



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

# DUCK SOUP

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"All the News That Fits"



North Mountain Drive  
Ardsley, NY 10502

## calendar notes

**USCA Men's Nationals**  
Ice Works Arena  
Sat. Feb. 11 - Sat. Feb. 18

**USCA Women's Nationals**  
Ice Works Arena  
Sat. Feb. 11 - Sat. Feb. 18

### Upcoming GNCC events:

**Marie Cobb (mixed)**  
Utica Curling Club  
Thur. Feb. 16 - Sun. Feb. 19

**Kayser (mixed 5 yr. & under)**  
Broomstones Curling Club  
Wed. Feb. 22 - Sun. Feb. 26

**McKay-Douglas International (men's)**  
Ardsley Curling Club  
Thur. Feb. 23 - Sun. Feb. 26

**A complete calendar of events is available at [www.gncc.org](http://www.gncc.org)**

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## Stopera/Sather Make Nationals



Team McCormick: Heath McCormick, Bill Stopera, Martin Sather, Dean Gemmell

Heath McCormick skipped the team to a perfect 8-0 sweep at the east qualifying event held at Potomac Curling Club. With that win the team snagged the one automatic bid and avoided the caustic process of the Champions Round. Lead Dean Gemmell from Plainfield means that all four players curl out of the GNCC.

The Nationals are held nearby this year, at the Ice House outside Philadelphia. They run from

February 11-18. This is the second year in a row Team McCormick have earned this honor. We will have to see how they fare against the nation's best teams.

Congratulations to Bill Stopera and Martin Sather, and go Team McCormick!

The 2012 Curling nationals will have some stiff company from the Northeast as Ardsley's own Bill Stopera and Martin Sather have once again qualified as part of Team McCormick. With Stopera as Vice and Sather as 2nd,

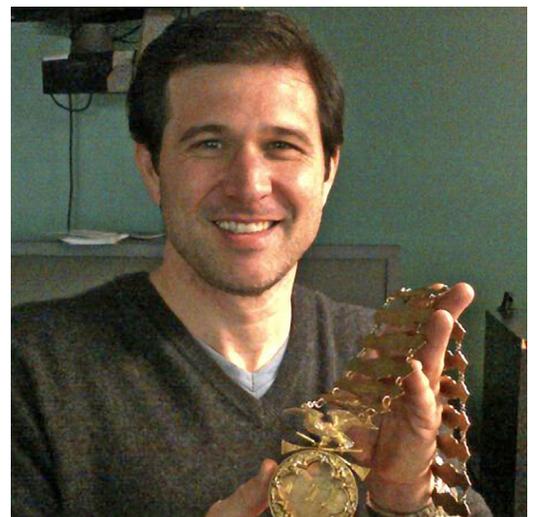


**Congratulations to Joyance Meechai, who as part of Team Edie qualified for the mixed nationals to be held in Portage, WI later this year. Team Edie had a rough last day of qualifying and had to eke out a tiebreak win on Monday to make it into the field. Way to go!**

## Ardsley Earns the Mitchell Trophy

The Mitchell is considered one of the best annual events around. Alexander Mitchell, a Patron of the GNCC, he placed the Mitchell Trophy, one of the coolest trophies around, into competition for the first time in 1885. This means the Mitchell Trophy is the oldest continuous event held in the United States. This year, the award goes to Gert Messing (s), Greg Poole, Mike Murphy, and Chris Banino.

The Mitchell is an international men's invitational event that is contested each year at Utica Curling Club, host since 1911. The competition is keen. This is the first Ardsley associated win in recent memory at this event. Unfortunately, the medal itself cannot leave the competition, but I am sure if you talk to the team they will tell you all about it. Congrats to Team Messing for a great achievement.



# GNCC Senior Men's Goes to Ardsley Team

Pete McCuen



Team Messing: (left to right) Bill Malgieri, Tim Klein, Gert Messing and Jeff Lesuk

Gert Messing led team of Jeff Lesuk, Tim Klein, and Bill Malgieri have won the 2012 GNCC Men's Seniors, held right here at Ardsley. The first event was tied for between Ardsley 4 and Plainfield (Skip: Don Baird, Vice: Bob Benson, Second: Bill Vallier, Lead: Brian O'Byrne). With a warm room full of onlookers, the first event was tight for six ends before the Messing-led

Ardsley team pulled away for the win completing a medal sweep for the home team Ardsley rinks. Congratulations to the winning teams.

Sunday morning started with Cape Cod 2, Ardsley 1, Ardsley 6, TCC, Philadelphia and Chesapeake (six teams) competing in an 8:00 AM points game draw to determine the fourth event winner and runner up

for the "Croc Scuttle." The runner up was Philadelphia (Skip: Craig MacKinley, Vice: Arthur Wilson, Second: Rich Miller, Lead: Rich Hess). The Fourth Event winner was Ardsley 6 (Skip: Walter Baggett, Vice: Ted Stone, Second: Mark Bussy, Lead: Peter Decker).

The six teams competing in the first, second and third event were piped out onto the ice and following the traditional toast to the Piper commenced play.

NY Caledonian (Skip: George Austin, Vice: Adam Chebetar, Second: David Schrull, Lead: John Dorff) played Cape Cod 1 (Skip: Pete Mitchell, Vice: Paul Ketchum, Second: Richard Lousarian, Lead: Joe Tamucci) in the third event final, with NY Caledonian coming out on top for the Ardsley Shield.

In the second event Chesapeake (Skip: Wick Dudley, Vice: Bick Bulala, Second: Ron Beattie, Lead: Dick Bemis) took on Ardsley 5 (Skip: Isa Barghout, Vice: Ed Andrews, Second: Ed Siebert, Lead: Brad Sabel). Ardsley 5 took the second event and the Bartlett Medal with Chesapeake as runner up.

## Activity of Ardwick's/GNCC Senior Women's

Kris Liddle

The Ardwick's have been busy this year. In the beginning of the Curling season, Alison Bankes, and Barbara Gabhart painted the ladies room a beautiful color, making it a much more attractive space.

We have resurrected the Two Brooms with Nutmeg Curling Club. The Two Brooms is a friendly event between Ardsley and Nutmeg Curling Clubs. The games are played on Women's curling nights at the two clubs, as well as a morning event among the women who play during the day. Times and occurrence between the two clubs are alternated each year.

The morning version of the Two Brooms, scheduled for Nov. 17, 2011 was cancelled because the night before, Ardsley lost their ice. However, play was possible on the

following day, and the Thursday women were able to enjoy the luncheon prepared for the event. This leg of the Two Brooms was rescheduled for Feb. 2nd, 2012, when with help from the weather, the Bonsel will go forward.

The January 4th Two Brooms, evening Ardsley winner was Nancy Clancy's team, but two other Ardsley teams lost to Nutmeg. The number of ends won, and the number of winning stones determine the score. If games are tied, the number of stones won become critical in determining the overall winner. Participating Ardsley teams were:

**Ardsley 1:** Nancy Clancy, Laureen Paul, Julie Everett, Leeza Furman

**Ardsley 2:** Taylor Block, Nichole Zahour, Mieko Takiguchi, Kristin Liddle

**Ardsley 3:** Dolores Redding, Melissa Dominquez, Ann MacMillan, Louise Corry

Taylor Block's team performed very well against a superior Nutmeg team, winning two ends against Nutmeg's top players. Some of her planned team was lost to illness and previous commitments, with last minutes substitutions. Similarly Dolores Redding performed heroically against strong Nutmeg competition.

The Senior Womens Bonsel was held at Nutmeg Curling Club from Nov. 9th to 13, 2011. Representing Ardsley were Mieko Takiguchi, Karen Luckey, Pippa Brodhurst, and Kris Liddle. The team won second place in the second event thanks to the skillful skipping by Mieko Takiguchi.

# Honoring Archie Bruce

Geoff Broadhurst

It was 10 years ago that Archie died. Time tends to muddle our memory; so I wanted to recall Archie here in black and white.

We all knew that Archie had a wonderful ability to entertain with stories, acting, jokes and his harmonica. Archie loved curling and he did much to grow the sport.

St. Andrew's Curling Club was about a mile away from Ardsley and in 1987, Jack Nicklaus bought the St. Andrew's Country Club to redesign the golf course and build condos. He asked the curlers to vacate the rink for two years during construction. But the construction ran into building problems with the unions and Jack resold his project back to the banks who reneged on allowing the curlers to come back. Even New York Governor Malcolm Wilson, a member of St. Andrew's, was not able to reverse the bank's decision.

St. Andrew's curlers were now curling at Ardsley CC. Archie never gave up trying to rebuild St. Andrew's somewhere in Westchester County. He and his great pal Don McKay founded the Westchester Curling Association to find a new curling site. Architect's drawings were done by our Bill Switzer but Westchester Parks officers refused to consider a curling facility.

In 1995, I was president of Ardsley Curling Club and Archie was to be my successor but he retired from International Paper Co. and moved to Falmouth MA. Lots of Ardsley, Caledonian and Mahopac curlers retire to Falmouth because of Cape Cod Curling Club (CCCC). At that time, CCCC was just surviving mainly because they ran three summer bonspiels and made a handsome profit to pay the next winter's bills.

Archie and Shirley joined CCCC which was started by Dr. Dave Dewees in 1974. It was Archie's charm and friendly persuasion as the new club president to slowly change the ways of the old guard. CCCC boomed. Archie and Russ Lemcke became team "Frick & Frack" to advertise and grow CCCC.

Before Don McKay died in 2004, he created the Archie Bruce Friendly bonspiel. The competition alternates each year between Ardsley and CCCC. This two game event pits three teams from each club to count the most stones. The club with the highest stone count would win the ARCHIE BRUCE STONE trophy. The team from either club that counted the most stones in one game would win an ARCHIE BRUCE PIN. You honor ARCHIE by participating in his bonspiel.

## 2012 Archie Bruce Friendly

Geoff Broadhurst and Jim McGinnis

Archie Bruce was a good curler, entertainer and enthusiastic member of the Ardsley and Cape Cod curling clubs. He died ten years ago and his great pal, Don McKay created the ARCHIE BRUCE FRIENDLY to honor Archie annually.

The Cape Cod Curling Club (CCCC) folks arrived Saturday about 3:30pm with 3 teams to challenge Ardsley's three teams on Saturday and another three teams Sunday morning. The total stones friendly started at about 4 o'clock with the result that Ardsley was down 2 stones over all. It could have been worse if not for the team of Jon Peter, Bob Kennedy, Walter Baggett and Martin Webb. They took 10 stones to the Cape's 3.

After a hearty dinner, Trudi Bruce (daughter of Archie) spoke about her father and a historic CD of some of Archie's memorable routines was shown for everyone's enjoyment. Sunday morning the games resumed after pancakes cooked to perfection by Suki.

Cape Cod made adjustments to their teams. The games on sheets A & B were fairly even but the game on Sheet C more than compensated for the previous day's deficit as team Ed Andrews, Will Pryor, Andy Ness and Pippa Broadhurst took 13 stones to 4 and Ardsley won the ARCHIE BRUCE STONE trophy. Since this team won by the biggest margin, each member won the ARCHIE BRUCE MEDAL.

A delicious lunch was served. Russ Lemcke talked about the special friendship between CCCC and Ardsley which is a similar feeling each club has about Norfolk CC that burned down recently due to arson. So it was proposed that we pass the hat for the Norfolk Rebuilding Fund and \$310 was collected before everyone said goodbye until next year and wandered up the hill to drive home.



Barbara Gabhart

Not so long ago, in a galaxy far, far away - also known as Schenectady - we participated in the 58th Empire State Bonspiel. We won...for our costumes, not our curling. When my son Will saw the picture he said, "So this is what Moms do on the weekends." Our team, skipped by Pippa Broadhurst with Wezie Cory, Karen Luckey and myself, played four games even making it to Sunday. The weekend was filled with Star Wars events including a trivia quiz, a DJ, great decorations throughout the warm room and even under the ice. Saturday dinner included cakes shaped like Star Wars characters. A fun time was had by all.

# League Roundups

Following are the league roundups for those nights that have and wish to report first half results. Congratulations to all our winners!

**Sunday Evening:** (Matt & Sharon Gallegos) The Sunday Evening League (5pm) operates as a drop in league open to all members of the club. League members come and go as they please, as there are no formal teams. Thus far for the season, the league has catered to mostly 1st and 2nd year curlers. It offers a fun, non-competitive atmosphere where young curlers can continue to grow. We have also had a few experienced curlers offer their assistance for additional instruction, and to help improve the quality of curling. Thanks to all who make this a great night!

**Tuesday Nights:** (Nancy Clancy) The Tuesday night league completed the MacIntosh, the Jr. Skip competition, named after Jean MacIntosh who curls Thursday morning. Gold medalists

with a 6-0 record were Taylor Block-skip, Pam Politano-vice, Barbara Gabhart-second, Ivelisse Hornyak-lead. Silver medalists with a 5-1 record were Sharon Gallegos-skip, Nancy Clancy-vice, Heather Morrison- second, Liz O'Loughlin-lead.

**Wednesday Night:** (Peter Austin) The Blanton gold medal went to Mike Greene (s), George Austin, Geoff Broadhurst, and Andrew Ness, The Silver medal went to Andy Eaton, Jon Peter, Heinz Gruettner, and Jordan Becker. In addition to Greene and Eaton, Matt Gallegos moved up to skip in the 2012 Wells. The first half was a great success. We had 52 curlers in total and 5 first time skips. Thanks to the ice crew for a great job thus far.

**Thursday Morning Ardwick:** (Anne MacMillan) The Thursday morning Ardwick are off to a good start on two sheets of ice. We have just completed the

MacIntosh (a junior skip contest) and the winners are: Nicole Zahour, Skip, Pauline Davies, Vice, Barbara Gabhart, Second and Pippa Broadhurst, Lead. Second Place goes to: Taylor Block, Skip, Alison Bankes, Vice, Karen Luckey, Second and Jean MacIntosh, Lead. Congratulations to all! We would also like to thank our substitutes: Lauren Paul, Melissa Dominguez and Katy Clough. After our morning games we enjoy fellowship and lunch at the Club. Remember new members are always welcome.

**Friday Night:** (Robin Gestring) Friday nights is a great mix of newer and more experienced curlers and have completed two 5 game round robin sessions. Winners of the first session: Skip Isa Barghout, Ken Hsu, Stephanie Lee, and Norma Hunter. Winners of the second: Skip Mark Bussy, Joe Redding, Dolores Redding, Brielle Montgomery and Michael Baxter. TGIF curlers!

## Good luck to the three teams representing Ardsley in the 73rd Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel, February 9-12 at the Utica Curling Club

**Ardley 1:** Jeff Klein, Andy Eaton, Joe Panella, Ken Hsu

**Ardley 2:** Matt Gallegos, Jordan Becker, Nathan Van Auken, Mike Spensieri

**Ardley 3:** Yushi Yang, Jessie Sneddon, Peter Decker, Ray Edic (Utica)

## Nicole Zahour Scores in Macintosh

*Pippa Broadhurst*

November and early December was the MacIntosh event for the Thursday morning curlers. This event is also called the Junior Skips competition. It allows less experienced curlers to skip with an experienced curler playing vice and advising them.

The competition is named for our own Jean MacIntosh, who has spent many hours on the ice, many hours bringing friends down to try out curling, and many more hours encouraging new curlers.

Nicole, who is second year curler, won this event. Nicole has an amazing feel for the

strategy on the ice, and took to skipping like an "Ardsley duck in the Hudson." Nicole's team consisted of Pauline Davies, vice skip, Barbara Gabhart, second, and Pippa Broadhurst, lead.

The Thursday women play 10 – 12 every Thursday morning and we welcome new curlers. Like the ROMEO'S, we often go to lunch at the country club (it is the "best bargain" in town).

After the holidays, we are starting the "Wells Wick" which is our in-house women's championship. Join us if you can, we have a lot of fun, both on and off the ice!

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