Margaret Yung

2005 Senior National Bonspiel Report, Detroit Curling Club

~ Elaine M. Roseborough On-Site Chair

The Detroit Curling Club is pleased to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual USWCA Senior Bonspiel, with the theme "Motor City", January 13-16, 2005.

The Detroit Curling Club, with a long and distinguished tradition, has been in continuous operation since its founding in 1885. The Club has enjoyed several locations in the metropolitan Detroit area, including Orchard Lake, downtown Detroit and West Bloomfield but had to sell the clubhouse in 1998. Although without ice for approximately 4 years, members continued to curl at the Roseland CC in Windsor, Canada, and the club membership remained intact.

In 2001 the Detroit CC and the City of Ferndale reached an agreement for constructing a curling facility on city owned property. Ground was broken in May of 2001 and by January 2002 curling had begun in the new four sheet facility.

The City of Ferndale is a small community, centrally located in the metropolitan Detroit area. The Detroit CC is located on E. Lewiston, between 9 and 10 Mile Roads. Maps with directions to the club from Metropolitan Airport and via the major highways will be provided.

The Hampton Inn in Madison Heights (a 10 minute drive from the club) has reserved a block of up to 50 rooms for January 12-15. The rate is \$70/room single or double occupancy, with breakfast (includes sausage, eggs and biscuits). The hotel is providing a large meeting room, adjacent to the lobby, for use in the evenings as a hospitality room. The newly decorated hotel has an exercise room and sauna.

#### Senior Bonspiel Procedure Committee

~LouinaMae Whittlesey, Chairman

The Senior Bonspiel Procedure Committee after reviewing last years event has decided to continue with the same rules and format.

- ~All entrants must be in good standing and have reached the age of 55 by January 1,2005.
- ~If oversubscribed entries will be determined by lottery within the geographical areas.
- ~There will be no automatic entry for last years winning team.
- ~Single member entries are encouraged and will be used to complete teams as needed.
- ~Retain your team structure if not initially selected as standby teams are often needed

The Kit Party will be on the evening of Wednesday, January 12 at the hotel hospitality room. The Bonspiel will begin the morning of Thursday, January 13. The opening ceremony at the Detroit CC will include the traditional piper, welcome and introduction of dignitaries. Arrangements are being made for the Friday night Banquet to be at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Mansion, dinner to include a tour of the home and grounds. Thursday dinner will be hosted and Saturday evening will be free. Sunday morning will be for the final games, awarding of pins and trophies and closing ceremonies. A brunch will be provided for the curlers.

The clubhouse does not have a kitchen, limiting the ability to provide meals, but there is a bar. There will be a continental breakfast available at the club each morning, and a light lunch for a nominal cost each noon. There are also many fine restaurants in close proximity to the club (a list will be available).

The theme is "Motor City" and the club looks forward to sharing the area's automotive heritage with the participants. Information and brochures about many points of interest, shopping areas and happenings in the area will be available.

The entry fee remains at \$250/team. There will be a raffle held; one item to be raffled being an alpaca sweater, hand-knit in Bolivia worth \$150.

A funder in by Nov 13.

Invitations have been mailed and are to be returned by November 13,2004.

There are 24 slots available. If oversubscribed participating teams will be selected by lot.

# 5 Year and Under Challenge

~ Peggy Rotton, Chairman

This regional event, designed to give the newer curler an opportunity to experience the competition of participating in a Bonspiel with curlers of similar experience, has been received with various degrees of enthusiasm across the country. For example this is a very popular event in the East where there continues to be an influx of new curlers, while West II with it's large geographical area has logistical problems in securing a location.

Participation in these Bonspiels may require creating a composite team with members from various clubs. Representatives are urged to promote this event to new members and do what is required to ensure the new curler has a chance to participate in this event.

Locations and dates will be advised when established.

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#### ARDWICKS MEETING

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A collection will be taken for a farewell gift for Sandy Graham, who will be leaving us and returning to Canada.

Marion Cowles Treasurer

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 9:55 AM

Subject:

Re: sandy

Given Sandy's opinion of the Ardwicks. I certainly wouldn't get her anything with an Ardwicks logo on it and I think it would be absolutely hypocritical of the ARdwicks to spend any money on her. But then, hypocrisy and Ardwicks seem to be a perfect match.

I say her friends should give her something and the hell with everybody else.

Trish

In a message dated 3/22/2005 11:23:44 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, amacmillan46@netzero.com writes:

RE NEXT TUES-- HAVE TO GET AN INPUT-sANDY'S last nite-leaving the country-has a good job offer in Canada-- suggested to some of the crew re using some of our Ardwick/s \$\$\$\$ to get her one of our ardwick logo shirts- I mentioned it at our table--little response--I mentioned how good she was with her time with the Juniors--Diane.s response-" she got paid for it" Pippa gave no input--Pam .Sue Bev agreed plus Nancy--- I told Nancy I could call Jean Glus but I should get at least the vice Pres. o k- Nancy said if push comes to shove a few of us would be quite willing to donate-- what do you 

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Marion Cowles Secretary

From: "KEVIN & MARY LOCKHART" < km4lockhart@optonline.net>

To: "Margaret Guiry" <starrsguiry@msn.com>

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2005 9:05 PM

Subject: Fw: Ardwick Issues

Hi Margaret,

Pippa asked me to send this to you (she wrote it before we knew that you were taking on the job as President). It's about some of the issues that need to be addressed...I know it looks like a long list to tackle, but it is doable. Call me or Pippa if you have any questions.

You'll be a great President!

Regards,

Mary

---- Original Message ----- From: Pippa Broadhurst

To: Clough Katy; geocowles@aol.com; Davies Pauline; Glus Jean; Lockhart Mary

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2005 8:53 AM

Subject: Ardwick Issues

There are a number of Ardwick issues that need attention. I have listed them below in declining priority.

Since Mary Lockhart officially resigned as president, the responsibility of these issues falls on the remaining elected officers. It is important that the remaining executive board of officers meet to discuss these issues ASAP. I do not know who is considered the vice-president of the day curlers; therefore I think both Mary and Pauline should be there. AS MARION AND JEAN ARE THE TWO LONGEST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I THINK ONE OF THEM SHOULD TAKE OVER THE CALLING OF A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!! Since all but Katy of the officers curl Thursday morning, it seems logical to have a morning meeting.

Ardwick issues that I put in declining priority:

- 1. The Ardwick Nominating Committee needs to propose names for both the secretary and treasurer for two year terms as these offices are elected in the odd years i.e. 2005.
- BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE A PRESIDENT, the Nominating Committee needs to propose a candidate
  for a one year term. Therefore THREE OFFICER POSITIONS WILL HAVE TO BE FILLED. (The election
  in 2006 will be for President and Vice-Presidents for two years. The By-Laws guiding this process are at
  the end of this memo). (The Nominations will have to be emailed to all women curlers as curling will have
  finished and there is NOWHERE to post the candidates).
- 3. ACC Closing Dinner (May 6) Medal Awards. At the ACC board meeting Pam Siebert was asked to do the program for the closing dinner. Pam needs the list of winners of each of the events and you also, Pauline and Katy, need to be sure that you have medals to be presented at the closing dinner. Pippa will do the All American (it is a USWCA event and medals have already been given out.). V-P's will need to check with Merle and Jean Glus to make certain these medals are in stock and arrange to have them engraved (2005 date) and get accurate lists to Pam Siebert ASAP. (closing dinner is May 6, the ACC annual meeting is April 17th)
- 4. Engraving of Empire State trophies and purchase of plaques to have more space. These Ardsley Duck trophies are ARDWICK's responsibility.
- 5. Possible ARDWICKS name change. Pauline suggested that Ardwicks be renamed ARDSLEY LADY CURLERS (there is no longer a need for Ardwicks. St. Andrew's name for their lady curlers was Westchester Wicks (so this was a combined name for St. A's benefit). This item would be a constitutional/By-Law change and voted on by the Ardwicks membership. (Because so many issues are of immediate need, I think this should be kept until next year and that Executive Board (2005-2006) decide if it is something they want in their agenda).

ARDWICKS Bylaws pertinent to the above issues:

#### Article V - Executive Board

The executive Board consists of the elected officers, the chairmen of the standing committees (we don't have any currently), the USWCA Association Representative and the immediate Past-President as ex-officio member.

Article II -Section 2 - four members of the Exec. Board must be present to discuss business.

Article III Section 3: Nominating Committee

- a) The nominating Committee shall consist of three members, two (2) of whom shall be elected for one year by the Executive Board. The Chairman of the previous year (Mary Jean Keenan) shall serve as the third member of the committee but NOT as chairman. In the event that she cannot serve, another member of her Committee shall be appointed by the executive board to take her place.
- b) The Nominating Committee shall elect its own chairman.
- c) Two weeks before the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall post its proposed slate of Candidates for the Offices that need to be filled. (ACC Annual Meeting is April 17th)
- d) Any member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible to serve in any office.
- e) Candidates for office are to be asked prior to being posted.
- f) Any vacancy occurring on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Executive Board

Please send me any comments. Pippa

From:

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Sent:

Saturday, March 26, 2005 11:31 AM

Subject:

Lunch on Thurs. Mar. 31st

Hello ladies - the last week of curling is upon us. We will play the last game of the Wells Wick on Thurs. morning and then Bettina has been kind enough to make 12:30 p.m. reservations for us at:

#### Piccola Trattoria Restaurant

41 Cedar Street, Dobbs Ferry (914) 674-8427

Happy Easter to all and see you on Thursday.

**Pauline** 

From:

"Ardsley Curling" <curlingpete@aol.com>
"Margaret Guiry" <starrsguiry@msn.com>

To: Sent:

Saturday, April 02, 2005 12:00 PM

Subject:

Attn: Women Curlers

#### Hello Everyone

Please see Jan Little's information below about the Canadian Friendship Tour and how to apply for it. The dates are Wednesday, November 1, 2006 to Monday, November 12, 2006

Everyone who is interested needs to go into the USWCA website and bring up the three different pages of information for the tour (general letter, selection plan and the application itself). Janet Little has included her address, phone number and email for any questions you might have.

Thank you

Pippa Broadhurst - ARDSLEY' S USWCA REP.

Happy Spring Everyone!

I have posted the Letter, Application Form and Selection Form on the USWCA website (<a href="https://www.uswca.org">www.uswca.org</a>) for the Friendship Tour and would ask that you download all three items.

I would ask you all to announce that this information is on the website or have copies available for those interested in applying.

If you, or any of your club members, have any questions, please call me (410-268-7455) or email me (jblittle1@msn.com).

Thanks in advance for your efforts in helping to promote the Friendship Tour.

Jan

Visit Ardsley Curling Club online at <a href="http://www.ardsleycurling.org/">http://www.ardsleycurling.org/</a>

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To: Sent:

Saturday, April 02, 2005 11:33 AM

Subject:

Some Important Dates

Here are some dates to put on your calendar.

April 17, 1:00 PM at the club. Annual Members Meeting. You'll shortly receive additional information on this important event.

April 30, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the club. Cleanup Day. We'll store all our furnishings and equipment for the summer. We'll be done by noon. Coffee and donuts provided. PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL IF YOU CAN HELP. THANKS.

May 6, 7:00 at the country club. The Closing Awards Dinner. Please come to celebrate the conclusion of our successful season and recognize the winners of the season's competitions. Dinner and reservation information will be mailed to you shortly.

Visit Ardsley Curling Club online at <a href="http://www.ardsleycurling.org/">http://www.ardsleycurling.org/</a>

# **Agenda**

# Ardwicks meeting, April 26, 2005.

- 1. Opening statement by new president, Margaret Guiry.
- 2. What is an Ardwick?
  - a. bylaws
- 3. Where does the money go?
- 4. Who does what?
  - a. board members
  - b. USWCA rep
  - c. league chairs
- 5. New business
  - a. future of Ardwicks
  - b. how to make curling fun
    - i. rating system
    - ii. skips draw
    - iii. sub policy
  - c. Empire State bonspiel
    - i. definition
    - ii. need for a rep
    - iii. next year in Utica
    - iv. addition of Rochester
    - v. Ardsley in '07 or '09

### Concerns for meeting of 4/26/05 Submitted by Trish Ryan

- 1. Tuesday night league this has been confirmed as an Ardsley, not an Ardwicks, league. This is at least partly a function of the curling club's legal requirement as a 501 © (3) not to discriminate on the basis of gender (or, obviously race, etc.). Women curlers are entitled to the same benefits as any man paying the same dues and cannot be "forced" to join a separate organization in order to curl in a league.
- 2. I am willing to continue as league coordinator but with the understanding that it functions like any other league in the club, i.e., the Ardwicks board does not oversee the league. The league coordinator is responsible to the Ardsley Club Board. I found it particularly awkward last year when the Ardwicks Board, 4 out of 5 of whose members did NOT participate in Tuesday nights, still wanted to call the shots.
- 3. Pins: Can the ordering of pins for the Tuesday night events be turned over to the club person, currently Peter DeJong, responsible for ordering all event pinsI was appalled, after having been told by the Ardwicks Board back in December or January that we had pins in stock, to be called by Merle Huebner two weeks before the end of the season and asked how many pins we needed because she still had to order them. Of all people, Merle, who knocks herself out on the Duck Gear and had just finished running all the food for the Douglas, did not need the extra work. All of this could and should have been handled back in December when I wanted to place the orders through Peter only to have the order canceled with no notice to me whatsoever.
- 4. For my own information, and I truly wish I could be there tonight, I would like to know the purpose for the existence of the Ardwicks. One of the problems with the organization, is that it has operated almost as a clandestine group. Officers and Board members are not posted on the bulletin board or the website, no one seems to know its purpose, etc. I have been told that one of its duties is to run the Empire State, a bonspiel that takes place only once every three years and requires a chair and committee to run, not a standing board. (I've run three Golden Handles at Ardsley, it's not rocket science and it's not really that difficult to do.) Another purpose is to support the USWCA. Well, I'm opposed to the USWCA too and am not willing to pay extra to support it everyone's obviously entitled to their opinion on this and reasonable people may disagree. As for gifts, etc. for various curlers, I prefer to pass the hat for individual gifts but, again, everyone's entitled to their own opinion on that.
- 5. In short, I fail to see why women have to maintain a separate organization. I think it sends a message of weakness to curling club. We are equal members of the club and entitled to the same benefits, and responsibilities as the men who are club members. If it is decided that a women's organization is necessary, however, it should represent ALL the women curling in the club, not just those women who

curl on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It should clearly define its purpose and spread the word to ALL women in the club and be open to suggestion, participation, etc. on a much wider basis than appears to happen now.

Thanks, Trish

#### ARDWICKS GENERAL MEETING

#### April 26, 2005

The meeting was held in the Warm Room of the Ardsley Curling Club.

Present: Margaret Guiry, Pippa Broadhurst, Jane Cavanaugh, Katy Clough, Nancy Clancy, Marion Cowles, Pauline Davies, Pat Devaney, Laurie Frees, Merle Huebner, Mary Jean Keenan, Kris Liddle, Ann MacMillan, Nadja McKay, Heather Morrison, Diane Muldowney, Jean Spencer, Jennifer Stannard, Bobbie Stoll, Mitzi Wang and Alice Yeh.

President Margaret Guiry called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. She distributed copies of the Constitution and By Laws and tonight's agenda.

She noted that voting of changes of policy would not take place at this meeting. This would be deferred until the Annual Meeting.

Mary Jean Keenan moved that we waive the 2 weeks notice required for election of officers and that this take place at the Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

President Guiry explained the history of the Ardwicks and its purposes. The Ardwicks was formed when the Westchester Wicks and Ardsley Ladies Curlers combined, when St. Andrews curlers came to Ardsley. The President of the Ardwicks sits on the Ardsley Curling Club Board\*. The Ardwicks host the Empire State, Scots Tour and other women's events that come to Ardsley. Originally, women curlers were apart from Ardsley Curling Club. Dues (\$20 now) was (and is) used to pay for pins, USWCA Representative to go to a meeting annually and expenses incurred hosting women's events. Tonight's pizza was paid for by treasury funds. Jane Cavanaugh said the Ardsley Curling Club Board is willing to pay for Tuesday pm and Thursday am pins.

Diane Muldowney noted that Nutmeg Ladies (of which she is the president) has no dues but raises funds through fundraising. She feels that autonomy is important.

#### Discussion followed on:

Shall we change our name to "Ardsley Ladies (or Women's) Curling Club"?

Shall there be a cover sheet with the By Laws explaining our mission statement – "To Promote Women's Curling" - and purpose of dues? Jane noted that the curling club pays dues for USWCA as well as USCA dues for all women curlers.

President Guiry noted we are all Ardsley Curlers. Those present felt there is a need to encourage more women serving on the Ardsley Curling Club Board.

It was noted cost of drapes purchased by Ardwicks was covered by unexpected income from the Empire State. Their cost was approximately \$4,500. Margaret read Treasurer Jean Glus' report in her absence.

It was agreed that pins should be ordered by the Ardsley Board person who orders them for other Ardsley events. Merle Huebner stresses to be careful of quality control and that they should be up to the standards to which we've been accustomed.

\*Since the meeting, this has been clarified to note the President is elected to the Ardsley Curling Club Board as a courtesy to the Ardwicks.

Katy Clough suggested that the Ardwicks Board be streamlined.

It was suggested that before the Annual Meeting a letter (e-mail) and questionnaire be distributed to women curlers asking:

Shall the Ardwicks remain an autonomous group within the Ardsley Curling Club? (Those present agreed it should.)

Shall we eliminate dues for the '05-'06 season?

Shall we change the By Laws?

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Shall we be known as Ardsley Women's Curling vs. Ardwicks?

Diane suggested the establishment of a Sports Committee. This would consider rating players, skips, subs, rules, rotation of players, 5 man teams, etc.

Nancy Clancy noted she is getting mail concerning Empire State. She volunteered to be our representative. Rochester has become a sponsor and will be part of the rotation. Scheduled is: Schenectady was '05 and Utica will be in '06. We prefer '07 to '09. Schenectady wants '08.

If numbers in '05-'06 are similar to those of the past curling season, Tuesday pm curling has a problem with numbers of curlers. This can be resolved with 5 man teams (which results in byes and less playing times) or playing early and later games (another unpopular option).

It was suggested that by the start of the next curling season (October 2005), proposed changes to the By Laws be in place for considered voting by the membership:

Shall the Ardwicks remain an autonomous group within the Ardsley Curling Club? Shall the composition of the Board be changed?

Also, reach decision as to dues:

Should we keep separate funds and how should they be raised? Should we continue to collect dues?

Also, explanation of our mission and what our dues are used for.

Note: Our Constitution states that "A Member in good standing shall be defined as one who has paid her dues....". Active Members are eligible to vote.

Jennifer Stannard agreed to arrange the first dinner in June, following a practice started last summer to encourage keeping in touch during the off season.

Bobbie Stoll asked for suggestions for a recipient of the Perfect Peony Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Marion Cowles Secretary Margaret, for your information only:

I just want to warn you that you've got a little bit of a personal hurdle to overcome on the board. You, unfortunately, have a reputation of signing up to curl, not showing and not getting a sub. The scuttlebutt among at least some members of the curling Board is that you probably won't even bother showing up for meetings. I'm sure that's not true but be aware that some Board members think you're not very reliable.

Re: Tuesday nights. In the past, there has been talk of the men taking over Tuesday icetime for their own overflow. Should we have 8 teams next year, and I hope we do, we may have to move to a staggered start (one game at 7, 2 at 8, 1 at 9) in order to make fuller use of the ice. Also, in the interest of fairness, people who are only curling on Tuesdays don't need a bunch of byes which they get if we stick to one time only.

You can reach me on my cell phone if you have any questions about any of this. I wish you luck tonight and in your Board tenure.

Trish

From:

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

To:

"Guiry Margaret" <starrsguiry@msn.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 27, 2005 9:04 PM

Subject:

Meeting

You really must be congratulated on a well run discussion (can't say meeting).

Since so many are unfamiliar with the purpose of Ardwicks, perhaps, along with the proxy you should send the current mission statement of Ardwicks as in the 2002 B & C or even a full copy of B & C. This vote is critical, so everyone must be well informed.

You might want to ask Marion to send you a draft of what she has written to see if the many items discussed are there. I know Marion has not known how to do WORD and email attachments but maybe that has changed. So many good ideas came out of the talk last night and there was a lot that the secretary needs to cover. If you want to easily send emails to all women curlers, please let me know if you need any help setting up a Microsoft New Distribution List of Ardwick contacts.

The sports committee sounds like a good idea but very important to have people who curl both times. Diane, Bobbie, Kris Liddle are in both leagues (Nancy knows everyone, also), . Last year's sharing of lead positions was awful, the night I showed up, Diane had me sharing with Lyn G. Lyn drives almost two hours from Pt. Jervis (for only 4 ends!) so I went home. Nancy was doing the same with Anne S.; so I think it is very important that skips of 5 people teams check availability and set up games so each team member plays equally (including the skips as the men do). I do agree with the people who say a rating sheet is needed but rating must be done by skips of both leagues to be fair (and the skips are also rated by each other). When skips pick the first pool is for vice's from those rated as vices with weakest skip picking first etc. (Jennifer or any man can explain it). Hopefully this would prevent people like Jane C. playing second unhappily for many years, except on the Thursday night.

Margaret, I am concerned about pin quality as we (Merle and I) had been asked to see if we could get better prices from Chrono matic (Men use C. as prompted 9 or 10 years ago by Chuck Owen). The company sent an example that they made which looked good, we put in an order and they were sent to Jean G. as she paid the bills. I did not realize that Merle had never seen them (Empire State pins) By then Mary L. was President. Would you like me and Merle to look into this and have Chronomatic redo and check the other pins we have had them make? Last years winner's pins were great, I have two. Or do you want to appoint someone else to do this as C. is a very reputable company and stands behind their work? They do all police, fire and many military medals.

**Pippa** 

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Sent:

Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:58 AM

Subject:

**Ardwicks** 

#### Margaret,

I noted in reading your minutes that it was stated that "the President of the Ardwicks sits on the Ardsley Curling Club Board." This is not correct. She may sit on the Board, but it is not automatic just as it is not automatic for the presidents of the NY Caledonians or St. Andrews.

I just wanted to clear up any misunderstanding. Before the last revision of the curling club by-laws there were automatic seats on the Board.

Pete

From: "Margaret Guiry" <StarrsGuiry@msn.com>

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Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2005 10:29 PM

Subject: Re: Ardwicks

#### Pete

Thank you for the input and your picking up on the statement in the minutes. I will definitely make sure, it is understood that it is a courtesy representation not an automatic position for the president of the Ardwicks, the NY Caledonians and St Andrews, to be on the Ardsley Curling Club Board. Perhaps, we can inform all members of the Ardsley Curling Club of the By-Laws. I must admit I have never received a copy of them. I realize that this is a perfect example of everyone not being updated on the By-Laws and that so much controversy starts from ignorance. Some of the issues I have been challenged with are truly an example of missinformation and presented by many as a personal venue as to how they would like the club to run.. I am a team player and really do want to have a positive contribution to a great Curling Club. Look forward to seeing you on Friday at the dinner...and hopefully will be able to say I am still President of the Ardwicks.

Margaret

--- Original Message ---From: Curlingpete@aol.com
To: StarrsGuiry@msn.com

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:58 AM

Subject: Ardwicks

Margaret,

I noted in reading your minutes that it was stated that "the President of the Ardwicks sits on the Ardsley Curling Club Board." This is not correct. She may sit on the Board, but it is not automatic just as it is not automatic for the presidents of the NY Caledonians or St. Andrews.

I just wanted to clear up any misunderstanding. Before the last revision of the curling club by-laws there were automatic seats on the Board.

Pete

From:

"Liz Hill" <ehill@robertehill.com>

To: Sent: "'Ardsley Curling"' <curlingpete@aol.com> Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:54 AM

Subject:

RE: To Ardsley Women

Hi Margaret,

I don't know if my opinions count, since at the moment I am only an associate member, but I have always wondered why the women had a special name. If the men are simply the men from Ardsley, it seems that the women should be the women of Ardsley. However, I do not know all the history behind the name so may be missing something. At any rate, those are my thoughts. Hope all is well with you and the rest and hope that SOMETIME I'll actually have time to get back on the ice again! Take Care, Liz Hill

----Original Message----

From: Ardsley Curling [mailto:curlingpete@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:40 AM

To: Liz Kende

Subject: To Ardsley Women

To: Ardwick members and all interested women curlers

From: Margaret Guiry, Ardwick president

Re: A

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<Ruth.Loomis@chase.com> <starrsguiry@msn.com> Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:57 AM From: To:

Sent:

Subject: The Pins

I want some of the pins. I dont think they would go to waste (depending on how many), they could be collectors items. I traded my one pin away to another Plainsfield woman curler.

Thanks, **Ruth Loomis** 

From:

"Liz Hill" <ehill@robertehill.com>

To: Sent:

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"Ardsley Curling" <curlingpete@aol.com> Wednesday, May 04, 2005 11:08 AM

Subject:

RE: To Ardsley Women

Of course, I read the minutes (which included the history of the Ardwicks)AFTER responding to the email. While I agree that autonomy is important for the clubs that lost their facilities and came to Ardsley to curl, I also feel that the Ardsley women should be just that, the Ardsley women. What did the men do when Nutmeg and St. A joined us? Are they still three distinct clubs?

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From:

"Jean Spencer" <JSpencer@ldbs.com>

To:

<starrsguiry@msn.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:55 AM

Subject:

Proxy info

I cannot attend. This is how I vote:

Shall the Ardwicks remain an autonomous group within the Ardsley Curling Club? Yes.

Shall we eliminate dues for the '05-'06 season? Yes.

Shall we change the By Laws? No.

Shall we be known as Ardsley Women's Curling vs. Ardwicks? Either is OK with me.

I would only add that, if it is decided to eliminate the dues, I hope we will explicitly encourage voluntary donations to the women's curling Fund. I will make one for sure.

Thanks, Margaret, for your leadership!!

Jean

From:

<KVLiddle@aol.com>

To:

<Curlingpete@aol.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 04, 2005 4:59 PM Re: To Ardsley Women

Subject:

Margaret: I am not going to the closing dinner, so will not be at the meeting. I am infavor of keeping the Ardwicks name, and having a separate organization for women, just because there is success in numbers. Kris Liddle

From:

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"Margaret Guiry" <starrsguiry@msn.com> To: Friday, May 06, 2005 2:43 PM Sent: Re: To Ardsley Women Subject: Here is my proxy in case I miss the vote. 1> no. We should still pay dues for 05-06 2 No to changing the by laws 3 No. It doesn't matter, but I would probably keep the name Ardwicks ---- Original Message -----From: "Ardsley Curling" <curlingpete@aol.com> To: "Kevin Lockhart" < km4lockhart@optonline.net> Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:40 AM Subject: To Ardsley Women Ardwick members and all interested women curlers > To: > From: Margaret Guiry, Ardwick president > Re: Annual Meeting > Please come to the Rally Room at the Ardsley Country Club at 6 PM on May 6, prior to the closing dinner. We will be discussing the following: > > Shall the Ardwicks remain an autonomous group within the Ardsley Curling Club? > > Shall we eliminate dues for the '05-'06 season? > > Shall we change the By Laws? > > Shall we be known as Ardsley Women's Curling vs. Ardwicks? > > > If you cannot attend the meeting, your voice can still be heard if you send your thoughts on these questions to Margaret at starrsguiry@msn.com Your e-mail > > response will be your proxy for the meeting. > > > Attached is a copy of the minutes from the 4/26 meeting. Since then it has come up that if we change our name now, the pins we have on hand, which say "Ardwicks" "Ardwicks," would be wasted.

"KEVIN & MARY LOCKHART" < km4lockhart@optonline.net>

<Jcowensct@aol.com> From: To:

<Curlingpete@aol.com>

Wednesday, May 04, 2005 11:35 AM Sent:

Re: To Ardsley Women Subject:

Margaret - hopefully I will be there in time to attend your meeting - but in case- this is in response to your questionnaire.

Since the Westchester Wicks no longer exist - changing the name would be appropriate. It wouldn/t have to be Ardsley Women - maybe someone could be creative. Nutmeg raised money from purchasing and selling their own pins. That was one way. Also feel very strongly that autonomy is important. The women's groups get lost in being one group. The club also pays dues to the GNCC which then pays the USCA dues. Another voice on the Ardsley Board is always good. A sports committee is necessary - all the complaints can go there! Separate funds keep you independent - you don't have to ask the Ardsley Board for \$ when necessary.

I hope this helps - Joanna

From: <Keenanemjay@aol.com>
To: <starrsguiry@msn.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 3:34 PM

Subject: Re: To Ardsley Women

Inresponse to your e-mail. I would like to see Ardwicks stay as an autonomous group. If the name causes such a problem then we might consider changing it. I think we should change the by-laws to reflect the curling today. 1. eliminate the 2 vice-pres. and have 1 to assist the president. 2. reinstate the Sports Committee. 3. Have 2 league chairpersons to run the Tues. and Thurs. leagues. 4. Eliminate the dues for 05-06.

I always thought that the statement that "a member in good standing....." reflected the dues paid to the Ardsley Curling Club, not our \$20 dues.

Sorry I won't be at the meeting. Good luck! MJ

From: <Mccueburns@aol.com>
To: <starrsguiry@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2005 6:31 PM Subject: Hi. Not sure if I can make it

Hi Margaret! I am gathering from the last email that only dues paying people can vote on the changes, is that correct? I am voting for a continuation of dues, \$10.00 or \$20.00 whatever anyone wants! I vote for keeping the name Ardwicks or change it to the Westchester Wicks.

I paid my dues this year and I look forward to paying them next year. I usually send Jean Glus a Christmas card with a check.

Very truly yours, Patti Burns

From: <NADJAMcKAY@aol.com>
To: <Curlingpete@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 6:03 PM

Subject: Re: To Ardsley Women

In a message dated 05/04/2005 10:44:56 AM Eastern Daylight Time, curlingpete@aol.com writes:

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Autonomy - Yes

Dues - No, do not eliminate

By-Laws - In regard to what?

Remain as Ardwicks - Yes

Margaret, I apologize for requesting info last week, but I guess I was a week ahead of myself, I thought the meeting was last Friday.

Stay tough!

Nadja

From:

"Politano, Pamela" <pam.politano@aetn.com>

To:

<starrsguiry@msn.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 04, 2005 11:16 AM

Subject:

RE: To Ardsley Women

Hi Margaret,

Thanks for sending this as I was just getting back to town at the time of the last meeting.

I probably won't make it to the club before 6:45 on Friday but will try to attend the latter part of the meeting.

As to the questions below:

\*Yes, I agree that Ardwicks should be autonomous within the ACC.

\*Dues -- I've only curled for 2 seasons, but I've always been told that paying Ardwick dues is not essential. If costs for pins, annual meeting representation and event costs can be covered by other means, then dues should be eliminated. Has anyone analyzed the state of the treasury if dues are eliminated?

\*The by-laws should reflect any changes voted on at the annual meeting.

\*I like the name Ardwicks because it speaks to the history of ladies curling at Ardsley but I wouldn't have a problem if the name was changed. What is the cost of creating a new pin dye and how many Ardwick pins are currently on hand?

Looking forward to seeing you Friday evening,

Pam

----Original Message----

From: Ardsley Curling [mailto:curlingpete@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:41 AM

To: Pam Politano

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<davidfeldstein@optonline.net> From:

To:

<starrsguiry@msn.com> Wednesday, May 04, 2005 11:19 AM Sent:

Ardwick pins Subject:

hey I'm not a women but can't you keep using the Ardwick pins anyway?

DF

David Feldstein 45 Brace Terrace Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 212-262-4020 davidfeldstein@optonline.net



From: To: <br/><bobbie\_stoll@excite.com><br/><starrsguiry@msn.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 06, 2005 12:14 PM

Subject:

RE: To Ardsley Women

#### Margaret,

Gail Cosman and I are going to leave here at 5:00 to try to get to the meeting. If the traffic is reasonable I think we'll be on-time; if not, who knows.

In case we don't get there in time for voting, if these are the questions, and if this is a permissible format, here are my votes (I think/hope I paid my dues this year):

Shall the Ardwicks remain an autonomous group within the Ardsley Curling Club? yes

Shall we eliminate dues for the '05-'06 season? yes

Shall we change the By Laws? yes

Shall we be known as Ardsley Women's Curling vs. Ardwicks? Yes, Ardsley Women's Curling

See you tonight,

Bobbie

--- On Wed 05/04, Ardsley Curling < <u>curlingpete@aol.com</u> > wrote:

From: Ardsley Curling [mailto: curlingpete@aol.com]

To: bobbie stoll@excite.com

Date: Wed, 04 May 2005 10:41:05 -0400

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**AGENDA** 

- 1. MINUTES ARDWICKS April 26, 2005
- 2. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS SECRETARY – MARION COWLES TREASURER - JEAN GLUS
- 4. SHALL THE ARDWICKS REMAIN AN AUTONOMOUS GROUP WITHIN THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB? YES OR NO

SHALL WE KEEP THE ARDWICKS NAME? YES OR NO

SHALL WE ELIMINATE DUES? YES OR NO

SHALL WE CHANGE THE BY-LAWS? YES OR NO

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