Margaret Guiry

From:

"Pippa Broadhurst" <gopippago@worldnet.att.net>

To:

"Guiry Margaret" <starrsguiry@msn.com>

Cc:

"Glus Jean" <jeanmglus@aol.com>; "Ryan Trish" <Tprish07@aol.com> Tuesday, October 11, 2005 10:05 PM

Sent:

Subject:

Emails

I realize you said you do not have everyone's emails. It probably kept you from sending anything out.

Here are the board ones: Nancy Clancy -curlnancy@aol.com

Marion - geo.cowles@aol.com Katy 1clough1@optonline.net Pauline pikdavies@msn.com Jean G. jeanglus@aol.com Trish Tprish07@aol.com

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Agenda 11/1/05

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League Coordinators Report for Tuesday Nights

Official Count: 29 in 6 teams

Gains: 3 new curlers (thanks Sue and Mark)

2 experienced curlers not curling on Tuesday in the previous year

Losses (and reasons given):

Work/Family commitments: 5

Two of whom have indicated that they may be back in January

Moved out of area: 3

Lost to Nutmeg: 2

Travel: 1, Renee Bennett, should be joining again in January

Unable to contact: 1

Ice Breaker

Date	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C
11/1/05	1 v. 2	3 v. 4	5 v. 6
11/8/05	4 v. 5	2 v. 6	1 v. 3
11/15/05	3 v. 6	1 v. 4	2 v. 5
11/22/05	2 v. 3	1 v. 5	4 v. 6
11/29/05	1 v. 6	3 v. 5	2 v. 4
12/6/05		Tiebreakers as Needed	
Team 1		Team 2	
Donna Purkey Sandy Berkowitz Gaffner Pippa Broadhurst Jean Spencer Linda Asher		Nancy Clancy Patti Burns Heather Morrison Ruth Loomis	
Team 3		Team 4	
Trish Ryan Gail Cosman Pam Politano Mary Lou Banino Anne Schneider		Diane Muldowney Laurie Frees Nadja McKay Michelle Simon Margaret Guiry	
Team 5		Team 6	
Jean Murphy Pam Siebert Betsy Sugahara Kris Liddle		Jennifer Stannard Bobbie Stoll Ann MacMillan Gail Cave	
Ioan Davidman		Karan Casnar	

Karen Casper

Subs: Gail Boggio, Katie Clough, Sue Bussy, Robin Gestring, Alice Yeh

Joan Davidman

ARDWICKS MEETING

March 15, 2006

The meeting was called by Nancy Clancy to discuss the future of women's curling at Ardsley and to start planning for the Empire State Women's Bonspiel, which she will chair and which will take place at Ardsley January 18-21, 2007. There were 20 women present and each one introduced herself.

Nancy circulated books from the last 3 Empire States and passed a sign up sheet for volunteers for help with various jobs. She noted that Pauline Davies has volunteered her home for the traditional opening house party.

Pam Siebert read an e-mail she received from Katy Clough to be read at this meeting. In it Katy expressed her opinions as to the viability of the Ardwicks. She feels it is not appropriate to continue Ardwicks because of the difficulty of getting and keeping a president, that it is not necessary to have a separate women's organization and that it would suffice to get one woman to run each (Tuesday and Thursday) women's league.

It was noted that there are 13 members on the Ardsley Curling Club Board.

The curling club pays for each woman's membership in the USWCA.

Ardwicks has paid for its representative to attend one meeting annually of the USWCA.

The USWCA encourages average curlers more than the USCA, which puts more of an emphasis on competitive curling.

Pam also reported that the committee formed last spring, which also included Nancy Clancy, Bobbie Stoll and Margaret Guiry, had met and recommended the following:

There be no additional dues for women.

Bonspiel income go directly to the Ardsley Curling Club.

Keep the Ardwicks Board and by laws in place.

It was also noted that there are now 4 women on the Ardsley Curling Club Board (including the incoming President). Hopefully, one will step forward to lead Tuesday and Thursday women's curling.

It was suggested an e-mail questionnaire be sent out to all women asking whether or not to abolish the Ardwicks all together or should a women's organization be kept with another name (Ardsley Women or Ladies Curling)? Questionnaire should contain pros and cons:

Pro - What about a USWCA Rep? Hosting of women's bonspiels (Scots and Canadian Ladies Tours).

Con – Women are well represented on ACC Board. Their needs are met by the ACC. The difficulty of finding a president.

The consensus of those present was to abolish the Ardwicks because of the above reasons and possibly reform as the Ardsley Ladies Curling Club, if warranted by responses to the questionnaire.

It was decided it would be advisable to keep the separate Ardwicks treasury account until after the 2007 Empires.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Marion Cowles Secretary Subj:

FW: Women's Curling

Date:

3/20/2006 5:41:10 PM Eastern Standard Time

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gopippago@pippageoff.com

To:

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km4lockhart@optonline.com

----Original Message-----

From: DMMCT327@aol.com [mailto:DMMCT327@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 3:47 PM

To: CurlNancy@aol.com

Cc: gopippago@pippageoff.com; dbpurkey@optonline.net; 1clough1@optonline.net

Subject: Re: Women's Curling

Nancy, This is in response to your email regarding the Women's Organization.

A Women's Organization is formed to provide women with a format to voice their concerns about women's curling, how to improve the curling experience in leagues, instruction, ratings, and ladies bonspiels. It is set to address women's issues and to create autonomy. Many times it is the "engine of the club" regarding the atmosphere and hospitality of the club.

The composition of the current or future Ardsley Board should not influence the decision on the Women's Board. Boards change frequently even within terms due to politics, illness, or relocation. A sympathetic ear to women's issues could quickly turn to a deaf ear depending on the dynamics of the group rather than gender.

At Nutmeg many of the women that serve on the Ladies' Board also serve on the main board and are active volunteers on all the committees and help out at Ardsley. Women are great at multitasking. Eliminating the Ardwicks isn't going to cause certain women suddenly to volunteer.

Some women curl only with the ladies and a women's organization is important to make them feel more connected. New curlers may not see the importance of the Ardwicks because of the recent lack of leadership and explanation of the traditions and goals of the organization. A good example is a lack of a big sis/ little sis program that is so effective in bringing new women curlers along. With the number of new curlers after the Olympics, it is important to have a Women's Board to address the ways to retain the new women. Setting up mini training programs before curling starts with the big sis would help to personalize the experience for the new lady. Presenting a pin to the little sis. Have the big sis introduce the new curler to the group and tell where the person works, about their family, where they live and have a hearty welcome.

I don't think the Ardwick name has a stigma but rather some aspects of Tues night curling. That can be repaired by strong leadership and perhaps setting the goals. It shouldn't be viewed as such a competitive night. If you want that, curl Mon night. It is very hard to balance the teams on Tues, with so many new curlers. Improve the Ardwicks don't kill it.

I could write more but I type too slowly. If you have questions, let me know. I think a balanced view should be presented to the ladies. The previous email presents the topic in a negative view.

Diane

Subj:

FW: Women's curling club

Date:

3/23/2006 9:36:45 AM Eastern Standard Time

From:

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FYI

----Original Message----

From: Donna Purkey [mailto:dbpurkey@optonline.net]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 7:25 PM

To: Katy

Cc: Pippa Broadhurst

Subject: Fw: Women's curling club

--- Original Message ---- From: Donna Purkey

To: Pippa

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 5:11 PM Subject: Re: Women's curling club

Not sure if I have Nancy's e-mail so will reply here. I strong feel that having a women's organization is beneficial. The support of the main board is wonderful and hopefully they will back any decisions that the women feel strongly about, but for the women to have a small amount of money to tip the bar tender at Christmas, send flowers when needed or supply a lunch for an inclub women's event that we are running is invaluable. First the main board does not want to be bothered by small requests such as those listed above and the women feel good about doing these things when needed, but would often not do them if the request had to be submitted to the board. The dues are minimal but if we wanted to have a project for a donation to the club, such as tablecloths or some decorative idea they could be raised.

The USWCA is a great addition to any club. Ardsley has participated in all of their sponsored events, Seniors championship bonspiel and all_american and I feel that the membership would miss having the opportunity to participate in these events. The USWCA is also very involved in junior curling and over the past 2 years has spent \$8,000 on junior equipment for clubs requesting same. The east will also have a junior bonspiel next year and the kids love the chance to curl against other clubs.

As I stated I feel that our own identity is important even though it is a very small portion of the Ardsley's overall membership commitment.

I don't think that there is any strong positives to giving up our identity. We also have a member on the board, representing us and they can bring back information that might not otherwise filter down.

Have not seen this problem at Ardsley but some clubs have found the depending on the makeup of the board they do not want to write any checks for the women, with the result that they have to argue for the right to continue being a USWCA member and for small things requiring money when running a their bonspiel or hosting outside clubs, such as the Tours coming through or friendlies with other clubs.

Donna



Pippa

From: Kevin Davies [pkjdavies@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 11:04 AM

To: Mary Jean Keenan; Pippa Broadhurst

Subject: Fw: The Role of a Women's Organization at Ardsley

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---- Original Message ----From: Jennifer Stannard

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 10:56 AM

To: 1clough1@optonline.net; pkjdavies@msn.com

Cc: CuriNancy@aol.com; km4lockhart@optonline.net; BEERSODA@aol.com;

lasugahara@fairfieldmaxwell.com

Subject: The Role of a Women's Organization at Ardsley

I have enjoyed the past 7 years curling at Ardsley though at times have been frustrated by the lack of communication that seems to exist. I will not be at Ardsley next year but I feel compelled to comment on the latest issues surrounding women curlers.

I attended 2 meetings last year about the role of the Ardwicks- one at the start of the season (Mary-Pres) and one before the annual closing dinner (Margaret-Pres). At each meeting the decision was to continue with the womens organization but, at the last meeting, to table the Ardwick membership fee and, to reconsider the name of the organization. I believe a committee to review the by-laws was also established.

The Ardsley Women's organization worked very effectively through to the 2004 season. There were complaints about the membership fee and, questions as to it's need that unfortunately were not answered. What may be needed is an itemization of what the Womens Organization does at Ardsley to be communicated to all women who curl at Ardsley with the opportunity to join. That some would choose not to is their option.

Let me respond to the arguments put forth to this point against having the organization-

- Draws away from the pool of volunteers- being on the Board of the womens organization does not preclude one from being active on nor volunteering for club events. The President of the Ardwicks has in the past been a seat on the overall board- a '2 for 1' if you will The women of Ardsley, board members included, have consistently volunteered and run many events at the club- including the McKay-Douglas. I am an example though there are many others. While the USWCA rep for Ardsley and the USWCA Eastern liason I not only participated on the committees for the womens activities but also handled entertainment and decorations for many club events, initiated and ran the Open League and, initiated and ran the first Cool Duck. The pool of Ardsley women capable to assist in any function, as a board member or in any other role, is not significantly diminished by participation on the women's board.
- The general board has male and female members and will thus address the needs of all curiers. Do not make a decision which will effect future years based on the current situation. This applies both to gender and personna. There are issues which are pertinent to women and, which men do not share a similar perspective on (this is of course not limited to curling). An example- when the Open League began on Thursday night we had

to exit the ice at 9 so that the Wednesday Men's League could have their 'overflow' second draw following ours. This created many issues as men who curled in the Mens and Open League and could have 2 games on Thursday night- one for the Open and one for the Men, it was also tough having an early start time for the NY commuters to enable the mens draw to start at a reasonable hour. It took a season for the board to recognize that the Men should have their 2 draws on the same night and not effect the Open League at all. This would have seemed plain to me at the initiation of the Open League but, it was not. I was not a board member while running the Open League, my concerns were brought through other board members participating in the League.

• A separate Womens Board serves no purpose- The mission of the womens organization is to grow womens curling, encourage women to expand in their curling ability, and to provide an organizational approach to womens events locally, regionally and nationally. Earlier in my Ardsley curling career this happened, we had instructional sessions on Tuesday evenings from time to time (role of a Vice, etc.) and thoughtful remembrances were sent to members who were ill or suffered a loss. A support network for preparing for the Scots Tour and Canadian Friendship Tour was in place. The Ardsley womens board began a womens 'kick-off' event prior to the season (once a brunch, other times a dinner) which brought women together and also promoted upcoming womens bonspiels and the general cameraderie of womens curling.

Note- collections are certainly not limited to a board handling but, someone has to take the initiative and the responsibility, people often don't have cash with them, they forget, etc. It's easier, more effective and consistent if a structure exists.

 Tuesday Night Is/Is Not Competitive and Drives People Away- Tuesday night is not, nor was it designed to be, a competitive league. Monday is the Competitive League and it is open to all regardless of gender. Tuesday night is a womens league. Ardsley is a curling club and, the majority of the leagues are for club level curling. Some curlers are better than others (and thus more competitive), that is a fact but not a determinant in your membership at Ardsley. If it becomes such your membership will suffer as most people do not curl 'competitively'. Let me be more specific, curling in bonspiels and outside events does not deem one a 'Competitive Curler' with a 'capital C'. Truly Competitive Curlers are those individuals focused on a national or Olympic berth and, we do not have many of those here If we did, they would tell you how important it is to have the stability of club curlingwhere all levels can curl. That's how they started! To do that, your leagues, other than the competitive night, need to be supportive of new curlers and encourage all along the path to better curling while making it fun! We are not earning our living here- we compete for a pin. It's a sport, competitive yes but surely not at the level that you would suggest women who are at a lesser skill level should not participate in the womens league?! Some women prefer to curl without men on the ice, men can be a bit intimidating- especially when you're trying to learn a new sport If you don't make it fun for all, women will not stay. (I won't even start here about the difficulty in getting women to Skip) Encouragement in a non-threatening environment is needed and that is something that women do exceedingly well. Women who join Tuesday nights are looking for recreation and there is much outside to compete with our sport in the NY area- we need to be welcoming. For those looking for a more competitive level- Monday is available. Tuesday night curling has been a topic during broom-stacking of the other leagues. Unfortunately, some of the women curlers like to portray the league as rife with problems, cattiness, complaints and not fun thereby doing a disservice to not only Tuesday night and womens curling but to the entire club. Shame on them! The reality is that the new curlers have been having fun on Tuesday nights and, most of us have as well. Are there complaints from time to time? Yes. Who has ever had the perfect game or the perfect team? Who would expect every Skip to have the same perspective on a situation if there were not a rule to address it?

The current situation is this- 3 Presidents have quit in the past 16 mos. primarily as the result of the actions of a single person and the Vice Presidents do not want to step up to the position due to the recent angst their predecessors experienced. The consternation that exists is as a direct result of losing these talented women (who had great expectations for the organization) from the board and the desire of others not to deal with the underlying issue.

Miscommunication surrounds the role of the Ardwicks. One of the problems is that board meetings were not held because the person that needed to be there, and with issues that needed to be addressed, did not consider herself connected to the womens organization and did not attend meetings nor respond to e-mails/calls.

USWCA

I also have heard rumors that participation in the USWCA is in question. Of all the organizations to consider withdrawal from some would consider the USWCA? This organization exists solely to promote grassroots curling arnong women and juniors. It provides a national level for women curlers to share experiences, ideas and, something larger than the issues of their own clubs for the benefit of curling. The national bonspiels for Women, Senior Women, and Juniors (nationally supported but regionally held), the Canadian Friendship Tour, The Scots Tour and the Womens Challenge (5 and under) are all USWCA sponsored events. These events afford great opportunities for women to meet other curlers and travel to various clubs and areas of the country to enjoy the sport we all love. Donations to member clubs of equipment specifically for juniors (Ardsley has received brooms, sliders and stabilizers). The future fund- a fund to assist women who want to grow in the sport, is available through the USWCA (one team from Seattle got some traveling funds to go to a Women's Challenge in another region since theirs did not have an event). And last, the All American. The All American, an event sponsored by the USWCA with a beautiful pin for the winners, is played across the country. With minimal requirements (must be open to all USWCA members and ties are played with a half end) it is a great event and one in which you feel part of a larger entity. Not bad for a \$10 club fee and \$5 per USWCA member.

The actions of a few women, enflamed with misinformation, capsized the All American at Ardsley this year. Anne MacMillan was so concerned in the past that women not paying for the Tuesday night league might actually sign up for the All American (2 women did) was given as a reason; and your goal is to encourage more women to play on Tuesday nights? This year, Trish advised that there were no Tuesday evenings available for the All American. Instead we had a midwinter break session which 'didn't count' as we were advised and for which 'experienced curlers' would be on-ice to assist the new curlers (good thought but, never happened).

There are those who seem intent on eliminating a womens board, whatever it may be cailed. It might be a good time to review the by-laws, the reason for the organization and the constitutional outline. A communication outlining the role of the organization should be provided to all women as all should be encouraged to 'join'. Now the question may be, "Who is an Ardwick?" (which may be difficult since dues were waived for this year) but, you still have board members who should meet and determine a plan of action.

I would hate to see Ardsley make such a mis-step in this area at a time when the club needs all of the support and nurturing of new members that can be provided.

With my sincerest regards, Iennifer Here are the responses to the letters that were sent out earlier this spring. These are as of today. The first letter was sent to the 29 Ardwick members who had paid dues for the 2004-2005 curling season and are still active curlers, plus Merle Huebner a member who, though not curling this past season, is very much involved with the curling club. 21 responded as follows. Continue a separate women's organization: yes-19, no strong opinion-2, no-0.

The second letter was sent to 61 Ardsley women curlers. It included all active women curlers who had paid dues for the 2005-2006 season as of Jan. 1, 2006. It was not sent to those who joined earlier as trial members and dropped out or those who had joined later than Jan. 1 with trial membership. I got the list of members from George, who is the ACC Treasurer. There were 28 responses as follows.

Would you join an Ardsley Women's Curling Club? - yes-24, no-3.

Shall we retain the name Ardwicks? - yes-9, no-13.

Ardsley Women Curiers should be our new name. -yes-16, no-6.

Should we pay nominal dues and have funds separate from ACC? - yes-20, no-7.

As part of the Executive Board shall there be a Sports Com/Skip Rep? - yes-23, no-0 Marion

ARDWICKS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2006

Present: Pippa Broadhurst, Katy Clough, Marion Cowles, Pauline Davies and Mary Jean Keenan.

The meeting, held at the Curling Club Warm Room, was called to discuss the future of the Ardwicks.

Minutes of the March 15, 2006 meeting were approved as read. It was noted that Ardsley Curling Club annually pays \$5 per Ardsley woman curler plus \$10 for club membership to the USWCA.

Katy said she had received 1 against and 4 favorable responses to her e-mail questionnaire asking whether we should continue Ardwicks or a women's curling organization with another name or disband. Many strong arguments were given as to why continuing is appropriate.

Pauline noted dues can be used for strategy teaching sessions, as well as social events and other present uses. She and others felt creating a Sports Committee to oversee rules and form teams, with the chair on the Ardwick's Board, would be advantageous.

Merle Huebner is still ordering pins but they are being paid for by the Ardsley Curling Club.

All women curling at Ardsley should be invited to join Ardwicks as dues paying members in a letter sent out annually stating the purposes of the organization and the dues. Joining is not obligatory. Pauline will get a roster together.

Pippa noted the USWCA would like their Senior Women's Bonspiel to take place here in 2 years. Also, the Women's Challenge, co-sponsored with the GNCC, is growing in popularity and will require 3 clubs for playdowns in different locations. We might be asked to be a site.

It was decided to send out 2 mailings to determine how we continue. The first, as per our By Laws, is to go to Ardwicks members and will ask if they wish to continue as an organization. Since no dues were collected this past season, membership for the 2004-2005 year will be used as a criterion. A post card for response by a specified date will be included.

If there is a favorable response, a second letter will then go out to all women members, as of January 2006, of Ardsley Curling Club requesting their input as to the direction we should follow. A meeting will be held in the fall to share results of the survey and follow through on plans.

Marion Cowles Secretary

ARDWICKS

To All Ardsley Women Curlers

From Ardwicks Executive Board:
Katy Clough,

Katy Clough, Vice President Pauline Davies, Vice President Marion Cowles, Secretary Jean Glus, Treasurer Pippa Broadhurst, USWCA Representative Mary Jean Keenan, Nominating Committee

A letter was recently sent to Ardwicks members asking whether we should continue as a separate women's organization within the Ardsley Curling Club. A majority of Ardwicks responded yes. We now ask your input as to the direction we should take.

There was previously a women's club at both Ardsley (Ardsley Ladies' Curlers) and at St. Andrews (Westchester Wicks). When St. Andrews curling moved to the Ardsley facility, the two women's groups merged and renamed the group Ardwicks.

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Would you join an Ardsley Women's Curling Cl	Yes No	
If yes, please answer the following proposals.		
Shall we retain the name "Ardwicks?"	Yes No	
"Ardsley Women Curlers" should be our new na	Yes No	
In the past, Ardwicks members paid dues to pay for changed. Dues are now used to support our USWC pay for might include women's social events, a dire	A representative and the USWC	A's affiliated events. Other expenses to
Do you think we should pay nominal dues and h Ardsley Curling Club?	Yes No	
There had previously been skips meetings to determ	nine league rules and team struct	ure.
As part of the Executive Board, shall there be Sp Committee/ Skip Representative?	oorts	Yes No
Please return this form by May 26, 2006 to	Marion Cowles 308C Heritage Hills Somers, NY 10589	
Your input is very important, so please ta Feel free to add additional comments on the		rief survey. Thank you.
You will be advised of a meeting in the fall.		
Name(please print)	Date	
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ARDWICKS- TREASURER'S REPORT

July 18, 2006

Balance at 12/31/05				
Receipts:				
Pin sales	\$156.00			
50th Anniversary pin	20.00			
Interest 1/06 to 6/06	1.56			
Reimbursement from				
Ardsley Curling for dues	290.00 467.56			
	3,497.53			
Disbursements:				
Dues-USWCA	290.00			
l/ll Postage-Pippa	14.40			
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notices	52,90 357.30			
Balance at 6/30/06				

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Glus, Treasurer

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