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## Curling at Rock Center

By Jeff Casper

It's not every day one sees curling on a big screen in the middle of Rockefeller Center, but that was the scene November 4<sup>th</sup> as New York marked the 100<sup>th</sup> day before the start of the Vancouver Olympic Games. Ardsley and Nutmeg curlers manned a booth along with the USCA as first the Today Show crowds and then the lunch crowds filtered through. Thanks to all of the volunteers and in particular James Weeks and Mike Greene for lugging stones back and forth.

## Dues Are Due

By Tim Klein, Treasurer

It's time to pay up! You should have received a tear off payment coupon included with your membership renewal e-mail. Unfortunately, all dues have gone up 10% since last season. Dues were increased because our expected incomes decreased dramatically last year. Faced with increased expenses for the current year and no expectation that income would rebound, the Board had no choice but to increase membership dues. This was not an easy decision. There are many different payment types depending on your age and years curling so please read your coupon carefully. If you don't have one handy it can be found on our website in the "documents" section. Administratively, it is beneficial if everyone made one payment at the beginning of the curling season. Two or more payments during the season is not encouraged. There is no penalty for a late payment, but if you'd like to save a fellow curler the hassle of calling you and other late payers up to badger them, then please get your payment in.

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## Kay Sugahara Honored

By Geoff Broadhurst

In our world of curling, there are three main organizations called National Governing Bodies (NGBs). They are the World Curling Federation (WCF), United States Curling Association (USCA), and the Grand National Curling Club of America (GNCC). Each organization honors a person(s) who contributes greatly to the sport of curling. Kay Sugahara has already received the WCF Elmer Freyag award in 1988 and the GNCC Patron Award in 2008 (Kay was the sixth recipient since the start

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## Ice House Gang Honors Jesse Wang with Award

By Geoff Broadhurst

It is with much sadness to report that Jesse Wang passed away on October 14, 2009. Jesse got a new heart valve early last April, but health complications persisted all summer. He was about to celebrate his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. The members of Ardsley Curling Club sent their condolences to his wife Mitzie and their daughters, Kit and Valerie.

Jesse loved curling with the Ardsley Ice House Gang (senior men) Friday mornings and enjoyed the fellowship at lunch afterwards at the Ardsley Country Club. Jesse loved to fix things at the curling club, especially the warm room chairs which became unglued after 40 years. He quietly did this and that and was the best example of an Ardsley Curling Club volunteer. To honor his volunteerism, his Ice House Gang teammates have established the Jesse Wang Award to be presented at the Closing Dinner. The recipient will be a club member who has volunteered substantially during the season. The operation of Ardsley Curling Club relies on volunteers as we have no paid employees. The Jesse Wang Award will honor a select volunteer annually.

Jesse lived a very interesting life. Following is an excerpt from his memorial:

*Col. Jesse Wang, U.S. Army, retired, died on October 14, 2009 at White Plains Hospital. He was born on October 18, 1926 to K.H. and Louise Wang in Horseheads, NY. In 1933, the family moved to Shanghai, China, where Jesse attended school, except for two years spent with his paternal grandparents in Canton. In 1946, he joined the U.S. Army in Shanghai and returned to the U.S. He received his commission in 1950. He attended the Command and General Staff College and was a member of the U.S. Army War College class of 1971. He served in Korea and Viet Nam, and did tours of duty at Ft, Bragg, NC and at the State Department. He retired from the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1978. For his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Legion of*



*Merit, U.S. Army War service, Legion of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, and many others.*

*In 1978, he took a position as Message Switching Manager with ITT Worldcom in New York, and retired in 1988.*

*He received a BS in Military Arts & Science from the University of Maryland in 1962, a Master in Military Arts & Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1965, and an MPA in Technical Management from American University in 1967.*

*He was an active member of Scarsdale Congregational Church for the past 31 years, an enthusiastic participant at the Ardsley Curling Club Ice House Gang, and a student and instructor at the Watanabe Judo Dojo where he attained a 5<sup>th</sup> dan black belt, and was a national level referee and licensed Class A teacher.*

*He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Meda Marie (Mitzie), daughter Kathleen (Kit), her spouse Sue Tennant, and their son Jesse Lewis; daughter Valerie, her husband Karl Krause, and their daughter Brigid; and a sister, Lily Stevenson and her family.*

*Col. Wang will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on December 28, 2009 at 9 O'clock in the morning.*

## Kay Sugahara (continued)

of the GNCC in 1858). Now the USCA has elected Kay to the USCA Hall of Fame. The USCA Induction ceremony is not yet set, but it will likely be at the World's Men's Championships in Cortina, Italy next April. The USCA website, [www.usacurl.org](http://www.usacurl.org) provides a background to Kay's

*Kay will be honored at our  
Christmas Party  
December 13th at the Country Club.  
Sign up today*

*"To catch the reader's  
attention, place an  
interesting sentence or  
quote from the story here."*

## The Ice Man

Based on Contributions by Geoff Broadhurst, Geoff Lesuk

Our expert ice technical crew headed by Ice Man Dave Schrull has determined that the club needs to replace our rock handles ASAP due to a high fail rate. In order to raise funds for this undertaking, we are offering our members the opportunity to put your inscription on one or multiple handles. The cost to you for a handle is \$100, unless you request a specific rock, then it's \$150. There are only 48, so handle inscriptions are granted in the order they are received. To order, place your reservation with Alice Yeh at [alice.yeh@verizon.net](mailto:alice.yeh@verizon.net). Next, send a check to the club at P.O. Box 54, Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10503. In your note to Alice please be specific with your inscription request. Don't miss out!

Also, Did you notice the three holes neatly dug to the left of our front door? They were three feet square and four feet deep. This was the heavy and enthusiastic work of Dave Schrull and his gang of merry elves, Joe Redding, Mark Bussy and John Dorff. Our head iceman, Dave Schrull and his elves, are so diligent and eager for Ardsley to have the best curling ice They wanted to prevent what happened in March two years ago when we had to stop curling on sheet A. We had a spring thaw and water ran down the hillside to our club foundations, came through three foundation cracks, and froze onto our beautiful flat ice. It was impossible to scrape the ice on sheet A flat again. This week, Dave and his team found the cracks in our concrete foundations and sealed them off tight. We thank them all for volunteering to do this tough job.

## Margaritas in Switzerland

John Dorff and Nancy Clancy traveled to the Margarita Bonspiel in Interlaken, Switzerland, held in Mid-October. They curled with Elisabeth Kellerhals and David Wring, two former members of the Ardsley Curling Club. The Margarita is a wonderful international event, which alternates between Europe and North America. Everyone goes to it for the fun, but the curling is very competitive. The competition included teams from NJ, Chicago, Boston, Arizona, Winnepeg, Ontario, England, France, Shanghai, Scotland, and Switzerland. We saw old friends like Don Garside and Topper Waters, and made lots of new ones. Nancy was initiated into the Margarita Curling Club



## The Monctonian at 25/50

By Walter Baggett

In 1985, five fearless Ardsley curlers named Paul Mort, Ed Godbold, Wayne Stuart, John McCormack, and your faithful scribe, Walt Baggett, set out by car and then plane from Boston, though St. John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia for the annual Monctonian Bonspiel in Moncton, New Brunswick. This year's Monctonian was special because it was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year, and 25 years later Ardsley is still well represented. Since that first trip any number of curling luminaries including Art, Mojo, Geoff Broadhurst, Bob Hayes, Vince Brice, Jerry McCarty, Jim Gutekunst, Chris Banino, Bruce Huffine and others have participated. This year the latter four along with Steve Smith made up their own team, and retired Ardsley curler Paul Mort has his own team from Cape Cod. This year I curled with Ray Bejart, Grant Hilliard, a good friend from Halifax's Mayflower curling club, and Alistair Syme, president of the Beaver Curling Club.

Moncton, host of last year's men's curling world championship, is ideally suited for a low key, social bonspiel. Moncton has three five-sheet curling clubs: The Beaver, The Beausejour, and the Moncton Curlers Association (MCA, founded 1881). All are within less than a mile of downtown Moncton. The bonspiel has gone from a high of 80 teams to this year's 56 teams. The high points of this year's event for me was being seated at the head table as the current longest serving participant from the U.S. and winning our first game against Chuck Kingston from Fredericton's Capital City Winter Club. The low point was in that same game when Ray broke his ankle. Fortunately, Canada's healthcare system took good care of him and he was able to fly home as planned. He seems to be on the mend.

The Monctonian is indeed known for its hospitality. Beside the opening roasted side of beef, weighing in at 360 pounds this year, the

banquet included a lobster course. The hospitality suites in Moncton's many fine hotels often include bands made up of gifted participant musicians. There is always great conversation well lubricated with drink between the many matches. The clubs are well arranged and the ice is good to excellent with each club being slightly different.

We all look forward to many more happy years of Monctonians before we join those who have gone on before us to that great bonspiel in the sky.

## Country Club Privileges

By Vic Huebner, Vice President

One of the privileges or benefits we enjoy as members of the Ardsley Curling Club is that we have the use of the Country Club dining facilities during the curling season. From October to the end of March, curlers are welcome to use the Dining Room or the Grille Room at the Ardsley Country Club. To access this option simply call for a reservation at 914 591 8150. Advise them you are a curling member and they will be pleased to have you at the Country Club.

You should observe their dress code which is collared shirt and jacket for the Dining Room and casual dress with collared shirt or sweater for the Grille Room. Jeans, sweats, and sneakers are not allowed.

The Chef at the Country Club is very good. You will have a quality meal and fine presentation. The Senior Men's take advantage of this every Friday and very much enjoy their hospitality. Be advised the Club is closed in February but you are welcome throughout the other months of the curling season.



Monday Thorndike						Tuesday MacIntosh										
	Team	Wins	Loss	Ties	Points	The MacIntosh, our Jr. Skip event, was won by Melissa Dominguez with her team of Nancy Clancy, Pam Siebert, and Dolores Redding										
1	Mellerup	4	0	0	8	Dominguez 4-0										
2	Meechai	3	0	1	7	Nawyn 2-2										
3	Murphy	3	1	0	6	Paul 2-2										
4	Baggett	3	1	0	6	Takiguchi 1-3										
5	Noble	2	1	1	5	Lapham 1-3										
6	Gutekunst	2	2	0	4											
7	Austin	1	2	1	3											
8	Lesuk	1	2	1	3											
9	Smith	0	1	3	3	Thursday Open			Friday							
10	Barghout	1	3	0	2	Rink	Gestring 4			1						
11	Clancy	0	3	1	1	Schrull 1st	Takiguchi 3			1						
12	Hess	0	4	0	0	Peter 2nd	Barghout 2			3						
						Gruettner 2nd	Paul 2			3						
						J Everett 3rd	Siebert 1			4						
						Seibert 3rd										
		= B Division														
Wednesday Blanton																
	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	Won	Lost	Place	Tiebreaker
B1	McCarty				L	L	L	W		L	W	W	3	4	6	116.5
B2	Harmon			L		L	W	W	L	L		L	2	5	9	100.0
B3	V. Huebner		W		L	W		W		L	L	W	4	3	5	
B4	P. Huebner			W		W	L		L	L	L	W	3	4	6	43.0
B5	Siebert	W			L	L		L	L	W			2	5	9	115.0
B6	Schrull	W	W		W	W		W	W			W	7	0	1	18.5
B7	Barghout	W	L	L				W	W		W	W	5	2	2	65.0
B8	Hess	L	L		W		L	L			W	L	2	5	9	83.5
B9	Noble		W	W	W	W	L	L			W		5	2	2	77.5
B10	Tufaro	W	W		W	W			L	W		L	5	2	2	46.0
B11	Peter	L		W	L	L		L	L		L		1	6	12	45.0
B12	Mellerup	L	W	L			L	L	W		W		3	4	6	12.0

## The Turkey Trot

Congratulations to Team Swaziland (Chris Banino, Jim McGinnis, Jim Duke, Heinz Gruettner, and Robert Kennedy) for winning the Turkey Trot. A special thank you goes to Ed Andrews for organizing.

*Goldline will be at our club 12/5 & 12/10 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. It's getting close to Christmas!*

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*Thanks to Gary Suslavich and his family for spending time at Ardsley on behalf of their new company, Brooms Up Curling Supplies. For those wanting to contact Gary for future needs, it's [www.broomsupcurling.com](http://www.broomsupcurling.com) or 1-877-wecurl2. He is based in CT, so it is possible to try stuff on first.*