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ACC Puts On A Great Show For the Empire

By Nancy Clancy

The 57th Empire State Bonspiel was a resounding success, due to the outpouring of generosity and hands-on support from the Ardsley Curling Club membership. Teams from Montreal, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and many New York State clubs all went home with wonderful memories of our club and of our members.

In a highly competitive field of 24 teams, the winner of the Empire State Medal and the Ardsley Duck Trophy was Nutmeg 3, skipped by Charrisa Lin, with Anne Stuhlman, Elly Bockley and Phelicia Howland.

Thursday evening we had a delightful Tex Mex house party at the Huebner's. Friday night there was a banquet at the Tarrytown House, and on Saturday, the Ardsley Grill Kings, headed by Matt Scheiner, with Joe Panella and Jon Peter, provided a feast of filet mignon for one and all.

None of this would have been possible without the talents of Mark and Julie Everett, Laureen Paul, Pam Politano, Lyn Greaves, Barbara Gabhart, Tom Wilk, Jennifer Stannard, Sarah Mermer and our ice committee, headed by Dave Schrull. Too many to mention contributed unique and exotic gifts for a very successful fund raiser. Our helping hands were Alison Bankes, Taylor Block, Pippa Broadhurst, Rose Claus, Wezie Corry, Jeff Lesuk, Kris Liddle, Maria Mata, Maryon Noble, Andy Ness, Marion Cowles, Pauline Davies, Pat Devaney, John Dorff, Bunky Harmon, Laura Hill, Susan Lapham, Karen Luckey,

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Paying the Piper



Nutmeg: The Empire First Event Winners

Scots Tour 2011 Makes New Memories

By Karen Casper

The opportunity to compete as a first timer in this international event was an absolute thrill. The warmth generated by this friendly competition left me feeling hopeful again about the crazy world in which we live. A grueling 28 day tour from Boston to Seattle, including 25 days of competition, tested not only the Scot's love for the sport of curling, but their endurance, as well!!

For my first visit to the Nutmeg Curling Club, I joined an Ardsley team alongside Nancy Clancy, Lauren Paul, and Kim Nawyn. Other local participating clubs included Albany, Norfolk, and Schenectady. Not only were we all treated to a wonderful home-cooked meal, but live themed circus entertainment to celebrate a long-time Bridgeport resident, P.T. Barnum was also presented between draws. From jugglers on ice to tight rope walkers balancing along the hog line, the Scottish women quickly came to realize how truly unique each stop along their journey would be. Team 3 for the Scottish Ladies was comprised of Kay Gibb (company director), Lynne Stevenson (retired special education teacher), Jennifer Mutter (housewife), and Sheena Murdoch (farmer's wife). It came as a surprise when we dominated play throughout the game, as we had expected to be completely dominated by the much more experienced Scottish team. The Ardsley crew was quick to gel as a team, and went on to win the game 10-1.

As we shared in drinks and conversation following play, it became evident that we all had much in common. Although our worlds were physically so far apart and our daily lives more varied than one could possibly imagine, we were all women who took pride in their families and home country. My direct opponent, Sheena Murdoch, shared a series of photos of her working dairy farm and gardens along the coast of Western Scotland – just magnificent! We exchanged pins and small gifts in an attempt to hold on to the



The author with Sheena Murdoch (L)

camaraderie generated throughout this experience. In the words of Jean Gow, Captain of the 1958 Scottish Team, “the primary purpose of these exchange tours is the fun of curling and the international goodwill engendered by the friendly matches.”

The Lady Scots Win Tour

By Jeff Casper

The Lady Scots prevailed 1076 to 644 during their U.S. Tour encompassing 19 stops in three weeks. With such an exhausting schedule it's hard to believe they made it the entire 3000 miles, arriving in Boston on January 6th and leaving Seattle on January 31st. Along the way they stopped at East Coast clubs in Falmouth, Bridgeport, Philadelphia, and D.C. The Midwest tour included Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Fargo, Cleveland, Green Bay, and many other Wisconsin clubs. For a history lesson on the Scots Tour and a daily blog of their adventures, you can visit the USWCA.org website. It is well worth the effort. Jennifer Stannard and Bobbie Schott over at Nutmeg stood tall organizing their part of this landmark event.

A McKay–Douglas Update

By Scott Silverman

It's February, so it must be about time for the annual McKay – Douglas bonspiel. This year is the 75th anniversary of this men's invitational tournament. After last year's snowy conclusion, we are excited about the prospects of a great event this year, which is slated to begin on February 24th.

As of this writing, we have 19 teams enlisted, and expect to get to our target of 24 teams to fill out the 6 event 'spiel. So far, the furthest entries are from Green Bay, Wisconsin and Ottawa, Ontario, as well as the many teams entered from other GNCC clubs here in the Northeast.

The McKay – Douglas is always a big weekend for the curling club, including making some money for our club. Many volunteers are needed to make this a

successful weekend. Please sign up to help, either on the sign-up sheet in the warm room or by contacting Scott Silverman [914-793-6466 or scott.a.silverman@verizon.net]. Volunteers are needed to help at meals, also to help oversee the smooth running of the draws, and for our hard working ice committee.

The weekend is also a great time to come out to support your club and to see some great curling – and of course, we are renowned for the food served. If you are not on a team competing in the event, come on out and enjoy a curling weekend in the warm room. Things get started late afternoon on Thursday, with games from mid morning all the way through the evening all weekend, and the bag piper will lead the teams onto the ice for the finals at 1:30 on Sunday.

The GNCC Seniors Championship Review

By Pete McCuen

The GNCC Men's Senior Championship was held at the Cape Cod Curling Club January 27th–31st. Ardsley had four teams in the hunt. Ardsley captured the 2nd event and were runners-up in other events. The Philadelphia rink were the first event champions. The Second Event (Bartlett Medal) winner was the New York Caledonian team skipped by George Austin with ACC curlers Adam Chebetar and Dave Schrull as Vice and second.

The runners-up in the Third Event (The Ardsley Shield) was, appropriately, the Ardsley team skipped by Vic Huebner, with Pete McCuen, vice, Bill Borowitz, second and Jim McGinnis, lead.

Losing in the final play-offs for the Fourth Event was the Ardsley team skipped by Geoff Broadhurst with Pete Westrell, Bill Langley, and Bunkie Harmon. Losing in the Third Event was the team skipped by Walter Baggett, with Tim Klein, Mark Bussy and Ed Seibert.

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