

<u>Duck Soup #4 2008-2009 for Ardsley</u> Curlers

Upcoming dates....Annual meeting...Sunday April 19th at 3:30PM in the warm room !!!

Clean Up Party Sat 9:00 AM April 25 yeeha!! not to be missed!!

Awards dinner Fri May 8th !!! THE EVENT !!!

ETIQUETTE - noun- Conventional requirements as to proper social behavior

The ACC Board has discussed the need for improvement in curling etiquette at our club. It is very important for the enjoyment of ALL club members that we make every effort to use proper curling etiquette. Please pick up a USCA brochure at the club entitled "Strategy & Spirit". Please read the SPIRIT section.

While the main objective of the game is to determine the relative skills of the players, the spirit of the game demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling and honorable conduct on and off the ice.

Future editions of Duck Soup will include etiquette reminders. If you have any pertinent comments, please send them to our club president, Jeff Lesuk, <u>jeffnrob1@juno.com</u>.

Final Standings to the Thorndike Competitive Curling on Monday Nights by Mike Murphy

The winning rink via tie-breaker for the season was Mike Murphy - Skip, Gert Messing – Vice, Chris Banino – Second, Tom Doherty – Lead

The final standings on the season were:

Division 1

	W	L	Pts
Murphy	16	2	24

Stopera	16	2	24
Austin	10	8	15
Hess	9	9	11
Noble	9	9	10.5
Gutekunst	6	12	9
Barghout	6	12	9
Divison 2			
	W	L	Pts
Baggett	12	6	11
Smith	10	8	10
Lesuk	8	10	8
Courts	7	11	7
Ryan	5	13	5
Gaffner	8	10	8
Meechai	4	14	4

Wednesday Night Men's Curling - The Wells

The Wells was once again won this year by Bill Stopera's team. The team consisted of Bill Stopera, Steve Smith, Mike Greene, Andrew Stopera, and Bruce Huffine. Peter Austin's team came in a close second. Peter's team included John Noble, Jamey Gelardi, Jim Kindler, and Pete Westrell. Bill and Peter ended the season with the same record but Bill's team beat Peter's team head to head during the season. The league was once again enjoyed by 60 curlers throughout the season. The games were well played and all curlers improved their curling skills during the year.

- 1. Bill Stopera 9-2
- 2. Peter Austin 9-2
- 3. Bill Pekowitz 8-3
- 4. Jeff Lesuk 8-3

- 5. George Austin 6-5
- 6. Chris Banino 5-6
- 7. Walter Baggett 5-6
- 8. Gert Messing 5-6
- 9. Mark Bussy 5-6
- 10. Tom Doherty 3-8
- 11. Dan Tufaro 2-9
- 12. Geoff Broadhurst 1-10

Thursday Open League Recap for year 2008-2009

Raymond A. Bejnart, League Chairman and General Secretary

The Thursday Open League had a successful and entertaining year for both sessions of the 2008-09 curling year. Frequented by many year supporters of the League, we had six complete and competitive rinks for both sessions. The first half aptetura was clinched by first time champions Julie Everett and company. Mrs. Everett was supported by her son Ian, Susan Lapham and Michael Murray who all tasted champagne for the first time! In a tight race for second place, Beverly Baynard's rink eked out the rest of the pack. She was supported by Burt Remnick, the irascible Harry Quinn, and various substitutes who filled in for a fallen colleague. The rest of the rinks are:

Team Shalhoub	Team Yodashkin	Team Levy	Team Melnick
Michael Shalhoub	Jacqueline Yodashkin	Martin Levy	Jay Melnick
Gail Boggio	Robert Kennedy	Lorraine Kuhn-Levy	Heinz Gruettner
Jeffrey Klein	Peter Forrest	James O'Connor	David Cruickshank
Mark Everett	Gary Fruchter	Ellen O'Connor	Nancee Cruickshank

The second half session was dominated by the Cruickshank rink which held onto the division lead from inception to the finish. Led by David Cruickshank, the rink was well supported by Nancee Cruickshank, James O'Connor, and Karen Casper. Congratulations to all first time champions as well for the Thursday Open! Team Shalhoub had a great session as well and finished as the runners-up. Michael Shalhoub was supported by Bob Kennedy, Heinz Gruettner, and Jeff Klein. Also a warm hand for all the other rinks that comprised the second half session of the 2008-09 curling year:

Team Levy	Team Challenge	Team Melnick	Team Everett
Doc Martin Levy	Beverly Baynard	Jay Melnick	Julie Everett
Lorraine Kuhn-Levy	Gail Boggio	Burt Remnick	Mark Everett
Harry Quinn	Jackie Yodashkin	Mike Murray	Susan Lapham
Peter Forrest	Ellen O'Connor	James Duke	lan Everett

Thanks to all competitors for a fine season of fun, food, and friendship and oh yes curling!

WOMEN'S CURLING THURSDAY MORNING

Hooray! Karen Pekowitz will chair the Thursday Morning Women's curling for the rest of the season. The group is small but fun. We often have lunch at the country club after our game. A few good men have been joining us when they are able. Thank you Bill Borowitz (also for preparing the ice), Geoff Broadhurst, George Cowles and John Dorff for helping us. These great guys fill in our teams so we can play our games.

Our first session had three teams:

Team 1 – Joy Noble, Ann MacMillan, Karen Pekowitz & Jean Glus.

Team 2 – Diane Muldowney, Marion Cowles, Pippa Broadhurst & Rose Claus

Team 3 – Jean MacIntosh, Mary Lou Banino, Wezie Corry & Meiko Takaguchi

The winners were Team Muldowney.

With the generous help of the men, the 'bye' team has been able to play with two three person teams.

Now, we have two more women to add to our group; Nancy Clancy and Pat Riedel! Pat had been playing often but now wants to be a full timer –terrific! Our Ardwick Women's Championship, the Well's Wick, promises to be more exciting with four full teams and our great guy subs.

The Saturday Evening League wrapped up another successful season on March 28th, with Adam Chebetar, David Cruikshank, and Elisabeth Kellerhals going into the final draw in a three-way tie for first place. The men faced each other, with Chebetar prevailing, while Elisabeth won her game against Geoff Broadhurst.

Adam & Elisabeth thus ended in a tie; looking beyond total wins, they had played each other twice in the second half, and split those games with one win apiece. Looking back a little further, they had finished the first half with exactly the same results! Both of these great skips, and their combined rinks, will be awarded our newly-designed first place medals at the closing dinner on May 8th.

Thanks to all in the league for giving us three active sheets at every draw. Special thanks to all the subs and the autumn's "Mavericks" (thank god we don't hear that word anymore!) who made that possible. And very special thanks to all who provided the wonderful meals each week—this season we enjoyed some rather exotic fare (exotic for curlers, certainly) including curries and picadillo.

The first half rinks were:

Adam		Geoff		Elisabeth	
Chebetar	Joy Noble	Broadhurst	George Cowles	Kellerhals	
Armen	Pippa				
Balemian	Broadhurst	Marion Cowles	Ann MacMillan	Alison Bankes	Mavericks
					IVIAVELICKS
Liz Chebetar	Todd Adams	Chester Dubov	David Wring	James Weeks	
Jared Mailman	Liz Brown	Maria Mata	Ina Obernesser	Jesse Wang	

Second half:

		Geoff		Elisabeth	David
Adam Chebetar	Joy Noble	Broadhurst	George Cowles	Kellerhals	Cruikshan
			Nancee		
Liz Chebetar	Marion Cowles	John Dorff	Cruikshank	Ann MacMillan	Alison Bar
Pippa	Armen				
Broadhurst	Balemian	Harry Quinn	James Weeks	Chester Dubov	Todd Adar
Jared Mailman	Jim Duke	Jesse Wang	Maria Mata	Ina Obernesser	Liz Brown

SATURDAY Morning League - The Godbold Steve Hess

The wee but friendly and fun-loving Saturday morning curling league (aka The Godbold) has finished another successful season. We usually field two sheets and let everyone try different playing positions. As a reminder in your planning for next season, please consider signing up for this league. We curl at 9:30 each open Saturday morning. I promise you can still get your Saturday errands done -- we are always out the door by noon. For next season we are planning to field six teams with 4 or 5 on a team. Please email me before next season to make sure you can get on a team (hess@legalimages.com). By the way, in this league everyone regular participant wins a medal. See you in October!

ROMEO'S FACE OFF-GOOD OLD BOYS AND THE ICE HOUSE GANG AT NUTMEG

Good Old Boys (Nutmeg) VS. The Ice House Gang (Ardsley) March 6th 2009!

Good Old Boys (GOB) Ice House Gang (IHG)

Captain Charlie Mack Captain Bunkie Harmon

Score Sheet A GOB 13 IHG 6

Sheet B GOB 7 IHG 3

Sheet C GOB 14 IHG 1

Overall Leader Good Old Boys with 34 points Total, Ice House Gang 10

Teams for Ice House Gang

Sheet A Sheet B Sheet C

Hubner (Skip) Broadhurst (Skip) Barghout (Skip)

Sugahara Baggett McCuen

Reminick * Takiguchi Borowitz

*Marziale *Infranco *Pitt/Harmon

*Westrell *Huffine/Honzak

TUESDAY WOMEN'S ALL AMERICAN COMPETITION

^{*4} ends each

This year's USWCA All American started the second week in December. Five teams played down in a round robin. The teams were:

<u>TEAM 1</u> <u>TEAM 2</u>

MacMillan/Ann Banino/ML

Reynolds/Carol Cruickshank/Nancee

Nawyn/Kim Frees/Lauri

Mata/Maria Broadhurst/Pippa

Liddle/Kris Riedel/Pat

<u>TEAM 3</u> <u>TEAM 4</u>

Politano/Pam Gaffner/Sandy

Morrison/ Heather Siebert/Pam

Boggio/Gail Obernesser/Ina

Lapham/Susan Redding/Dolores

Claus/Rose Baynard/Bev

TEAM 5

Clancy/Nancy

Paul/Laureen

Corry/Wezie

Greaves/Lyn

Team Gaffner seemed to be running away with the competition but on the final evening Team Gaffner was beaten by Team MacMillan which resulted in a tie for those two teams. One new end needed to be played and Team Gaffner prevailed. They will be receiving the beautiful USWCA All American medals at the closing dinner May 1st.



The White Star Ardsley Duck Bonspiel (Swiss Invasion!)

Eighteen curlers representing White Star Curling Club of Basel, Switzerland visited Ardsley on March 21st for a one-day bonspiel organized by Elisabeth Kellerhals, with help from James Weeks of ACC and Felix Neiger of Basel. White Star is Elisabeth's home club, though she's curled at Ardsley the last two years while on assignment in New York.

Ten Ardsley curlers enjoyed a Meet & Greet supper with our Swiss visitors the night before at Restaurant Ideya in Soho, where many small plates and jumbo mojitos were shared. The immediate spirit of friendship and fellowship shared that evening continued into the next day; Ardsley was lucky indeed to host such a gracious group of very skilled curlers.

Saturday's event included six draws of six-end games, scored by wins/ends/stones. Ardsley curlers Jim Duke, Ed Andrews, Jackie Yodashkin, George Fletcher, Nancy Clancy, and Julie Everett graciously 'defected' to the Swiss side to complete their rinks. The remaining 32 Ardsley curlers rotated through the draws to give ice time to all who had signed on.

Special thanks to John Dorff who rose at dawn to prep the ice & set up the much-needed coffee (see mojitos, above); to Ina Obernesser who provided a decidedly New York

breakfast of bagels, lox, and cream cheese; and to the many Ardsley volunteers who baked, catered, served, cleaned, pebbled & nipped, and generally made the day run so smoothly. Thanks too to Kaye Sugahara who provided multiple pins for the visitors, and sent Felix the link to the Ardsley cam so that friends in Basel could watch the event live online.

The competition was keen, with most games decided in the last end and quite a few by the final rock. The Saturday curlers—who comprised most of the Ardsley rinks—can be proud of their showing against a very skilled and experienced club. The trophy event, in fact, was won by our own *Bronx Botanicals*, anchored by Mike Greene & Jon Peter, with Pete Forrest, Ina Obernesser, and James Weeks playing up front in rotation.

Prizes, speeches, toasts and those fun 'left-right-left' Swiss kisses were shared by all at Restaurant Blu in Hastings at the end of the day. Many thanks to Elisabeth for her hard work in organizing a most special day for Ardsley Curling. As the Swiss boarded their bus outside the restaurant for their return ride to Manhattan, many on both sides were heard to say "Next year in Basel!" We certainly hope so. We could not have wished for a more delightful group of visitors.





Special Olympics at Ardsley Curling Club by Peter Westrell

The Northeast Special Olympics recreation program has been curling at Ardsley Curling Club for five years. During that time, the progress that these young athletes have made is amazing. From not being able to throw a stone to now actually playing a game, it is wonderful to watch. Eight curlers participate in our program. They range in ages from 14 to 21. Their abilities vary, as well as their skill level, but each week during the curling season, they cannot wait to come to Ardsley.

Ardsley can be proud of its commitment to these individuals. It appears that our program is unique in the United States. There is Para-Olympic Curling, but not Special Olympics Curling and that is what makes us special. This program would not have been possible without the commitment of the Board of Directors, Northeast Special Olympics and the dedication of the Ardsley Curling family. Allison Bankes, **Pippa Broadhurst(shown in Picture below with special curler!)**, Patti Burns, Norm Laird, and Sal Marziale make the program a success. All of them have been with the program since the beginning and without their energy and compassion it would not have started let alone continue. They are the reason that at Ardsley there is - "Good Curling."



Quebec International Bonspiel

A NY Caledonian team competed with 39 others at the 96th anniversary of the Quebec International Bonspiel held in Quebec City from Jan 24 to 31, 2009.

Competition was held at three curling clubs; Jacques Cartier and Victoria (in the city) and Etchemin (across the river) totaling 11 sheets of ice.

Accommodations were provided by the Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel, situated in the heart of Old Québec City. The hotel is the nerve centre and headquarters for the Bonspiel's social activities. Each year curlers are warmly and enthusiastically welcomed by the Chateau's employees, who do the impossible to ensure the comfort and satisfaction of their visitors. The Chateau sets aside rooms for curlers at a special, discounted rate. To take advantage of these special rates, rooms must be reserved through the Bonspiel organizing committee. For 2009, the curlers' rate was \$125 / night

/ room. The Canadian rate was further discounted by the favorable exchange rate for the American dollar.

The team consisted of Jim Gutekunst, Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, Don Garside (Burlington ONT), Jim Campion and Anton Silkowski.

The team came up against some tough competition and managed a 2-6 record but was very successful in participating in all non-curling events of the Bonspiel.

Bruce Huffine celebrated five year service attendance at a reception hosted by the Bonspiel.

The Quebec International Bonspiel (QIB) is one of the oldest uninterrupted amateur sporting competitions in the world, having run each year since 1913 in the city known as the cradle of curling in North America. The sport was introduced here in 1760 by the Scottish soldiers who were part of the British forces that participated in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

This men's tournament is known for its hospitality and the camaraderie of the players. Many social events are organized throughout the week of competition. There is a minimum of 6 games and a maximum of 9 games per participating team. The event champion teams win trophies, commemorative badges or pins.

Every year the QIB welcomes teams from across Canada, the United States and Europe. Competition is followed by the start of the famous Quebec Winter Carnival. You may want to plan a stay over and attend the early festivities for the Carnival while taking advantage of the "grandfathered" reduced room rate offered for the bonspiel.

Planning for next year's event is underway. Any club member interested in attending next year is encouraged to attend and interested members should contact any of the above members who can answer any question that you may have.

USWCA Senior Woman's Bonspiel

The team of Nancy Clancy, Loraine Waybourn, Majik Jones and Cathy Jones competed as Chesapeake in the USWCA Senior Woman's Bonspiel. The Jones sisters are on the ice committee at Cheasapeake, and Nancy is an associate member there. The team's record was 2-3 in a very competitive field, at the Chicago Curling Club.



Senior Women in Chicago (How did you guess?)

NORFOLK MIXED 2009 By Walt Baggett

The Norfolk Curling Club, with its two sheets of ice on a dead end road in the woods of Litchfield County, Connecticut, is isolated to begin with. With only ten teams, the mixed bonspiel is downright intimate. Everybody knows everybody. Besides four teams from Norfolk, Ardsley couples Walt and Lillie Baggett and Ray and Bev Bejnart were joined by teams from Albany, Nutmeg, Plainfield and two teams from Utica.

With such a small event, curling did not begin until Friday afternoon. Team Ardsley started slow and gave up three points in the first three ends to the MacEnroes and Cards from Utica. Then things got going with four in the fourth end. After that, ends were traded back and forth with Ardsley coming home, down one in the eighth and taking two to win the match.

After a lasagna dinner and a good nights rest, team Ardsley came back to play a Norfolk team skipped by the local iceman, Jonathan Barbagallo (who occasionally shows up at the McKay-Douglas on a team with his father, Lew). That win was not to be, so Team Ardsley dropped down out of the first event and into the consolation, fourth event. With food coming morning, noon and night and the silent auction to bid on, it was not hard to take.

And so, Sunday morning at nine, the team was piped on the ice to play against a Norfolk team with Tommy and Norma Spada (in matching sweaters), bonspiel organizer, Vickie Brown and skipped by Buck Smith. Again, the games started slow and Ardsley got down by four after two ends. With a bit of luck the score was tied up after four ends. From there it was back and forth until Ardsley stole one in the seventh and then again in the eighth to prevent an extra end. The prizes, lovely little silver bowls. The real prize, many happy memories of fun people and good curling. We enjoyed our stay at the Mountain View Inn, one of many lovely bed and breakfasts in the area. We recommend a weekend of curling in the country less than two hours away to anyone wanting a curling get-away weekend.

New York Caledonian II

George Austin, Nancy Clancy, Adam Chebetar, Julie Everett went 3 and 1 in the 44th Golden Handle at Nutmeg and won the 2nd event--their only loss was in the 1st round to none other than Rob Chebetar in an extra end --Rob's rink went on to win the 1st event in this historic bonspiel and he receives our deserved congratulations --- the 1st draw matchup was a truly exciting family encounter witnessed by many from far and wide -- Nancy received a pin for participating in her 10th Golden Handle--in looking at the records, this was the 4th time that George and Nancy won the 2nd event at back end (they won the 1st event in 2005 with Jeff and Laurie Paul) --the social aspects of the Golden Handle are splendid --the theme this year was the Soprano's and many costumes were in evidence, tuxedos etc--Kathy Austin and Jane Chebetar graciously joined the Nutmeg festivities and supported their curling spouses--everyone looks forward to the 45th Golden Handle at Nutmeg

the annual Stone bonspiel at Plainfield

New York Caledonian (Peter Austin, Skip, George Austin, Dan Tufaro, Bill Pekowitz) travelled to Plainfield for the annual Stone bonspiel and emerged 4 and 1 as the runner up in the 1st event--the final was a classic play down type match against Dean Gimmel, curling with Bill Peskoff, Steve Langanke, and Mike O'Neill-- the match was back and forth with high shooting percentages across both rinks --Dean made a takeout on his last rock to seal the victory--this was the 3rd time that New York Caledonian was runnerup in the 1st event (they won the 1st event Stone in 2002 with Peter Austin, Jeff Paul, Jeff Lesuk, George Austin) -- Dennis Mellerup was sub on Saturday for two matches for Dan Tufaro who had to work on that day --all the participants watched the Brier from Calgary on TV during the Stone --Peter Austin received a 5 year pin for curling in the Stone

SUMMER CURLING 2009 By Walt Baggett

Think curling season is over when the ice goes out at Ardsley at the end of March? Wrong!!! Yes, there is the Bonsqueal at Plainfield the first weekend in April, but let's talk more serious off season curling. Of course, there is the women's, mixed, and men's in Cape Cod in July, but those are probably already filled up. The weekend before is the TropiCurl Island in Pittsburg. New to the GNCC schedule are summer events in North Carolina and Vermont in August. There are also a number of mid-western events. We have in hand the invitation for Bismarck, North Dakota in July. For those wanting to upgrade their skills, there are those hot-shot camps in Ontario.

Turning to more distant and exotic events, the 20th and final Summer Spuds bonspiel will be this August in Prince Edward Island, Canada. (They could not find folks to take over running the event, so the committee is throwing in the, err, broom.) For fifteen years, your faithful scribe went to the Men's Closing Bonspiel on the Canadian Forces Base (airfield) Greenwood in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley every April. There is also a ladies closing bonspiel the week before.

I currently have in hand an invitation to the Cortina, Italy, June 25 – 28 bonspiel. I am also looking for the invitation to the Paris Bonspiel in Viry Chatilon, France that runs in late May, if I am lucky, and I can probably get my hands on one for the Prague bonspiel put on by the Savona Curling Club in the Czech Republic.

The off season ends and the new season starts with the Windmill Bonspiel in Holland, the last weekend in September. For me, the next weekend is the Perth Reunion of the Wengen Curling Club in Perth, Scotland. For those real party animals, hang on, the Margarita Bonspiel is in Gstaad, Switzerland from October 15 – 18. Nancy and John Dorf probably already have reservations!

So, you see, curling season really never ends. In fact winter goes south so if you head to Brisbane, Australia with Lillie and me, you can join us at curling with the Queensland Curling Association.....

Re: 73rd Annual McKay Douglas Bonspiel Vic Huebner - Co Chair Gail Boggio - Co Chair

The 73rd Annual McKay Douglas Bonspiel was held February 26 to March 1, 2009. A record 26 teams participated with 15 teams from out of town and 11 local teams. The competition was excellent as was the food and the conviviality.

The winners of the McKay Douglas Medal repeated from last year. The winners of the various events were:

1st Event – McKay Douglas Gold Medal

St Andrews II Skip

Bill Stopera

Vice Gert Messing

Second Mike Murphy

Lead Chris Banino

-- McKay Douglas Silver Medal Nutmeg III Skip Jeff Hannon

Vice Peter De Jong

Second Angelo Marasciulo

Lead Joel Lenecker

2nd Event - New York Caledonian Gold Medal Utica Skip Brian Moore

Vice Mike Sweircz

Second Paul George

Lead Roger Rowlett

- New York Caledonian Silver Medal Philadelphia Skip Tony Steiert

Vice Arthur Wilson

Second Rich Hess

Lead Dan Steiert

3rd Event – Ardsley Gold Medal Broomstones/PlainfieldSkip Doug Burchesky

Vice Tom Howell

Second Sean Burchesky

Lead Bob Howell

- Ardsley Silver Medal NY Caledonian II Skip Peter Austin

Vice George Austin

Second Pete Westberg

Lead Mike Courts

4th Event – Williamson Gold Medal Green Mountain Skip Rob Allen

Vice Mike Sitko

Second Russell Frank

Lead George Cowles

- Williamson Silver Medal Plainfield Skip Don Baird

Vice Bill Peskoff

Second Eric Blassneck

Lead Bob Graham

5th Event – Mahopac Gold Medal Ardsley IV Skip Dennis Mellerup

Vice Dannie Steski

Second Mark Mooney

Lead Bill Malgieri

- Mahopac Silver Medal NY Caledonian I Skip Jeff Lesuk

Vice Scott Silverman

Second Brian O'Neill

Lead Bill Pekowitz

6th Event - St. Andrews Gold Medal Broomstones Skip Mike Parry

Vice Arnie Lowenstein

Second Rob Reihl

Lead Daniel Hines

- St. Andrews Silver Medal Ardsley VI Skip Walter Baggett

Vice Tim Klein

Second David Wagenheim

Lead Ray Bejnart

The event was a success due to the wonderful group of volunteers who prepared the food including meals and snacks. Members were helpful in cleaning up after the meals which was very much appreciated.

The Ice Team did an excellent job of scraping, pebbling and nipping the ice! We had many comments on the excellence of our ice for curling. Thank you to the Ice Team for their hard work and diligence!

The Bonspiel was a success and now all we need are volunteers to work on the Committee for the 74th McKay Douglas!

White Plains Saint Patrick's Day Parade

On Saturday March 14th, members and friends of Ardsley Curling Club marched for the first time in the White Plains Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Approximately twenty participated in the parade along Mamaroneck Avenue while enjoying the crowd and the great weather.

The group was treated to an invitation by the Brazen Fox Pub to join them on their float which they promptly accepted.

Following the parade the group disbursed to various pubs to listen to music, enjoy dance, tell a few stories and quench their thirst.

The group extends thanks to Tom Doherty for organizing and the Brazen Fox Pub for the transportation.

More photos can be found on our website.





