisfactory; 1-needs improvement

League Curling: 16-satisfactory; 2-needs improvement. Some comments: need new substitute rules to prevent "loading" of front ends, all curlers should be scheduled an equal number of times to curl (better curlers are scheduled to curl more often than others)

Dues and other charges: Drink prices are too high. (the prices are set by the Ardsley Country Club and are the same as the prices charged at the country club – the curling club has no control over beverage prices).

In-house bonspiels: Generally favorable responses but more member participation is required.

Recruitment of new members: It was suggested that recruitment efforts should be expanded and a recruitment committee should be formed.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP WILL GO TO PRESS IN NOVEMBER OF 2001. Until then, have a great summer and think "new members".

