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Ardsley/Caledonian Teams Take Charge At GNCC Seniors

By Jeff Casper

Ardsley teams brought their "A" games to this year's Grand National Curling Club (GNCC) Senior Men's Championship held at Chesapeake Curling Club January 28-31st. First event and second event go to Ardsley area curling teams! This prestigious event is open to GNCC curling club members 55 years of age and older. Let's hear it for our winners!

Team Gestring Earns Invite to Madison/Stopera & Sather Advance to Men's National Championships

By Jeff Casper

Team Gestring, comprised of Robin Gestring, Sandy Gaffner, Kim Nawyn, Alice Yeh, and Alison Bankes, move on to the USCA Women's Club Championships in dramatic fashion after battling through a three way tie at the GNCC Club Playdowns held in Albany. It was a battle in every sense. At the end of regulation, Cape Cod, Philadelphia, and Ardsley were knotted at 3-1. Despite losing a draw shot challenge by 5/8 inches, Ardsley was still able to advance. Team Gestring will represent the GNCC as New York at this very prestigious event held at Madison February 20-27.

Our own Bill Stopera and Martin Sather, along with Matt Hames (Niagara Falls) and Dean Gemmill (skip, Plainfield) have played their way into the 2010 U.S.A. Men's Curling National Championship. They did it in dominant fashion, winning all 8 games at Potomac Curling Club.

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1st Event Winners (L to R) John Dorff (Ardsley), Bob Pelletier (Potomac), Adam Chebetar (Ardsley), George Austin (New York Caledonians)



2nd Event Winners (L to R) Mark Bussy, Ed Seibert, Tim Klein, Walter Baggett (All Ardsley)

The Robert Burns Bonspiel

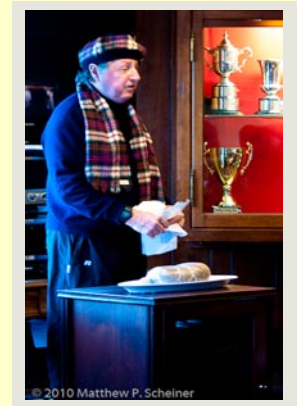
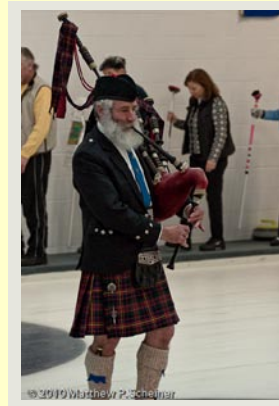
By Jeff Casper

A good way to know whether somebody likes you is if you are given a good nickname. Already coined the “Robbie Burns”, this event can’t be described as anything but a wonderful success. Actually it can. Thanks to the work of Bob Kennedy, John Noble, David Wagenheim, Carin Horowitz, James Weeks and so many others this event can also be described as having the right mix of competitive spirit and complete silliness.

The event’s winners on points were Hal Cashman (skip), Jamey Gelardi, Hayle Chun, and Matt Allen. They curled extremely well and were dominating in the Final. The pomp and circumstance surrounding the event however stole the show. A piper was piping, tartan was everywhere, a haggis was cooked and actually eaten (it tastes like liverwurst), and other Scottish fare was painstakingly and lovingly prepared. Carin Horowitz’s desserts were also ridiculously good.

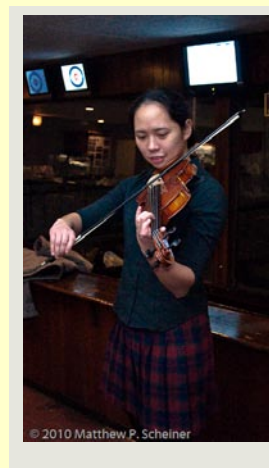
Before all teams were piped on the ice, we were regaled by Scottish poetry and sing-a-longs, and a traditional speech to accompany the “cutting of the haggis”. This was read by Jim Duke in his heaviest Scottish brogue. No one could understand what he was saying, but we played along.

This whole idea was hatched, according to James Weeks, by a trip to Scotland. This summer trip was profiled by Joyance and John Noble in the November Duck Soup. “We were going through the pictures they posted and someone said, ‘Why don’t we do a Robert Burns ‘spiel?’” Weeks said. “Well Bob Kennedy was all over it. He created the tartans, the schedules, the menus, and everything. Joyance found an ‘edible haggis’. We shall see....”



Given the success of this spiel, Its safe to say we’ll be seeing it again next year.

Jim Duke during a toast to all present stated, “With just a little bit of work, you can create a great day like today. It just takes a little bit of work.”



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By winning outright, the Gemmel rink bypasses the grueling “second-chance” Challenge Round and goes right to the big show, held March 6–13th at Wings Stadium Complex in Kalamazoo, MI. The Championships are hosted by the Kalamazoo Curling Club.

This rink is the first team from the East to qualify direct. Stopera described the competition as obviously tough: “Our goal was to make the playoffs. Now we’ll see what happens.” Congratulations to both the Gestring and Gemmel teams!



The Continental

By George Austin

Peter Austin and George Austin traveled to Chicago in mid-December to participate in the 51st Continental at Exmoor Country Club. Under the New York Caledonian banner they teamed up with Pete Westberg of St. Paul (skip) and Grant Niehus of Chicago. The team successfully went 4 and 2, winning the 3rd event on Sunday. This historic bonspiel attracted 36 teams. About one-third were from Canada, and the rest were U.S. based. Peter Austin’s wife Jennifer joined the festivities which included a sumptuous banquet at the Country Club, beautifully decorated for Christmas. The New Yorkers had a terrific visit to downtown Chicago in between matches and sampled a couple of select restaurants in suburbia. Jon Peter also participated in the bonspiel, and we had the opportunity to meet his father and a couple of his high school classmates from Canada.

Ardsley Comes From Behind to Win the Archie Bruce Spiel

By Jim McGinnis

At 4pm Saturday January 9th, the annual Archie Bruce Friendly began. Cape Cod Curling Club (CCCC) led by Phil Bruce arrived with 3 teams and Shirley Bruce. Three early matches were contested, led by Mike Shalhoub, Ed Andrews and Steve Hess of ACC. After 8 eight full ends CCCC led by one stone. A glorious reception was hosted by Pam and Ed Siebert at their home immediately following the Saturday games. Thank you Pam and Ed for opening home once again to ACC and guests.

Play resumed Sunday morning at 10am with 3 more games led by Tim Klein, Chris Banino and David Schrull of ACC. Ardsley managed to come back and win the friendly 43 to 38. Team Banino with Mark Bussy, Pippa Broadhurst and Maria Mata were awarded medals for a score of 15 to 3 in their match. The trophy will reside on the piano in the

warm room for the next 12 months. Walk on over there and check it out.

The Archie Bruce celebrates the impactful curling career and life of Archie Bruce, a one-time member of both St. Andrews at Ardsley and Cape Cod curling clubs. Many thanks Geoff Broadhurst, James Week, Tim Klein, Pam Siebert and everyone who helped make this event a success.

Reminders:

Anne MacMillan reminds us not to leave food items hidden away on the ice. Sometimes it gets forgotten and goes bad. Storing food in the freezer or notifying people to give it away insures we don't waste food and money.

Congratulations to Our First Half League Winners

The 2009–2010 Blanton was a huge success. Congratulations to Team Schrull (David Schrull, Tom Doherty, Mike Shaloub, Michael Infranco) for taking 1st Place with a 10–1 record and Team Barghout (Isa Barghout, George Austin, Matt Allen, Pete McCuen) for earning 2nd Place with an 8–3 record. In addition to Dave and Isa, Dan Tufaro and John Noble moved up to skip in the Wells 2010 season. We are looking forward to an equally competitive and enjoyable second half of the season. Many thanks to all those that help out with the ice on Wednesday nights – Peter Austin, League Runner

As of end of January Team Murphy (Mike Murphy, Gert Messing, Chris Banino, Tom Doherty) hold a two point edge on Team Mellerup (Dennis Mellerup, Bill Stopera, Dan Tufaro, Bill Malgieri). Team Austin (Peter Austin, George Austin, Jeff Paul, and Bill Pekowitz) is third, six points back. – Jeff Casper on behalf of Bill Stopera, League Runner

The first half of Thursday night curling was a tight affair, with Team Schrull, Team Peter, and Team Seibert (Ed) in a three way tie for best record. Team Schrull pulled it out on points. Congratulations to Dave Schrull, Pam Seibert, Jim O'Connor, and Karen Casper. – Bob Kennedy

2010 Winter Olympic Curling Schedule

All Times Eastern					
Men's Draw			Women's Draw		
Date	Time	US Opponent	Date	Time	US Opponent
16-Feb	12 p.m.	Germany	16-Feb	5 p.m.	Japan
16-Feb	10 p.m.	Norway	17-Feb	12 p.m.	Germany
17-Feb	5 p.m.	Switzerland	17-Feb	10 p.m.	Bye
18-Feb	12 p.m.	Denmark	18-Feb	5 p.m.	Denmark
18-Feb	10 p.m.	Bye	19-Feb	12 p.m.	Russia
19-Feb	5 p.m.	France	19-Feb	10 p.m.	Bye
20-Feb	12 p.m.	Sweden	20-Feb	5 p.m.	Scotland
20-Feb	10 p.m.	Bye	21-Feb	12 p.m.	Canada
21-Feb	5 p.m.	Scotland	21-Feb	10 p.m.	Sweden
22-Feb	12 p.m.	Canada	22-Feb	5 p.m.	Bye
22-Feb	10 p.m.	China	23-Feb	12 p.m.	China
23-Feb	5 p.m.	Bye	23-Feb	10 p.m.	Switzerland
24-Feb		Tie Break	24-Feb		Tie Break
25-Feb	5 p.m.	Semifinals	25-Feb	12 p.m.	Semifinals
27-Feb	12 p.m.	Bronze Medal	26-Feb	12 p.m.	Bronze Medal
27-Feb	6 p.m.	Gold Medal	26-Feb	6 p.m.	Gold Medal

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