

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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WOW! DO WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS!

You'd better believe it. Thanks to the efforts of **Alice Yeh**, and the committee of **Peter McCuen**, **Peter Austin**, **Elizabeth Hill**, **Margaret Guiry** and **Scott Silverman**. I've been around the club for many years and can't remember ever having a turnout like this before. Here are the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the new members (in smaller print because there are so many of them).

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Kevin and Lyn Greaves, 20 Washington Ave., Port Jervis, NY 12771; 845-856-1747
Peter Guidara, 87-15 107th Ave., Ozone Park, NY 11417; 917-375-5817
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Lenny and Lucy Joyner, 87 Highview Terrace, Pleasantville, NY 10570; 747-1461
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Frank and Alesia Marinelli, 8 Cardinal Place, Mt. Kisco NY 10549; 241-2938
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 David Wagenheim, 255 West Street Apt 2F, Mt. Kisco NY 10549; 666-9518
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Newly Returning Members

Alison Bankes, 165 Nannyhagen Road, Thornwood NY 10594; 769-8578
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 Dick Montgomery, 22 Coachlamp Lane, Darien CT 06820; 203-655-8495
 Helen Siebert, 92 Rosehill Avenue, Tarrytown NY 10591; 631-2127

According to my calculations, that's 70 new people (59 adults, 6 teenagers curling in the mixed as adults and 5 Junior curlers) and **Alice Yeh** says there are a few more still in the pipe line. That's a lot of new curlers for the club to digest. **Please introduce yourselves to the new members and make them feel welcome!**

BASIC ETIQUETTE FOR CURLERS

With so many new curlers joining our ranks this year perhaps it would be a good idea to review some of the basic rules of etiquette that should be observed by all curlers.

- 1) Be on time! All players should be ready to go on the ice at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the game. Failure to be on time may penalize your team.
- 2) If you are unable to curl a specific game, notify your skip as far in advance as possible. He or she may tell you to arrange for your own substitute or will do that himself. In either event the substitute should be someone of equal skill.
- 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 their 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 stone.
- 6) After sweeping a stone, go immediately to the sides. Do not return to the other end of the sheet by walking down the center of the ice.
- 7) Remember only the skip or acting skip may sweep a stone after it crosses the T line in the far house. The sweepers must not sweep after the stone crosses the T line. Once they are through sweeping they should leave the house and take up position between the Hog Lines.
- 8) Do not cross the sheet when a curler is in the hack preparing to deliver the stone.
- 9) Do not distract in any manner a curler preparing to deliver the stone
- 10) Curling is a team sport. All members of the team should concentrate on the game.
- 11) Please do not take food onto the ice.
- 12) If you "burn" a rock by touching a moving stone with any part of your body or equipment please tell your fellow teammates immediately. A burned stone should be removed from play before it hits any other stone already in play.

- 13) Be courteous to players on other sheets of ice and do not disrupt their games.

NEW SATURDAY MORNING CURLING PROGRAM

Steve Hess has organized a new program for members who would like to curl on Saturday mornings to replace the Wilds league of previous years. Each year it seems that it was becoming more and more difficult to get enough male members to commit to regular league curling on Saturday morning. This year it reached the point that **Ed Godbold**, the men's curling chairman, could not make up enough teams to set up a regular league schedule.

Enter **Steve Hess** who was one of the men who liked to curl on Saturday morning. He has set up a system whereby men who want to curl Saturday morning show up and are assigned to a team. If six curlers arrive they make two 3 man teams. If eight curlers arrive they make up to 4 man teams etc. The teams will change each Saturday as different curlers show up. **Steve** has suggested that since the men are only using two sheets of ice, the ladies might be interested in setting up a similar program for the third sheet.

If you are interested in joining this group, please call **Steve** at 914-591-6526. His e-mail address is hess@legaimages.com

TRAINING PROGRAM

Jeff Lesuk, our new Training Chairman, has arranged to have volunteers helping new curlers (or anyone else who wants help) about 45 minutes before league play on Tuesday night, Wednesday night, Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Anyone signed up to curl in those leagues can expect to have someone there to work with on taping shoes, delivery of stones and sweeping etc. There will be a sign-up sheet available to let the instructors know how many people to expect to make certain there are enough instructors. However, it is **NOT** necessary to sign up to come early and get help.

COMING EVENTS

THE TURKEY TROT. This in-house bonspiel will be held at the club on Thanksgiving weekend – November 26th to December 1st. This is an Open event meaning both men and women are invited to play. Associate members are also invited to participate. It is an excellent opportunity for new curlers to participate in a bonspiel and meet many other members. There are plans for a light supper Friday night and dinner Saturday night. More information and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the club. **Richard Kilsheimer** (914-332-5433) is the Chairman. If you have any questions please call him.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. We will return to the St. Andrew's Golf Club this year following the successful affair in December 2001. The date is Sunday, December 15th, at 6:30 PM and **Margaret Guiry** (914-961-2950) is the Chairwoman. It is absolutely necessary that we have a minimum of 60 people or St. Andrew's Golf Club will cancel the event. Last year 90 curlers and guests attended. Watch the bulletin board for more information and sign-up sheets.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. Walter and Lillie Baggett will chair this party. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the club.

THE ARCHIE BRUCE MEMORIAL STONE. This annual mixed event between Ardsley and Cape Cod will be played at Ardsley this year – it was played for the first time last year at the Cape Cod Curling Club. The dates are January 11th (late afternoon) and 12th (early morning). The Chairman has not yet been named.

THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL. This is the second and largest of Ardsley's intraclub bonspiels. It will be held the weekend of January 17th to 19th. All members of the club (men and women) are urged to sign up. Our target is 16 teams (64 curlers plus substitutes). You can sign up individually, as a couple or as a team. It is played as a three event 'spiel meaning everyone is guaranteed at least three games over the weekend. Medals are awarded to the winners and second place teams. Dinner is served in the warm room Saturday night. The Chairpersons have not yet volunteered so if you would like the job please call Pam Siebert.

GNCC SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Ardsley will host the Senior's the weekend of February 6th to the 9th. Teams from all Grand National Curling Clubs are invited to participate. **Bunky Harmon** is running the event here at Ardsley.

DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL. February 27th to March 2nd, The chairmanship rotates between St. Andrew's, NY Caledonians and Ardsley and this year it's Ardsley's turn. **Jim and Rosemary Kindler** have volunteered to chair the bonspiel. I am certain they will be looking for help, so if they lean on you, please agree to assist. For the information of our new members, this is an annual men's bonspiel hosted at Ardsley. The Douglas Bonspiel was originally played at St. Andrew's and was merged into Ardsley's and the Caledonians New York International Bonspiel when curling was terminated at St. Andrew's. This will be the 68th year that The Douglas has been played.

THE GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL. This is Nutmeg's annual mixed bonspiel which has been played on Ardsley's ice since the Darien Country Club evicted Nutmeg. It will be held March 13th to 16th.

PULL THE PLUG. The last day of curling for the 2002-2003 season. It will be held on April 5th.

INTERVILLAGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Intervillage Continuing Education Program for curling began on Saturday, November 2nd and will continue for five weeks from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ending December 7th. Five people are enrolled. **Bill Borowitz** is running the program. If you are able to contribute your time and ability, even if it's only for one or two Saturdays, please call **Bill at 914-478-1762.**

www.ardsleycurling.org

Thanks to **Pete McCuen** our website has been up and running for over a year now, and while there are continuing changes being made to it, it's a good time to summarize its feature for you. While many of you use it frequently, just as many have never used it.

To take advantage of its full benefits you need to log into the member section. This is done by using your login (last name plus street number – no spaces). Your password is your last name. You can change these once your in if you want to.

Once there, here are some of the things you can find and/or do.

-Access the most up to date membership roster complete with addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail links.

-Access the events calendar complete with details of all upcoming events.

-Get details of our hosted bonspiels and register for them.

-Access current and back issues of Duck Soup

-Submit articles for Duck Soup (in the eforms section of the site)

-Get league schedules (but only if the league chairs provide them to the site).

-Post messages

-Check out the photo gallery

-Link to other curling related sites.

And many more bits of interesting information. But the site is only as good as the information provided to it. And that's up to you. Send your news, photos, suggestions and questions for the site to Pete McCuen at curlingpete@aol.com or you can always call him the old fashioned way at 914-923-7582.

DUCK GEAR

Land's End is still in business and so is **Merle Huebner**. She advises that she will shortly post a catalogue of available curling clothing in the warm room. This year the clothing will be available with either the Ardsley logo or the New York Caledonian logo. **Merle** is going to send the first order to Land's End around Thanksgiving so please get your order in by November 25th. If you have any questions call her at 693-4741.

JUNIOR CURLING

The Junior curling program began on Tuesday, November 5th and will be held every Tuesday thereafter from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. **Jeff Paul** is still the Chairman and this year he will be assisted by **Sandy Graham**, a new member from Canada with great curling experience.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Bill Havens, who has curled at Ardsley for about 40 years, has moved to Brooklyn with his wife **Aldine**. Their new address is: One Prospect Park West, Apt. 720, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

Bill's telephone number is 718-622-3172. He can also be reached by e-mail at wwho176@aol.com.

WHO'S WHO AT THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

President – Pam Siebert
Vice President – Pete McCuen

Secretary – Mark Bussy
Treasurer – Todd Clough

Board of Directors

Class of 2003

Todd Clough, Bob Hill, Norm Laird, Jeff Lesuk and Steve Smith

Class of 2004

Pippa Broadhurst, Ed Godbold, Jim Kindler, Pete McCuen and Alice Yeh

Class of 2005

Bill Borowitz,, Mark Bussy, Ryan Davis, Richard Kilsheimer and Pam Siebert.

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Douglas Journal – Pete Murphy
Duck Soup – Bob and Jinny Hill
GNCC Representative – Walter Baggett
House Committee – Geoff Broadhurst
Ice Committee – Steve Smith
Master Ice Schedule – Ed Godbold
Medals & Trophies – Steve Hess
Membership Committee – Alice Yeh and Scott Silverman
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Mixed Curling – Rich Andrechak and Jane Cavanaugh
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President of N. Y. Caledonians – George Austin
President of St. Andrew's – Bob Welch
Roster – Pete and Jean Murphy
Senior League – Bunky Harmon
Stores & Supplies – Anne Schneider
Training – Jeff Lesuk
Website – Pete McCuen
Women's Curling – Nancy Clancy and Mary Lockhart
Youth Curling – Jeff Paul.

HOUSEKEEPING

This bit on news is for a limited number of people, specifically those on the committees planning dinners etc. at the club. In the past we have always been able to get clean tablecloths from the Ardsley Country Club. This year the Country Club is closed until April and the only long green tablecloths we have, nine of them, are in the cabinet beneath the stairs. There are also four beige accent cloths and the decorative cloths used on the warm room tables. The message is – that we wash them ourselves whenever they get dirty.

NEW CONDENSOR INSTALLED

When the Nutmeg Curling Club closed down 3 or 4 years ago, Ardsley bought their condenser and had it shipped to our club. Since that time it has sat, shrouded in blue covers, on the side of the hill next to our old condenser. The Board decided that the time had come to hook it up to our system because it was larger and more efficient and that was done this summer. The volunteer labor involved in the changeover and making the ice consisted of **Steve Smith, Jeff Paul, Isa Barghout, Bill Borowitz, Geoff Broadhurst, Pete McCuen, Norm Laird, Gert Messing and Mike Murphy.**

NUTMEG CURLING CLUB PLANS MOVE.

As of this date the Nutmeg Curling Club has reached a verbal agreement with parties in Bridgeport, CT to build a three sheet club on a site that already houses ice hockey and skating facilities. Nutmeg will build the facility on leased land. The final details are now in the hands of the lawyers representing the two parties. The new club could not possibly be available for use this season and so Nutmeg will continue to at least the fall of 2003 as part of the Ardsley family.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

For the benefit of our new members, this section of Duck Soup is devoted to the adventures of our members who travel to other curling clubs, sometimes at great distances, to participate in bonspiels. A bonspiel is a competitive event in which teams from many clubs strive to excel and hopefully win medals. Failing to win a medal is quite common but does not detract from the comradeship and fun of the event. All Ardsley curlers should try to eventually go on at least one bonspiel. There are three Grand National Curling Club bonspiels held each year for curlers with five (5) or fewer years of curling experience. They are the Dykes Memorial Bonspiel for men, the Ray Kaiser Memorial Bonspiel for mixed curlers and the Women's Challenge Bonspiel for women.

Since the last issue of Duck Soup, #6 of May 2002, the following results have been reported. The details of each report vary. If a team has done well the reports are quite descriptive while a less successful venture will skip over the results and stress the social activities.

Cape Cod Curling Club Summer Bonspiels

Mixed Bonspiel – On July 9th 6 ½ teams from the Ardsley Curling Club (three curling as Ardsley, 3 curling as NY Caledonia and ½ curling as Plainfield) participated in this 30 team bonspiel. **Peter DeJong and Laurie Frees** (that's the ½ team) curling with John DeJong and

Karen Roedl from Plainfield CC missed the finals by 1.25 points. They won two games and lost one.

Ed Siebert, Pam Siebert, Richard Kilsheimer and Elaine Scherocman, a former member of Ardsley and St. Andrew's represented Ardsley C C. Also representing Ardsley was **Geoff Broadhurst, Pippa Broadhurst, Vic Huebner and Merle Huebner**. A third Ardsley team consisted of Nutmeggers **Trish Ryan**, and **Jim O'Boyle** with Ardsley members **Sue Bussy** and **Mark Bussy**.

The New York Caledonians were represented by **Trevor Davey, Alice Yeh, Scott Silverman and Kitty Davey**. Another Caledonian rink was skipped by **George Austin** with **Nancy Clancy, Mike Bonnema** (from Chicago) and **Patti Burns**. A third Caledonian rink was skipped by **Jeff Lesuk** with **Robin Gestring, Chris Banino and Marylou Banino**.

Since none of these teams reported any significant results we should assume that they all had a great time and would love to return for another try next summer.

Men's Bonspiel. July 18th to the 21st.

Ardsley was represented by skip **Bill Borowitz** with **Norm Laird, Brian O'Neill** and **Pete McCuen** won one game and lost three. Along the way they beat the "all stick" team from Cape Cod before loosing to the Broomfield team featuring **Jeff Hannon** in 9 ends in the third event quarterfinals.

A New York Caledonian rink skipped by **George Austin** with **Peter Austin** and **Mike Bonnema** and **Larry Berlin** (from Chicago) won the 4th event. Along the way they defeated Broomstones, Bloomfield (including **Jeff Hannon**) and Rochester before losing to another Broomstones team in the semi-finals of the first event. They then bested the Canadian Club of Boston to win the 4th event.

Nutmeg was represented by **Charlie Mack, Dave Noble, Ken Donnelly and Terry Smith**. No report from them!

The Scotland Tour team composed of four members of the team representing the U.S.A. on the tour last fall consisted of skip **Tom Garber** (Utica Curling Club) **Geoff Broadhurst, Bunky Harmon** and **Paul Mort** (an Associate member of Ardsley and former curler at Ardsley). It is reported that they won 1 game and lost 2.

Walter Baggett and **George Cowles** curling with **Terry Olson** and **Coke Wilson** (both from Norfolk CC) curled under the Norfolk CC banner. They won 1 game and lost 2.

Steve Smith curled as 2nd on the CanAm team which won the 2nd event.

Women's Bonspiel.

Trish Ryan and **Sally Hannon** combined with **Nancy Wurth** (Schnectady) and **Sandy Alexander** (Philadelphia) and made it to the semi-finals of the 1st even only to fall to Broomstones.

Summer Spud Bonspiel, Prince Edward Island, Canada

The second week of August found **Jerry McCarty** and **Steve Smith** off to their annual outing on Prince Edward Island. This year they were joined by **Jimmy Gutekunst**. The boys reported that the weather was grand, the lobster was plentiful and the sale continues on the exchange of Canadian money of which they took full advantage.. They did not mention any curling victories so I guess that carried less importance in the priorities of the trip.

They did report the **Walter and Lillie Baggett** were there but we have had no news from them.

Potomac Inaugural Bonspiel

Twenty-seven teams competed for the first time at the new Potomac CC in Laurel Maryland. Three teams from Ardsley made the trip to the National Capital Curling Center. **Jim Gutekunst** with **Trevor** and **Kitty Davey**, **Kay Sugahara** and **Carol Gutekunst** opened with a first game win. Then they ran into the eventual 1st event winner and lost to drop down to the 3rd event. Two more losses and they dropped out.

Hal and **Donna Purkey**, **Carleton Cleveland** and **Jennifer Stannard** lost their first game and then went on a run to the 2nd event semi-finals. There they met the eventual winner of that event and made a good showing but came up short.

Jeff and **Sally Hannon** teamed with the Lawrecks from Plainfield. After two straight wins to start the competition they lost the next two and dropped out.

2002 margarita Bonspiel, Calgary, Canada

Steve Smith reports that Calgary is a wonderful town with an 8 sheet-curling club. There were, he thinks, 32 teams entered in the bonspiel. It was a nonstop party with lotsa fun. He curled with **Walter** and **Lillie Baggett** and Roy (an Alberta ringer). He says they managed to win a game somewhere, which wasn't in the plans and made it to the D event quarterfinals.

Kim Freeman, a former Ardsley and St. Andrew's curler, was there with her Margarita Brooklyn Bulgaria Canada team. They made it through to Sunday in the "A" event semi-finals against the eventual winners, a young Calgary team.

THE ARDSLEY GOLFSPIEL

On Thursday, June 6th, a group of curlers from Ardsley, Nutmeg, St. Andrew's and the New York Caledonians met at the Ardsley Country Club for brunch and 18 holes of golf. The results were as follows:

Men

Low Net	Harry Quinn (72)
2 nd Low Net	Bill Stopera (76)
3 rd Low Net	George Cowles (76)
4 th Low Net	Ken Donnelly (76)

Closest to pin #8	Jeff Hannon
Long Drive #6	Jeff Hannon

Women

Low Net	Mary Jean Keenan (84)
2 nd Low Net	Pippa Broadhurst (85)
3 rd Low Net	Jean Glus (94)
4 th Low Net	Pam Siebert

Closest to pin #8	Ann MacMillan
Long Drive #6	Mary Jean Keenan

A WEE BIT OF SCOTTISH HUMOR

Courtesy of Geoff Broadhurst

British Prime Minister Tony Blair visited a new hospital in Edinburgh. After cutting the ribbon he went on a tour of the wards. He entered a ward filled with patients who did not seem to be suffering from any injury or disability. He greeted a bearded man in a nearby bed, who replied: "Fair fa' your honest sonsie face, great chieftan o the pudden race!". Blair, somewhat bemused, smiled politely and moved on to another bed and asked the patient how he was getting on. The patient shook his head and replied: "Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it. But we hae meat and we can eat, and sae the Lord be thankit."

Blair again nodded politely and turned to the next patient, an older man wearing a Tam O'Shanter of a particularly bright plaid. When asked by Blair how he was keeping, the old man replied: "Wee sleekit cow'rin tim'urous beastie. O what panic's in thy breastie!"

By this time the Prime Minister was totally befuddled and turning to the senior doctor who was accompanying him, whispered. "What sort of ward is this? Are they psychiatric patients?"

"No", replied the doctor, "this is the Burns Unit."

THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The December issue of Duck Soup will go to press on or about December 7th. We love to get news items from our members. Without them there would be nothing to print. If you go away on a bonspiel please send us a report. You can send any news to Bob Hill by e-mail at rdh9e@aol.com, by fax at 914-944-0003, or call me at 914-944-7009.

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THE TURKEY TROT

With **Richard and Susan Kilsheimer** organizing the event, this year's Turkey Trot was played the weekend of November 29th and 30th. Eight teams participated with games commencing Friday evening (accompanied by supper), continuing on Saturday afternoon (with lunch) and ending Saturday evening with the finals (followed by dinner). Quite a few of our new (well fed) curlers were initiated into bonspieling.

The finals of the Turkey Trot Event, the 1st event, featured a family feud between rinks skipped by **Robin Gestring** and **Jeff Lesuk**. **Jeff's** winning team included **John Vilorio** and new curlers **Gregory** and **Justin Haupt**. **Robin's** runner-up team included **Jim McGinnis** and two new members **Leslie** and **Andrew Graham**. **Andrew** made three double takeouts in the first game Friday evening! (Congratulations, but don't be too disappointed if that doesn't happen all the time). **Jeff's** rink advanced to the finals by defeating **George Austin's** rink of **Don Torey**, **Sandy Berkowitz** and **David Wagenheim** when **Jeff** executed a difficult tap back takeout with his last stone in the eighth end to take two and tie the score. He then won on skip's rocks by nearly covering the button in the tie breaker. **George's** team went on to win the Drumstick event (3rd event) when they defeated **Joyance Meechai's** team of **Mark** and **Sue Bussy** and **Leola Specht**.

Kay Sugahara's rink with **Ed Tucker**, **Tom Speyer** and **Jean Glus** defeated **Jennifer Stannard's** foursome of **Pam Siebert**, **Edson Andrews** and **Bill Pekowitz** to win the Butterball event (2nd event).

The Cranberry Event (4th event) was won by **Shoji Takiguchi's** rink of **Pete McCuen**, **Pippa Broadhurst** and **Laurie Frees** when they defeated **Rich Andrechak's** team of **Jane Cavanaugh**, **Karl Koss** and **Mark Reilly**.

The **Kilsheimers** want to thank all the others who helped with the bonspiel; **Jane Cavanaugh** who helped to coordinate the hors d'oeuvres and desserts, **Bill Borowitz**, **Gert Messing**, **Jeff Lesuk** and **Mark Bussy** who scraped and pebbled the ice, and **Sue Bussy** and **Laurie Frees** who helped with the clean-up.

ICE HOUSE GANG PREVAILS AGAIN

On Friday morning, December 6th, the Ice House Gang, that's the Ardsley Senior curlers, played the first of their two seasonal matches against the Good Old Boys, that's the Nutmeg Senior curlers. The date of the second match has not yet been determined. Since one of the

features of this competition is a formal luncheon following the curling, we all have to wait and see when St. Andrew's Golf Club reopens after its seasonal shut down.

Anyway, to get back to the curling, twelve Ardsley curlers played against ten Nutmeg curlers (two of whom were actually on loan from Ardsley). The teams and the scores were as follows:

Geoff Broadhurst, skip
Petè McCuen
Shoji Takiguchi
John Bourhill

13

Charlie Mack, skip
Bruce Huffine
Tom McKelvey

3

Isa Barghout, skip
Norm Laird
Don Torey
Harry Quinn

6

Chuck Owens, skip
Karl Koss
Jesse Wang

5

Bunky Harmon, skip
Bill Borowitz
Bob Hill
George Cowles

3

Jim Meinhold, skip
Dick Montgomery
Bill Langley
Sal Marziale

8

The final score, Ice House Gang -22 / Good Old Boys - 16, will be carried over to the second round.

This series started in 1989 and as of last March the record stood at The Ice House Gang with 8 wins and the Good Old Boys with 6 wins.

ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have joined the Ardsley Curling Club since the last issue of Duck Soup on November 7, 2002:

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OUR LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

For many years the Ardsley Curling Club has obtained its Liability Insurance coverage

at a very favorable rate under a group policy obtained through the United State Curling Association. This year the USCA has changed insurance carriers. The new carrier is insisting that **every person setting foot on the ice** be required to sign a waiver. This includes club members, open house guests, special functions, bonspiel participants, etc. Some of our members have already been asked to sign waivers when participating in other club's bonspiels. For your information, this is not an unusual request when participating in a sports program.

If you have not already signed a waiver please do so as soon as possible. A supply is available in the warm room.

CORRECTION

In the November 7th issue of Duck Soup, I incorrectly stated that the Ardsley Curling Club had purchased Nutmeg's condensor when that club closed down three or four years ago. Ardsley did not buy the condensor. Nutmeg gave it to us. Although I am sure that appropriate appreciation was expressed at that time, let us now extend our thanks again.

Nutmeg, as I am certain most of you know, is in the process of establishing a new facility in the city of Bridgeport, CT. The owners of the ice skating facility that is proposing to lease the land and the Nutmeg Curling Club have reached a verbal agreement on the terms and conditions of the lease. A first draft was prepared and perused by both parties and is now back in the hands of the attorneys being revised. Both parties are optimistic that the revision will soon be ready for signature.

The Nutmeg Curling Club will shortly be mailing a fund raising letter to all members of the USCA seeking to raise the remaining funds necessary to build the facility on the leased land. In as much as the Nutmeg Curling Club is a 501 C (3) organization, all contributions will be tax deductible. This might be a good time to repay Nutmeg for its condensor contribution to Ardsley.

CURLING IS COMING TO NBC

NBC Sports will broadcast the U.S. National and World Curling Championships in 2003. The U.S. National Championship will be broadcast on Saturday, March 15th and will include both the men's and women's competitions. The World Championships will air on April 20th and will include the 10 best men's and women's teams from around the globe.

GRAND NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The Potomac Curling Club will host the GNCC Women's Championship from January 9 -12, 2003. The team winning the championship becomes the GNCC entry for the USCA National Championship to be held at Utica, NY from February 28th to March 8th.

The entry fee is \$140.00 per team and the entries must be received before December 30, 2002. They should be sent to **Peggy Rotton, 18 Danberry Road, New Hartford, NY 13413**. Questions may be addressed to her at that address or by telephone at 315-797-2975.

All teams must have a copy of the 2003 rules booklet and a signed player coach agreement before playing. **Pippa Broadhurst** has copies of the USCA player/coach agreement and lodging information. She can be reached at 914-591-7356.

Ardasley had two teams entered in the GNCC playdowns last year: **Alice Yeh, Katy Clough, Carrie Welch and Heather Ryan** and **Robin Gestring, Diane Muldowney, Miekio Takiguchi and Pam Siebert**.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

The Ross Tarleton. This annual event between Grand National Curling Club teams and teams of the Ontario Curling Association was held at Nashua and The Country Club on November 7 - 10. This was the 35th time the 'spiel had been played. Eighteen teams from the GNCC entered to play against 16 teams from Ontario. To cure the imbalance, one GNCC team played for Ontario. Ardsley was represented by skip **Walter Baggett**, with **Pete McCune** at vice, **Bruce Huffine** at second and **George Cowles** at lead. They won the first of their three games and then lost the next two. **Pete** reports that "a lone bright spot was skip **Baggett's** last shot of the last match which displaced two opposing stones from the button for a rare point".

Nutmeg was represented by **Bob Will, Chuck Owens** and **Karl Koss** with a series of substitutes filling the lead position. Skip **Bob Will** was relieved to report that the team was able to repeat last year's performance in that "no one fell down".

Geoff Broadhurst and **Bunky Harmon** along with **Tom Garber** (the President of the GNCC) and **Paul Mort** (a former Ardsley curler now a member of the Cape Cod CC) entered the bonspiel as the GNCC Team. Although we don't know their win and loss record, we do know that they ended up with a score of +9.

At the end of the bonspiel all the points were added and, sorry to say, the final score was Canada - 433 and the USA 339. Well, there is always next year.

The 43rd Annual Monctonian Bonspiel was held in Moncton, Prince Edward Island in mid November. **Jerry McCarty** reports that he with **Steve Smith, Jim Gutekunst, Chris Banino** and two Canadian allies, **Don Garside** (from Burlington, Ontario) and **Deny Nadeau** (from Sept Iles, Quebec) participated with 47 other teams. **Jerry** states that "After a carefully selected late morning start on Thursday, the team played a close extra end game finishing second. From there they continued their second place record managing to win one game along the way". With a record like that they made many more friends in the Maritimes.

Also present were **Walter Baggett, Bruce Huffine, Paul Mort** and **Bob Hayes** (a former Ardsley member who returns to curling once each year at Moncton).

The Harvest Bonspiel was played at the Philadelphia Curling Club on November 21 - 24. This was the 25th anniversary of the mixed bonspiel and **Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, Chris and Mary Lou Banino** represented Ardsley. Negotiating a very difficult draw, the team beat Nashua and Plainfield, then lost to Leaside Curling Club of Toronto (the eventual winner) in the semi-final game by six inches on the last rock. Against Potomac CC in the consolation game final, the

team came back from 3 down in the eighth end to tie and register its only steal in the 9th for the OT win.

Jeff and Sally Hannon teamed with **Leo and Kathy Holewa** from Broomstones to defend last year's title (they won the first event last year). They lost their first game to drop to the second event and then lost in the semi-finals of that event. According to the **Hannons**, they did successfully defend the best costume title from last year.

The Calder Trophy. Norfolk Curling Club's men's bonspiel was played this past weekend, December 5 - 8. Twelve teams were entered, three of them from Ardsley. **Walter Baggett** was there with **Kal Sundaram**, and **Paul Mort** and a substitute from Norfolk. They reached the second event semi-final where they went down to defeat at the hands of **George Austin's** New York Caledonians.

Curling with **George** were **Peter Austin** at vice skip, **Jeff Paul** at second and **Ryan Davis** at lead. They lost their first game to Philadelphia, then defeated Petersham, Ardsley and Plainfield in the second event finals, winning the President's Trophy.

Jeff Lesuk skipped a rink consisting of **Jeff Hannon**, **John DeJong** (from Plainfield C.C.) and **Rob McKay**. They lost a tight game in the first event semi-finals and then finished as runner-up in the fourth event.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. **Walter and Lillie Baggett** will chair this party again this year. We have no special news about it but look for the sign-up sheet in the warm room with more information.

THE ARCHIE BRUCE MEMORIAL STONE. This annual mixed event between Ardsley and the Cape Cod Curling Club moves to our ice this year. It was played for the first time last year at Cape Cod. The dates and times are January 11th at 4:00 PM and January 12th at 10:00 AM. Three teams from each club will each play two games. The club with the highest point count wins the event. The record now stands at Ardsley - 1 Cape Cod - 0. Following the Saturday afternoon games the participants will enjoy cocktails and dinner at **Ed and Pam Siebert's** home. Brunch will be served at the curling club following the Sunday morning games. **Geoff and Pippa Broadhurst** are running the event this year. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the warm room. If you are interested in participating please add your John Hancock to the sheet.

THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL. This is the second and larger of Ardsley's two intraclub bonspiels. It will be held the weekend of January 17-19. All members of the club, men and women, active members and associate members, experienced and inexperienced are urged to participate. Simply put your name down on the sign-up sheet and the committee will assign you to a team. You may sign up individually, as a couple, or as a team and the committee will make the assignments. The committee reserves the right to split up a team if they regard it as too strong. The goal is to enter 16 teams in the bonspiel. That's only 64 people (plus a few as substitutes) which should not be too difficult considering the number of curlers available this year.

The bonspiel will be three or four events guaranteeing a minimum of three games for each team. Medals and prizes are awarded to the first and second place team in each event. Dinner will be served in the warm room on Saturday night.

This is a great way for new curlers to experience bonspieling. Don't be bashful, sign up and enjoy the experience!

The chairpersons have not yet volunteered so if you would like the job please call Pam Siebert right away.

GNCC SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP Ardsley will host the Senior's the weekend of February 6th to the 9th. Teams from all Grand National Curling Clubs are invited to participate. **Bunky Harmon** is chairing this year's event.

DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL. This is our annual men's intracub bonspiel. The chairmanship rotates between Ardsley, New York Caledonian Curling Club and St. Andrew's Curling Club. This year it is Ardsley's turn and **Jim and Rosemary Kindler** have agreed to take the reins. The bonspiel, as it now exists, is a merger of St. Andrew's Douglas Bonspiel and Ardsley's and the New York Caledonian's New York International. This will be the 68th year for the Douglas.

THE GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL. Nutmeg's mixed bonspiel will be held at Ardsley on the weekend of March 13th to 16th. With Nutmeg about to close the deal to build a new facility in Bridgeport, CT., this may be the last time it will be held at Ardsley.

PULL THE PLUG PARTY. The final party and the last day of curling for the 2002/2003 season will be held on April 5th. **Robin and Jeff** are running the party this year.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Blanton (as of 12/4/02)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B6	Stopera	5	0	B3	Baggett	2	3
B11	O'Neill	4	1	B4	Banino	2	3
B7	Broadhurst, G.	3	2	B5	Paul	2	3
B9	Barghout	3	2	B8	McCarty	2	3
B10	Doherty	3	2	B1	Davey	1	4
B2	Austin, P.	2	3	B12	Hess	1	4

The Wells Wicks (Tuesday night league final standings)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Graham	4	1		Stannard	2	3
Muldowney/Purkey	3	2	72	Clancy	2	3
MacMillan	3	2	97	Murphy, J.	1	4

Sandy Graham's team consisted of Pippa Broadhurst, Margaret Guiry and Anne Schneider. The apparent tie for second place was avoided by the point count system which credits points for ends won. Using this system Ann MacMillan's team outscored the Muldowney/Purkey team. Anne MacMillan's runner-up team had Liz Murphy, Mary Ann Moore and Ethel Moran.

The All American. (From Nancy Clancy) This is a women's event open to all women, not just those who normally curl in the women's leagues. Women who normally curl just in the mixed are also eligible to participate. It is a United States Women's Curling Association event that is played in every club in the country.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the warm room. There will be a daytime (Thursdays at 9:30 AM) and an evening (Tuesday at 7:30 PM) All American. If you have any questions, call Nancy Clancy at 914-779-3282.

The Thorndike (as of 12/9/02)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Murphy, M.	7	0	Gutekunst, J.	3	4
Austin, G.	6	1	Lesuk, J.	3	4
Hannon, J.	6	1	Murphy, P.	3	4
Zolkavich, G.	4	3	Davey, T.	2	5
Barghout, I.	3	4	Baggett, W.	1	6
DeJong, P.	3	4	Purkey, D.	1	6

JUNIOR CURLING

Jeff Paul, with the assistance of Sandy Graham, has the Junior League up and running every Tuesday afternoon. There are about fourteen juniors participating at present. Jeff expects to have more to report next month.

REQUEST TO ALL CURLERS

It would be most helpful to all skips and curling chairpersons if curlers would advise these people if they plan to be unavailable for several weeks at a time. This is especially true with four man teams when the skip finds out, after the schedule is prepared, that a curler will not be available to curl.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP.

The next issue of Duck Soup will go to press on or about January 11, 2003.

It would make our job a lot easier if all curling committee chairman would send in the league standings a few days before the 11th. Also, if you go on an out-of town bonspiel please let me know who was on your team and how you made out (in terms of wins and losses, of course).

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for Ardsley Curlers



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January 16, 2003

THE CURRENT STATUS OF CURLING AT ARDSLEY

Pam Siebert, the President of the Ardsley Curling Club, has written the following report so that all members of the curling club will be appraised of the current problems and the steps now being taken to correct them.

After intensive investigation, **Geoff Broadhurst** and **Jeff Paul** presented a recommendation to the Ardsley Curling Club Board of Directors addressing the best possible way to resolve the mechanical failure we suffered on January 3rd. Their proposal was to purchase a new refrigeration package to replace our old system that was damaged beyond repair. On January 14th the Board approved the expenditure of \$64,000.00 to \$70,000.00 for the new refrigeration package. The new and higher capacity system will allow us to make ice quickly and more efficiently. We hope to have ice by February 17th. We will be extending our curling season two more months ending with the Pull the Plug Party on April 19th.

The new system is costly but necessary. A fund raising committee has been established chaired by **Jerry McCarty**.

Special thanks to **Geoff Broadhurst**, **Jeff Paul** and **Steve Smith** who will once again be facing arduous hours of work to see this project to completion. Please check your e-mail as volunteers will be needed shortly.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Board of Directors, at the meeting held on January 12th, decided to cancel the Douglas International Bonspiel and the Golden Handle Bonspiel scheduled for later this season. The primary reason for doing this was to make more ice time available for our new curlers who were unlikely to participate in either event. The Grand National Curling Club Senior Men's Championship, which was scheduled to take place at Ardsley on February 6th to the 9th has already been rescheduled to be played at the Cape Cod Curling Club on those same dates.

The Headless Horseman Bonspiel, which was scheduled for the weekend of January 17th to the 19th, will be rescheduled for a date later in February or March. This event was not cancelled because it is an intra club bonspiel and all new curlers are urged to play in it.

The Next ~~Open House~~ has been rescheduled for Sunday March 2nd between 2:00 and 4:00 PM

REGULAR LEAGUE CURLING

League coordinators will advise all members of new curling schedules soon.

CURLING AT PLAINFIELD

Jeff Hannon has made arrangements with the Plainfield Curling Club in South Plainfield, N.J. for Ardsley curlers to use their ice, while we are repairing our plant, on the following dates: Friday, 1/17 evening, Sunday 1/19 all day, Friday 1/24 evening, Sunday 1/26 all day. While this issue may reach you too late for the first two dates, it will certainly be timely enough for the later dates. Everyone will be required to sign a waiver similar to the one signed at Ardsley. So that there are not people showing up at all times we need to coordinate the times. The Friday night sessions will start at 8:00 PM and the Sunday afternoon sessions at 2:00 PM. If you are interested in curling at Plainfield please e-mail Jeff Hannon with the dates and times preferred. Jeff will select the most popular times and work out the details with Plainfield CC. Jeff's e-mail address is jeff_hannon@juno.com. Jeff notified us that on January 10th he already had 10 people interested in curling at Plainfield on the 17th.

Plainfield is a two sheet club and if the response is overwhelming we may limit the games to 6 ends in order to accommodate everyone.

If you are looking for additional ice time, why not sign up for the Plainfield Thrifty Open Bonspiel on January 30th to February 2nd. The entry fee is \$99.00 per rink with all meals included. You can sign up online at www.njcurling.org.

As of 4:56 PM on January 15th there was still plenty of room available for curling at Plainfield on Friday, January 24th and Sunday, January 26th. Curling will start at 8:00 PM on Friday and 2:00 PM on Sunday. Jeff Hannon will not be present for those two days but Peter DeJong will be in charge.

SATELLITE TV

Thanks to Kay Sugahara the satellite dish and receiver have been installed at the club and are sending 98% signal strength to our television. We are hooked up to the ExpressVu satellite and can get **CURLING ON TV**. There are three channels (maybe a fourth later) which have curling scheduled. TSN, CTV-SportsNet and CBC. Here are the schedules:

~~TSN~~

<http://www.tsn.ca/curling/feature.asp?fid=1085>

~~CTV-SportsNet~~

http://www2.sportsnet.ca/tvschedule/sked_pages/tv_sked_id_55.shtml

CBC

No curling in December and not much for the rest of the year except CBC carries the finals of the Canadian and World Curling Championships for both men and women. All the rest of the games for these events are carried on TSN.

As an added note, The Outdoor Life Network (OLN Canada) is currently carrying the Louis Vitton Cup (the playdowns to see who will challenge New Zealand for the Americas Cup). Interested sailors will have to stay up late since it's on from 11:00 PM to 1:00 AM.

Although we will not be curling until February 17th here are times and dates for several games.

Sun Jan 19 3:00 PM TSN Canadian Mixed Semi finals

Sun Jan 19 10:30 PM TSN Canadian Mixed Finals

Sun Jan 26 5:00 PM TSN Canadian Senior Women's Final

Sun Jan 26 8:00 PM TSN Canadian Senior Men's Final

BONSPIEL TRAIL

The **PLAINFIELD/ARDSLEY FRIENDLY** was held on December 8, 2002 at Plainfield. Ardsley was successful for the 2nd year in a row, retaining the "Bucket" trophy in our trophy cabinet. Hospitality was at its best with a 10:00 AM breakfast awaiting when Ardsley arrived. A sumptuous buffet lunch was also provided. Thirteen Ardsley curlers played nine 4-end games. Representing Ardsley were; **Steve Smith**, skipping, with **Charlie Mack**, **Karl Koss** and **Lee Mack**; **Joyance Meechai**, skip, with **Joy/Dave Noble**, **Bill Pekowitz** and **Lynn Greaves**; **Trevor Davies** with **Alison Bankes**, **Ed Tucker** and **Kitty Davies**.

Joy and Dave Noble ran the Ardsley side of the event for the second year in a row.

The **GLOAMIN' GAELS BONSPIEL** was played at the Chicago Curling Club. The **Dancing Nancies** returned to the bonspiel this year and by popular opinion, won the party. **Nancy Clancy** and **Not-Nancy Jennifer Stannard** teamed up with a **Schnectady Nancy** and a **Chicago Nancy** to curl in the 'spiel.

The **ARCHIE BRUCE MEMORIAL STONE** friendly was played at Cape Cod Curling Club January 11th and 12th. It had been scheduled to be played at Ardsley this year but due to "you know what", it was moved to Cape Cod. This is the second year the friendly has been played. Last year at Cape Cod, Ardsley won 48 to 37. This year Cape Cod regained possession of the trophy by defeating Ardsley 49 to 36.

Representing Ardsley:

Trevor Davey	Peter DeJong	Ed Siebert
Kitty Davey	Ann MacMillan	Pam Siebert
Laurie Frees	Jim O'Boyle	Bill Pekowitz
Tim Klein	Patti Burns	Karen Pekowitz

For the second game, **Bill Pekowitz** rotated positions with **Ed Siebert** and although he did not win the game he put up a good fight.

UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION PLAYDOWNS

Bill Stopera, together with his two brothers, Dave and Jack, and **Tom Doherty** qualified to represent District 1 in the USCA Play-downs Final Six to be held at Schenectady on January 16th to the 19th. Two teams from each of the three districts here in the GNCC will compete in the Final Six. Three of those six teams will move on to the US Nationals.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST. ANDREW'S

Some eighty curlers, friends and spouses congregated at St. Andrew's on the evening of Sunday, December 15th for cocktails, dinner and singing. The cocktails and dinner were, needless to say, fantastic. The singing was -----wonderful. A group led by Jennifer Stannard won the first prize in a contest that took some of us by surprise. The Ice House Gang (Ardsley's Senior Curlers) was provided with a song to sing by **Jessie Wang** and, miracle of all miracles, took second place. **Margaret Guiry** was the Chairlady.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The New Year's Eve Party was almost the party that wasn't. Because very few had signed up to curl at the club, the party was moved to the home of **Lillie and Walter Baggett**. Those celebrating at the Baggett's were **Marion and George Cowles, Joy and Dave Noble and Mitzi and Jessie Wang**. The **Baggetts** report that the evening was most enjoyable with good food and a lot of talk about curling, travels and grandchildren.

The Board of Directors is interested in learning why the New Year's Eve Party, which used to be very well attended years ago, has lost its zing in recent years. If the current format is not attractive to you, please suggest what you think would have caused you to change your mind and participate in the club event. One suggestion was that there should be dancing throughout the evening as well as curling and more activities for non-curlers.

If you have any suggestions, please pass them along to the **Baggetts** or **Pam Siebert**.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staying in Touch

With all the activity (off ice variety) going on with status questions, other club curling opportunities, scheduling matters, etc., it's good to stay connected. While Duck Soup and the mail are valuable mass communicators, if you are plugged into the internet there are a number of communication opportunities available to you, related to our website, www.ardsleycurling.org that can serve a more timely purpose. It's a good idea to check your e-mail daily and the website a couple of times a week. Here are the various communication channels you have available, several of which are little used.

E-mail to individual members. There are currently 172 e-mail addresses of members on our site. Click on them in the Member Roster section to send an e-mail.

E-mail to Total Member List. Send your request to Pete McCuen at curlingpete@aol.com to implement a mailing.

E-mail to a Group of Members. While not used to date, we have the capability to sign up under e-mail bulletins for a specific subject (such as a specific league) and send or receive e-mails for that group.

Live Chat. Here members can interact with each other on matters of interest in real time. You can either notify people yourself of a subject and time to chat or ask "curlingpete" to send out a general e-mail announcement of a planned chat.

Message Board. This is like a "slow motion" chat room where the conversations can play out over days or weeks. Post a comment, question or problem here and others can read it and respond to it whenever they want. All members can participate.

Any questions or comments on these services can be addressed to **Pete McCuen**, administrator of our site.

CORRECTIONS TO THE ROSTER

Several members have asked that we publish correction to their phone numbers or e-mail addresses as they appeared in the roster. They are as follows:

Lillie Baggett Her home telephone number is 914-591-6864
Her home e-mail is LMSHORTRIDGE@AOL.COM

Alison Bankes Her new and only e-mail address is alisonbankes@netzero.com

Liz Hill Her business e-mail address is ehill@robertehill.com. Do not use her home aol.com address.

Maureen Petry Her correct address is 50 Amos Street, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591.
Her correct telephone is 914-631-0113.

MOVIE REVIEW

The Canadian movie, **Men with Brooms**, is now available for rent at various video stores. The fact that it is available so soon after being produced should give you a clue as to its quality. I saw it and was not impressed to say the least, however, other members of my family thought it was cute with some good laughs.

NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The next issue of Duck Soup will go to press around the 2nd week of February. In the meantime please continue to send news items to Bob Hill at rdh9e@aol.com or by fax at 914-944-0003.



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March 3, 2003

WE ARE BACK IN OPERATION AGAIN

Of course you all know that already, that is everyone except a few non-resident associate members. The club has had a few other meltdowns in its past, but nothing like this, where everything seemed to go wrong at the same time. Fortunately, we had among our membership a few good men and women with the ability to step in make the necessary analysis, followed by the right decisions, and get things done. There were many people involved, so many that perhaps a few names will be omitted. However, chief among the participants is **Jeff Paul**, and his company CRE, Inc., whose professional knowledge and skill enabled all the others to make their contributions. **Jeff** diagnosed the problem and was able to locate and order all of the machinery and parts necessary to get the operation going again. **Geoff Broadhurst** worked with **Jeff** at every step of the way. Among other things, he arranged to have the old brine tested for its toxicity and to have it dispersed properly. **Pam Siebert**, our President, had the problem of guiding the Board in its final decision to proceed with the replacement of the refrigeration plant. After the Board approved the budget of \$70,000.00 to do the work, and after the plant was installed, we were left with the job of making the ice all over again for the second time this season. This is, of course, where **Steve Smith** stepped in to finish the job. He, with the help of **Isa Barghout, Bill Borowitz, John Bourhill, Mark Bussy, Cleve Cleveland, Norm Laird, Charlie Mack, Pete McCune, Gert Messing, Jim Schepflin** and **Tom and Bettina Speyer**, made and painted the ice. (You can see photographs of most of the crew in the ice behind the hacks). They would have had it ready for the target date of February 17th if it had not been for the two foot blizzard on that day. Because of the weather, no one was able to get to the club for the last little finishing touches.

While all the above deliberations and work was progressing, the Board was pondering the manner in which the club would raise the money to pay for it. The club had \$15,000.00 in its capital fund, and **Chuck Owens** was able to get the GNCC to lend us \$20,000.00 for a short period of years. That left us short \$35,000.00.

And at this point in came **Jerry McCarty** and his committee of **Jim Gutekunst, Vic Huebner, Jim Kindler, Lillie Shortridge-Baggett, Bill Malgieri** and **Pete Murphy** to recommend how to raise the rest of the money to pay for our new plant. Bearing in mind that the Ardsley Curling Club is a 501 (c) (3) organization and that all contributions are tax deductible, it was their recommendation to raise that \$35,000.00 through donations from club members. A letter has been sent to all club members but the club does not expect this season's new members to participate in the fund drive since they have been with us such a short time.

CURLING ON NBC

NBC will videotape the finals of the USCA Men's and Women's Championships being played at Utica, NY, from February 28th to March 8th and will broadcast an edited one-hour's version on Saturday, March 15th.

NEW YORK CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB

The annual meeting of the Caledonians will be held on Sunday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM at the curling club. This is a social meeting and all wives, husbands and significant others are invited. There will be hors d'oeuvres, some curling (but only 4 ends) and an opportunity to have a good time with old friends. **Don't Miss It!**

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

Although there has been no curling at Ardsley, until last week, since January 3rd when all the ice making machinery broke down, many of our members have been busy getting in their ice time on the bonspiel circuit.

The 45th annual Norfolk Mixed Bonspiel. A total of twelve teams, including four from Ardsley, participated in this bonspiel on February 13th to the 16th. **Jeff and Sally Hannon**, curling with Ray and Stephanie Lawreck from Plainfield, as the "Plainly Nuts" team, won the first event when they defeated **Jim Gutekunst's** team of **Ann Wiggins, Kay Sugahara** and **Sandy Graham**, curling as the Manhattan Curling Club, in the finals. The winners of the third event were **Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, Chris and Mary Lou Banino. Walter Baggett, and Lillie** with **George and Marion Cowles** were eliminated in the third event semi-finals.

GNCC Senior Men's Championship. While this bonspiel was originally scheduled to be played at Ardsley on February 6th to the 9th it was moved to Cape Cod because of our machinery problems. Hopefully it will be held at Ardsley next year. Ardsley area teams finished in the finals of three events.

George Austin's New York Caledonian team of **Pete Murphy, Trevor Davey**, and **Tom Murphy** (Cape Cod substitute) won the first event defeating **Tony Steiert's** team from Philadelphia. This is the third time that **George** has won the Senior's competition, the other two being in 1999 and 2001. The road to the title was a rocky one for the Caledonians who were lucky to squeak out victories over Philadelphia 1 and the Triangle Curling Club from Winston Salem, NC. The semi-finals pitted them against the **George Dyer** team from Norfolk, CT. At the end of seven ends Norfolk led by a score of 4-3 with the Caledonians having the hammer in the eighth and final end. The Norfolk team missed four key shots in a row and suddenly the Caledonians were in the finals against **Tony Steiert's** Philadelphia IV team. The score in the finals was N.Y. Caledonian 7 and Philadelphia IV 5.

Charlie Mack's Nutmeg team of **Chuck Owens, Karl Koss** and **Bruce Huffine** lost in the finals of the second event in an extra end to **Bob Travis** of Schenectady 8-7.

Another Nutmeg team of **Dave Noble, Hal Purkey, Kay Sugahara, and Ed Tucker** lost in the finals of the 3rd event to **Dave Dewees** of Cape Cod.

Other local teams included Ardsley 1 skipped by **Vic Huebner** with **Norm Laird, Bill Borowitz** and **Pete McCuen**, Ardsley 2 skipped by **Geoff Broadhurst** with **Bunky Harmon, Isa Barghout** and **George Cowles**, and New York Caledonian 2 skipped by **Bob Baensch** with **Walter Baggett, Jim McGinnis** and **Shoji Takiguchi**.

Quebec International Bonspiel. Curling under the banner of the New York Caledonian Curling Club **Jim Gutekunst, Steve Smith** and **Jerry McCarty** participated in the Quebec City bonspiel from January 25th to February 1st. They were assisted by **Gene Fluck** from the Philadelphia Curling Club and **Don Garside** from Burlington, Ontario. While enjoying accommodations at the "cozy" Chateau Frontenac, three curling clubs and the cold weather, they managed to win three games and make friends on four other teams. All this, while enjoying the discounted Canadian dollar. Congratulations to **Jim Gutekunst** who received his ten-year pin. Recruiting has started for the 2004 bonspiel so anyone interested should contact **Jim, Steve** or **Jerry**,

Albany Mixed Bonspiel A N.Y. Caledonian team skipped by **Jeff Lesuk** with **Robin Gestring, George Austin** and **Sandy Graham** won the third event with a record of 4-1

An Ardsley rink skipped by **Peter DeJong** with **Trish Ryan, Jim Meinhold** and **Laurie Frees** were runners-up in the fourth event with a record of 2-2.

Empire State Bonspiel Two teams from Ardsley and one from Nutmeg participated in this women's bonspiel played at Utica the weekend of January 23rd through the 26th. Ardsley 1 was skipped by **Nancy Clancy** with **Ann MacMillan, Patti Burns** and **Margaret Guiry**. They played three close games but only managed to come up with one win. Ardsley 2 was skipped by **Pippa Broadhurst** with **Marion Cowles, Kris Liddle** and **Bobbie Stoll**. They lost their 1st game to Albany 2 and then went on to defeat Schenectady 3 and Norfolk only to lose to Rochester in the finals of the 2nd event. Nutmeg was skipped by **Diane Muldowney** with **Donna Purkey, Ann Wiggins** and **Laura King**. They lost the 1st and 2nd games to Utica 3 and Norfolk and then defeated Schenectady 3 before losing to the USCA team in the semi-finals of the 3rd event.

Albany Governor's Bowl. Two Ardsley teams entered this bonspiel at the Albany Curling Club the weekend of January 23rd to the 26th. **Walter Baggett** skipped a rink with **Isa Barghout, Bunky Harmon** and **George Cowles**. They were runners-up in the 3rd event. **George Austin, Jeff Lesuk, Scott Silverman** and **Jeff Hannon** enjoyed the club's hospitality after losing their last match on Saturday afternoon.

USWCA Senior Women's Bonspiel. **Marion Cowles** reports that she accompanied **Donna Purkey, Ann MacMillan** and **Mary Ann Moore** to this bonspiel at Superior, WI the weekend of January 16th to the 19th. They lost the 1st game, won the 2nd game and then lost the 3rd and were out. They had a great time but it was "very, very cold".

Chesapeake Mixed. **Charlie Mack, Trish Ryan, Michael Fry** (Potomac) and **Jennifer Stannard** won the 2nd event at this mixed bonspiel at Easton, MD the weekend of January 16th to the 19th.

33rd Newell Mixed International Bonspiel. **Kay Sugahara** skipped a team with **Sandy Graham** at vice and two substitutes to the runner-up position in the 3rd event at The Country Club the weekend of January 23rd to the 26th.

Plainfield "Thrifty". Two predominately Ardsley teams participated in this "Open" bonspiel which was held at the Plainfield Curling Club from January 30th to February 2nd. **Rich Andrechak** reports as follows. "**Jim O'Boyle, Sue & Mark Bussy and Betty DeJong** (Pete's mother) from Easton, MD, made up the 1st team; while the 2nd team was comprised of **Rich Andrechak, Jane Cavanaugh, Greg & Justine Haupt**. Team **O'Boyle** opened with a heartbreaking loss to **Linc Heffner's** Plainfield rink (Linc is **Lee Heffner's** son). A second round matchup was in the cards with team **Andrechak**. Although a tight game for 6 ends, Team **O'Boyle** managed to pull away. Team **O'Boyle** then played against a Plainfield team made up of four new curlers. Although the "newbies" put up a valiant effort, Team **O'Boyle** breezed to a resounding victory. Next up was a team from the London Ontario Curling Club. **O'Boyle's** team played a flawless game allowing the skip to throw guard rocks for virtually the entire game winning by a score of 10-3. Unfortunately the skill and good fortune did not continue to the finals of the second event as the team lost 6-2 to a very experienced Potomac team.

Team **Andrechak** lost their first game to the eventual 1st event winner. The second game against **Jim O'Boyle's** team also resulted in a loss. One win and another loss allowed the team to concentrate on the festivities.

This was the first bonspiel for the **Haupts** and many of their fellow competitors went out of their way to let them know how well they curled.

Rich reported that **Jeff Hannon** was inducted into Plainfield's prestigious "Secret/Not-so-Secret Haggis Society" during the pre-dinner ceremonies Saturday night.

The Winter Wonderland Bonspiel was held at the Norfolk Curling Club on February 20th to the 23rd. Two teams from Ardsley were present. **Ann MacMillan** skipped one team with **Marion Cowles** at vice, **Bobbie Stohl** at second and **Karen Pekowitz** at lead. We don't know how many games they won or lost but we do know that they were runners-up in the 2nd event.

The other team was skipped by **Pippa Broadhurst** with **Jean MacIntosh** at vice, **Patti Burns** at second and **Laurie Frees** at lead. All we can say about their record is that they had a good time, and to quote **Bob Will**, "nobody fell down".

National Senior Men's Curling Championships. **Charlie Mack** skipped a team of **Chuck Owens, Karl Koss and Bruce Huffine** (whose average age is 71.7 years) in the Super Senior's event in this bonspiel at the St. Paul Curling Club, St. Paul, Minnesota from February 19th to the 23rd. They were the runners-up in the 2nd event.

To be eligible for the Super Senior's, all team members must be 60 years of age or older. To be eligible for the Senior's the minimum age is 55 years of age. There is a third age bracket called the Masters Event in which all team members must be at least 65 years of age.

The sponsors of the bonspiel provide some interesting information regarding the ages of the participants. There were 80 teams with 323 curlers. The average age was 66.2 years of age

with the oldest curler being 93.4 years old and the next oldest curler being 92.7 years old. The average age of the oldest team (from Portage, WI) was 81.9 years. The second oldest team's average age was 81.8 years and they were from Detroit. The average age of the youngest team was 56.7 years. They were from St. Paul.

BLANTON RESULTS

Ed Godbold has advised that the curling committee decided to consider the Blanton competition complete where it stood at Christmas about three weeks early. The final results for the Blanton are as follows:

<u>Team#</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team#</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B6	Stopera	7	0	B8	McCarty	3	4
B11	O'Neill	5	2	B5	Paul	3	4
B10	Doherty	5	2	B4	Banino	3	4
B9	Barghout	4	3	B12	Hess	2	5
B7	Broadhurst	4	3	B3	Baggett	2	5
B2	Austin, P.	3	4	B1	Davey	1	6

Bill Stopera's winning team consisted of **Jim Gutekunst, Bunky Harmon, Chris Hooke** and **Michael McCarville**.

Brian O'Neill's team and **Tom Doherty's** team will have to play off to see who wins the silver second place medal.

INSURANCE WAIVER FORMS

A long list of members who have not signed the insurance waiver forms, or who have signed them and their signatures are not legible, has been posted at both doors from the warm room to the ice. Blank forms are located on the shelf next to both doors. It is **absolutely necessary** for every person setting foot on the ice to sign one of these forms. If your name is on the list, please sign the form the next time you are at the club. **All skips are advised to check the list to see if any member of their team is listed.** If he or she is listed, you must have them sign the form **before the game starts.** Any team permitting one of their curlers to curl without first signing a waiver will forfeit that game by order of the Board.

When signing be sure to also print your name under your signature!

NAME TAGS

There are still a few unclaimed nametags on the railing in the warm room. Please check to see if yours is among them.

NUTMEG ICE

When the last issue of Duck Soup went to press we believed that the Nutmeg Curling Club was very close to signing a new lease with Wonderland of Ice in Bridgeport. The day after Duck Soup went to press we were advised that the signing would not take place as planned.

Two circumstances beyond Nutmeg's control have delayed the progress of the Wonderland of Ice expansion and upgrade project at the city and state level. First all projects are on hold in Bridgeport due to the trial /of the Mayor for malfeasance. There is no movement on any project until this is settled. Concurrently, due to the mayor's troubles, the state and the governor are not eager to do anything for the city of Bridgeport until this is settled. Secondly, the State has recently laid off a large number of employees due to the budget deficit and is not interested in supporting any project that does not increase jobs. Since both the City and the State were expected to contribute substantially to the WOI project and since neither one is moving ahead at this point it would appear that there could be a substantial delay in the entire project.

On the positive side, the project has city zoning approval, the city is aware of the critical need to upgrade and improve WOI, the project has positive backing from all city "powers that be" and there is a contractor in place ready to go once the financial matters are resolved. Furthermore, Nutmeg has met their goal of raising the funds necessary for phase one. They raised over \$85,000.00 and have pledges for \$60,000.00 more once the lease is signed.

Hopefully the problems will be resolved favorably and the Nutmeg Curling Club will shortly see their vision fulfilled.

CANADIAN CLUB OF NEW YORK

Don Tore wore two hats last Sunday, February 22nd, as 14 members of the Canadian Club of New York held an outing at Ardsley. **Don** is a member of both clubs and served as an organizer at either end. In addition to curling instruction provided by **Pete McCuen**, **Bunky Harmon** and **Geoff Broadhurst**, a catered dinner was served in the warm room. **Pam Siebert** welcomed the Canadians to the club.

OPEN HOUSE

Approximately 50 people appeared at the Open House held on Sunday afternoon, March 2, 2003 at the curling club. Alice Yeh and Scott Silverman, the membership chairmen, tell us that although they have only one confirmed sign-up at this point, they expect many more to turn in their checks and forms at the Thursday training session.

USWCA'S ALL AMERICAN

Every year the USWCA, the US women's Curling Association, sponsors a special event, the All American, to be held at all clubs across the country for all USWCA members. If you are one of the 70 women curlers at Ardsley, regardless of when you curl, the club has paid dues to the USWCA for you, and you are a member.

All USWCA members are eligible, and invited, to curl in this year's All American event at Ardsley. The exact schedule and format will be determined by the number of curlers who sign

up. We expect at least six teams from our Tuesday night league and will add teams to include other curlers who sign up. The teams will be drawn at random from four pools: one for skip, one for vice, and so on. A possible format would be a playdown like a bonspiel, with games on two consecutive Tuesday nights, and maybe a final on a non-Nutmeg Sunday. The games will be scheduled about four weeks after we get our ice back. If necessary there could be more than one draw per day. There will also be a daytime competition on Thursday mornings.

For the evening competition, please e-mail **Nancy Clancy** at curlnancy@aol.com or telephone her at 914-779-3282 to sign up, or with any questions.

For the daytime competition contact **Mary Lockhart** at lockhart-ny@att.net or call her at 914-591-6964.

An All American pin, provided by the USWCA, will be awarded to the 1st place teams of both the daytime and evening competitions.

COMING EVENTS

HEADLESS HORSEMAN Bonspiel –Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 7th, 8th and 9th.

Pull the Plug Party. The last day of curling and the last party of the season. Don't miss it. Saturday, April 19th. Watch for more information and the sign up sheet.

NEWS FLASH WEEKEND OPEN CURLING

With the ice now back, several members have expressed interest in open/mixed curling on Saturday and/or Sunday mornings. The league would be open to men, women and junior curlers. The dates would be March 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, April 5-6 and 12-13. If you are interested in participating or would like more information contact **Geoff Broadhurst** at 914-591-7356 or g.broadhurst@worldnet.att.net.

— NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The next issue of Duck Soup is scheduled for the week of April 6th.

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April 8, 2003

32nd HEADLESS HORSEMAN

The weekend of March 7th, 8th and 9th saw the Headless Horseman back at Ardsley in fine fettle. Thanks to the organizing abilities of **Rich Andrechak** and **Jane Cavanaugh** the Horseman attracted 15 teams to participate this year. The warm room was jumping and the curling, for the most part, was good and even exciting in some of the final matches. Everything got started with the first draw at 6:00 PM on Friday with additional draws at 8:15 PM and 10:30 PM. There were five draws on Saturday starting with one at 10:30 AM and the last at 8:00 PM. Sundays schedule had two draws, the first at 10:00 AM (The Graveyard – 4th event finals- and the Katrina – 3rd event semi-finals) and the second at 1:30 PM (The Washington, Irving and Katrina finals).

In the 1st event, the Washington, **Jeff Lesuk's** team of **Pete McCuen**, **Laurie Frees** and **Dave Tumminello** defeated the "Dads and Lads" skipped by **Adam Chebetar** with **Rob Chebetar**, **Justin Haupt** and **Greg Haupt** in a close eight end match. In the Irving, the second event, **Bob Welch's** team of **Carrie Welch**, **Theresa Welch** (a former Ardsley curler) and **Karl Koss** defeated **Jill Owens** and her team of **Don Torey**, **Ed Andrews** and **Tim Klein**.

In the 3rd event, the Katrina, **Geoff Broadhurst's** team of **Sandy Graham** (who substituted for **Pippa** in this final game), **Lyn Greaves** and **Kevin Greaves** narrowly defeated **Gert Messing's** foursome of **Mary Jean Keenan**, **Steve Meyers** and **Randy Schull**. The match was decided by the last rock in the 8th end.

The 4th event finals saw **Shoji Takiguchi's** team of **Jim McGinnis**, **Mary Lou Banino** and **Chris Banino** defeating **Alice Yeh** and her team of **George** and **Marion Cowles** and **Frank Marinelli**.

One of the best features of the Headless Horseman is that it brings together members that often curl in different leagues on different dates. This year was no exception. We were happy to see that 18 first year curlers mixed in with our seasoned veterans. This is probably the first time that that many new curlers participated in the event.

Lunch and a buffet dinner were served in the warm room on Saturday. Continental Breakfasts were available both Saturday and Sunday morning.

Karen and **Bill Pekowitz** won the 1st prize in the weekend's 50-50 pool - \$200.00 – and then generously donated their winnings to the club. **Sandy Berkowitz** did a great job selling the 50-50 pool boxes.

The Headless Horseman committee consisted of **Rich Andrechak, Jane Cavanaugh, Sandy Berkowitz, Sandy Graham, Terry Mamalis and Karen and Bill Pekowitz**. The ice was maintained by the crew of **Bill Borowitz, Gert Messing and Bob Welch**.

As a final note, the net income to the Ardsley Curling Club from the Headless Horseman Bonspiel was \$1,386.00.

SILENT AUCTION

On Saturday, March 8th, while the Headless Horseman was galloping along, the spectators, in addition to enjoying the curling, were also able to examine the large amount of quality goods available for purchase at the silent auction. By the time the bidding was finished, the curling club had collected \$2,387.00. When added to the net proceeds of the bonspiel, this made the weekend a very profitable one for Ardsley and at a time when it was needed. Many thanks to all those who contributed the articles for sale and to those who purchased them.

COMPRESSOR FUND UPDATE

Jerry McCarty reports some great news concerning the Compressor Fund Drive. To date, April 7th, over \$44,000.00 was raised and together with the GNCC loan we now have enough money to pay the bills. Future pledges should increase the amount raised and provide the ability to prepay the GNCC loan.

The new compressor cost was originally estimated at \$70,000.00 but additional charges, primarily due to electrical work, increased the cost to \$77,000.00. Present funds available are \$79,000.00 (\$15,000.00 from the club's reserve funds, \$20,000.00 from the GNCC loan and \$44,000.00 from donations).

Jerry added that the drive is not over. **If you have not sent in a donation, please do so.** Any future amounts collected, he said, will be used to prepay the GNCC loan which will reduce the impact on future dues for all curlers.

Jerry thanks all the members who have sent in their contributions and the members of his committee who are **Jim Gutekunst, Vic Huebner, Jim Kindler, Bill Malgieri, Pete Murphy and Lillie Shortridge-Baggett**.

2003 USCA PINS AVAILABLE

Lillie Shortridge-Baggett has asked Duck Soup to remind the Ardsley curlers that she still has the 2003 USCA pins available. You can obtain one or more pins by making a tax deductible contribution to the United States Curling Association. Pins are given based on the level of giving: Lead pins are \$20 to \$34; Second pins are \$35 to \$99; Third pins are \$100 to \$199; Skip Pins are \$200 to \$299, and Team pins are \$300 and above. If you wish to make a donation so you can receive your pins, please contact **Lillie** at lmshortridge@aol.com or 914-591-6864. She will also be available at the club during these last few weeks of the season.

SECURITY

Recently there have been one or two instances where the club was left unlocked with the lights on overnight. Please remember, if you are the last to leave the club at any time during the day or night, to turn off the lights and to lock the inside door.

Often at night the bartender has left before the last member has left so we can not rely on him/her to lock up. Thanks for your attention to this very important detail.

Anyone who thinks old age is golden must not have had a very exciting youth.

Think about this-----No one ever says "it's only a game" when their rink is winning.

And finally

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

Cherry Blossom Bonspiel. This bonspiel was held at the Potomac Curling Club at Laurel, Maryland the weekend of March 27th to the 30th. There were 36 teams entered, some from as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska, Duluth, Minnesota, Arizona, Canada and Wisconsin. **Jeff and Sally Hannon**, curling with Ray and Stephanie Lawreck (from the Plainfield Curling Club) were runners-up in the 4th event. **Nancy Clancy, Jennifer Stannard and John Dorff**, curling with skip J. Davies (from the Potomac Curling Club) were the runners-up in the 5th event. **Jill Owens** curled with a Potomac team but did not survive the draw.

Bonsqueal 2003. A 32 team event held at the Plainfield Curling Club the weekend of April 4th to the 6th. **Sally and Jeff Hannon**, curling with Ray and Stephanie Lawreck (from the Plainfield Curling Club) as the PlaineyNuts won the 2nd event.

PCC Stone. This bonspiel was played at Potomac on March 20th to the 23rd. A New York Caledonian rink skipped by **George Austin** with **Jeff Lesuk, Peter Austin and Chris Banino** were the runners-up in the 1st event.

Raymond Kayser Bonspiel. This is a mixed bonspiel for curlers with not more than five years experience curling. It was held this year at the Rochester Curling Club the weekend of March 14th to the 16th. The runners-up in the 2nd event, the McKay Medal, were the Ardsley team skipped by **Jim O'Boyle** with **Robin Gestring, Bill and Karen Pekowitz**.

The Granite State Men's Bonspiel was played at the Nashua Curling Club the weekend of March 7th to the 9th. **George Austin** skipped a team of non-Ardsley curlers to the runner-up position in the 2nd event. One of his teammates was Davis Yetman, a former Ardsley member.

Winter Wonderland Ladies Bonspiel. We reported on this bonspiel in the last issue but were not aware at that time that **Jill Owens**, skipping the USWCA East team, won the 1st event. Also on her team was **Jennifer Stannard** playing second.

CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. The 33rd annual CT. State Championship (also known as the "No-Nut") between Nutmeg and Norfolk Curling Clubs was held March 2nd at Norfolk. After 4 draws Norfolk led by 7 points, but Nutmeg made a strong comeback in the last two draws of the day to win the "CT Championship" by a score of 55 to 50. Nutmeg curlers participating in the event were: **Jeff Hannon, Joanna Owens, Bruce Huffine, Mary Ann Moore, Diane Muldowney, Ed Tucker, Tim Fenton, Laura King, Charlie Mack, Greg Glashan, Lee Mack, Anne Wiggins, Chuck Owens, Jill Owens, Jennifer Stannard and Karl Koss.**

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 13th. The Annual Meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club will be held at 1:00 PM At the curling club. All members are invited to attend.

Sunday, April 13th. There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting.

Sunday, April 19th. Pull the Plug Party. Begins at 3:00 PM. This year's theme: **Hawaiian Luau! (combined with the world famous annual Polish Night Cuisine)** can only result in mayhem and madness!!!
Grass skirts, flip-flops (with sliders of course) flowered shirts and beachwear. Thongs are not discouraged. However, a picture needs to be submitted for the approval of the chairpersons of the thong committee.
Remember that this is the last day of curling until next fall. Don't miss it!!
There is a sign up sheet in the warm room. If you forgot to sign up in the warm room, you can sign up on the website. In the member section, go to "eforms" and then to the "Pull the Plug Sign Up" and fill out the form and submit it. (<http://www.ardsleycurling.org/>)

Saturday, April 26th. Clean up day. Volunteers needed. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Complimentary Lunch.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THESE DATES

Friday, May 16th. Closing Dinner and Awards Night at the Ardsley Country Club.
A notice will be sent out with the details.

Thursday, June 5th. Annual Golf Outing at the Ardsley Country Club. Details will follow.

NBC TELEVISES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2003 World Championships will be taped for broadcast Sunday, April 20th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET featuring the US teams. The program was made possible by financial support from the World Curling Federation

COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM

The dining facilities at the Ardsley Country Club have reopened after the completion of substantial kitchen and clubhouse renovations. Members of the Ardsley Curling Club have dining privileges during the curling season. It is suggested that you call for reservations. Men are required to wear jackets and ties in the dining room. Casual attire is permitted in the Grill Room

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was received in response to the article in the previous edition of Duck Soup regarding the women's All American event.

"Re: USWCA's All American"

"The USWCA has been an event for years. The club always paid for each lady and we all knew in September when we pay our dues and when the event is being held! Everybody always had an option to play in it-----except we decide in September."

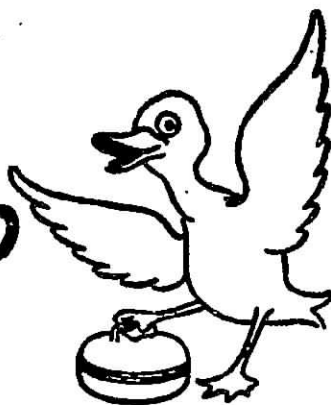
Ann MacMillan

FINAL ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The final issue of Duck Soup for the 2002/2003 season will go to press shortly after the closing dinner on May 16th. Please have all copy submitted to **Bob Hill** well before that date. I need the final results for all league competitions including the names of the members on the winning and second place teams!

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May 27, 20033

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

The annual meeting was held on April 13, 2003 in the warm room of the club. Because of the absence of President **Pam Siebert**, due to extraordinary circumstances, Vice President **Pete McCune** conducted the meeting and read the President's report. In her report **Pam** expressed gratitude to the many members whose work and dedication contributed to the Club's achievements, and who helped the Club to successfully surmount the daunting problems experienced following the failure of the refrigeration system.

The report also took pains to express gratitude for the efforts of **Jeff Paul** and **Geoff Broadhurst** whose toil and untold hours of work on the Club's refrigeration saved the season from what would have been a particularly untimely end. It also praised the Compressor Fund Raising Committee, chaired by **Jerry McCarty**, for extending a lifeline to the club at a moment of great need. And of course **Alice Yeh** and **Scott Silverman** were praised for the excellent job they did in raising our membership to record levels.

The Treasurer, **Todd Clough**, submitted his report.

The 20 members present and 37 proxies received elected the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. Those elected for three-year terms were: **Steve Smith**, **Jeff Lesuk**, **Jane Cavanaugh** and **George Austin**.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Immediately following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met to consider club business.

The first order on the agenda was to fill one vacancy on the Board. **Todd Clough** was elected to a one-year term.

The next order on the agenda was the election of officers for the coming year. The Board re-elected the current slate of officers as follows:

Pam Siebert-----President
Peter McCuen----Vice President
Todd Clough-----Treasurer
Mark Bussy-----Secretary

COMPRESSOR FUNDRAISING REPORT

Jerry McCarty, Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, reported previously that enough money was collected along with the GNCC loan and club funds already available to pay for the Compressor Replacement costs.

He now reports that as of May 15th over \$56,700.00 has been collected and with future stock and donation pledges, over \$61,200.00 is projected.

He attributes the success of the Fund Drive to the generosity of all those who contributed and the hard work by his committee (**Jim Gutekunst, Vic Huebner, Jim Kindler, Bill Malgieri, Pete Murphy, and Lillie Shortridge-Baggett**). The fact that donations are tax deductible played a key role in the success and he extends his thanks to **Don McKay** for his perseverance with the IRS to obtain the 501 C 3 status for the club.

Jerry added that it is not too late to donate money or stock as the club can always use extra funds for the many proposed projects.

CLOSING DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS

On Friday evening, May 16th, approximately 110 curlers assembled on the terrace of The Ardsley Country Club for cocktails and dinner. Although the weather was cool, the club had the canopy overhead, the side curtains drawn and the gas fired heaters stoked up making it quite comfortable. **Pam Siebert** was the Master of Ceremonies and directed the program throughout the evening. Medals were awarded to the members of the teams winning in each of the men's, women's and mixed competitions. During the cocktail party tickets were sold for the 50-50 raffle and **Bruce Huffine** was the lucky winner of \$397.00.

Carl Honzak led the singing of Auld Lang Syne (check spelling)

ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR

One of the highlights of the closing dinner each year is the election of the "Rookie of the Year" by those present at the dinner. This, in past years, has involved selecting one new curler from a group of perhaps 10 to 15 candidates. This year the list of candidates totaled 49 new curlers. The winner was **Justin Haupt**. Congratulations.

JUNIOR CURLING

Thanks to the time and effort of **Jeff Paul** and **Sandy Graham** our Junior Program was held every Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. They taught 10 to 20 children whose ages ranged from 7 to 15 years old. The lessons focused on the delivery and release of the stone along with the basic concept of the game.

An extension of the Junior Program is also underway for next year. **Sandy**, along with the help of **Kay Sugahara**, has put together a video presentation to promote curling with the local schools. They hope to get the Dobbs Ferry, Irvington and Ardsley school boards to adopt curling into their physical education programs in the fall of 2003. **Sandy** will be making presentations this summer to the various boards. If any of our members reading this article can

assist **Sandy** in gaining access to the schools it would be much appreciated. If you are able to help, please call **Sandy**.

Junior curling will hopefully get started the first Tuesday in November 2003.

SOLUTIONS FOR OVERLY-LENGTHY GAMES??

Pam Siebert has received several letters from members complaining that weeknight-curling leagues, where two sessions are involved, need to be better controlled. Games need to start on time and finish on time. While this may not be a function of the Board of Directors, the Board should certainly recommend to the curling chairmen that rules and penalties be established and followed so that games do not run over from the first draw to the second. Since the curling chairman can not always be present the skips must insist the rules be followed without exception. If a team is not ready to take the ice at the scheduled starting time then the game should be shortened by at least one end and the offending team should give up at least one point per end.

The Board requests that any member having a solution for this problem send it to Pam Siebert.

ICE HOUSE GANG VS. THE GOOD OLD BOYS

The Ice House Gang (Ardsley's senior curlers) played against the Good Old Boys (Nutmeg's senior curlers) in April for the second half of their annual contest. The two clubs began this competition in 1989 and have met every year without fail. Originally each club hosted one of the two matches each year, but since Nutmeg lost its lease and facilities, both matches have been played at Ardsley. This year the first match was played on December 6th with Ardsley ending up with a 6-point advantage.

The second match ended up with the Ice House Gang outscoring the Good Old Boys by 5 points. Although we don't have the names of all the curlers competing in the April match, we do have the names of the skips. **George Austin's** rink defeated **Charlie Mack's** rink by the score of 9-5. **Isa Barghout's** team lost to **Jim Meinholds** team 4-13. **Geoff Broadhurst's** team defeated **Bob Will's** team 11-1.

The Ice House Gang has now won 9 times to the Good Old Boys 6 times.

ARDWICK'S SPRING MEETING

On May 7th, the Ardwick's met at the Ardsley Country Club to begin planning for two important events next curling season and to elect officers. The first event is the **Canadian Senior Friendship Tour** which will take place at Ardsley on Monday, November 10th. Eighteen Canadian women will be here to curl in two draws at 2:00 and 4:30 PM on that day. The next day and evening will be spent in Manhattan and the following day, November 12th, the women will leave for Albany and Schenectady. **Merle Huebner** is chairing the Friendship Tour and already has things well in hand. Ardsley will need to provide housing for the eighteen visitors and has already made arrangements for ten of them. **Pauline Davies** has generously offered her

home for the Monday evening socializing and dinner. The Ardwick's will enter four rinks of senior women to curl one game each against the Canadians.

Anyone available and willing to help, hostess, or accompany the visitors on Tuesday, please call **Merle** at 914-693-4741.

The second event, ~~The Empire State Bonspiel~~, will be held at Ardsley beginning Thursday, January 22 and ending Sunday, January 25, 2004. This will be the 50th Anniversary of the Empire State. **Patti Burns** and **Nancy Clancy** will be the co-chairs. Heather and Brian Kenny will host the opening party at their home. Many special events are planned including the Westchester Dinner Theatre on Friday evening, the 23rd, where the show will be *Miracle* on 34th Street. **Nancy** and **Patti** need to block off seats at the theatre and need to know how many members would like to attend. The cost is \$60.00 per person, including dinner, and must be prepaid to Ardsley by June 25. Please mail your check, payable to Ardwick's, and request to **Jean Glus**, 8 Concord Road, Ardsley, NY 10502.

The following officers were re-elected for a two year term: **Pippa Broadhurst** – President, **Marion Cowles** – Secretary, **Jean Glus** – Treasurer. **Margaret Guiry** was appointed Vice-President by the executive board for the coming year so **Nancy Clancy** can focus on the 50th anniversary plans.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Men's Competition

The Wells (final results)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W6	Welch	9	0	W9	O'Neill	4	5
W8	Stopera	7	2	W11	Barghout	3	6
W12	Broadhurst	7	2	W3	Murphy, P.	3	6
W7	Davey	6	3	W5	Lesuk	2	7
W4	Austin, G.	6	3	W2	Hannon HANNON	1	8
W1	Gutekunst	5	4	W10	Doherty	1	8

Curling with **Bob Welch** on the 1st place Gold Medal team were **Adam Chebetar**, **Walter Baggett**, **Kal Sundaram** and **Mike McCarville**.

The 2nd place Silver Medal team was skipped by **Bill Stopera** with **Chris Banino**, **Bill Malgieri**, **Dan Tufaro** and **Ted Pitt**.

The **Furlined Trophy**, awarded to the last place team in the league, went to skip **Tom Doherty**, **Peter Austin**, **Richard Kilsheimer**, **Bruce Huffine** and **Jim Shepflin**.

The Thorndike (final results)

Division 1

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Murphy, M.	4	1	Murphy, P.	1	3
Austin, G.	4	1	Hannon	1	3
Lesuk	4	1	Barghout	0	5

Division 2

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Zolkavich	5	0	Baggett	1	4
Gutekunst	4	1	Purkey	1	4
Davey	3	2	DeJong	1	4

Due to scheduling difficulties there was a three way tie for first place in the Division 1 group. A playoff may be arranged in the fall to resolve this issue. The winning rinks were:

Skip Mike Murphy, Gert Messing, Bob Welch, Dennis Mellerup and Chris Banino

Skip George Austin, Peter Austin Jeff Paul and Ryan Davis.

Skip Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, Alan Yarish, Sandy Graham and Rob McKay

The winning team in Division 2 was skipped by Grant Zolkavich with Patricia Sementa, Jerry McCarty, John Smart and Suzanne Niles.

WOMENS COMPETITIONTuesday Evening LeagueThe MacIntosh Pin

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Burns-	4	1	Welch-	3	2
Malgieri	3	2	Siebert	1	4
Murphy, L.	3	2	Liddle	1	4

Patti Burns skipped the winning team with Nancy Clancy, Bobbie Stoll and Gail Cosman.

The All American

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Muldowney	3	0	Graham	1	2
Clancy	2	1	Murphy, J.	1	2
Broadhurst	2	1	MacMillan	0	2
Ryan	2	1	Stannard	0	2

The All American was played in a knockout format. In the finals Diane Muldowney, with Kitty Davey, Laurie Frees and Elaine Malgieri (as a substitute) defeated Nancy Clancy's team of Joanna Owens, Margaret Guiry and Ethel Moran. The second event went to the Ripa Broadhurst team of Katie Clough, Elaine Malgieri and Terry Crandall. The team of Trish Ryan, Sue Bussy, Kris Liddle and Gail Cowman won the third event.

The Two Brooms

On April 8th the Two Brooms event was contested by two Ardsley teams and two Nutmeg teams. Sandy Graham, Nancy Clancy, Ann MacMillan and Joyance Meechai succeeded in a match against Joanna Owens, Anne Wiggins, Jill Owens and Gail Cosman. Jean Murphy, with Liz Murphy, Katy Clough and Pauline Davies, prevailed over Diane Muldowney, Trish Ryan, Jennifer Stannard and Heidi Follin. With two wins Ardsley was able to retain the trophy for another year.

Thursday Morning League

The MacIntosh Pin

The **Pauline Davies** rink of **Pippa Broadhurst**, **Mitzi Wang** and **Polly Draeseke** won this Thursday AM league.

The Wells Wick

The **Pippa Broadhurst** team of **Lillie Shortridge-Baggett**, **Marion Cowles**, **Jean Glus** and **Mitzi Wang** won the Gold Medal. The Silver Medal went to **Joy Noble's** team of **Pauline Davies**, **Ann MacMillan** and **Mary Ann Moore**.

The All American

The All American was won by **Diane Muldowney's** rink of **Lillie Shortridge-Baggett**, **Kris Liddle** and **Emily Marziale**.

The Open League

Jennifer Stannard reports that the first session of the Open League was won by the team of **Ed Tucker** (skip), **Ann Fagan**, **Jane Cavanaugh**, **David Waggenheim** and **Jeff Lesuk**.

The second session was won by **Rich Andrechak** (skip), **Jane Cavanaugh**, **Bill Pekowitz** and **Louise Gallagher**.

~~Session three, in which skip ends play with different front ends each game was won by~~
~~**Tim Fenton(S)** and **Helen Siebert(3rd)** as the Skip end, and **Terry Mamalis** and **Ken Muir** as~~
 the front end.

Mixed Curling

The Fall Session of Mixed Curling was won by **Peter DeJong's** rink of **Jim O'Boyle**, **Terry Crandall** and **Lawson Kurtz**.

The Spring Session was won by **Kay Sugahara's** team of **Sandy Graham**, **Ethel Moran** and **Terry Mamalis**.

PULL THE PLUG

The theme this year was a **Polish Luau**. The warm room was transformed to a tropical paradise as curlers adorned with leis and flowered shirts swayed to the warm sounds of slack-key guitar, ukulele and Don Ho. The ice had a blue/green patina reminiscent of warm tropical waters. The mai tais flowed freely. Cuisine was mostly Polish (I wonder why) with a mix of pineapple. And, oh yes, there was curling involved. Dominating the competition was the team of **Nancy**

Clancy, John Dorf, Elaine and Bill Malgieri and sometime sub Robin Gestring. The 12-team bonspiel was decided by the "blindfold" event where sheets were draped across the ice so that the curler in the hack could not see the house at the other end. Everyone liked the idea of not being able to see the skip either! The Clancy rink boasted that "they could have done it with their eyes closed" ..

The best outfit award gave the committee fits as there were so many splendid choices. The winner in a close vote was Ann MacMillan. There was a raffle that included theatre tickets, a comedy club pass, a Polish Easter basket (mostly 80 proof) and a bucket of auto accessories including complementary car wash certificates. The evening ended with a touching on-ice ceremony performed by iceman Steve Smith and an ice skating performance by Andrew, the bartender.

Jeff and Robin would like to take this opportunity to thank each individual that helped with the food, the appetizers, the dessert and the clean-up. They can't name everyone here, but each contribution was much appreciated.

GRAND NATIONAL CURLING CLUB SPRING MEETING

The Nashua Curling Club was the site of the annual spring meeting of the GNCC on May 16-17, 2003. It was attended by Bunky Harmon, GNCC Treasurer, Geoff Broadhurst, GNCC member of the USCA Board of Directors, Walter Baggett, Ardsley's GNCC Representative, and Chris Banino, St. Andrew's Curling Club Representative.

Among the items discussed was the proposed new USCA bylaws. The main reason for the USCA restructuring is not only to reduce the size of its Board but also to proportion the directors according to the number of curlers in each region. Under the proposal the number of USCA directors will be reduced from 46 to 23/25. The GNCC now has 4 directors but will be reduced to 2 directors when the proposal takes effect May 1, 2004. At the present time 8 members of the board are elected by the board. This number will be reduced to 3. The World Curling Federation and United States Olympic Committee directors will become ex-officio directors without a vote.

If the GNCC grows by 150 dues paying members, we will be entitled to 3 directors.

USCA membership growth in 2002/2003 was +9.3% to 12,976 members. And GNCC growth was +10.6%.

New GNCC clubs were established in Sarasota, Florida (arena ice), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (arena ice) and Lowell, Massachusetts (a paper club based at Nashua)

We are happy to report that Dave Noble is home recovering from major back surgery and will be fine.

We have heard that Pete and Barry McKernan, who curled at Ardsley about 10 years ago, are now curling at the Potomac Curling Club.

FINAL NEW MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This arrived at the last minute so I had to squeeze it in. Alice Yeh reports that: 43 brand new curlers joined in the fall, 12 curlers who had curled before joined our club in the fall and six brand new curlers joined in the winter. So the grand total this year was **61 new members**. These are all adult league curlers, not junior league. An additional 19 new members joined but resigned at various times during the season.

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