

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### FIRST BOOSPIEL A SUCCESS

Ten rinks (including 11 first and second year curlers) swept in the new curling season at the inaugural Boospiel over the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Though early in the season and the first time many curlers were back on the ice after the long summer break, the curling was good and the action exciting throughout the two days. Everything got started with the first draw at 6:00 PM on Friday followed by a second draw at 8:15 PM. There were five draws on Saturday beginning at 10:00 AM and concluding with the finals shortly after 8:00 PM with the top six teams in this points event curling three Saturday matches.

After struggling in their Friday match and falling behind 5-0 after the first end in their second match, **Ed Siebert, Diane Muldowney, Ed Andrews and Pam Siebert** roared back to earn the second highest point score during the preliminary matches and then defeated the top point scorers **Walter Baggett, Bunkie Harmon, Marion Cowles and George Cowles** in the 1<sup>st</sup> event (The Boospiel) finals. Their win will be immortalized on the Boospiel Cup, which was created in the hopes that this event will become an annual tradition at Ardsley. In the second event, The Witch's Cauldron, **Sandy Graham, Mark Bussy, Gail Cosman and Alex Levoci** defeated **Tom Doherty, Alison Bankes, Jim McGinnis and Joseph Alemani** in a match that came down to skips' rocks and distracted the warm room from the disappointing game 6 loss by the Yankees. **Peter DeJong, Jim O'Boyle, Ann MacMillan and David Feldstein** won a hard fought match against **Kay Sugahara, Norm Laird, Sandy Berkowitz and Tim Klein** to take the third event Pumpkin Patch final.

A light supper was served Friday evening and a continental breakfast, lunch and buffet dinner were provided on Saturday.

**Jane Cavanaugh's Witch** and **Sandy Berkowitz's Bunny** took home the top costume prizes, while **Chris and MaryLou Banino, Trish Ryan and Ron Gerard** cooperated in designing the best decorated pumpkin, appropriately designated "Miss Boospiel 2003". **MaryLou** followed this triumph with a win in the 50/50 "Guess the Candy Corn" contest.

**Bill and Karen Pekowitz** were the Boospiel chairpersons and deserve a hearty vote of thanks from everyone. To run a bonspiel, even if it is an intraclub 'spiel, is never an easy chore. But to do it when you have only been a member for one year is even more notable. They would like to thank **Jeff Lesuk and Robin Gestring** for their help with creating the teams and the draw, **Jane Cavanaugh and Rich Andrechak** for their guidance and help in food preparation, **Mark and Sue Bussy** for mailing flyers and **Sandy Graham** for her assistance with the decorations. Also thanks to **Ken Muir** for his help with the cleanup. **Bill Borowitz and Mike Murphy** kept the ice in good shape for the 'spiel,

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

(27 of them as of 10/29/03)

Joe Alemani, Glenn Ammons, Charlie Bronowski, Pat Devaney, Steve Devaney, Julio Diaz, David & Vi Feldstein, Mike Green, Anthony Huebner, David Kilsheimer, Jason Kramer, William Lalljie, Jim Voci, Richard Linkowski, Rachel McMullin, Joe Moore, Josephine Moore, Eileen Quinlan, Burt and Joan Reminick, Elizabeth Renzel, Lorraine Shock, Mary T. Singer, Joy Victory, Brendan Walsh, and Peter Westrell

## BASIC ETIQUETTE FOR CURLERS

Each year we review some of the basic rules of etiquette for the benefit of both our new members and many of the old members as well.

- 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 start 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 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 or her stone.
- 6) After sweeping a stone, sweepers should leave the house and go immediately to the sides of the sheet. Do not return to the other end by walking down the center of the ice. This delays the other team in setting up their shot.
- 7) Sweeping – A change in the rules this year states that any one curler may sweep the stone after it crosses the T line in the far house. In prior years only the skip (or vice skip) could sweep a stone after it crossed the T line.
- 8) Do not cross the sheet when a curler is in the hack preparing to deliver a stone.
- 9) Do not distract in any manner a curler preparing to deliver a 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. Only plastic glasses may be used on 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.

## GUESTS

Guests are welcome in the Warm Room but their presence and activity should not interfere with play. Excess noise or movement behind the glass is distracting to the curlers. Pounding on the glass to acknowledge a good shot on one sheet can disrupt play on the other sheets. Young children should not be left unsupervised to roam around the warm room or basement.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 27 <sup>th</sup>	League Play begins
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Canadian Senior Ladies Friendship Tour
November 28-30 <sup>th</sup>	Turkey Trot – Chaired by <b>Ryan Davis</b> . This is our own intracub mixed bonspiel. All members are urged to sign up. Watch for information on the bulletin board in the warm room.
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party at the Ardsley Country Club. This is a must event. All members are invited to attend and join in the festivities and singing. Watch for further information on the bulletin board.
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day afternoon bonspiel. This replaces the New Year's Eve Party
January 10-11 <sup>th</sup>	Archie Bruce Mixed Bonspiel
January 22-25 <sup>th</sup>	Empire State Bonspiel – Ladies
February 5-8 <sup>th</sup>	GNCC Senior Men's Bonspiel – Chaired by <b>Bunkie Harmon</b>
February 26-29 <sup>th</sup>	Douglas International Bonspiel – Chaired by <b>Jim Kindler</b>
March 11-14 <sup>th</sup>	Golden Handle Mixed Bonspiel
April 2-4 <sup>th</sup>	Headless Horseman and Pull the Plu8g Party

## LEAGUE CHAIRS

Monday night Competitive League	<b>George Austin</b>
Tuesday Evening Women's League	<b>Margaret Guiry</b>
Wednesday Evening Men's League	<b>Ed Godbold</b>
Thursday Morning Women's League	<b>Mary Lockhart</b>
Thursday Evening Open League	<b>Jennifer Stannard</b>
Friday Morning Men's Senior League	<b>Bunky Harmon</b>
Friday Evening Mixed	<b>Peter DeJong</b>
Saturday Evening Mixed	<b>Jane Cavanaugh and Richard Andrechak</b>
Sunday Nutmeg Curling	<b>Mary Ann Moore</b>

A new committee called the "Curling Issues Committee" has been formed this season to arbitrate matters related to league play. **Jim Kindler** will chair this committee.

## NEW LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY

The club has been fortunate to locate a different insurance company this year. We have the same, if not better, coverage as last year and we no longer have to have every person who sets foot on the ice sign a waiver form. This company also insures Broomstones and Cape Cod.

## WHO MADE THE ICE?

As usual we are indebted to a small number of members who contribute their time and effort to preparing the ice for the enjoyment of all. Their names are familiar for they remain the same year after year with the addition of a few new faces each season. This year we thank **Steve Smith, Jeff Paul, Geoff Broadhurst, Peter Austin, Mark Bussy, Bill Borowitz, Pete McCuen, Tim Klein and Bill Pekowitz**. If there were others, we thank you and apologize for omitting your names.

## CURLING CAMP

**Jeff Lesuk and Robin Gestring** along with **Chris Banino and Gert Messing** ran a "curling camp" for veteran curlers on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was robust and the instruction invaluable. The main emphasis was on the "no lift" delivery, release and alignment. The class was so successful that **Jeff and Robin** are willing to do it again in early December.

## OFFICIATING COURSE

**Peggy Rotton** from the Grand National Curling Club will teach a Level I and Level II Officiating course at Ardsley on Saturday and Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the warm room.

## DUCK GEAR

**Merle Huebner** has graciously volunteered her services again this year in running the "Duck Gear" curling clothing program. The clothing comes from **Lands' End** and any profit goes to the curling club. Last year the club made \$478.00.

We have a nice selection of items on hand with both the Ardsley Curling Club and the New York Caledonian Curling Club logos. Unfortunately there is not enough room for everything in the showcase but a list of items in stock will be posted on top of the showcase downstairs. If you are interested in an item please call **Merle Huebner** at 914-693-4741. The new catalogue will be available soon so check it out and place your orders with **Merle**.

## COPORATE PROGRAMS

The club is about to announce a new program to attract corporations and other organizations to book a two hour block of ice time to introduce the sport of curling for recreational and/or team building activity. The sessions will be available during daytime hours when the ice is not being otherwise used. This type of program has been very successful in other parts of the country in producing revenues for the hosting clubs and generating new members. In order for this program to succeed we need your help in two ways: those of you who are employed, can promote the idea in your places of work. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, we need a pool of volunteers to staff the hosting, instruction and ice preparation requirements of this program. We are hoping for a pool of at least 15 volunteers, no more than 6 who would be needed for any single event. You do not have to be a certified instructor to do this. Just be



willing to show complete novices the basics of delivery, sweeping and the game. We'll provide you with any coaching help you may feel you need. To be a member of this team you will need to be available during weekdays or weekend days. Therefore, retirees and others not employed full time are prime candidates. Even those employed may be able to take a day off once in a while or help out on weekends. We want to have both men and women on the team. You will always be asked to help out well in advance of the date to allow you to make any arrangements. If you are willing to help out in this important program, please let **Pete McCuen** know by e-mail at [curlingpete@aol.com](mailto:curlingpete@aol.com) or by telephone at 914-923-7582. We have already received three inquiries for this program without even announcing its availability.

## JUNIOR CURLING

**Sandy Graham** reports that there was a good turn out of Junior curlers at the clinics and she and **Jeff Paul** are looking forward to another season with them. The league started on Tuesday the 4th of November. The hours are 4:00 to 6:00 PM., **Sandy** and **Jeff** would appreciate the help of other members in running this program.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November there was a meeting scheduled at the club with the Director of Outdoor Programs and the Director of Membership Services for the Girl Scouts

The club is anxious to establish connections with local school systems and would appreciate the help of any members to assist in this effort. If you have any ideas or affiliations that would assist with this effort please contact **Sandy Graham** at 914-332-7046 or [sandygraham00@hotmail.com](mailto:sandygraham00@hotmail.com).

## MORE CURLING ON TV

Curling will be featured as part of the "Verizon ICE 2003" program set to air December 13-14<sup>th</sup> on NBC from 4:30 to 6:00 PM EST each day. The curling portion will be highlights from the 2003 Continental Cup of Curling featuring the reigning US national champion Pete Fenson and Debbie McCormick rinks teaming up with four Canadian teams to take on Team Europe in mixed doubles, team and skins competitions.

## 2003-2004 GNCC DIRECTORIES

This year's directories have arrived and are in the warm room. Each directory has a member's name on it. Please take the copy with your name.

## USWCA SPONSORED EVENTS

**Jennifer Stannard**, the USWCA representative from Ardsley, advises that the USWCA Senior Women's Bonspiel will be held at the Potomac Curling Club on January 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants must be 55 and older. Jennifer must submit requests for a space in the bonspiel by November 10<sup>th</sup>. The USWCA National Women's Bonspiel will be held at Curl Mesabi in Eveleth, MN February 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to all women curlers. All games are 10 ends. Requests for a berth must be submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup>. For information about these two events, call **Jennifer** or e-mail her at [jstannard@ne.health.net](mailto:jstannard@ne.health.net).

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

It is early in the season and therefore there is not too much news to report. As the year progresses we hopefully will have a lot more news – but only if the teams attending out of town bonspiels take the time to let Duck Soup know the results of their travels.

**Cape Cod Ladies Summer Bonspiel – July 16, 2003.** There were 20 teams playing in this 'spiel and two of them were skipped by ladies playing at Ardsley.

A team representing the USWCA (for you new members that is the United States Women's Curling Association) was skipped by **Diane Muldowney** with **Jennifer Stannard** at 3<sup>rd</sup>. They were assisted by Emily Smith from Nashua at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Maggie McMahon from Philadelphia at lead. They were runners-up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> event losing to a Canadian team from St. Georges.

**Nancy Clancy** skipped a rink with Nancy Wurth at vice, **Bobbie Stoll** at 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Margaret Guiry** at lead. They were the runners-up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> event losing to a team from Albany.

**Cape Cod Summer Mixed Bonspiel – July 13, 2003.** There were 30 teams entered in this event and two Ardsley teams ended up as the winners and runners-up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> event.

**Jeff Lesuk** skipped New York Caledonian 2 with **Robin Lesuk** at vice, **Chris Banino** at 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Sandy Graham** at lead to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> event. Along the way they beat teams from Mississauga, Ontario, Canadian Club of Boston and Petersham. In the finals of the second event they met **George Austin's** New York Caledonian 1 team composed of **Nancy Clancy**, **Paul Mort** (a former Ardsley curler) and Nancy Wurth (from the Schnectady Curling Club). That game was a "classic" to quote Jeff. **George's** team took 4 in the first end and at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> end lead 6-1. **George's** team took one more in the 5<sup>th</sup> end making the score 7-1. In the 6<sup>th</sup> end **Jeff's** team picked up 5 points and the score went from 7-1 to 7-6. In the 7<sup>th</sup> end **Jeff's** team picks up 2 more and takes the lead 8-7. In the final 8<sup>th</sup> end **George's** last shot did not work out and **Jeff's** team won 9-7.

Other teams at the mixed were the **Sieberts** and the **Pauls**, the **Bussys** and **Rich Andrechak** and **Jane Cavanaugh**, and **Trish Ryan**, **Jim O'Boyle**, **Peter DeJong**, and **Laurie Freese**. We have no results to report on their efforts.

**The Inaugural – Potomac Curling Club – October 23-26, 2003.** A Nutmeg team skipped by Ray Lawreck (of Plainfield) with **Jeff Hannon**, Stephanie Lawreck, and **Sally Hannon** won the third event in this 32-team bonspiel.

## TIME TO GO BONSPIELING

By Walter Baggett

Now is the time to start thinking about when you can schedule time off, where you want to go and whom you want to go with.

The best place to start is the GNCC schedule of bonspiels. It can be found on the GNCC website, [www.gncc.org](http://www.gncc.org) or in the GNCC booklet "2003-2004 Schedule of Events" a copy of which can usually be found on the desk in the warm room. Copies of this are mailed to all members of record as of 12/31/02. New members since that date are not yet on the mailing list. You will find the bonspiels organized by type (men's, women's, mixed and junior) and the date.

Who you want to go with is a bit trickier. Do you want to go just to win, or do you want to take a weekend off, curl some and have a few beers with new friends from other clubs. Picking the right people and combining them with the right event can make for a perfect weekend.

If you are a fairly new curler and are not familiar with the bonspiel circuit, talk to experienced curlers. Someone in the club has most likely been to most of the scheduled bonspiels in prior years. The GNCC representatives at the club, **Walter Baggett** for Ardsley, **Steve Smith** for the New York Caledonians, and **Chris Banino** for St. Andrew's and the club secretaries receive bonspiel invitations and entry forms. These are customarily posted on the bulletin board as they are received. Most of the Grand National Curling Clubs are within easy traveling distance of Ardsley. If traveling greater distances is what you seek then there are bonspiels in Canada, the Midwest and even Europe. (As I write this **Steve Smith** is curling in Scotland)

After that all you have to do is pick your team and the bonspiel and send in the form.

If you are a new curler, the best way to get to a bonspiel is to let it be known around the club that you are interested in attending. A more experienced curler making up a team will then know that you are available.

## COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM

All members of the Ardsley Curling Club are reminded that they have Dining Room privileges at the Ardsley Country Club during the curling season. At this time of year the Country Club is usually open only Friday, Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner. Dress in the grillroom is usually informal (except on Holidays when men must wear jackets and ties). In the main dining room jackets and ties are required for dinner every night.

Please call ahead to make dinner reservations. The telephone # is 914-591-8150

When signing the check please use your club ID number. New Members this season will be assigned numbers shortly.

## NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP

The next issue of Duck Soup will be published on or about December 5<sup>th</sup>. **Please send any news items to Bob Hill at [rdh9e@aol.com](mailto:rdh9e@aol.com), or call me at 914-944-7009. You can even fax me at 914-944-0003.** We definitely need your input.

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## THE TURKEY TROT

Ten teams participated in this year's Turkey Trot which was run by **Ryan** and **Heather Davis**. The curlers played a round robin with two brackets, the Turkeys and the Gobblers. The Gobblers turned out to be the dominant bracket and won all three finals.

All games were six ends and one of the highlights of the weekend was an eight-ender scored by the rink of **Joyance Meechai, Claude Tellier, Joy Noble** and **John Noble**.

A Turkey Chili dinner was served Friday night by **Heather Davis** and brunch on Saturday was coordinated and provided by **Jennifer Stannard, Pippa Broadhurst, Ed Tucker** and **Laurie Frees**. **Peter DeJong** maintained the ice throughout the bonspiel.

The winners and runners-up of the three events were as follows:

### First Event Winner

Skip – Adam Chebetar  
Vice – Robert Chebetar  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ed Andrews  
Lead – Tom Speyer

### First Event Runner-up

Keefe Davis  
Pete McCuen  
Robert Baensch  
Richard Andrechak

### Second Event Winner

Skip – Peter DeJong  
Vice – Mark Bussy  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Sue Bussy  
Lead – Jim O'Boyle (sub)

### Second Event Runner-up

Joyance Meechai  
Claude Tellier  
Joy Noble  
John Noble

### Third Event Winner

Skip – George Austin  
Vice – Justin Haupt  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Gregory Haupt  
Lead – Peter Westrell

### Third Event Runner-up

Pippa Broadhurst  
Diane Muldowney (sub)  
Ted Pitt  
Tim Klein

Many substitutes were used throughout the weekend and **Ryan** would like to thank all those who participated for making this year's Turkey Trot a memorable event.



## ATTENTION CURLERS RUNNING AN EVENT

We have one request for volunteers running an event which uses Ardsley Curling Club supplies (flatware, napkins, foil pans, sterno, paper towels, napkins, t.p. tissues, etc.) Please check out the existing supplies (behind the curtains in the basement) about two weeks before the event. If you don't see enough of all the items you will require, please call **Anne Schneider** at 914-693-6472 or e-mail her at [world3@aol.com](mailto:world3@aol.com).

Anne will get the needed items with the Ardsley Curling Club Tax Exempt Card at COSCO. This way, your needs will be met **and no one will have to dash out the day of the event and buy something at top dollar.**

## USE OF WARM ROOM

The warm room should not be used as the place to change clothes, leave topcoats, street shoes, etc. The chairs in the warm room are for the use of spectators and guests. Please change into your curling clothes and shoes in the basement. There are sufficient chairs and hangers to accommodate all.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party at the Ardsley Country Club. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Ralley Room at 6:30 PM and dinner in the main dining Room at 7:30 PM. The cost of \$38.50 per person (plus tax and gratuity) will be billed through your Country Club account. The price includes wine with dinner. For reservations call 914-591-8150.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**. New Year's Day afternoon bonspiel. This replaces the New Year's Eve Party. Watch for more information in the warm room. **Jane Cavanaugh** and **Rich Andrechak** will chair this event called "Bloodys, Brooms and Brunch". A sign up sheet will be posted in the warm room.

**Saturday and Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**. The Archie Bruce Stone. This mixed bonspiel is a friendly between Ardsley and Cape Cod and is held in memory of Archie Bruce, a long time member and leader at both clubs. The first game is at 4:00 PM Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. **Geoff** and **Pippa Broadhurst** are running the event at Ardsley. Since the number of Ardsley curlers required is based upon the number of Cape Cod curlers entering the 'spiel, it is impossible at this point to set a number. If you want to curl in this event sign up as soon as the sheet appears in the warm room. All participants are invited to **Pam** and **Ed Siebert's** home for cocktails and dinner after the first game on Saturday. Tea, coffee, juice and pastry will be available in the warm room before the first game on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**. The Empire State Bonspiel will be held at Ardsley. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Empire State. As this is a once in a lifetime event a special pin has been designed and will be given to all participants. If any woman member of the Ardsley Curling Club



would like to buy a pin, the cost is \$15.00. These pins will not be available after the bonspiel. Call **Jean Glus** at 914-693-6926.

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.** The GNCC Senior Men's Bonspiel will be held at Ardsley. **Bunkie Harmon** is running the event and we are sure he would like lots of volunteers to help. The banquet will be held at Anton's on Friday night. The Saturday night dinner will be prepared by **Chef Isa Barghout** at the curling club

**Bunkie** has asked for volunteers to help make sure that each draw gets started on time, that the results are properly recorded and that the signs identifying the teams are put in place prior to each draw. Please call him at **914-591-9565**.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Our annual mixed friendly bonspiel, The Bucket, will be held at Ardsley. Stay tuned for more information. We believe **Rich Andrechak** is running the event.

**February 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.** The Douglas International Bonspiel will be played at Ardsley. **Jim Kindler** is the general chairman. This bonspiel was scheduled to be played at Ardsley last year but had to be shifted to Cape Cod when our refrigeration plant shut down for good and had to be replaced. There is plenty of work to be done in running a bonspiel and we are certain **Jim** would like to hear from lots of volunteers.

**March 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.** Nutmeg Curling Club's mixed Golden Handle Bonspiel.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>.** Our final curling event of the season, The Headless Horseman and Pull the Plug Party.

## DUCK GEAR

The new Lands' End catalogue is now in the warm room. For information on orders please check with **Merle Huebner** at 914-693-4741.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

### The Thorndike (as of 12/3/03)

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Austin, G.	6	0	Davey, T.	2	4
Murphy, M.	5	1	Silverman, S.	2	4
Stopera, B.	5	1	Barghout, I.	1	5
Zolkavich, G.	5	1	DeJong, P.	1	5
Lesuk, J.	4	2	Gutekunst, J.	1	5
Murphy, P.	3	3	Muldowney, D.	1	5

### Wells Wick – Tuesday Evening League – (final standings)

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Murphy, J.	4	1	Murphy, M.	2	3
Clancy, N.	3	2	Ryan, T.	2	3
Stannard, J.	3	2	Muldowney, D.	1	4

Curling with **Jean Murphy** on the winning team were **Katy Clough, Kris Liddle, and Gail Cave**. The runner-up team (on points) was skipped by **Nancy Clancy** with , **Pippa Broadhurst, and Gail Cosman**. **Mary Lou Banino** and **Gail Boggio** split the duty as lead subs on this team.

**Wells Wick – Thursday Morning League – (final standings)**

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Broadhurst	3	0	Noble	1	2
Muldowney	2	1	MacIntosh	0	3

**Pippa Broadhurst's** team consisted of **Pauline Davies, Kris Liddle** and **Merle Huebner**. Curling with **Diane Muldowney** were **Lillie Shortridge Baggett, Mitzie Wong** and **Emily Marziale**.

**The Blanton (as of December 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B3	Austin, P.	6	0	B10	Borowitz	3	3
B1	Lesuk	4	2	B2	Doherty	2	4
B5	Paul	3	3	B4	McCarty	2	4
B7	Chebatar, A.	3	3	B6	Banino	2	4
B9	Harmon	3	3	B8	Bussy	2	4

**Thursday Night Open League. (final standings)**

<u>Skip ends.</u>				<u>Front ends</u>	
Draeseke, D. & Meinhold	4			Allen & Gerard	4
Cavanaugh & Takiguchi	2			Lalljie & Morrison	3
Pass & Andrechak	2			Parsons & Yeh	3
Tucker & Banino	3			Shock & Muir	1
Seibert, P. & Draeseke, P.	1			Linkowski & Greene	2
Berkowitz & Glashan	2			Levoci & Silverman	1
Fenton & Cleveland	1			Bejnart, B. & Bejnart, T.	1

The winners of the first session were: **Doug Draeseke and Jim Meinhold** as the skip ends and **Ron Gerard and Terrie Allen** as the front ends.

The league kicked off its second session on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> will include Holiday Festivities and the ever-popular "Grab bag". Contact **Jennifer Stannard** with any questions

### **MIXED CURLING NEWS**

The winter/spring session of mixed curling will begin on January 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and continue through the end of the season. Matches are scheduled for Friday evenings, Saturday at 4:30 and 7:30 PM. Mixed will also be hosting some "Junior Skips" matches on December 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> and

again on January 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> at the same times. For all those interested, sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the warm room.

If anyone has any questions, needs additional information or would like to be added to the Mixed Substitute List, please feel free to contact **Peter DeJong, Jane Cavanaugh** or **Rich Andrechak**.

## JUNIOR CURLING

The Girl Scouts have set two, possibly three, dates to curl at Ardsley. Approximately 40 curlers are scheduled for each day.

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

**Potomac Inaugural Bonspiel** – **Jennifer Stannard** curled with a team of United States Women's Curling Association representatives from around the GNCC in this 32-team bonspiel on October 23-26. They had a record of 2/2.

A Nutmeg skipped by Ray Lawreck with Stephanie Lawreck at 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Jeff Hannon** at vice and **Sally Hannon** at lead won the third event in this bonspiel.

**The Calder Trophy, Norfolk C.C.** – Three teams from the Ardsley Curling Club, among the fourteen teams entered, ventured to Norfolk, CT. the weekend of December 4-7. The New York Caledonian team of **George Austin, Peter Austin, Jeff Hannon** and **Bill Pekowitz** were the second event winners. **Walter Baggett's** team of **Paul Mort** (Cape Cod Curling Club), **Ed Godbold** and **Kal Sundaram** were the runners-up in the third event. **Jeff Lesuk** skipped a team consisting of **Scott Silverman, Jay Rusek, and Chris Banino**. They were eliminated in the semi-finals of the third event.

Special thanks have to go to **Elizabeth Childs** for putting up two extra teams at her home due to the bad road conditions (they had about a foot of snow) . She is a long time supporter of curling in the GNCC and was very gracious in opening her home to three teams of curlers.

**44<sup>th</sup> annual Monctonian Bonspiel.** In mid November, **Jerry McCarty, Steve Smith, Jim Gutekunst** and **Chris Banino** set off to Prince Edward Island to compete in this 65-rink bonspiel and party. Old friends Don Garside from Burlington, Ontario and Gene Flook from the Philadelphia Curling Club joined them there. After a carefully selected "late morning start on Thursday" they won in a strong "come from behind finish" over a local Moncton team. The next day they won their first game to reach their pinnacle in the bonspiel. With two wins they lost their next two games making more friends in the Maritimes.

**Jerry** reports that history was made this year when an American team consisting of four GNCC curlers won the 1<sup>st</sup> event for the first time in the 44-year history of the bonspiel.

**44<sup>th</sup> annual Monctonian Bonspiel.** For the 19<sup>th</sup> continuous year in a row, Ardsley was represented at the Monctonian Bonspiel. This year curling for Ardsley was **Walt Baggett, Ed Godbold, Bob Hayes** (a former Ardsley curler) and **Paul Mort** (now a member of Cape Cod C.C. but a former Ardsley member). Also curling as a spare was **Cash Beldon**, from Brockville, Ontario. The team evidently lost their first game on Thursday. They redeemed themselves by

winning their first game on Friday morning but succumbed to their opponents that afternoon. On Saturday they did not fare any better.

**Harvest Bonspiel.** Two local teams entered this twenty-team bonspiel at the Philadelphia Curling Club the weekend of November 20-23. Playing under the Nutmeg banner were **Jeff and Sally Hannon** who teamed with Don and Nancy Ellis from Philadelphia. After a loss in their first game they proceeded to win all the rest to advance to the second event finals. A close game was a victory for the Nutmeg team to win the second event. A check of the records discloses the **Jeff and Sally**, playing as the front end of a rink known as the Nutty Browns, won the first event at this 'spiel in 2001.

Playing under the New York Caledonian banner, a team skipped by **Jeff Lesuk** with **Robin Gestring, Chris Banino and Mary Lou Banino** went undefeated into the first event finals. At that point they were defeated by a Potomac team to end up the first event runners-up. This same foursome won the 4<sup>th</sup> event in 2002.

**The Achilles Bonspiel.** Twenty-four teams entered this men's bonspiel played at the Schenectady Curling Club on November 20-23. An Ardsley team skipped by **Gert Messing** with **Mike Murphy, Bill Stopera and Bob Welch** won the 5<sup>th</sup> event.

A second home team curling under the New York Caledonian banner was skipped by **George Austin** with **Peter Austin** at vice, Charlie McCullough ( a substitute from Schnectady filling in for **Jeff Paul**) at second and **Bill Pekowitz** at lead. They won their first game against Landsdowne, Canada and then lost three very close games all of which went down to the last rock.

## USWCA FRIENDSHIP TOUR

The women of Ardsley and Nutmeg hosted the USWCA Friendship Tour as 16 Canadian women curlers and their guides arrived by bus on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The event is held every 5 years alternating between the U.S. and Canada. Representatives from each country visit clubs in the host country and play matches against the women from that club. This tour featured women from Ontario visiting GNCC clubs. Before arriving at Ardsley the Canadians had curled at the Nashua C.C., The Country Club, Broomstones C.C. and the Cape Cod C.C. **Rosemary Kindler** coordinated a host of Ardsley and Nutmeg ladies who provided lunch. After 2 draws of curling, dinner was hosted at the home of Jean **MacIntosh** where a sumptuous feast and hilarious entertainment made the evening a huge success.

The next day was an open day for the Canadians so they visited Manhattan with the able assistance of **Marion Cowles, Margaret Guiry, Ann MacMillan and Anne Schneider**. Dinner at a NY restaurant and a trip to see Thoroughly Modern Millie concluded the day. The next morning the Canadians left by bus to conclude their tour at Schnectady and Utica.

The following Ardsley and Nutmeg ladies curled with the Canadians: Nancy Clancy, Margaret Guiry, Alison Bankes, Jean Glus, Diane Muldowney, Joanna Owens, Anne Schneider, Marion Cowles, Trish Ryan, Anne MacMillan, Laurie Frees, Pam Siebert, Jean Murphy, Mary Jean Keenan, Jill Owens and Kris Liddle.

**Merle Huebner** was the chair of this event and did a. great job.

## CURLING ON TV

Don't forget that NBC will be showing "Verizon on Ice" on Saturday and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. The show will feature a combination of curling, luge, bobsled and skeleton. The curling section will cover the 2003 Continental Cup where team North America, composed of the U.S.A. and Canada, played Team Europe.

## ARTHUR O. MOJO

Art Mojo was for many years a curler and member of St. Andrew's Golf Club. In fact, even after he was no longer able to curl, he remained as President of the St. Andrew's Golf Club curlers. He was year after year the presenter of the Douglas Medal to the winning rink of the Douglas International Bonspiel. He was perhaps equally well known for the stories and jokes he loved to tell.

Art died at home on November 7, 2003 after a long illness. He will be missed by all those curlers who knew him.

**The next issue of duck soup will go to press on or about January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please send all your news to Bob Hill by that date. E-mail address is [rdh9e@aol.com](mailto:rdh9e@aol.com) and the fax number is 914-944-7009.**



# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### DONALD G. MC KAY

**Don McKay** died on January 7, 2004. Many of us will remember Don as a friend and a curler both at Ardsley and earlier at St. Andrew's. Many others will remember him as a pillar in the development of curling in the United States. He was president of the United States Curling Association in 1977 & 1978. He was honored as a PATRON of the Grand National Curling Club, one of only five so honored by the GNCC. He was a founder of the USCA Hall of Fame and Curling Museum in Chicago. He was also, at one time, the Treasurer of the World Curling Federation.

As an attorney Don's efforts will long be remembered for helping curling associations and many clubs, including Ardsley, obtain their 501 ( C ) (3) educational, charitable tax-exempt status.

He donated the McKay Medal to be awarded in the Francis Dykes Bonspiel and the Archie Bruce Stone to be played for by Ardsley and Cape Cod Curling Club.

Don is survived by his wife Nadja, two sons, Robbie and Eddie and many additional family members.

### Ice House Gang vs. The Good Old Boys

In the continuing saga of the two Senior curling groups, The Ice House Gang (that's Ardsley) and The Good Old Boys (that's Nutmeg), the first session, played on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, ended in a tie, 20-20.

The eventual victor this year will not be determined until the contestants meet in battle sometime in March. In previous years each club hosted one of the sessions, Nutmeg at Darien and Ardsley here at home. With the loss of Nutmeg's facility several years ago, both matches have been played at Ardsley. At the moment, the The Ice House Gang has won the competition 9 years and the Good Old Boys have won 6 Years.

This year the turnout was tremendous. More senior curlers showed up than we have had in years. In past years some Ardsley curlers played for Nutmeg in order for them to field three full rinks. This time The Good Old Boys fielded thirteen curlers and the Ice House Gang fielded nineteen with the result that some people only curled four ends.

**Geoff Broadhurst** with **Pete McCuen**, **T.C. Yeh**, **Ed Godbold**, **Jim McGinnis**, and **Ted Pitt**, lost to **Chuck Owens'** team of **Karl Koss**, **Bruce Huffine** and **Bill Mack** by the score of 5-8. On the center sheet, **Bunkie Harmon's** team of **Norm Laird**, **Kay Sugahara**, **Don Torey**, **George Cowles**, **Sal Marziale** and **Jessie Wang** defeated **Bob Will's** team of **Jim**

**Meinhold, Cleve Cleveland, Bill Langley and Tom McKelvey** by the score of 6-5. The third game, between **Isa Barghout's** team of **Bill Borowitz, Shoji Takiguchi, Bob Hill, Lee Heffner** and **Pete Westrell** defeated **Charlie Mack's** team of **Dick Montgomery, Ken Donnelly** and **Tim Fenton** by the score of 9-7.

Following the match all the curlers climbed the path to the Ardsley Country Club for drinks and lunch.

## THE ARCHIE BRUCE STONE

Three years ago **Don McKay** donated a trophy in memory of his long time friend **Archie Bruce** which was to be awarded to the winners of a match between the Cape Cod Curling Club and the Ardsley Curling Club, both clubs of which **Archie** had been a devoted member. The first match was played at Cape Cod the weekend of January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2002. Ardsley was the winner with a total point count of 48-37. The second match was scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2003 at Ardsley but, as most of us know, we lost our compressor and so the match was moved to Cape Cod where the Cape Cod Curling Club defeated Ardsley 49 to 36.

This year the match was played at Ardsley and, although we don't know the final score, we do know that Ardsley won by a margin of 2 points. At this point then, Ardsley is ahead in the series 2-1.

Curling for Ardsley were in no particular order, **Nancy Clancy, Jim O'Boyle, John Dorff, Mitzie Wang, Peter DeJong, Trish Ryan, Ann MacMillan, Jesse Wang, Doug Draeseke, Alice Yeh, Richard Kilsheimer, Shoji Takiguchi,, Alison Bankes, Bill Langley, Laurie Frees, Diane Muldowney, Joy Noble, Bruce Huffine, Jane Cavanaugh, Trevor Davey, Marion Cowles, George Cowles and Kitty Davey.**

Three teams participated from Cape Cod. The first round of matches were played on Saturday afternoon and the second on Sunday morning.

**Ed and Pam Siebert** hosted a dinner party at their home on Saturday evening for the participants.

**Geoff and Pippa Broadhurst** chaired the event this year but as **Geoff** was not well **Jane Cavanaugh** and **Rich Andrechak** pitched in and gave **Pippa** a hand. **Steve Smith** made sure that the ice was in fine condition for the weekend.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

At long last Ardsley has found a replacement for the ever-dwindling desire of our members to spend New Year's Eve at the curling club. Despite the valiant perseverance of **Walter and Lillie Baggett** to make the nighttime party a success it seems that our members were just no longer in the mood to stay out and celebrate on New Year's Eve.

And so, we now have "**Bloodys, Brooms & Brunch**", the brainchild of **Rick Andrechak** and **Jane Cavanaugh**. Their original concept envisioned one or two sheets of curlers playing six friendly ends followed by a small intimate brunch. Due to the unanticipated and slightly overwhelming response, it somehow evolved into draws both before and after brunch for over 40 members and their guests. Members brought along curling and non-curling spouses, children and friends to fill the ice and warmroom. The event went international with participants from Canada, The UK and Germany, including members of the Margarita Club.

**Rich** and **Jane** would like to thank everyone who pitched in and helped, especially **Bettina** and **Tom Speyer** and **Lillie Shortridge-Baggett** for bringing all the wonderful desserts, **Bill Borowitz** for maintaining the ice and **Pam Siebert** for encouraging this event from its inception. By the end of the day everyone was fed, a modest contribution to the club's finances was made and, hopefully, a new club tradition was started.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Sue** and **Mark Bussy**, our Membership Coordinators report that, as a result of the Open House held on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, attended by a total of 70 to 75 persons, we now have the following new members:

**Linda Beadnell**, 25 Parkview Avenue, Bronxville, NY – HP 914-961-5627

**John McGuire**, 175 Neperan Road, Tarrytown, NY – HP 914-332-8181

**Jay Melnick**, 487 Martling Drive, Tarrytown, NY – HP 914-631-9049

**Stephen Pepper**, 172 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 3H, New York, NY – HP 212-420-1103

**Andrew & Sheila Torgan**, 107 Old Stamford Road, New Canaan CT – HP 203-966-7127.

**Alice Walker**, 172 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 3H, New York, NY HP 212-420-1103

## COMING EVENTS

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. The Empire State Bonspiel.** This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this women's 'spiel. **Nancy Clancy** and **Patti Burns** are the co-chairs of the event. There will be 24 teams from clubs all over the east coast. **Mary Ann Moore** is coordinating all the food services and would appreciate lots of help. There is a sign up sheet in the warm room - please use it!

**February 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The GNCC Senior Men's Championship.** **Bunkie Harmon**, with the help of **Peter McCune**, **Isa Barghout** and many others is chairing the event at Ardsley this year. As of this date 18 teams have entered the bonspiel. The banquet will be held Friday night at Antun's in Elmsford and the dinner Saturday night will be prepared by **Chef Isa Barghout** and served in the warm room. **Bunkie** and **Pete** are still looking for volunteers to help with work in the warm room during the curling. Please call one or the other to volunteer your services.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Bucket.** Once each season the curlers from Plainfield and Ardsley get together for some friendly competition. The winner of the event gets possession of "The Bucket" which currently sits in the trophy case in our warm room since Ardsley won the friendly the last two years. While this has not been a continuous event, it does have a long history, with the first engraving on the Bucket dated 1969.

This year's friendly has been scheduled for Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ardsley. Tradition calls for the teams to be a mixture of seasoned and new curlers so it's open to all members. The maximum number that can participate is 36, so those who sign up early will be given preference.

Full details and a sign-up sheet have been posted on the bulletin board in the warm room.

Questions, comments and especially offers to help prepare and organize the food for the event can be addressed to **Jane Cavanaugh** and **Rich Andrechak** at 914-476-0854.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The 68th Douglas International Bonspiel.**

The Douglas, a men's bonspiel sponsored by the Ardsley Curling Club, the N.Y. Caledonian Curling Club and St. Andrew's Curling Club, has a proud tradition dating back to its founding in 1931 by Archibald Douglas, then president of the St. Andrew's Golf Club. The event, which has been held at Ardsley since St. Andrew's curling facility closed in 1987, has attracted outstanding teams from the GNCC, Canada and elsewhere and has become a much-anticipated annual stop on the GNCC bonspiel circuit.

The Douglas is also an important source of revenue for the curling club. The revenue comes from the entry fees from up to 24 teams, the Saturday night raffle and the Douglas Journal, which is published every year to commemorate the event. The Journal, in particular, has the potential to generate significant revenues through the sale of commercial advertising and ads sponsored by club members. Last year the Douglas had to be cancelled because of the failure of our ice making equipment, making it all the more essential that we have a successful event this year.

The chairs for the 2004 Douglas, **Jim and Rosemary Kindler**, are hoping that members new and old will be willing to contribute their time and skills to help make this year's Douglas the best yet. There is lots to be done both before and during the bonspiel. Let **Jim or Rosemary** know if you are interested in helping out. They can be reached at 914-693-9017 or by e-mail at [j.kindler@att.net](mailto:j.kindler@att.net). A sign-up sheet will also be posted in the warm room.

Ad sheets for the Douglas Journal were sent out to all club members by Pete Murphy some time ago. The Journal Committee encourages members to take out ads for their own businesses or to solicit ads from their employers, customers and clients. In addition, we hope the tradition of members themselves contributing to the Journal by taking out personal ads will continue; ads can be purchased for \$95.00 and up, and you can become a "Member Booster" of the Journal for a contribution of only \$50.00.. Ad sheets and copy should be sent to **Ed Siebert** by January 23, 2004, in order to allow time for printing. Time is short, so please act now.

Of course, club members are eligible to enter a team in the Douglas. Entry forms are available on the website.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. The Golden Handle.** This is the Nutmeg Curling Clubs Mixed Bonspiel. Duck Soup has not received any news on this event as of this date.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.** The final weekend of curling for the season. As of this time it is planned to hold a combined Headless Horseman and Pull the Plug. Watch for more details.

## ON BEING A MEMBER

By: anonymous

We are all fortunate to be members of a wonderful club that provides us a respite from the real world in the form of friendships, recreation, exercise, competition, skill development and the opportunity to socialize over a beverage of our choosing. For many of us it shapes our calendars for five months of the year.

But there's also a "real world" within the club. And it is centered around one of the characteristics that make the USA the unique country it is. It's volunteerism. We're all aware that our club couldn't exist without the unselfish efforts of it's members to undertake responsibility and expend energy to undertake the many tasks that enable us to function and provide the many benefits mentioned above.

The sharing of these tasks among the members is not always as evenly balanced as it could be. While it is recognized that some members have more time to offer than others do, we all have some time to give. Some of us feel we have done our share in the past and it's time to let some of the newer/younger members take over (however important experience and know how resides with the veteran members). Some of the newer members feel they don't have the knowledge to help (but volunteering is how you get that knowledge).

And there are some members who do much more than they should be expected to do. Come around at an open house, a cleanup day, a bonspiel, or almost any function and you'll see many of the same faces. We extend a sincere thanks to those folks who span the spectrum from club veterans to first and second year curlers. And we encourage others to pick at least one task over the second half of the season (we've got five bonspiels coming up) and offer your talent and energy to help out. Believe it or not, it's usually a lot of fun, and it'll make the real world within the club even better

## NUTMEG UPSDATE

By: Jim Meinhold

*(This was sent to the Nutmeg members on January 8<sup>th</sup>)*

"I'm happy to now report that the expansion project at the Wonderland of Ice site is back on the fast track. Over the last several months the missing funding for the skating expansion came through. We have met with the Mayor of Bridgeport, several City officials and the WOI management to finalize the details of including the curling club in the project.

We have negotiated terms of our sublease with WOI and the Board has voted to sign the revised sublease. The lawyers are revising the revised sublease and expect it ready to be signed next week.

The Mayor will be holding a press conference as early as next week to announce the expansion project, including the curling club. There is now but a single hurdle for the new curling club to become a reality. Unfortunately the Mayor did not like the proposed phased construction approach we presented. He has a vision of a world class curling facility and doesn't want to open a facility that would be anything less. That means we need to raise the entire amount of money required to construct the finished club and we need to do it quickly. We thought we had until April to raise the money needed but just



found out the entire project is currently scheduled to go to the Bridgeport City Council for approval at the end of the month. The process requires funds for any project to be approved to be in place at the time of approval. Without getting into the details, we need to raise an additional \$160,000.00 by 1/31/04 or risk being left behind. The good news is that we received pledges last year totaling \$81,000.00. If these are fulfilled, we only need to raise an additional \$79,000.00.

I don't like to be melodramatic but I believe this could very well be the final chance we have for making our long awaited dream come true. I expect this will be the final call for donations to build our new club. For those of you who have made outstanding pledges, it is time to fulfill your pledge. And if you can do more that would be fantastic. Please contact Carleton Cleveland, Tim Fenton or Charlie Mack to let them know how you would like to fulfill your pledge. Contributing appreciated stock can be an especially tax-efficient way to make a charitable donation in this new tax year.

For those of you who have made past contributions, I thank you. But I must ask again for anything additional that you might be able to do. If you can make any additional contributions, please contact Cleve, Tom or Charlie. We will also create a unique pin to give to any individual who donates at least \$500.00. (pins will be sent to those who have donated at least \$500.00 in the past as well).

Please remember that we are also offering bonds at a 5% interest rate. These are dramatically better returns than current market rates. But most importantly, whether someone gives a donation or buys a bond, if the new club does not get built at Bridgeport, **ALL MONEY WILL BE RETURNED**. There is zero risk to your donation/bond if this project doesn't happen.

In summary, I know we still have a way to go but I am actually extremely confident we will raise the additional money needed to make this happen"

## JUNIOR CURLING

**Sandy Graham** reports that the Tuesday afternoon program has been running well with many more participants this year than last. She and **Jeff Paul** have changed the program this year so that they have one hour of instruction followed by a one-hour game.

She, **Kay** and **Pete Westrell** (a new member of our club and former teacher at the Hastings school) have gotten the door at the Hastings schools. **Sandy** will be teaching grades 6 and 7 at the school at the start of February. She will be with each group twice and then bring them to the club in early March. Many thanks to **Peter** for his efforts with the Hastings Phys-Ed department. **Sandy** is very excited about this development and hopes eventually to have an after school league involving students from many schools in the area.

**Sandy** has had a meeting with many of the New York State Girl Scout leaders. As of now she has signed up 150 girls from Westchester. They will be coming to the club in groups of 50 on January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>. She needs **ALL THE HELP SHE CAN GET!!!!** The program will run from 4-6 on all three dates.

A team of 4 juniors traveled to Plainfield to participate in an event. They were **Rob Chebetar, Justin Haupt, Amanda Ashe** and **Josh Altman**. **Sandy** reports they won the award for best deliveries.

## MISSING TABLECLOTHS

The ladies would greatly appreciate it if the person who took the blue plaid tablecloths home to launder would return them to the club. They are needed for the Empire State Bonspiel.

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

At this time of year there is not much to report. Not many clubs hold bonspiels during the holiday season.

However, it appears that **Nancy Clancy** has been busy. The **Dancing Nancies** With **Nancy C.**, Nancy Wurth from Schnectady C.C., Nancy Pacheco from the Chicago C.C. and Elaine de Ryk from Otteburn, won the 1<sup>st</sup> event at the Gloaming Gaels bonspiel on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Nancy C.** and Nancy W. also curled in the Royal Montreal Mixed Bonspiel in November.

## THURSDAY NIGHT OPEN LEAGUE

Jennifer Stannard reports that the league kicked off the New Year with a treat- "Special Coffees" after the games. The famed Irish coffee (with real whipped cream) was accompanied with Mexican coffee, Italian coffee and French coffee. It was very cold outside but that didn't seem to bother any of them on the way home.

## LEAGUE CURLING

### The Blanton (as of 1/7/04)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B3	Austin, P	8	1
B1..	Lesuk..	6 ..	3
B7	Chebetar	6	3
B8	Bussy	5	4
B9	Harmon	5	4

<u>Team</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B5	Paul	4	5
B2	Doherty	3	6
B10	Borowitz	3	6
B6	Banino	3	6
B4	McCarty	2	7

There were no other league reports for this issue.

**THE NEXT ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP WILL APPEAR IN ABOUT ONE MONTH IF EVERYONE IS HELPFUL AND SENDS IN THEIR NEWS ON TIME.**

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### 50<sup>TH</sup> EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

Twenty-four teams participated at Ardsley in the fiftieth anniversary of this women's bonspiel the weekend of January 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the first event was the Utica 2 team skipped by Cindy Brown. They received the Empire State Medal and the Ardsley Duck Trophy. The runners-up were a team from Broomstones skipped by Karen Cousins. They won the **The Ardsley Duckling** award. The **Schenectady Stone**, awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners, went to the Rochester team skipped by Amanda Vickerson while the **Schenectady Cup**, awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place runners-up went to the Norfolk team skipped by Deborah Lane-Olson. In the third event Utica 3, skipped by Alicia Giovannone, defeated Sandra Brown's Philadelphia foursome. The winners received the **Hurd Brothers Cup** while the runners-up received the **Helen Hurd Trophy**. The fourth event, called the **Ardsley Quack**, was won by Marcia Garber's Utica 4 rink which defeated Schnectady 1 skipped by Lisa Nieradka.

Six local teams competed in the bonspiel. **Trish Ryan** skipped Ardsley 1 with **Sue Bussy, Laurie Frees** and **Mary Petry**. Ardsley 2 was skipped by **Jean Murphy** with **Liz Murphy, Kitty Davey** and **Mary Lou Banino**. A third Ardsley rink was skipped by **Joy Noble** with **Pauline Davies, Mary Lockhart** and **Marion Cowles**. The New York Caledonians entered a team skipped by **Sandy Graham** assisted by **Robin Gestring, Alice Yeh** and **Patty Sementa**. **Ann MacMillan's** St. Andrew's team consisted of **Bobbie Stoll, Margaret Guiry** and **Gail Cosman**. The Nutmeg entry was skipped by **Diane Muldowney** with **Gwen Krailo, Barbara Bechard** and **Joanna Owens**. Unfortunately, none of the local gals survived the guaranteed three games, having a mixture of wins and losses in the first two games but all having lost the decisive third game.

The bonspiel started off with a cocktail party hosted by **Brian** and **Heather Kenny** at their home on Thursday night chaired by **Mary Jean Keenan**. On Friday evening all the ladies were bussed into New York City for dinner at Sweet 'n Tart in Chinatown followed by a tour of Manhattan.. (Murphy's law held sway here and one of two buses was involved in an accident on the way to pick up the ladies at Ardsley, delaying their departure by more than one hour). The Saturday evening dinner, prepared by the Ardsley ladies, was served in the warm room.

**Nancy Clancy** chaired the event with a lot of help from the membership. Male volunteers served as umpires, **Steve Smith** made up the draw, **Dave Noble** was bonspiel photographer and **Rich Andrechak** was the computer genie who prepared team signs, name tags, team lists and the draw which was printed in color by **Mark Bussy**. **Merle Huebner** designed a special commemorative pin for this year's event. **Jennifer Stannard** decorated the club and **Margaret Guiry** and **Laurie Frees** made up beautiful kit bags for the curlers. **Mary**

Ann Moore was food chair and had help from Mitzie Wang, Gail Cosman, Bobbie Stoll, Joy Noble, Ann MacMillan, Pat Devaney, Marion and George Cowles and many others. Pippa and Geoff Broadhurst did a great job of helping and cleaning up. The Ice Committee is to be congratulated. We received many compliments for the superb condition of the ice.

Next year's Empire State will be held at Schenectady.

## AUSTIN RINK WINS GNCC SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Curling under the banner of the N.Y. Caledonian Curling Club George Austin's foursome of **Pete Murphy, Trevor Davey and Ed Andrews** defeated a Schenectady rink skipped by Jim Holmblad in the eight ends of the finals of the first event to win the Nutmeg Stone. The match was closely contended and the winner was not determined until the eighth end was completed. **George, Pete and Trevor**, with a substitute from Cape Cod, won the first event last year at Cape Cod. In 2001 **George**, with **Geoff Broadhurst, Shoji Takiguchi and Jim Kindler** won the first event again when they defeated Nutmeg's **Charlie Mack, Chuck Owens, Karl Koss and Vance Ward**. In 1999 **George** also won the 1st event. That year he curled with **Geoff Broadhurst, Vic Huebner** and a Schenectady substitute, replacing an injured **Pete Murphy**.

The second event saw a team from the Nashua Curling Club playing against another team from Schenectady. This too was not settled until the eighth end when Nashua persevered and won the Bartlett Medal.

In the third event, **Walter Baggett's** Ardsley II rink with **Shoji Takiguchi, Bob Baensch and T.C. Yeh** (his first bonspiel) won the Ardsley Shield when they defeated the Cape Cod Curling Club's entry in a seven end match.

In the finals of the fourth event, known as the CROCS, played Sunday morning, the Garden State entry defeated Ardsley III skipped by **Geoff Broadhurst** with **Isa Barghout, Bunkie Harmon and Jim Kindler**.

Nineteen teams competed in this 24<sup>th</sup> playing of the GNCC Senior Men's Championship. **Bunkie Harmon**, assisted by **Pete McCuen** and **Isa Barghout**, was the chairman of the event. A large group of people worked throughout the weekend to make the bonspiel a success. **Anne Harmon** was Bunkie's right hand in the weeks leading up to the big day doing his e-mailing and typing, **Isa and Suad Barghout** prepared and served the excellent filet mignon dinner served at the club on Saturday night. The lunches were prepared and served on Friday by **Mary Jean Keenan, Rosemary Kindler, Merle Huebner and Marion Cowles**. Saturday's lunch was handled by **Jeff Lesuk and Kathy Austin**, while the noon meal on Sunday was the work of **Jane Cavanaugh and Sue Bussy**.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRIVILEGES

In response to a recent inquiry, the Board of Directors of the Ardsley Curling Club has stated that Associate Members:

- 1) may curl in in-house bonspiels such as the Headless Horseman, The Turkey Trot, the Pull-The Plug affair, etc.
- 2) may attend curling dinners such as the opening dinner, Christmas Party, the Awards dinner and other dinners held at the curling club.
- 3) may charge beverages at the curling club bar and use the Country Club Dining room.

- 4) Will receive Duck Soup and have access to the club's web site.

Associate Member annual dues are \$50.00 per person.

Associate Members and non-members may not participate in any regular scheduled league curling, even as occasional substitutes, under any circumstances. That privilege is reserved for Active Members only. The Board asks that all skips and league coordinators adhere to this requirement.

## GIRL SCOUT TEACHING PROGRAM

**Pam Siebert** reports that "Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> was the last Girl Scout teaching program. We have had a wonderful turnout. The head of the Girl Scouts, Gail McBride, contacted the USCA and purchased curling patches for the participants. The USCA has asked her to write an article for them about their curling experience. Several of the Scout leaders would like to be invited to our next open house or something even earlier than next year if it can be arranged. We really received tremendous interest. I would like to thank **Sandy Graham** for the wonderful job she has done and all the volunteers who so graciously gave their time again and again to make it work".

**Sandy Graham** also reported on the Girl Scout program. She says that 138 scouts passed through our doors. **Sandy** thanks all that participated because without their help it never would have happened. They are: **Kay Sugahara, Katy Clough, Pam Siebert, Jim Meingold, Norm Laird, Bob Welch, George Austin, Rob Chebetar, Mitzy Wang, Peter McCuen, Mark Bussy, Peter Westrell, and David Feldstein.**

## USA CURLING NATIONALS RETURN TO NBS TV

Building on the success of three programming efforts in 2003, the USA Curling 2004 National Championships will be featured on NBC Sports in a nationwide broadcast on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 p.m. EST.

NBC's Olympic curling commentators, Don Chevrier (play-by-play) and Don Duguid (analyst), along with sideline reporter Elfi Schlegel, will once again call the action for the 2004 National Championships.

The 2004 Nationals field will include reigning World Champion Debbie McCormick's team, which will be vying to win the title again for the opportunity to defend USA's first-ever women's world curling crown at the World Championships in April. Pete Fenson's rink will also be attempting to repeat as national champion to complete the first step in its quest to make up for last year's eighth-place finish at the World's.

## NUTMEG STATUS UPDATE

On February 4<sup>th</sup> **Jim Meinhold** provided Duck Soup with the following report. "As you all know, Nutmeg initiated a vigorous fundraising campaign a little over three weeks ago to raise an additional \$160,000.00 by the end of January. I'm absolutely thrilled to let you know that as of today, we have raised \$782,478.00 and expect another \$8,000.00 in pledges to



arrive this week. Although we are still \$12,000.00 short of our \$803,000.00 goal, we have initiated a short-term bridge loan on the expectation that continued fundraising over the next few weeks will close the gap.

So most importantly, we have communicated to the City of Bridgeport that the funds are in place to proceed with getting the project approved with the City Council.

Nutmeg's thanks goes out to everyone who has contributed. This has been a long road over the last 8 years with many ups and downs. And numerous people have played a key role in getting us this far. It is truly amazing how the word of our plight has spread across the entire curling community and the response that has resulted. A special thanks needs to go to all the GNCC Club Presidents for disseminating the information to their members and to Mike Fry for posting our situation on the <http://www.inthehack.com> website.

But there is still a little more to do before we can divert our energy from fundraising to all the other activities that will be necessary over the next 6-12 months.

If you have not contributed, I would ask you to please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Checks can be made out to Connecticut Curlers, Inc. and mailed to Charlie Mack, 43 St. John Place, New Canaan, CT 06840.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Ardsley Curling Club and its members for all their generosity over many years. They took us in when we lost our ice 5-years ago without hesitation. More significantly, they have been one of our biggest supporters, both emotionally and financially, in our quest to build our own facility – knowing full well this would deplete their own resources when we left. I can't think of a better example of the true Spirit of Curling than the sacrifice they have gladly made.

I look forward to seeing you all at the opening bonspiel at our new club".

**Jim Meinhold**

President, Nutmeg Curling Club

## COMING EVENTS

**February 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> The 68<sup>th</sup> Douglas International Bonspiel.** Nineteen teams are entered in the bonspiel. There will be six events and each team is guaranteed four games. Due to the heavy curling schedule, dinners on both Friday and Saturday night will be served in the warm room. **Isa and Suad Barghout** will prepare a filet mignon dinner for Saturday night. Non-curlers are welcome to eat at the club. **Rosemary Kindler** would love to hear from anyone willing to help out with the food service and with baking. Please call her at 693-9017

**March 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> The Golden Handle.** The theme this year will be "Under the Sea". Come out and watch some good curling. **Jill Owens** is the chair this year. She is looking for help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to set up and clean up after the meals served in the warm room. Friday night will be Italian night at the Ardsley Curling Club. On Saturday night the traditional dinner dance will be held at Rudy's in Dobbs Ferry. Sign up sheets for all events and help are at the curling club. For more information contact **Jill** at [jeowensct@aol.com](mailto:jeowensct@aol.com) or **Sally Hannon** at [sally.mackenzie@cendant.com](mailto:sally.mackenzie@cendant.com). As of this date they have teams entered from Philadelphia, Plainfield, Nutmeg, Ardsley and New York Caledonian.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** The New York Caledonian Curling Club will hold their Annual Meeting at 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the curling club. On the agenda will be a few ends of friendly curling, a few business matters and a few laughs. All are welcome to set the stage for their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>** The final weekend of curling for this season. The format has not yet been determined. You can be certain, however, that it will involve curling, dinner and partying.

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

**2004 GNCC/USCA Men's Playdowns.** Three local rinks were among the eight teams participating in the GNCC District I playdowns held at Rochester from January 8th to the 11<sup>th</sup>. **George Austin, Peter Austin, Ryan Davis** and Keefe Davis went 3-1 and advanced to the GNCC final 6.

**Gert Messing, Mike Murphy, Bill Stopera** and **Bob Welch** won 3 and lost 2, while **Jeff Lesuk, Scott Silverman, Jay Rusek** (from Philadelphia) and **Chris Banino** went 1-2.

**USCA Play-downs Final Six.** These play-downs were also held at Rochester from January 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. **George Austin's** rink had a record of 2 wins and 3 losses coming in 4<sup>th</sup> among the 6 teams. The three top teams advanced to the USCA Men's Nationals to be held in Grand Forks, N.D. from February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>. The **Austin** team is the 1<sup>st</sup> GNCC alternate.

**The Francis Dykes Bonspiel.** This bonspiel was held February 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at the Nashua Curling Club. A N.Y. Caledonian rink skipped by **Peter Austin** with **Bill Malgieri, Bill Pekowitz** and **Ken Muir** was the runner-up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

**The Governor's Bowl, Albany C.C.** **George Austin's** N.Y. Caledonian rink of **Jeff Paul, Brian O'Neill** and **Bill Pekowitz** went 3-1 winning the 4<sup>th</sup> event after losing 5-4 in the semi-finals of the 1<sup>st</sup> event to Ottawa Granite, the eventual champion.

An Ardsley rink skipped by **Walter Baggett** with **Isa Barghout, Bunkie Harmon** and **Kal Sundaram** went 2-2 and was the runner-up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> event.

**Bill Pekowitz** was the runner-up in the "Lead of the 'spiel" contest, a traditionally popular event at Albany.

**The Thrifty Bonspiel, Plainfield Curling Club.** **Sandy Graham** skipped a rink in this Open bonspiel consisting of **Chris Banino, Marylou Banino** and **Terry Mamalis**. They were the runners-up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> event. **Peter DeJong** with **Jim O'Boyle, Mark Bussy** and **David Feldstein** won the 4<sup>th</sup> event

**Norfolk Mixed Bonspiel.** **Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, Scott Silverman** and **Alice Yeh** won the Childs Cup awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> event winners. **Walter and Lilly Baggett**, with **George and Marion Cowles** were the runners-up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

**USWCA National Bonspiel – Curl Mesabi-Eveleth, MN.** **Diane Muldowney, Nancy Clancy, Pauline Davies** and **Lorraine Waybourn** (Broomstones) scored an 8 ender at the

USCA bonspiel held February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. They were awarded special pins and a trophy. This was the first time in over 30 years that any team had scored an 8 ender in this bonspiel. Their overall record was 1-3. They won the match with the 8 ender and two of the three losses came down to the last rock. The third loss was to Lori Mountfort's team. She is a two time Olympian and two time silver medallist at the Worlds.

## THE ARCHIE BRUCE STONE

In the previous issue of Duck Soup we reported that Ardsley had emerged victorious over Cape Cod by two stones but did not have the final score. **Rick Andrechak** has set the record straight. The final score was Ardsley 47 and Cape Cod 45.

## LEAGUE CURLING

The final results in the Blanton competition were as follows:

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B3	Austin, Peter	9	1	B5	Paul	5	5
B7	Chebatar, Adam	7	3	B10	Borowitz	4	6
B1	Lesuk	6	4	B6	Banino	3	7
B9	Harmon	6	4	B2	Doherty	3	7
B8	Bussy	5	5	B4	McCarty	2	8

**Peter Austin's** Gold Medal team consisted of **Ed Siebert, Brian O'Neill, Bruce Huffine** and **Josh Altman**.

The Silver Medallists were **Adam Chebatar, Trevor Davey, Rob Chebatar, Robert Baensch** and **Ed Pitt**.

### The Thorndike (as of 2/10/04)

Division I				Division II			
<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>		<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	
Murphy, M.	4	0		Silverman	3	1	
Austin, G.	3	1		Barghout	2	2	
Zolkavich	2	2		Davey	2	2	
Murphy, P	1	3		DeJong	2	2	
Lesuk	1	3		Muldowney	2	2	
Stopera	1	3		Gutekunst	1	3	

## THURSDAY OPEN LEAGUE

The Thursday Open League began it's final session on February 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be no curling on February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> due to bonspiels at the club.

Anyone interested in the final session or in subbing should e-mail **Jennifer Stannard** at [jenniferstannard@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferstannard@hotmail.com) and include "open league" in the subject line.

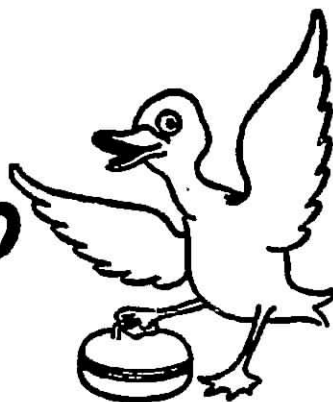
**The dining room at the Ardsley Country Club will reopen on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter it will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner. It is recommended that reservations be made for dinner.**

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**The next issue of Duck Soup will be published on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send in any news items to Bob Hill by e-mail at [rdh9e@aol.com](mailto:rdh9e@aol.com) or by Fax to 914-944-0003.**

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### 68<sup>th</sup> DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL

Nineteen teams entered this year's bonspiel played the weekend of February 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The finals of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> event were played on Sunday afternoon and were all, unlike the finals in many bonspiels, exciting to watch. The Douglas Medal, awarded to the winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> event, was won by the Ardsley V rink skipped by **Grant Zolkavich** with **Gert Messing**, **Bill Stopera** and **John Smart**. They played a 10-end match against a Bayview rink in which there were three blank ends and the final score was 4-2. In most ends the strategy seemed to be to keep the house empty with the team having the "hammer" trying to blank the end. **Shoji Takiguchi** played lead for Bayview.

The second event, the New York Caledonian Medal, was won by Ardsley IV skipped by **Bob Welch** with **Mike Murphy**, **Pete Murphy** and former Ardsley member **Ray LaBrosse** playing lead. The runner-up was the New York Caledonian I rink skipped by **Jeff Lesuk** with **Scott Silverman**, **Jeff Paul** and **Chris Banino**.

The fourth event, the Williamson Medal, was won by Plainfield I skipped by **Lincoln Heffner**, son of **Lee Heffner**, with **George Shirk**, son of former Ardsley curler **George Shirk**, at vice. They defeated the New York Caledonian II rink skipped by **Jim Gutekunst** with **Jerry McCarthy**, **Steve Smith** and **Tim Klein**. Plainfield scored two points in the 10<sup>th</sup> end to tie the game and then went on to take the victory in the 11<sup>th</sup> end.

The Ardsley Medal, awarded to the winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> event, was won by Plainfield II in a victory over Utica played Sunday morning. In the 5<sup>th</sup> event, the Potomac team defeated a team from Norfolk. In another father-son situation, **Matthew Switzer**, playing second for Potomac, is the son of **Bill Switzer**, a former curler who was a member of the Mahopac Curling Club.

Plainfield III, skipped by Don Baird, was the winner of the 6<sup>th</sup> event, the St. Andrews Medal. The runner-up was St. Georges, a Canadian team skipped by Barry Garside.

The Douglas International Journal netted \$8,120.00. This income is certainly helpful to the club and all those who contributed to make it a success deserve a round of applause. **Ed and Pam Siebert** and **Pete Murphy** put the Journal together. **Harry and Isabelle Quinn** solicited the Member Booster ads.

**Jim and Rosemary Kindler** were the chairmen of the event. **Lillie Baggett** and **Jane Cavanaugh** organized the raffle, **Suad and Isa Barghout** prepared the usual extravaganza Saturday night dinner, **Pam Siebert** brought the hors d'oeuvres for Saturday night and prepared Saturday's breakfast, **Pippa Broadhurst**, **Joanna Owens**, **Merle Huebner** and **Alice Yeh** were in charge of various meals, **Robin Gestring** was in charge of decorations and **Rich Andrechak** did the team signs. **Steve Smith** prepared the draw, **Bill Borowitz** took the lead in organizing the



ice committee, and **Bob Hill, T.C. Yeh, Jesse Wang** and **Chuck Owens** were responsible for the officiating.

There were so many members involved in organizing the bonspiel, 53 in fact, that it would be impossible to list their names in the space provided. Suffice it to say that their help was appreciated.

Duck Soup has received an e-mail from **Ray LaBrosse** who played lead for **Bob Welch**. He said "I was so glad to be able to make the trip back to Ardsley for the Douglas International. Gail (his wife) and I had a really great time and it was a real treat to see so many of our friends from the club. It was a terrific bonspiel and winning the NY Caledonian Medal was a real thrill. Next year I will have my eyes set on the Douglas Medal.

Thanks so very much for making us feel at home." Ray

## ICE HOUSE GANG VS. THE GOOD OLD BOYS

On Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Ice House Gang (Ardsley Senior Curlers) and the Good Old Boys (Nutmeg Senior Curlers) played the second round of their annual competition. The first round, played on December 12<sup>th</sup>, ended in a tie score, 20-20. In this current round the Ice House Gang surged to an early lead and, despite a come back by the Good Old Boys, held on to their advantage and won by a score of 31- 19. The combined scores of 51-39 thus left the Ice House Gang in possession of the plaque for another year.

**Bunkie Harmon's** rink of **Bill Borowitz, Don Torey, Jim McGinnis, Pete Westrell** and **Bill Langley** (the latter four each played four ends) defeated **Bob Will's** Nutmeg foursome of **Jim Meinhard, Doug Draeseke**, and Ardsley substitute **John Bourhill** by a score of 13-6

**Geoff Broadhurst** skipped a rink consisting of **Shoji Takiguchi, Bob Hill** with **Kal Sundaram** and **Carl Honzak** each playing four ends. They defeated **Charlie Mack's** team of **Dick Montgomery, Tom McKelvey** and **Burt Reminick** (an Ardsley substitute) by a score of 9-7.

**Isa Barghout's** team of **Kay Sugahara, Lee Heffner** with **George Cowles** and **Sal Marziale** each playing four ends defeated **Chuck Owens, Karl Koss, Tim Fenton** and Ardsley substitute **Jesse Wang** by a score of 9-6

In this competition, which began in 1989, The Ice House Gang has now won 10 times and the Good Old Boys 6 times. While the first half of next year's competition may be played at Ardsley it is now beginning to look like the second half will be played on Nutmeg's new ice at Bridgeport, CT.

## COMING EVENTS

**Pull the Plug. Headless Horseman/Pull the Plug Bonspiel weekend. Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**THERE'S NO CURLING IN BASEBALL ?**

Come to the Headless and "Play Ball"

The theme of this year's Headless Horseman/Pull the Plug bonspiel is "BASEBALL". It is the closing weekend of the Curling Club and the opening weekend of baseball. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Curling will begin on Friday evening with the first matches scheduled to begin about 7:00 PM. On Saturday, curling will continue throughout the day and evening. Finals

will be on Sunday morning and afternoon. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games. You can sign up as an individual or as a couple. The committee will then make up the teams. They will not accept members signing up as a team as there are many new curlers expected to sign up and they want to make the teams as balanced as possible.

All sign-up sheets are posted in the warm room (curlers, volunteers and substitutes). We need lots of each. The committee encourages all participants, non-curlers as well, to dress up as your favorite, in team gear, or even as a mascot.

They will have a "stadium menu" on Saturday evening. This bonspiel is a regularly scheduled bonspiel and as such teams will compete for the Headless Horseman medals. However, be assured that somehow, (the good and the "bad") will come into PLAY.

Come on, sign up, and "PLAY BALL"

The Headless Committee is **Jim O'Boyle, Trish Ryan, Tim Klein and Peter DeJong**

**Annual Meeting** – It will be held on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the curling club. It is an open meeting and any member is welcome to attend.

**Awards Dinner** – It will be held at the Ardsley Country Club on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the time and place where medals are awarded to curlers who were on winning teams during the season. If you are one of those skilled curlers you really should attend. It is also the time and place where retiring Board members are thanked and new Board members and officers are introduced.

## CORPORATE CURLING

Twenty-four people from UBS attended an event at the Ardsley Curling Club on March 4<sup>th</sup> at which they received instructions from a group of Ardsley curlers and then participated in a game followed by a light dinner in the warm room. **Sandy Graham, Kay Sugahara, Jim Meinhold, Geoff Broadhurst, Steve Hess, Nancy Clancy, Chuck Owens and Pete Westrell** were the instructors.

## ED GODBOLD

**Ed Godbold** has retired from the Board of Directors of the Ardsley Curling Club after many years of service. The club does not keep a record of the length of time a member has served but if it did I am sure that Ed's time would be one of the longest. Not only has he been a director but he has also been the Men's Curling Chairman and the keeper of the master ice schedule for all those years. Ed deserves a unanimous vote of appreciation for a job well done.

## THE GOLDEN HANDLE

Fourteen teams competed in Nutmeg's mixed bonspiel the weekend of March 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this year's 'spiel was "Under the Sea".

The 1<sup>st</sup> event, the Golden Handle, was taken by **Jeff Hannon's** Nutmeg Nemos crewed by **Anne Wiggins, Peter DeJong** and **Jennifer Stannard**. They sank the New York Caledonian Crabs skippered by **Gert Messing** with **Sandy Graham, Jeff Lesuk** and **Robin Gestring**.

The New York Caledonian Sea Urchins manned by **George Austin, Nancy Clancy, Ed Andrews** and **Nancy Wurth** boarded and sank the Plainfield Rock Lobsters, lead by **Don Baird**, to capture the 2<sup>nd</sup> event Nutmeg Shield.

The Philadelphia Flounders hooked and caught the Plainfield Penguins to net the 3<sup>rd</sup> event's Friendship Trophy.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> event the Plainfield Sharks bit and swallowed the NY Caledonian Clams to claim the Rat Race. The Clams were captained by that old salt **Trevor Davey** with 1<sup>st</sup> mate **Kitty**. Also aboard were **Ed** and **Pam Siebert**.

And at last, and not a moment too soon as the tide was running out, the Ardsley Octopuses, with **Chris Banino** at the helm and **Sandy Berkowitz, David Feldstein** and **Beverly Baynard** handling the lines, overcame and scuttled the Plainfield Pelicans to claim the Little Handle as their 5<sup>th</sup> event prize.

The chief Mermaids of the bonspiel were **Sally Hannon** and **Jill Owens**. The sailing master in charge of decorating the vessel and entertaining the crew was, as we at Ardsley have come to expect, **Jennifer Stannard**.

The crew assembled on Rudy's Beau Rivage mess deck on Saturday evening at 4 ½ bells (or would that be 5 bells) in the evening for a tot of rum and their meal. At 8 bells the entertainment and dancing began.

This will probably be the last Golden Handle we will see at Ardsley as the Nutmeg Curling Club is expected to have their new ship ready to launch in time for the next bonspiel.

## EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

*Some additional news*

In the February 20<sup>th</sup> issue of Duck Soup we erroneously omitted the fact that **Jennifer Stannard** coordinated a team of USWCA reps from Philadelphia, Plainfield and Chesapeake. They lost on the last rock of the 1<sup>st</sup> event semi finals but had a wonderful time.

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

**Ray Kayser Memorial Bonspiel.** This is a mixed event for curlers who have not had more than five years curling experience. This year it was held at the Potomac Curling Club the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 32 teams entered: A team from Ardsley, skippered by **Sandy Berkowitz** with **Dan Tufaro, Marylou Banino** and **David Feldstein** were the runners-up in the **Hastings**, the 4<sup>th</sup> event. They lost to Broomstones in an extremely close game but eventually clawed their way back by winning two games on Saturday. In the finals of the 4<sup>th</sup> event against Albany they traded ends fairly regularly but ended up losing in the 8<sup>th</sup> end.

Not many Ardsley curlers will remember Addison Hastings who curled at our club from 1935 until 1972 when he died. He was an enthusiastic curler and was extremely interested and supportive of new curlers. He taught the game and installed the spirit of curling in everyone who came in contact with him. After his death the Ardsley Curling Club established a men's curling league called "The Hastings" in his honor. As the number of men curlers decreased the league.

was terminated and the medal retired from play. In 2001 the Grand National Curling Club revived the medal, with the permission of the Ardsley Curling Club, and it is awarded in the 4<sup>th</sup> event of the Ray Kaiser bonspiel.

**USWCA National Bonspiel – Curl Mesabi-Eveleth, MN.** (*This is the balance of the story that was omitted from the previous edition of Duck Soup*). Diane Muldowney, Nancy Clancy, Pauline Davies and Loraine Waybaum (Broomstones) scored an 8 ender at the USCA bonspiel held February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. They were awarded special pins and a trophy. This was the first time in over 30 years that any team has scored an 8 ender in this bonspiel. Their overall record was 1-3. They won the match with the 8 ender and two of the 3 losses came down to the last rock. The third loss was to Lori Mountfort's team. She is a two-time Olympian and two-time Silver Medalist at the worlds.

**USCA Senior Men's A** New York Caledonian rink consisting of **George Austin, Pete Murphy, Trevor Davey** and Brian Bammel participated in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual USCA Senior Men's nationals in Chicago from February 19<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Their record was 3-2 in the 48 team open division losing in the semi-finals of the third event by an inch on a last rock draw to the button area. The bonspiel was played at the Exmoor Country Club, the Chicago Curling Club and the North Shore Country Club

**Granite State Bonspiel.** An Ardsley rink including **Walter Baggett** as vice skip and **Pete McCuen** and **Bruce Huffine** as the front end was skipped by Jerry Archanault (from Nashua) at this bonspiel in Nashua, NH. Their record was 0-3

**George Austin** played vice skip on a Canadian Club of Boston rink skipped by Davis Yetman (a former Ardsley curler) in this same bonspiel played March 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Their record was 1-2.

## THE ARCHIE BRUCE STONE

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## ARDSLEY KICKS THE BUCKET

The curlers from Ardsley and Plainfield get together each year for some friendly competition. The winner gets possession of "THE BUCKET". The engravings on the trophy indicate that the old St. Andrew's Curling Club started this competition in 1969. After the demise of that club the competition was shelved until recent years when Plainfield and Ardsley revived it. As it is now played, teams of new and seasoned curlers compete in a series of round-robin matches. The club with the highest number of points keeps the trophy until the next years competition.

This year's event was held at Ardsley on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each club entered about 20 curlers to participate in three draws of four end matches. In a spirited competition Plainfield emerged victorious with a score of 37 to Ardsley's 29. Both clubs had

numerous first year curlers on their teams which gave these members their first taste of interclub bonspielling.

The day's activities included a brunch & coffee/desert hour to allow ample opportunity for off-ice socializing. Next year's friendly will be held at Plainfield.

The chairmen of the event were **Rick Andrechak** and **Jane Cavanaugh**. They have expressed their thanks to the following members who helped prepare and organize the food for the day: **Terrie Allen, Nancy Clancy, John Dorf, Vi & Dave Feldstein, George Garland, Mary Jean Keenan, Mary Petry, Pam & Ed Siebert** and **Pete Westrell**.

Among those curling for Ardsley (in no particular order) were: **Nancy Clancy, John Dorf, Gail Cosman, Pete Westrell, Ed Tucker, Tim Klein, Christie & Kevin Moran, Shoji Takiguchi, Tom & Bettina Speyer, Mary Petry, Jane Cavanaugh, Terrie Allen, Mary Jean Keenan** and **Ed & Pam Siebert**.

## USWCA NEWS

By Jennifer Stannard

The USWCA annual meeting was held in Virginia, Minnesota last month. An increase to the USWCA annual dues for 2005 was approved. An increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for all participating clubs and an increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for each member curler.

The USWCA, through the promotions committee, will be providing junior curling supplies to member clubs. Ardsley will be receiving junior sized brooms and sliders next fall for the start of the curling season.

The USWCA Scots Tour will be sending 24 American women curlers to Scotland for 3 weeks of curling in November 2006. Applications will be available soon with a submission deadline of this fall. Team composition will be determined in February 2005. Each club can submit two candidates for consideration so think about applying for this wonderful experience.

We are sorry to report that two former Ardsley Curling Club members passed away this month. **Henry R. Eager, Jr.**, formerly of Hastings-on-Hudson, and more recently of Watertown, NY, died after a long illness.

We have also just learned that **Henry Rissmeyer** of Irvington, NY, died after a short illness.

## LEAGUE COMPETITION

### The Blanton. 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>
B3	Austin, Peter	9	1	B5	Paul	5	5
B7	Chebatar, Adam	7	3	B10	Borowitz	4	6
B1	Lesuk	6	4	B6	Banino	3	7
B9	Harmon	6	4	B2	Doherty	3	7
B8	Bussy	5	5	B4	McCarty	2	8



Peter Austin's Gold Medal rink consisted of Ed Siebert, Brian O'Neill, Bruce Huffine and Josh Altman.

The Silver Medallists were Adam Chebetar, Trevor Davey, Rob Chebetar, Bob Baensch and Ed Pitt.

### The Thorndike (as of 3/9/04)

#### Division I

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Austin, G.	7	1
Murphy, M.	5	3
Lesuk	4	4
Stopera	4	4
Zolkavich	3	5
Murphy, P.	1	7

#### Division II

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Barghout	5	3
Silverman	5	3
Davey	4	4
DeJong	4	4
Muldowney	4	4
Gutekunst	2	6

### The All American

Ardslay, as a USWCA (United States Women's Curling Association) member club participates in the All American, an in House bonspiel held by USWCA clubs across the country. This year, as in the past, Ardsley held two events combined with Nutmeg women (also a members) one in the evening and one during the day.

The All American daytime league was won by Joy Noble's rink of Mary Lockhart, Pippa Broadhurst, Kris Liddle and Polly Draeseke. They were undefeated through all rounds of play.

The All American evening league completed the final competition on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> event was won by the Nancy Clancy rink of Laurie Frees, Jane Cavanaugh, , Sheila Torgan and Gail Cave. They defeated the Diane Muldowney team of Anne MacMillan, Terrie Allen and Jean Spencer.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> event Jill Owens with Jennifer Stannard, Margaret Guiry, Anna Pilla and Ida Heber defeated Jean Murphy, Lillie Shortridge-Baggett, Pam Siebert, Heather Morrison and Pam Politano.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> event was won by Joanna Owens' team of Pippa Broadhurst, Kris Liddle, Anne Schneider and Eileen Quinlan. They defeated the women's 5 year and under rink of skip Sandy Berkowitz, Bobbie Stoll, Gail Cosman and Mary Lou Banino.

### Thursday Open League

The Thursday Open League completed it's second session with a grand finale. Following completion of the evening games, four teams were tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place. All curlers present were entertained as the skips from the winning teams, after a drink, played-off with skip's rocks to determine the overall winner. Tim Fenton, Greg Glashan, Ed Tucker and Dan Tufaro (skipping the Berkowitz rink for the evening) took one rock each to determine the winner - Tim Fenton.

### COUNTRY CLUB DINING ROOM

The dining room at the Ardsley Country Club reopened on March 5<sup>th</sup>. All members of the curling club have dining privileges at the Country Club during the season. It is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday at this time of year.

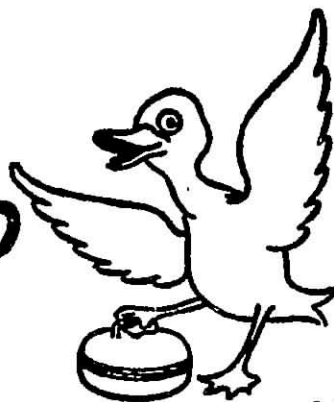
### **DUCK SOUP**

The final issue of Duck Soup for the 2003/2004 curling season will go to press at the end of the season or shortly after the Awards Dinner on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

If any member has any news that they would like to see published, please send it to **Bob Hill** at [rdh9e@aol.com](mailto:rdh9e@aol.com) or by fax to 914-944-0003.

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### 33<sup>RD</sup> HEADLESS HORSEMAN

You read it here first folks – The Chicago Cubs finally won another World Series. It took the genius of Managers **Gert Messing** and **Bill Stopera** to do it but, for the first time since 1908, the Cubs did it. In 1908 they beat Detroit. This time they beat the Texas Rangers, a team that didn't even exist in 1908. Of course all this happened on ice thanks to the ingenuity of Commissioner **Jim O'Boyle** and his committee of **Trish Ryan**, **Tim Klein** and **Peter DeJong**.

This was the Headless Horseman, the 33<sup>rd</sup> version, and it was a great one. Sixteen mixed teams competed at Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park and Shea Stadium all lumped together at the Ardsley Curling Club the weekend of April 2-4, 2004. Each team was identified as a major league baseball team and many wore clothing representing a team's uniform. The prize for the best costume went to **Michael Greene** in a complete Marlin's uniform.

The **Chicago Cubs** captained by **Gert Messing** for the preliminary games and then by **Bill Stopera** in the series defeated, the **Texas Rangers** managed by **Jill Owens** in the final game. The gold Washington medal was awarded to the Cubs team consisting of **Laura King**, **Greg Haupt** and **Sheila Torgan**. **Gert** and **Bill** will take turns wearing the skips medal. The silver Washington medal was awarded to **Jill Owens**, **Dan Tufaro**, **Justin Haupt** and **Tom Matz**.

The Irving medals awarded to the winners and runners-up of the second event went to the **Seattle Mariners**, captained by **Nancy Clancy** with **Karl Koss**, **John Dorff** and **Mitzi/Jessie Wang**. They defeated the **Montreal Expos** managed by **Shoji9 Takiguchi** with **Greg Glashan**, **Gail Boggio** and **Pam Politano**.

The Katrina, the third event, saw the **Toronto Blue Jays** meet the **Arizona Diamond Backs** with the **Blue Jays** emerging victorious. **Sandy Graham** piloted the winners and was assisted by **Ann MacMillan**, **Jane Cavanaugh** and **Michael Greene**. **Bill Pekowitz** piloted the **Diamond Backs** backed up by **Jim McGinnis**, **Gail Cosman** and **Josh Altman**.

And last, but certainly not the least, was the Graveyard which saw the **Boston Red Sox** skippered by **Diane Muldowney** outhit **Peter DeJong's Pittsburgh Pirates**. **Diane's** teammates were **Doug Draeske**, **Frank Marinelli** and **Terrie Allen**. Backing up **Peter** were **Sue Bussy**, **Patti Burns** and **Ray Bejnart**.

The calendar was crowded the entire weekend. There were three draws on Friday evening beginning at 5:15 PM, six draws on Saturday and two draws on Sunday. Lunch and dinner were provided to batters/curlers and spectators on Saturday and brunch was available on Sunday. All games were eight innings except for the finals which were nine innings. One game ended up as a tie on Sunday afternoon and had to play the tenth inning.

One fact, above all others, certainly needs to be mentioned. Every team participating had at least one first or second year curler on the roster. Whether this is due to the heightened enthusiasm of our new members or the recruiting efforts of the committee it certainly was wonderful to see.

Congratulations to the committee and the players for a job well done!

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club was held on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the warm room. **Pam Siebert**, the President of the Ardsley Curling Club, presented her report of activities during her term of office thanking all the officers, board members and committee chairmen for their support. The Treasurer, **Todd Clough**, submitted his report for the period October 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004. (The fiscal year of the club runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>). The secretary, **Mark Bussy**, reported that those present in person and by proxy represented a quorum.

The slate of candidates proposed for the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee was elected for a three-year term expiring at the time of the annual meeting in 2007. They are: **Alice Yeh, George Cowles, Gert Messing, Pippa Broadhurst, Pete McCuen, Brad Sabel.**

Following the annual meeting, the Board elected the officers for the 2004-2005 season. The new officers are:

President	<b>Peter McCuen</b>
Vice President	<b>Alice Yeh</b>
Secretary	<b>Mark Bussy</b>
Treasurer	<b>George Cowles</b>

Since his election, **Pete McCuen** has been busy setting up some of the new committees for the 2004-2005 season:

Ice Committee - <b>Bill Borowitz</b>	Website - <b>Bruce Huffine</b>
Thorndike League - <b>George Austin</b>	Friday Night Mixed - <b>Peter DeJong</b>
Men's Curling - <b>Jeff Lesuk</b>	Medals & Trophies - <b>Peter DeJong</b>
Bonspiel Coordinator - <b>Jane Cavanaugh</b>	Advertising & Publicity - <b>Sue Bussy</b>
Master Ice Schedule - <b>Rich Andrechak</b>	Duck Soup - <b>Bob &amp; Jinny Hill</b>
Training - <b>Robin Gestring</b>	

**Bruce Huffine** is now administering the website. He has taken over that job from **Pete McCuen**. Bruce can be reached at [curlingbruce@ix.netcom.com](mailto:curlingbruce@ix.netcom.com).

There are still openings to be filled. Volunteers will be welcomed with open arms. Please call Pete McCuen if you are willing to help out next season.

## NORFOLK HOLDS NO-NUT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Norfolk Curling Club defeated the Nutmeg Curling Club in their annual Connecticut State Championship (sometimes known as the NO-NUT) played at Norfolk on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The final score was Norfolk 63 - Nutmeg 37.

This event has been held every year since 1969 with the exception of 1994. Norfolk has won 18 times and Nutmeg 16 times.

Although we don't know the make-up of the Nutmeg teams we do know who the players were. They were **Tim Fenton, Heidi Follin, Greg Glashan, Bruce Huffine, Laura King, Karl Koss, Charlie Mack, Carol Mack, Laura McHugh, Jim Meinhold, Diane Muldowney, Chuck Owens, Jill Owens, Joanna Owens, Jennifer Stannard and Ed Tucker.** The cheering section was composed of **Lee Mack and Patricia Glashan.** Perhaps if you ladies had cheered louder the results would have been more favorable for Nutmeg! **Joanna Owens** chaired the event this year.

## LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

### OPEN COMPETITION

#### The Thorndike (second half final results)

##### Division I

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Austin, G.	8	2
Murphy, M.	6	4
Lesuk	5	5
Stopera	5	5
Zolkavich	5	5
Murphy, P.	1	9

##### Division II

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Barghout	6	4
Davey	5	5
DeJong	5	5
Muldowney	5	5
Silverman	5	5
Gutekunst	4	6

**George Austin's** team consisted of **Peter Austin, Jeff Paul and Bill Pekowitz.**

**Isa Barghout's** team members were **Vic Huebner, Ed Siebert, Brad Sabel and Jim Kindler.**

The Thorndike competition consists of 12 teams playing a round robin schedule in the first half of the season. Based on those results the league is split into two sections with the six teams having the best record going into Division I and the remaining six going into Division II. During the second half of the season both of the divisions curl a double round robin among teams in their own division.

#### Open League (Thursday Evening)

##### First Session

The winners were **Doug Draeseke, Jim Meinhold, Ron Gerard and Terrie Allen.**

##### Second Session

**Tim Fenton, Shoji Takiguchi, Gail Cosman, Heather Morrison, and Christie Moran** were the winning team.

##### Third Session

The winners were **Greg Glashan, Kal Sundaram, Ron Gerard and Martin Leavy.**



## MEN'S COMPETITION

### The Wells (final results)

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Gutekunst	9	2	O'Neill	5	6
Austin, P.	9	2	Chebatar, A.	4	7
Davey	8	3	Welch	4	7
Austin, G.	6	5	Broadhurst	3	8
Stopera	5	6	Barghout	2	9

With two teams tied with 9-2 records, it was necessary to have a playoff to determine the Wells winner. The Gold Medal was won by **Jim Gutekunst's** team of **Pete Murphy, Rob Chebatar, Jim McGinnis, and Michael Shalhoub**. The Silver Medallists were **Peter Austin, Jeff Paul, Ed Andrews, Ken Muir and T.C. Yeh**.

### The "Furlined" Trophy

Every league has a winner and a loser. In most instances the winner gets a prize and the loser slinks quietly away. In the Wells competition things are done differently. The rink with the greatest number of losses also gets a trophy, the "Furlined" trophy. Over the many years that it has been awarded, many fine curlers have had their names added to the list of winners (or should we say losers). Although only the skip's name is added to the list, to be fair, every member of the team is responsible in some measure for the record. This year **Isa Barghout** skipped the team and was helped (maybe hindered) by **Vic Huebner, Bill Borowitz, Jim Kindler and Pete Westrell**.

### The Blanton (final results)

The results of the Blanton appeared in the previous issue of Duck Soup.

The gold medal was won by the team of **Peter Austin, Ed Siebert, Brian O'Neill, Bruce Huffine and Josh Altman**.

The silver medal was won by **Adam Chebatar's** team of **Trevor Davey, Rob Chebatar, Bob Baensch and Ted Pitt**.

## WOMEN'S COMPETITION

### TUESDAY EVENING LEAGUES

#### MacIntosh Pin

The winner was the team skipped by **Pam Siebert** with **Nancy Clancy, Ann MacMillan and Ida Heber**.

#### Wells Wick

The gold medal was won by **Jean Murphy's** team of **Katy Clough, Kris Liddle and Gail Cave**.

The silver medal was won by **Nancy Clancy's** team of **Pippa Broadhurst and Gail Cosman**.

**All American**

The winning team was skipped by ~~Nancy Clancy~~ with the help of ~~Laurie Frees, Jane Cavanaugh, Sheila Torgan and Gail Cave.~~

**THURSDAY MORNING LEAGUES****MacIntosh Pin**

~~Mary Lockhart~~ skipped the winning rink composed of ~~Diane Muldowney, Lillie Shortridge Baggett, and Bettina Speyer.~~

**Wells Wick**

~~Pippa Broadhurst's~~ rink of ~~Pauline Davies, Kris Liddle and Merle Huebner~~ won the gold medal.

The silver medal was won by ~~Diane Muldowney's~~ team of ~~Lillie Shortridge Baggett, Mitzie Wang and Emily Marziale.~~

**All American**

The winners were ~~Joy Noble's~~ team of ~~Mary Lockhart, Pippa Broadhurst, Kris Liddle and Polly Draeseke.~~

**MIXED LEAGUE****Fall Session – Friday**

Front end – George Gerlanc and Mary Petry

Back end (skips)- Rob Chebetar and Mary Lou Banino

**Winter Session – Friday**

Nancy Clancy, Ed Andrews, Laura King, John Dorff and Mario Caruso

**Fall Session- Saturday Afternoon**

Front end – Marion & George Cowles

Back end – Shoji Takiguchi and Charlie Bronowski

**Winter Session – Saturday Afternoon**

Bob & Carrie Welch, Stephen Pepper and Alicia Walker

**Fall Session – Saturday Evening**

Front end – Karen Pekowitz and Ken Muir

Back end – Sandy Graham and Justin Haupt

**Winter Session – Saturday Evening**

Bill Pekowitz, Justin Haupt, Karen Pekowitz, Jesse Wang and Kathy McNee

**ARDWICKS OFFICERS**

The Ardwick's have elected their new officers. They are:

President	Mary Lockhart
Vice President	Pauline Davies (Chairperson-Thursday morning leagues)
Vice President	Katy Clough (Chairperson- Tuesday evening leagues)
Secretary	Marion Cowles
Treasurer	Jean Glus

## COMING EVENTS

**Golf Outing** = The date has been set for June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ardsley Country Club. **Mary Jean Keenan** is the Chairperson. Activities will start at 9:30 AM with brunch. At 11:00 AM there will be a shotgun start. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 3:30. The cost is \$80.00 per person. To make a reservation call the country club at 914-591-8150. You will be asked for your handicap.

**Summer Picnic** = The annual picnic will be held at the home of **Pam** and **Ed Siebert** in Hartsdale at 3:00 PM on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## CLOSING DINNER

One hundred and eight members and guests signed up for the closing dinner on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ardsley Country Club. Fortunately the weather was good and we were able to eat on the covered terrace.

**Pam Siebert** was the master of ceremonies and moved the program along introducing the newly elected board members and officers. **Jeff Lesuk** awarded the medals and pins to the winners of the men's events substituting for **Ed Godbold** who has done this for many years. **Jane Cavanaugh** did the honors for the mixed events and, if my memory serves me correctly, **Mary Lockhart** presided at the awarding of the women's pins.

**David Feldstein** was elected "Rookie of the Year".

**Anne Wiggins** spoke about her team's experience at the 2004 Senior Women's World Championships.

**Pete McCuen** spoke briefly and presented outgoing president **Pam Siebert** with a bouquet of flowers and a crystal bowl as a token of the club's appreciation for her hard work over the past two years. **Pete** commented that he and his wife **Lorraine** were celebrating their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on that day and this had been a great way to do it.

**Carl Honzak** led the closing ceremony with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

## NUTMEG NEWS

On April 29<sup>th</sup> **Jim Meinhold** advised Duck Soup that "Nothing really new unfortunately. The City of Bridgeport is working directly with the builder to finalize the building contract which is expected shortly".

**Norm Halford**, who curled with the Nutmeg Curling Club, passed away last Monday.

## THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

**The Women's Challenge.** March 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the Utica Curling Club. This bonspiel is for women who have not more than five years curling experience. **Sandy Berkowitz** skipped a rink consisting of **Bobbie Stoll**, **Gail Cosman** and **Mary Lou Banino**. They lost their first game to a Broomstone rink but then came back to win the next four games and win the 2<sup>nd</sup> event.

Another Ardsley team played in the bonspiel but we have not received any report on their outcome. **Jane Cavanaugh** was the skip and she was assisted by **Heather Morrison**, **Terrie Allen** and **Beverly Baynard**.

**Cherry Blossom-Bonspiel.** This was an open 'spiel and was played at the Potomac Curling Club the weekend of March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. An Ardsley team consisting of **Walter & Lillie Baggett**, **Michael Greene** and **Burt Reminick** report that they had a good time although they lost all three games.

**PCC Stone.** This men's bonspiel was played at the Plainfield Curling Club the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. An Ardsley rink skipped by **Jeff Lesuk** was the runner-up in the second event. **Gert Messing**, **Grant Zolkavich** and **Chris Banino** curled with Jeff.

## 2003 WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS GAVLE, SWEDEN

By this time I assume that most of you know that the USA Senior Women's team won the Bronze Medal and that the team was composed of women belonging to the GNCC. You are also probably aware that **Anne Wiggins**, a member of the Nutmeg Curling Club, played vice skip on that team. The skip was **Nancy Dinsdale** (Nashua C.C.), **Anne Robertson** (TCC), and **Jan Stahlheber** (Philadelphia CC) played second and lead. **Rosemary Morgan** (Philadelphia CC) was the alternate.

## THE TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'RE HAVING A BAD GAME

10. They start pebbling the ice in the 4<sup>th</sup> end.
9. Your skip saying "Nice try".
8. Your opposition starts hanging their score on the next sheet.
7. While your in the washroom, your team-mates sneak away to the bar
6. The icemaker starts heckling you.
5. Your opposition is lying four and your skip wants you to throw your rock through the house.
4. Your sweepers burst into laughter when you release your rock
3. It's only the third end and already you owe your teammates six drinks.
2. You throw out your knee in the first end and your teammates don't even notice.
1. You score an eight-ender in the second end and you have to throw last rock to win 9-8.

**THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF DUCK SOUP FOR THIS SEASON  
SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT FALL**

If you miss curling this summer, try the puzzle on page #8 --

# ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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