

Ardsley Curling Club



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Dear Member:

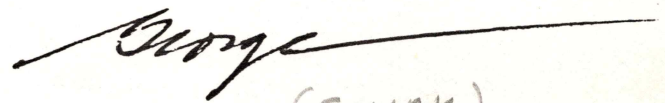
The Curling Rink is a beehive of activity. Jim Welch and his son, Tom, are painting everything in sight, plus doing a dozen other odd jobs. A professional roofer has done repair and preventative maintenance work. The Ladies have made new draperies for downstairs and are generally redecorating the room. Ed Doonan and Joe Vulpone's crew are making ice - that job takes over 2 weeks. Meanwhile, we had a Men's clean-up day last Saturday when a dozen men showed up to clean the Warm Room and the area outside the entrance. Today the Ladies are having another clean-up day.

Scheduled curling will begin next Tuesday night with the Blanton. On Wednesday the Ladies will have their Open House, and on Saturday we will be having the main Open House from 2 - 6pm. It will be similar to past open houses: exhibition games, a chance for prospective members to try the ice, drinks, cheese and crackers, and a movie. Be sure to bring any prospective members you have. But come in any case - you will want to meet our new members and make them feel welcome. The next day, Sunday, November 1, will be open for further instruction, practice and informal games.

Our Editor of Duck Soup for this season has just learned that because of other obligations he will not be able to do Duck Soup. I am, therefore, appealing for a volunteer to fill this post.

See you at the Open House.

Sincerely,


(SHIRK)

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



By GEORGE SHIRK

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Open House

A most successful Open House was held on October 31 to kick off the new season. Exhibition matches were arranged by Adam Chebetar to demonstrate the game to prospective members. Geoff Broadhurst, with the help of a little scotch tape, again showed and narrated our curling film. Jack Huisman arranged for wine and cheese, including champagne bottled specifically for the Ardsley Curling Club. All of this, combined with a good turnout thanks to Marilyn Eager's invitations, and a roaring fire built by Bruce Mitchell, made the afternoon an extremely pleasant one. Most gratifying was the number of new members who have joined the Club so far, and we would like to extend a cordial welcome to them:

✓ Don Eggleston	Mens	✓ John & Jane McCormack	Mixed
✓ Tom Rothman	Mens	✓ Dan & Kathy Mudge	Mixed &
✓ Phil Stone	Mens		Ladies
✓ Tom Welch	Mens		Thur. Nites
✓ Jack & Jerry Carpenter	Family	Tom & Kathy Williamson	Mixed - LOST
✓ Dan & Janet Alesio	Mixed &	✓ Ellen Appel	Ladies
	Ladies	✓ Faith Khosrowshahi	Ladies
✓ Tom Beaver	Mixed	Betty Russell	Ladies - LOST
✓ Sigmund & Pat Bereday	Mixed	✓ Ruth Russell	Ladies
✓ Katherine Dickinson	Mixed &	✓ Marcia Steese	Ladies - LOST
	Ladies	✓ Ruth Warriner	Ladies
✓ Graham & Ruth Sheldon	Mixed	✓ Elinore Wing	Ladies

Name Tags and Sweaters

All curlers will want to have name tags. There is a sign-up sheet on the door going down to the basement.

Those members who wish to can also sign up for Club Sweaters. These are custom fitted and ordered from Canada. Costs are approximately \$85 for ladies and \$95 for men.

Bonspiels

A sign-up sheet for men's and mixed bonspiels has been posted on the Warm Room bulletin board. The sheet includes a copy of the rules governing playdowns which were adopted last year. Bonspiels are fun, a great way to gain experience and offer an opportunity to meet curlers from other clubs. You can sign up as an individual, a couple (mixed bonspiels) or as a rink. For further information, call Ed Sibert (men's bonspiels) or Dick & Jane Wells (mixed bonspiels).

Citrus Fruit

Christmas is coming and so are the luscious Ruby Red grapefruit and navel oranges arranged for by Kay Sugahara from extra special growers.

The sign-up sheet is in the Warm Room. Drum up interest and orders from business associates, friends, neighbors and of course for your Christmas gifts.

Pick-up day will probably be Sunday, Dec. 13th at the Doonan's (cards will be sent out). A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for your assistance on the 12th for unloading & sorting and on the 13th for filling & loading orders.

Ruby Red grapefruit	\$15 a case
Navel oranges	\$18 a case

Deadline for orders is Nov. 29th. Orders may be phoned in to the Doonan's - 591-8191.

Robert T. Samuel

It is with regret that we report the death of Bob Samuel on June 4. Bob was for many years an enthusiastic curler at Ardsley until his retirement and move to Heritage Village, Conn. Bob and a few of our former Ardsley curlers were instrumental in the recent formation of Heritage Curling Club and the use of ice at Norfolk Curling Club for their activity. He has been a loyal Associate Member and supporter of Ardsley since leaving the area.

Shortly before his death, Bob's wife, Dorothy, framed his pins and medals. She has now given them to the Club. We are most grateful and will find an appropriate place to display them.

Anton H. Rice, Jr.

It is with sorrow that we must also report the sudden death of Anton Rice on November 5 while on a business trip in Hawaii. Anton curled with us for several years in the mid '60s and has been a loyal Associate Member ever since.

Mens Curling

Mens curling got off to an early start this year with the first Blanton matches on October 27 and the first Wilds and Appletree-Colgan matches on November 7. All seemed to be going well until we were suddenly lambasted from three sides because one of our Saturday matches is reported to have extended well past 3:15, the time set for Mixed play. It is obviously imperative that early matches stay on schedule so as not to impinge upon the times scheduled for later matches in the day. In order to do this, the following should be strictly adhered to:

1. Matches start promptly on time. Curlers should therefore arrive at the Rink at least 10 minutes ahead of starting time. If necessary, matches should start with only 3 players.
2. Skips should minimize delay in making decisions.
3. Curlers should be in the hack and ready to take the Skip's instructions as promptly as possible.

Compliance with these rules will make the game more interesting, give us more time for socializing and keep the Mixed Curling Committee off our backs.

Bar

We will follow past practice of having a bartender present only on weekends or when large numbers of outsiders are present. During the Tuesday and Wednesday night curling, losing skips have responsibilities as posted on the bulletin board. Please remember to specify the brand of beer you are drinking because there is considerable variation in price. If you don't, you will be charged for the highest priced brand.

Mixed Curling

The Mixed got off to a relatively smooth start on the weekend of November 7-8. The first competition, designated as The Keenan, was originally set up for 16 teams, playing 8 matches. With some substitutions we managed to play 8 games the first weekend. However, for the rest of the November competitions we will have to do some regrouping and fall back to 14 teams, playing 7 games per weekend. This reduction reflects the fact that our base roster information regarding the availability and playing intentions of certain couples was in error.

Our new Mixed curling couples appear enthusiastic and are taking to the game with vigor. From what is evident to date, a fine crop of curlers is in the making. Most of them are attending the Friday night teaching sessions, and we hope that all new Mixed curlers, as well as any others desiring practice and instruction, will come to these sessions. As a new feature, the teaching staff will be using instructional films prepared by Ray Turnbull of the T.U. Curling School.

All experienced Mixed curlers are urged to form teams and sign up to compete in the playdowns for the Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel on January 15-17. The cut-off date for entering the playdowns is November 22. Playdowns will be conducted from November 23 to January 13, and teams will be given great latitude in scheduling matches. There is more information about our Mixed Bonspiel on the next page.

Iceless Bonspiel

Five Ardsley couples - the Norman Beaudrias', Doonans, Fletchers, Shirks and Wells' - traveled to Chatham, Cape Cod, to attend the Grand National Iceless Bonspiel on the weekend of September 18-20. They played golf, quoits and bridge, but didn't win anything except a good time.

Our Grand National Representative, Dick Wells, attended the business meeting on Friday afternoon. The important action taken at the meeting was to include Mixed Curling in the Grand National. The significance of this is better coordination of the scheduling of Mixed and Men's Bonspiels. The Grand National will also, if requested, become the custodian of Mixed trophies and medals.

Lake Placid Curling Club's First Invitational Mixed Bonspiel

Ed Brandt, as President of the newly organized Lake Placid Curling Club, and Barbara, hosted a 16 rink mixed bonspiel held at the Lake Placid Olympic Arena on October 15-18.

	<u>Score</u>
First Event: Brae Burn's family rink (Bud & Sally Chandler, their son, Bob, and his wife, Mimi) defeated Hershey (Jacobs and Fickes) by	7-5
Second Event: Nutmeg 1 (Chuck & Jo Owens and Herb & Carol Lester) defeated Nutmeg 2 (Jim Christie, Jill Owens, and Joe & Nancy Lack) by	10-5
Third Event: Lake Placid 1 (Ed & Barbara Brandt and Allen & Margaret McColl) defeated Oshawa (Clayton & Mary MacKay and Barry & Donna McNamee) by	10-5

Our 2 Ardsley rinks did not fare that well. Ardsley 1 (Bob & Sirkka Whitman and Ron & Pam Jaynes) won 1 match but lost their other 2 matches to the winners of the First and Second Events (Brae Burn and Nutmeg 1) by scores of 6-5 and 8-7, both matches being decided by a measure in the last end. Ardsley 2 (Herb & Jean MacIntosh and Herndon & Bette Fletcher) lost the 2 matches they played to Hershey and Albany 2.

Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel - January 15-17, 1982

On the third weekend of January, the Ardsley Curling Club will host its Twelfth Annual Mixed Bonspiel. We expect 16 rinks from various clubs and have already received word from 2 which were not here last year: Mayfield (Cleveland) and Utica.

The Mixed Curling Committee is anxious that there be real competition for the 2 rinks to represent Ardsley. Please get together with another couple and participate. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Warm Room.

There will be 4 parties at members' homes on Friday, January 15. The Doonans, Keenans, Kelleys and MacIntoshes have graciously offered their homes for these affairs, and we take this opportunity to thank them. On Saturday night we will have a banquet with dancing at The Ardsley Country Club. All members, whether curling or not in the Bonspiel, are urged to attend. (A modest fee will, of course, be extracted.) Sign-up sheets will be posted at a later date.

We hope you will bring friends to watch the curling and particularly the finals on Sunday afternoon. The Bonspiel provides an excellent opportunity to introduce new people to the game, our Club and its members.

We will be needing lots of help if we are to put our best forward. If you would like to participate in a particular area, please give us a call. Some possibilities for service are:

Warm Room Hosts
Referees
Curling Substitutes
Items for Kits
House Party Co-Hosts

Breakfasts
Lunches
Banquet Room Decorations
Table Decorations

You can call Bette and Herndon Fletcher, Chairmen, at 478-2523 or Pat and Harold Haff, Co-Chairmen, at 693-0285. Editor's Comment: You might as well give one of these chairpeople a call and offer your services, because they're going to get you one way or another anyway.

Our Editor asked me, as Treasurer of the Fundspiel, to supply the facts and figures. On my own, I decided to act as reporter as well - please bear with me.

Fundspiel '81 - A SMASHING SUCCESS

The Setting - Superb

The gorgeous gardens and grounds at the Shirks were at their height - mums were in abundance - profusion of color blended with all the other perennials in full bloom. And the grass, thanks to George - not a piece of crab grass was to be seen. And the glamerous pool even had lighted candles floating around.

Decorations

Cornstalks and pumpkins in appropriate places - and the tables so beautifully set with yellow cloths and stunning floral arrangements and just the right candles to match.

Cocktails

A well stocked bar tended by those handsome bartenders took care of our needs to the very end of a delightful evening.

The Barbecue

Couldn't have been better - delicious pork tenderloin in rich piquant sauce served on buns with beau salads, cole slaw and sliced tomatoes.

All varieties of homemade desserts were on hand to enjoy, to say nothing of the many delicious hors d'oeuvres, all prepared and donated by our generous members.

Music

Thanks to Jim Lento and his "band", we had terrific live music for cocktails, dinner and square dancing with a great "caller". Good curlers are also ardent and enthusiastic square dancers.

Auction

The Shirks' sun room lent itself again as a marvelous back drop to a fascinating and intriguing array of items - always great fun and so lucrative.

Treasury

Last, but not least - the bottom line: a net profit close to \$4,100!

Our thanks to all those curlers who contributed money above and beyond the ticket price, to all the friends of curling and to all those who contributed to the auction.

Our sincere gratitude to Julie Shirk for being over-all Chairman of Fundspiel '81 - plus lending us her gorgeous house and grounds, to say nothing of her floral arrangements, and to all the Chairmen and their Commettees.

Invitations
Decorations
Music & Entertainment
Bar
Auction
Food
Arrangements & Restoration
Treasurer

Marilyn Eager
Aldine Havens & Carolyn Zonino
Jim Lento
Bob Hill & Kay Sugahara
Fran Garred
Alice Nolan
Herndon Fletcher
Anita Doonan

Our appreciation and thanks to the following for contributing articles for this Issue: Anita & Ed Doonan, Herndon Fletcher, Bunkie Harmon, Ed Sibert, Dick Wells and Bob Whitman.

The Editor

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Schedule of Events

Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party
Jan. 2-3	New Member Bonspiel
Jan. 7-10	Headless Horseman Bonspiel
Jan. 14-17	Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel
Jan. 21-24	USCA District Playdowns
Jan. 28-31	New York International Bonspiel
Feb. 12-14	Mixed Intracub Bonspiel
Feb. 15	Washington's Birthday Competition
Mar. 12-14	Ardsley Mixed Member Guest Bonspiel
Mar. 20	Open House
Mar. 27	Pull-the-Plug Party
Mar. 29	Annual Meeting
Apr. 2	Men's Closing Dinner

New Year's Eve "Crazy Hat" Party

Good curling. Good food. Prizes. Raffle. Special playoff after midnight for the Grand Prize.

Bring your own bottle and wear a crazy hat. Non-member spouses and prospects are welcome. If you haven't signed up yet, call Bobbie and Burns Patterson (914) 769-6138. You're crazy if you miss this party.

New Member Bonspiel - January 2-3

Hardly before your head stops pounding, we will be having our first New Member Bonspiel. While intended primarily for first year curlers, we will also be drawing on members with a few years' experience. Rinks will be balanced as evenly as possible. Each rink will play 2 games on Saturday. Those winning their second match will play in the finals of the First or Second Events on Sunday. A wine and cheese spread will be provided in the Warm Room on Saturday afternoon, and awards will be made after the finals on Sunday. If you are eligible to participate, call Bunkie Harmon on (914) 591-9565 as soon as possible.

Headless Horseman Bonspiel - January 7-10

The following weekend we have the Headless Horseman Bonspiel. All members, including Associates, are eligible. Rinks are made up of any combination of men and/or women, wives are separated from husbands - all kinds of good things happen. Our Chairman, Bob Citarell, will shortly be posting a sign-up sheet. You can sign up as an individual or as part of a predetermined rink. Loaded rinks are OK, but no stacked rinks please.

Lunches

The Ardsley Country Club closed down for the winter between December 20 and March 11. However, the Grille Room will be kept open for lunch on Saturdays from 12 to 3. St. Andrew's is open for lunch on Thursdays and Saturdays from 11:30 to 3:30. They also have a Sunday brunch from 11:30 to 4:30.

Christmas Presents

Ed Doonan has gloves, brooms and sliders for sale at the Rink. If you need a Christmas present for a curling friend, one of these might solve your problem.

For Hoggers

A number of curling clubs provide collection boxes to receive fines from curlers for each stone hogged. On her trip to Hershey for the USWCA Playdowns, Ginny Hill thoughtfully purchased 2 piggy banks for us and is arranging with House Chairman, Jim Welch, to have them mounted on the walls of the Ice Room. Duck Soup will entertain suggestions as to what rules and procedures should be adopted for the employment of these devilish devices.

Etiquette Tips

For Leads and Seconds: Unless sweeping, stay out of the House.
This is Skip and Vice Skip territory.

For Vice Skips: Unless requested, offer no advice to your Skip.

For Skips: Give your teammates praise for good shots and compassion for bad ones.

Fruit Sale

Our annual fruit sale was even more successful than last year. We sold 450 cases of oranges and grapefruit, and netted over \$3,000, some \$400 more than last year. Our sincere thanks to Kay Sugahara for obtaining the fruit for us again, to the Doonans for general supervision and warehousing, to Mary Jean Keenan for organizing the helpers, to Mary Jean again and the Broadhursts, our super salespeople, and to all our volunteers.

New Entrance

Last year we struggled with the construction of our new entrance: the decision to proceed as we did, the decisions of what features to include or exclude - there was even considerable debate on the color. Now that the entrance is completed and we have had a chance to get used to it, we are gratified with the result. It is attractive, functional

and permanent. Most of the credit for this accomplishment goes to Charlie Marks, who designed it, obtained a good builder at a very reasonable price and supervised the construction. We are sure the membership joins Duck Soup in expressing its appreciation and thanks.

Curling Rink

If you have been at the Club this past week, you noticed the Christmas decorations. For this we thank our Lady Curlers. If you looked into the wood shed, you noticed that it was full of freshly split wood. For this we thank our Gentlemen curlers.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the last member out of the building to lock it up; also, to turn all lights off and the thermostat down. Several times recently the building has been found to be unlocked when it was unoccupied.

Mens Curling

Blanton

Congratulations to Ed Godbold and his rink(Eager, Doonan, Fletcher, Spitzer & Stone) for winning the Gold Medal. This is Big Ed's second year in a row.

Congratulations also to Burns Patterson and his rink(Sugahara, Ficalora, Potter, Whitley & T. Welch) for winning the Silver Medal.

Except for 2 playoff matches, the final standings are:

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
B1 Godbold	5	2	B7 Zonino	3	4
B3 Patterson	4	3	B4 Harmon	3	4
B5 Warriner	4	3	B2 Citarell	3	4
B8 Beaudrias	4	3	B6 Marr	2	5

In the playoffs for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places, Warriner beat Beaudrias' rink, but then lost to Patterson's. The playoff for 5th, 6th and 7th places has not yet been completed. So far Zonino has beaten Citarell.

Wilds

The standings through December 6 are:

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
A2 Whitman-Broadhurst	6	1	S1 Dunn	2	4
A3 A. Chebetar-Patterson	6	1	C2 Jasmine-Slaybaugh	2	4
A4 Shirk-Godbold	6	1	C1 Cooper-Thomas	1	5
A1 Wells-Citarell	6	2	S4 Forcheskie	1	6
A5 Sibert-Sugahara	3	4	S3 McKay	0	5
S2 Nauss	2	3			

As a result of the matches played this past weekend, the standings are now: A2 at 8-1, A1 at 8-2(final) and A3 and A4 tied at 7-2. This is developing into a 3-way tie for second place.

Apple Tree - Colgan

The standings through December 6 are:

		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
*A1	Steinemann-Fletcher	4	2	C1	Caputo-Stock	2	3
S3	Bankes	4	2	S1	Pedlow	2	4
A2	Baggett-Potter	4	3	S2	withdrawn		

*Sun., Dec. 20 - A1 has won with a 6-2 record.

Blanton Bonspiel - November 14-15

Congratulations to Dave Marr and his rink(A. Chebetar, Steinemann, and Baggett) for winning this bonspiel. In the finals they won 11 to 6 against Bob Citarell and his rink(Broadhurst, MacIntosh, Cooke and J. Welch)

Burns Patterson and his rink(Sugahara, Ficalora, Potter, Whitley and T. Welch) won the Second Event. In the finals they won 16 to 3 against Mike Beaudrias and his rink(Wells, J. Chebetar, Lento, Hand and Mitchell).

Hastings-Brick Bonspiel - December 11-13

Seven Ardsley, six St. Andrew's and two Caledonian rinks competed on Ardsley and St. Andrew's ice.

George Shirk and his rink(Beaudrias, Haff/Harmon & Haynes) won the Hastings Medal. They routed in short order their first 3 opponents: Caledonian, St. Andrew's and Ardsley teams. In the finals on Sunday they turned the full fury of their attack on Ed Godbold and his rink (Hill/Ficalora, Lento/Baggett & Whitley), who succumbed during the last end.

Don McKay and his St. Andrew's rink won the Brick Medal by beating Hal Jasmine's Caledonian rink in the finals of the Second Event.

Windeler

As we go to press, only the first week's matches of this double round robin competition have been played. The results:

<u>Won</u>			<u>Lost</u>
B1	Wells	vs	B8 Patterson
B2	A. Chebetar	vs	B3 Sugahara
B4	Sibert	vs	B7 Godbold
B5	Shirk	vs	B6 Whitman

Ontario Winter Festival - February 5-7

This Festival is being sponsored by the Canadian Government. One of their activities will be a curling competition. They have invited 4 Grand National rinks to participate(no other American rinks have been invited). There will be 2 matches in the competition, plus 3 or 4 friendlies. Schenectady and N.Y. Caledonian will be sending rinks. St. Andrew's is seriously considering it. We have been urged by the Grand National to send a rink. Anyone interested in going should contact Grand National Representative Wells without delay.

USMCA Pins

The U.S. Men's Curling Association sells pins each year to help

finance its competitions. Since the U.S. Men's Championship will be played in the East this year, at The Country Club in Boston, it perhaps behooves us to give this year's campaign greater than usual support. Three pins are offered: Patron for \$100, Sponsor for \$30 and Booster for \$15. The cost of these pins is deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

G.N. Rep. Wells is in charge of promoting the sale of pins in our Club. When he returns from Bermuda, he will be seeking you out. In the meantime, he has asked us to put you in a receptive frame of mind.

Incidentally, in support of the U.S. Men's this year, we have placed a one-half page advertisement in their program magazine, the theme of which is the celebration of our 50th Anniversary, which takes place next year.

Mixed Curling

Keenan

The November Mixed Curling Competition - the Keenan - has been completed. Winners were Ed and Maggie Sibert and their teammates, Claire Noble and Tom Beaver, with a perfect 4-0 record. Tom Beaver is a brand new curler and is to be congratulated upon winning a prize in his first competition. The Sibert rink was assisted in its victory by substitute, Tom Welch, also a brand new curler, who filled in for one match. Three teams had equal won-loss records of 3 and 1, the Ray-Whitley combination with assistance from the Streckfusses and Fran Garred and John Hewitt, the Wells-McCormack team with help from George Shirk and Alice Nolan, and the Whitman-Alesio foursome with the aid of the Whitleys and the Pattersons. On a points basis the Whitman-Alesio rink took second place honors.

The Committee is especially pleased that all but two of the 32 games scheduled in the Keenan were played as scheduled with full complements of curlers. This achievement was in spite of a goof in communications which caused the Committee to include on the teams set up for the competition two lead couples who were not able to participate. It speaks well for the devotion of the Mixed Group that the skip couples, who were thus short-changed, were none the less able to obtain substitutes for all of their games once the mistake in setting up the pairings had come to light.

Chebatar

The Chebatar Competition started on the weekend of December 5 and 6 and will continue throughout the month. In this second competition pairings have been changed, and the Committee has arranged a schedule in which no skip couple will play against a skip couple already faced in the Keenan (subject, of course, to the impact of substitutions).

Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel - January 14-17

Plans for this feature event of the Mixed program are going forward. Sixteen rinks will compete, and the roster is complete, barring any cancellations. We expect at least one rink from Brae Burn, Weston, Mayfield, Gloucester, Cape Cod, Plainfield, Utica, Canadian Club of N.Y., St. Andrew's, Nutmeg and our own Ardsley rinks. Our committees are at work, though a few more "volunteers" can be squeezed in. Don't forget

the cocktail-dinner parties on Friday and the banquet on Saturday, at which all are welcome.

The playdown among 7 Ardsley rinks to represent our Club in the Bonspiel began in late November. The Patterson-Doonan combination is in the lead with a record of 2 wins and no losses. The competition has been spirited, and the quality of play excellent. Unfortunately, the complications of the Christmas social season are making it difficult to complete all matches on a timely basis. The Committee plans to be very lenient in permitting postponements in the hope that it will be possible for the entire 7 team round robin to be finished before January 11.

Royal Caledonian 8th Mixed Bonspiel - December 11-13

The Wells and Rays returned to Montreal again for this Bonspiel. The Royal Caledonians are celebrating their 175th Anniversary - we understand they are the oldest curling club in North America. Our rink joined in the celebrations, but their achievements on the ice were somewhat less than spectacular.

Cape Cod Mixed Member Guest Bonspiel - November 20-22

Bob and Sirkka Whitman, as Lead couple, teamed up with Ben and Joannie Fuller for Cape Cod's first Mixed Member Guest Bonspiel. It was an enjoyable, low key, 12 rink affair. Bob's and Sirkka's rink won their first 2 matches, but were then knocked out by a Gloucester-Cape Cod rink skipped by none other than our Associate Members, Harry and Fran Oswin. Harry and Fran, assisted by the Steeles, then lost in the finals of the First Event to a Nutmeg-Cape Cod rink (Boschs-McCarthys). The Second and Third Events were won, respectively, by a Cape Cod-Buffalo rink and a Cape Cod-Winchester rink.

Winchester is the only other Grand National Club to have hosted Mixed member guest bonspiels. Theirs has become so popular that 24 rinks participated last season.

Ardsley Mixed Member Guest Bonspiel - March 12-14

We want to remind Mixed curlers that we will be hosting our first Mixed Member Guest Bonspiel in March, and that it is not too early to ask a couple of your curling friends from another club to join you for this event. Lineups may be set up as the participating rinks desire so long as the girl, boy, girl, boy sequence of play is maintained. So if you know an outstanding curling couple from another club, have them come and play skip for you if you wish. The Keenans with the assistance of Jim Zonino will run this event.

Ladies Curling

Three Brooms

The first 3 Brooms match was held at St. Andrew's on December 4, with the following results: Wicks I over Ardsley I (Brandt, Meszaros, Ray and Garrison), Nutmeg II over Ardsley II (Garred, Ficalora, Noble and Wells) and Nutmeg I over Wicks II. This is a cumulative end & point competition (thank heavens!), and the next match will be at Nutmeg in February.

Icebreaker

The Wednesday Icebreaker has not been concluded because of a snow competition

The winning Thursday rink, with 5 wins & 1 loss, was skipped by Havens with Keenan/Whitman alternate 3s, Whitley 2 and Ruth Russell Lead.

USWCA Bonspiel

An Ardsley team - Eager, Patterson, Garred & Hill - entered the 5 team Playdown held at the Hershey Curling Club and, after winning 2 and losing 2, won a place in the Bonspiel. They will play at Utica in February.

May your Christmas be Merry, your New
Year Happy and your Curling Improve.

Our appreciation and thanks to the following for
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