

2006 Boospiel

At the scariest Boospiel in it's short history, the Warlocks felled the Ghouls in the 1st Event Finals. Of course in Ardsley curling parlance, Walter Baggett's rink consisting of Tim Klein (Vice), Steve Devaney (Second) and Saar Manachemi (Lead) defeated the rink skipped by Diane Muldowney consisting of Chris and Marylou Banino (splitting the Vice duties), Burt Reminick (Second) and Jim Denny (Lead). The 2nd Event witnessed the Headless Horseman (George Austin's rink of David Schrull, Richard Goodwin and Jeff Tropeano) put a stake through the heart of the Vampires (Jeff Lesuk's rink of Sue Bussy, Vi Taylor and Michelle Schleibaum) in a very bloody match. In the 4th Event, which matched the 1st Event semi-finalists against the 2nd Event semi-finalists, saw the Creepy Crawlers (Isa Barghout, Dan Tufaro, Paul Hendry, and John Noble) claw out a win over the Black Cats (Robin Gestring, Ed Andrews, Lisa Doty, and James Arroyo). In the 3rd Event, which was so-aply named the "Hotel California Event" (the event in which you could enter but ever leave), the Apple Bobbers (Sandy Gaffner, Paul Heubner, Ron Gerard, and Peter Yablon) gouged the Bloody Eyeballs (Mark Bussy, Shoji Takiguchi, Heather Morrison and Bob Din. In all, ten (10) teams tricked and treated themselves through to Sunday, when everyone got to play.

The 3rd Annual Boospiel was a complete on-ice and off-ice success due to the hard work of Deirdre Sullivan, Chairperson. Dee was ably assisted by Sandy Gaffner and Jim O'Boyle. The Boospiel Committee would like to thank the ice committee for excellent and consistent ice, in particular, Gert Messing. Thanks also go to the people who helped with the ice (Sweeping, pebbling, nipping) during the bonspiel, i.e. Mark Bussy, Ed Siebert, Trish Ryan, Tim Klein, Dan Tufaro. Thanks to everyone for bringing hors d'ouvres, setting up food, clearing tables, and final clean-up on Sunday.

The participants departed on Sunday afternoon digesting two (2) vital Halloween Rules: #1 – "Do not take anything from the dead", and #2 – "If your teammates suddenly begin to exhibit uncharacteristic behavior such as hissing, fascination for blood, glowing eyes, calling incredibly stupid shots, increasing hairiness, and so on, get away from them as fast as possible." And they did!

New Curlers Update!

Ardsley now has approximately 100 newly trained curlers – that's 60% more than we had before the Olympics! – and they are ready and rarin' to go. The new curlers will be joining a league near you and new leagues are being formed and a previous time slot has been revived to help accommodate the influx of new curlers. These new leagues will begin the weekend of December 2-3. If you can join a new league, please contact the Membership Committee co-chairs, Mike Greene and Ruth Loomis (718-831-5672) immediately. The new time slots are:

NEW! Saturday Morning Open @ 10:00AM. League coordinator: Steve Hess

REVIVED! Saturday Evening Mixed @ 7:30 PM: League coordinator: David Feldstein

NEW! Sunday Afternoon Open @ 12:00 PM. League coordinator: Mike Greene

Mike plans to run the Sunday Afternoon Open with 5 and Under skips if possible. If you have a team that wants to practice for the Dykes, Kayser or Women's Challenge, this is a great league to play in.

Now we need to know how many of you out there would like to sign up to curl in these new (and revived) leagues. These are just like the other regular leagues, in that you will be making a commitment to curl on a team every week (or find yourself a sub). The one difference is that

these leagues are “free” to existing members from before the 2006 Olympics. If you sign up for one of them, you will not be charged for it, even if it is your third or fourth league. Take advantage of this opportunity to curl just a little more often, with a bunch of really enthusiastic and well-trained new people! Please e-mail Mike Greene at mfgreene28@yahoo.com with your choice of leagues right away!

2006 – 2007 Thorndike Curling First Session – Oct. – Nov.

After week 5	W	L	Pts		W	L	Pts
Austin	5	0	7.5	Muldowney	3	2	3
Stopera	3	2	4.5	Clancy	3	2	3
Messing	3	2	4.5	Meecha	3	2	3
Lesuk	2	3	3	Barghout	3	2	3
Gutekunst	1	4	1.5	Greene	2	3	2
Silverman	1	4	1.5	Seibert	1	4	1

Go to the website www.Ardsleycurling.org to see the times of play and the members of the teams

ROMEO NEWS

Senior Men’s Curling is off to a rip-roaring start at 9.45am on Friday mornings. We jumped the gun a little beginning on October 13th, but by the following week we had all three sheets filled, and this was without our friends from Nutmeg who now have their own ice again.

We continue to welcome all interested candidates (all abilities!) who want to get in a little exercise and/or would like to join us for lunch at the Ardsley Country Club and swap war stories.

The Men’s Wednesday Night Curling League (Blanton 2006-2007) got off to a bit of a rocky start when there was a small problem with the ice compressor that delayed the start of the season. A quick call to Jeff Paul and a quick solution by Jeff saved the ice but because of the warm temperatures outside curling was canceled for safety reasons. A special thanks to Jeff Paul, Adam Chebetar, Jerry McCarty, Mark Bussy, and everybody else who offered to help. The Blanton this year has 12 teams and 53 curlers. We will be adding curlers after the training program for new curlers is finished. The Blanton competition is shaping up to be a very close competition. Skips like Gert Messing, Isa Barghout, and Bunkie Harmon will make for many fun and competitive matches in the Blanton. After two games out of an eleven game schedule the standings are:

McCarty	2	0
Seibert	2	0
Messing	2	0
Harmon	1	1
Pekowitz	1	1
Hess	1	1
Doherty	1	1

Borowitz	1	1
O'Neill	1	1
Barghout	0	2
P. Murphy	0	2
Smith	0	2

The Thursday Morning Ladies are in the middle of their Lady Liberty Tournament. The results to date are as follows:

McIntosh 3-0
 Muldowney 2-1
 Broadhust 1-2
 Noble 0-3

We are always looking for more ladies to join us for good curling and lunch at the Country Club afterwards. *Our annual Holiday luncheon and gift exchange will be on Thursday Dec. 21st.* We hope to do the All American in the New Year, followed by the Wells Wick.
 Pauline Davies, Thursday Morning Ladies League Co-ordinator

Tired of Turkey? Need to get away from family? Sign up for the Turkey Trot!

There will be **curling Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-26th.** All this, plus prizes and lots of good fun for the low, low price of \$30 per person (includes snacks Friday, lunch and dinner Saturday and 'leftovers' on Sunday). The format will be determined by the number of entrants and the whims of the organizers. Three games of good curling and a good time are, however, guaranteed!! Bonspiel committees will be drawn from the pool of those generous folks who volunteer to help. Please indicate on the sign up sheet in which areas you would like to assist. Enter as a team, or individually. Please note, however, that the organizers may take measures as necessary to ensure balanced play. New curlers are welcome to compete! Please sign up in the warm room by Monday, November 20. Any questions, please contact Mark (rothrub@aol.com) or Sue (sbussy@stblaw.com) Bussy.

**ARCHIE BRUCE ANNUAL FRIENDLY
 JANUARY 6th & 7th in CAPE COD**

This annual event rotates between Ardsley Curling Club and Cape Cod Curling. The event is in memory of Archie, who curled both at Ardsley and then at Cape Cod until his death. There are two games with the first Saturday at 4 pm and the second Sunday at 10 am. Cape Cod provides a sumptuous dinner, a continental breakfast and a brunch (following the 10 am game). It is a total point scoring with one club only winning the coveted Archie Bruce pins and the trophy (last year it was won by Cape Cod).

Twelve people go and we stay overnight at the "Inn on the Square" where we reserve six rooms (it is very close to the curling club). When we have the room prices and the nominal cost from Cape Cod to cover the meals, we will email everyone. It is lots of fun and a chance for some of you to see another curling club.

Any questions call Pippa & Geoff Broadhurst 914-591-7356 or email at: g.broadhurst@PippaGeoff.com

WOMEN'S HIGHLANDER FLING

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23rd and 24th, 2007

Facts: 3 Games are guaranteed 8 end Games 16 Teams

Continental breakfast and lunch both days

Tuesday Evening House Party

Winner and Runner-up Pins for 4 Events

Entry Fee: \$200.00 per team

Entry Deadline: December 15th, 2006

Rooms are reserved at the Marriott Courtyard at \$79.00 per night till January 1st

For further details check the downstairs bulletin board or call Pippa at 914-591-7356

The Scots are Coming!

Every 10 years the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland send a group of men to America to visit various curling clubs around our country for friendly competition. Their next visit is 2007 and **they will be at Ardsley on February 2, 2007**. USCA curlers do the same, visiting Scotland every 10 years and the last visit of the Americans was 5 years ago.

When the Scots are here we want to give them a great reception to continue the tradition of camaraderie and friendship over the years! We will have 3 games in the morning and three in the afternoon. **We will be looking for Ardsley curlers (men) to participate in the games**. There will be a fee for participating which will help cover the costs of hosting this group. E-mails and sign up sheets will be posted soon so please save the date of Feb 2/07. Also, any contributions to help defray the expenses of this hospitality would be welcomed.

The event is being coordinated by Vic Huebner who would welcome any questions or suggestions."

2006-2007 Championships	Dates	Deadlines	Cost
*U.S. Nationals Men's Qualifying Round West: Seattle East: Potomac Midwest North: Grand Forks Midwest South: Waupaca, Wis.	Jan. 4-7	Dec. 7	\$500
*U.S. Nationals Women's Qualifying Round West: Seattle East: Nashua, N.H. Midwest: Poynette, Wis.	Jan. 4-7	Dec. 7	\$500
USWCA Senior Women's Bonspiel	Jan. 11-14	Racine, Wis.	
USCA Scots Tour	Jan. 13- Feb. 5	Various U.S. clubs	
World University Games	Jan. 17-27	Torino, Italy	
*U.S. Senior National Championships	Jan. 18-21	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 21 \$250
U.S. Nationals Challenge Round	Jan. 25-28	Mankato, Minn.	
USWCA 5-Year-and-Under—Central	Jan. 27-28	Waltham CC, Triumph, Ill.	
2007 U.S. Junior National Championships	Feb. 3-10	Seattle, Wash.	\$250
USWCA Women's Bonspiel	Feb. 7-11	Northbrook, Ill.	

2007 U.S. National Championships (formerly U.S. World Team Trials)	Feb. 17-24	Utica, N.Y.		\$250
2007 World Wheelchair Championship	Feb. 17-24	Solleftea, Sweden		
2007 USMCA National Bonspiel	Feb. 21-25	Mankato, Minn. & Mapleton, Minn.		
2007 U.S. Club National Championships	March 4-10	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 2	\$250
2007 World Junior Championships	March 3-11	Eveleth, Minn.		
USWCA 5-Year-and-Under	March 3-4	Portage, Wis.		
USWCA 5-Year-and-Under	March 14- 18	Belfast, Maine		
National College Tournament	March 16- 18	Chicago		
2007 World Women's Championship	March 17- 25	Aomori, Japan		
2007 U.S. Mixed National Championship	March 17- 24	Grafton, N.D.	Jan. 8	\$250
2007 Senior World Championships	March 23- 30	Edmonton, Alberta		
2007 World Men's Championship	March 31- April 8	Edmonton, Alberta		

Chairpersons needed to coordinate the following two events.

1. "Bloody's and Brooms" - Our new year's day mini fun in-house spiel

duties- broadcast e-mails and sign up sheet
makeup teams and draw
Organize lunch
collect the money

2 "Cool duck" - our 5 year and under in-house spiel

duties- broadcast e-mail and sign up sheet
makeup teams and draw
organize food
collect money

Remember... if no one steps up then there will be no event.....

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Anyone wishing to be on the sub list for the Friday and/or Saturday Mixed Leagues please email David Feldstein at davidfeldstein@optonline.net

The Blanton (Wednesday night men's league) is looking for subs who would like to curl when a team is short handed. If you'd like to get on the sub list, let Tom Doherty, League Coordinator, know at thomas_doherty_@hotmail.com

CORPORATE EVENTS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Want to improve teamwork and morale in your business?

Want a new and exciting idea for a party?

Looking for the winter equivalent of a golf outing?

Come experience the thrill of curling, in beautiful Ardsley-on-Hudson in New York.

Curling – one of the newest and “hottest” Winter Olympic sports is easy to learn in a 2-hour event/party. In a typical program, you will have a 20 minute introduction to the sport and 90 minutes on the ice for instruction and play, with optional additional time for food and/or refreshments. The club will supply all necessary equipment, but you must come prepared for fun, wearing loose fitting, warm-weather clothes and clean sneakers. Although curling is a sport that requires many years of training to become good enough for the Olympics, it can be learned and played by almost anyone, old or young, at a recreational level with very little training. Corporations from Microsoft and NBC all the way down to the smallest construction and accounting firms have tried curling workshops and loved them, and we are now offering the opportunity to companies (or any organized group) to take advantage of this exciting and popular activity. We have also hosted numerous birthday parties and gift “experiences”. We want to have a “Banner Year” this season, and thus wish to invite you to help participate in the launch of our latest fundraiser, the Banner Sponsorship program.

This program will sell advertising to local and national companies in the form of banners on the walls of the ice rink and website links. The costs for sponsors will be:

6'x3' banner plus website ad: \$1,999

4'x2' banner plus website ad: \$1,499

Website ad alone: \$495

Exclusivity Premium (within a product/industry): \$10,000

**** NEW MEMBERS ONLY DISCOUNTS -

- 1) If a member would like to put up a banner for their own company, and if there is banner space available, we are offering a discounted rate of \$100/month. If non-member banner space sells out, then banners that were put up at a discounted rate will be taken down in reverse order.
- 2) If a member would like to have an online advertisement, we are offering a 50% discount for a price of \$250 per calendar year.

Banner production: each sponsor will either supply their own banner or we will produce it for an additional charge, depending on size, materials, design complexity, etc.

Advertisers will benefit from repetitive exposure for a full year to a diverse audience of consumers made up of social and active men and women of all ages and demographics from the New York Metro area. In addition to club members, many other individuals visit the club – including teams from other curling clubs, participants in Open Houses and corporate events.

Almost any type of business should be considered, but some of the key ones to think about are beverage companies, banks and financial institutions, real estate brokers, restaurants, hotels, media, and sporting goods.

Sponsorship advertisements promise to be an important financial resource for our club, and will allow us to keep membership dues at or close to current levels. If you know of a company that you think might be interested in donating to our 501c(3) charitable organization, please let us know! You can contact Sandy Gaffner at acuberk@aol.com or (914) 391-3130 to get brochures and sponsorship letters.

Boatload of granite en route to Stevens Point due to rapid growth of curling

(STEVENS POINT, Wis.) - Around 13 tons of granite curling stones will leave Scotland Friday en route to a warehouse in Stevens Point, Wis. All told this adds up to 40 sets of curling stones (16 stones per set) that will be distributed to new curling clubs across the United States.

The shipment of rocks will hit the ocean on Tuesday and is anticipated to arrive in Stevens Point by Nov. 30. This logistically-challenging operation was made possible through arrangements by Peter Johansen of Great American Lines, a subsidiary of Fairfield Maxwell Ltd., and courtesy of a generous donation by Kay Sugahara of New York. Sugahara, a long-time supporter of curling and member of the Ardsley (N.Y.) Curling Club, is president of Fairfield Maxwell Ltd.

“I am always interested in providing new curlers more opportunities to play the game,” said Sugahara, who was also a key supporter of some of the first World Curling Championships held in the U.S.

Only two companies in the world produce curling stones - one in Scotland and another in Canada. Besides Ailsa Craig, the other major source of granite for curling stones comes from a Trefor quarry in north Wales. The average cost for a new set of curling stones is \$7,600, while used ones can be had for about \$5,200. Well-cared-for curling stones can have a useful lifespan of up to 50 years, however. The World Curling Federation has created a loan-to-purchase program to help new clubs get up and running without having to carry the significant financial burden of purchasing the stones outright at startup.

A reminder that all curlers must sign a waiver each year before curling.

If you haven't done so, please do. It is the responsibility of league coordinators and all skips to assure that this policy is adhered to. There will be penalties for non compliance. The forms are on the desk in the warm room along with a box in which to deposit completed forms.

Curling Etequette Brush up!

Please find attached some pearls of wisdom and things to think about when you are on the ice!

Next edition of Duck Soup will be late January, Submissions from Committee members due January 21st 2007!

All the best for the Holiday Season!

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