

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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December 16, 2005

We're Back

Last year was not a good year and Duck Soup never got off the ground. This year, although we're a little late for good reasons with the first issue, this newsletter will be published once a month for the rest of the season if everyone will keep us up to date on what's happening. It would be fantastic if committee chairmen sent me their news and skips reported the results of their bonspieling – good or bad. My email address is rdh9e@aol.com.

Our 40th Anniversary Approaches

I refer to the anniversary of the present curling facility, not the Ardsley Curling Club which was established in December 1932. Ground was broken with appropriate ceremonies on June 11, 1966 and the first stone was laid by Barton Edison, a Charter Member of the Ardsley Curling Club, while Ad Hastings held the broom, on December 26, 1966. The formal dedication ceremonies took place on January 28, 1967 at which time three curling matches were played: Ardsley vs. Canadians; St. Andrews vs. Nutmeg; Caledonia vs. Mahopac. In those past 39 years two facilities have closed down (St. Andrews and Nutmeg) although the latter is currently building a new facility in Bridgeport, and one club, Mahopac, is no longer in existence.

Now here we are 39 years later beginning a new season with a new 15 year lease and a new roof with a 12 year guarantee (the old roof was the one put on when the building was constructed).

So, do we have a party next winter to celebrate our 40th or do we wait until 2016 and celebrate the 50th?

The Ice House Gang vs. The Good Old Boys

On December 2nd The Ice House Gang, that's the Ardsley senior curlers, played the first half of their traditional "home and home" tournament against the Good Old Boys, that's the Nutmeg senior curlers. In the early years of this senior competition each club hosted a game at its own club but since Nutmeg lost the use of its facility some years ago both games have been held at Ardsley. Hopefully, next season we can get back to the original format and play one of the matches at Nutmeg.

At this time Ardsley has won the competition 9 times and Nutmeg 7 times.

The score on December 2nd was The Ice House Gang 34 and the Good Old Boys 6. The three Ardsley rinks were skipped by **George Austin, Geoff Broadhurst** and **Isa Barghout**. Others curling with the Ice House Gang were **Norm Laird, George Cowles, Nick Andes, Burt Reminick, Vic Huebner, Don Torey, John Bourhill, Bunky Harmon, Tom McKelvey, Lee Heffner, and Pete Westrell**. Five Ardsley curlers filled the Nutmeg ranks to make up their three full teams. They were **Ted Pitt, Jesse Wang, Sal Marziale, Michael Infranco** and **Bill Langley**.

The 2nd half of the "home and home" will be held at Ardsley in March.

Turkey Trot

The weekend of November 25th saw our annual mixed Turkey Trot Bonspiel return to the scene. Eight teams competed this year. The 1st Event winners were **Isa Barghout**, skip, assisted by **Ed Andrews, Dan Tufaro** and **Steve Devaney**. The runners-up rink was skipped by **Jim O'Boyle** with **Pete McCuen, David Wagenheim** and **Brian Couch**.

The second event was won by **George Austin's** team of **Shoji Takiguchi, Ann MacMillan** and **Jean Spencer**. The runner-up rink was skipped by **Peter DeJong** with **Laurie Frees, David Schrull** and **Nick Andes**.

Joyance Meechai skipped the winning rink in the third event, assisted by **Mike Greene, Jay Melnick** and **Ruth Loomis**. The runners-up were **Trevor Davey**, skip, **Sue Bussy, Ralph Figueroa** and **Deirdre Sullivan**.

The Turkey Toss results were as follows:

1st event- Closest to the center emblem- **Bob Koulakjian**

2nd event- Closest to the button- **David Schrull**

3rd event- Longest Toss- Paul Huebner

Trish Ryan was the Chairperson of the event and was assisted by **David Feldstein, Jim O'Boyle, Laurie Frees, Mark and Sue Bussy. Gert Messing** provided the usual fine ice.

Curler's Christmas Party

On Sunday night, December 11th, approximately seventy Ardsley curlers met in the dining room of the Ardsley Country Club to celebrate the joys and friendships of the season. The food was great, the company magnificent and the entertainment, thanks to Jennifer Stannard and George Austin, was superb. What more can I say? If you missed it – too bad. Now you'll have to wait until next year.

Country Club Dining Room

Members of the Ardsley Curling Club, and that includes the NY Caledonian CC, St. Andrew's CC, and the Nutmeg CC are all welcome to use the dining facilities at the Ardsley Country Club during our curling season. Because of the Country Club's reduced operating schedule during the winter months it is always wise to call for reservations and to check out the dress code. The club is usually closed for the month of February for maintenance and vacations. The number at the club is 914-591-8150.

Limericks Anyone?

A year or two ago Duck Soup ran a contest in an effort to find out if any of our members had the talent to compose a limerick on any subject of their choosing, but preferably on curling, that would be suitable for printing. I can't say that we were overwhelmed by the quantity but the quality was pretty good. If anyone wants to enter a limerick please send it to Bob Hill, 2106 Kendal Way, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591 or r9h9e@aol.com. A bottle of Scotch will be awarded to the winner at the Pull The Plug party.

Youth Curling

Pete Westrell has been busy activating the quad village high schools into a curling program. At the present time the Ardsley, Irvington, Dobbs Ferry and Hastings high schools have signed on. Ardsley has already had two groups on our ice learning the skill and strategy involved. Hastings is scheduled for a January 11th session and times are being worked out for Irvington and Dobbs Ferry. **Pete** hopes to have the four schools meet in some form of competition before the season is over with the winning school getting their name on the trophy.

Pete is also working with the Yorktown Special Olympics on a curling program. Two weeks ago a group of 8 children visited Ardsley. Today, December 16th, another group is scheduled to visit with more to come on December 23rd. There are plans for a 7 course session in February and March.

Norm Laird, Pete McCuen and Kay Sugahara are involved with **Pete** in these programs.

Programs such as these are among the reasons that the Ardsley Curling Club received a 501 C 3 designation from the IRS. They certainly deserve the support of all of our members.

Coming Events

1/1/06 **Bloodys and Brooms.** All members and associate members are invited to join us on New Year's Day. We'll have brunch, bloody marys, curling and good cheer. The plan is to start at noon. So far only six people have signed up We need another 10 to fill two sheets. Use the sign up sheet in the warm room or email davidfeldstein@optonline.net

1/14-1/15 Archie Bruce Friendly will be played at Ardsley this year. Pam Siebert is the Chairman. The Cape Cod Curling Club will send down three or more teams of mixed curlers to play against the Ardsley teams. There will be one draw on Saturday afternoon followed by cocktails and dinner at the Siebert's. There will be a second draw on Sunday morning following a brunch at the club. Pam hopes that Ardsley will put together 6 teams, three of whom would play Saturday and the other three Sunday.

- 1/14 New Curler Training
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- 1/22 Canadian Club of New York Open House
- 1/27-1/29 GNCC Mixed Championship. Tim Klein, Chairman
- 2/5 Cool Duck. This is an in house mixed bonspiel for all curlers with less than five years experience. It is a one day event which will take place in the morning and afternoon sending everyone home in plenty of time for the Super bowl pre-game shows. There will be a sign up sheet in the war room. Curlers should sign up as individuals and the committee will make up the teams. **Nancy Clancy** is running the Cool Duck.
- 2/23-2/26 McKay-Douglas International Bonspiel. Geoff Broadhurst, Chairman
- 3/31-4/2 Headless Horseman/Pull the Plug. Jim O'Boyle, Chairman

Who's Who at Ardsley?

If you have ever wondered who deserves the credit for keeping our volunteer operation up and running so well, perhaps the following will be of interest to you.

President	Pete McCuen
Vice President	Alice Yeh
Secretary	Mark Bussy
Treasurer	George Cowles
Board Members	<u>Class of 2006</u> Steve Smith, Jeff Lesuk, George Austin, Mark Bussy, David Feldstein
	<u>Class of 2007</u> Alice Yeh, George Cowles, Gert Messing, Pippa Broadhurst, Pete McCune, Peter DeJong
	<u>Class of 2008</u> Bill Borowitz, Margaret Guiry, Vic Huebner, Peter Westrell

Committee Chairpersons

Vic Huebner	Club stores and supplies
Walter Baggett	GNCC Representative
Geoff Broadhurst	House Committee Chairman
Gert Messing	Ice Committee Chairman
Pauline Davies	Ladies Thurs. Curling Chairwoman.
Trish Ryan/Katy Clough	Ladies Tuesday Night Chairwomen
Jeff Lesuk	Men's Curling Chairman
Ray & Bev Bejnart	Open Thurs. Night Curling
Margaret Guiry	Ardwicks President
Bunkie Harmon	Senior Men's Curling
Bob Hill	Duck Soup
George Austin/Mike Murphy	Monday Night Curling
Jeff Paul	Youth Curling Chairman
Peter Westrell	Outside Youth Groups
David Feldstein	Bonspiel Coordinator
Geoff Broadhurst	Douglas International Bonspiel
Peter Murphy	Douglas Journal
Peter DeJong	Friday Mixed Curling Chairman
George Bagley	Nutmeg President
George Austin	N.Y. Cal. President
Bob Welch	St. Andrew's President
Peter McCuen	Website
Sue Bussy	Membership Committee Co-Chair
Mark Bussy	Membership Committee Co-Chair
Peter Dejong	Medals and Trophies
Jennifer Stannard	USWCA Representative
Merle Huebner	Duck Gear
Sue Bussy	Advertising and Publicity

The Bonspiel Trail

Nancy Clancy, Ed Andrews, Gail Cosman and John Dorff were finalists in the Second event at Baie d'Urfe near Montreal. **Nancy** was the only woman skip in the 'spiel. She also traveled to the Potomac Curling Club on October 20th for their Inaugural Bonspiel where she joined three PCC members on a rink that won the second event..

Founders Bonspiel at Plainfield CC> **Jim O'Boyle, Trish Ryan, David Schrull** and **Laurie Frees** played in this bonspiel on November 10th. They enjoyed Plainfield's hospitality greatly.

Mid-Atlantic Women's Bonspiel. The second event winner in this Philadelphia CC bonspiel held on October 14, 2005 was a Nutmeg team skipped by **Donna Purkey** with **Jennifer Stannard, Bobbie Stoll** and **Gail Cosman**.

The Inaugural Bonspiel. Twenty-four teams entered this bonspiel at the Potomac CC the weekend of October 20, 2005. An event named the "Hanging Chad Event" (somewhere south of the 5th event) was won by some friends of ours from Nutmeg. Although they may wish to be anonymous Duck Soup is compelled to let everyone know about their exploits. Skip **Hal Purkey** was assisted by **Jennifer Stannard, Cleve Cleveland** and **Donna Purkey**.

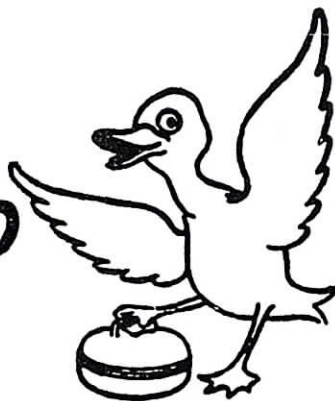
Nutmeg Sundays

The Nutmeg Sunday group is still looking for Ardsley members to curl either full time or on a substitute basis. There would not be any additional charges for Ardsley members. The group curls at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 18th, February 12th and 19th and March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Jim Meinhold at jimmeinhold@ooptonline.net if interested.

Next Issue of Duck Soup

The next issue of Duck Soup will go to press about the middle of January. It would be a big help if all curling chairmen or chairwomen would send me the up to date standings in their leagues. I would also appreciate it if skips would either send me in the results of their bonspiel efforts or assign the task to some one on the rink. My email address is rdh9e@aol.com and my regular mail address is 2106 Kendal Way, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591. The telephone number is 914-922-1220. Thanks, Bob Hill

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Archie Bruce Friendly

The annual Archie Bruce Friendly with the Cape Cod Curling Club returned to Ardsley this year and was played over the weekend of January 14th and 15th. It was a close and exciting match with Ardsley one up at the end of Saturday's matches. On Sunday morning Cape Cod returned and tied the score. Cape Cod won the tie breaker with skips rocks and so they had the pleasure of carrying the trophy up the hill.

The team on the winning side with the biggest differential in score was awarded pins. This year they went to Frank Sylvia's Cape Cod rink.

Ardsley entered 6 teams – three for Saturday and another three for Sunday. Cape Cod played with just three teams.

Pam Siebert chaired the event and was assisted by **Trish Ryan, David Feldstein** and **Gail Cosman**.

Thanks to **Pam** and **Ed Siebert** for contributing the use of their home, the hors d'oeuvres and beverages for the Saturday night dinner.

Boospiel 2005

The weekend of October 19/23 ten teams participated in the annual Boospiel chaired by **Sandy Berkowitz Gaffner** with the help of **Trish Ryan, Sue Bussy, Dave Feldstein, Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring** and **Bobbi Stoll**.

The *Vampires*, skipped by **Bill Stopera** with **Trish Ryan, Marc Adelson** and **Dave Schrull** won the first event by sucking the life force out of **Jeff Lesuk's Applebobbers** composed of **Sandy Gaffner, Dave Kilsheimer** and **Ken Muir**.

In the second event **Adam Chebetar's Smashing Pumpkins** with **Rob Chebetar, Dave Feldstein** and **Vi Feldstein** over came the *Gory Goblins* skipped by **Geoff Broadhurst** with **Ed Andrews, Ray Bejnart** and **Bev Bejnart**.

The *Warlocks'* **Gert Messing, Shoji Takaguchi, Tim Klein** and **Ralph Figueroa** brewed up a win against the *Sweet Treats'* **Alice Yeh, Mark Bussy, TC Yeh** and **Jean Spencer** in the third event.

And in the 4th event the *Belfry Bats*, **Scott Silverman, Mike Greene, Patti Burns** and **Ruth Greene**, beat the *Black Cats* skipped by **Robin Gestring** with **Bill Pekowitz, Laurie Frees** and **Heather Morrison**.

Time To Speed Things Up by Pete McCune

If you're a Monday or Wednesday night curler, here's a question for you. How many eight end games have you curled this season? The answer is "not many." Because of the two draw format on these nights, a two hour time limit has been imposed on each draw. The result is that almost no eight end games are completed in two hours.

This is not fair to anyone who signed up expecting to play eight end games. Strategically, you're never sure how many more ends you'll be curling when you're in the fifth or sixth end. And, not that anyone at Ardsley would do it, but we have heard tales where in similar situations at other clubs, teams have deliberately slowed down, if it's to their advantage, so an eighth end wouldn't be played.

A discussion at a recent Board of Directors meeting focused on this situation, with everyone agreeing that the goal is to play eight end games. Some suggestions were made which would help achieve this goal and the Board would welcome hearing from the membership with additional suggestions. Most of the suggestions are fairly simple actions that, if implemented, would help. First, let's start the games on time. This is the skip's responsibility and is particularly relevant to the 7 o'clock draws. Let's get the teams on the ice at five minutes to seven and start on time. This is not happening.

Also let's get curlers in the hack so that they are ready to throw as soon as the preceding shot has been completed. And let's not spend two or three minutes making sure the stones are in perfect numerical order before each end. We are all numerically advanced enough to be able to find our stones quickly even if they're in random order.

Finally, it's primarily the skip's responsibility to move the game along. Yet, there are some skips who are major game slowers, taking forever to decide upon even the most obvious shots before taking their leisurely stroll down the ice to deliver their stone. This not only slows the game down, but is also not a heck of a lot of fun for the other players on both teams just standing around.

The optimum solution would be a chess clock procedure whereby each team gets an hour of playing time. This, unfortunately, seems impractical. The real solution is getting cooperation from all participants. How about it?

High School Program.

Pete Westrell's High School program is rolling right along. He plans to have the four quad village high schools compete for a trophy in March.. To that end each school has come to the Ardsley Curling Club for an orientation similar to the open house that Mark and Sue Bussy coordinate. Thus far this year Ardsley High School had two groups on the ice in December, Irvington High School had two groups on January 10th, Hastings High School had two groups on January 11th and Dobbs Ferry will come on January 18th..

Pete hopes that each of the schools will be able to put together a team composed of 6 males and six females to compete in the tournament which will begin in February..

To maintain interest **Pete** has scheduled open ice for any student who is interested on Mondays from 4:00 PM to 6:00PM. They can come to practice or play a game. Last week, the 1st week, 8 students showed up, seven from Dobbs Ferry and one from Hastings.

In addition to the High School groups, the Girl Scouts are also getting involved. On Wednesday, January 11th about 20 girl scouts from Pleasantville visited Ardsley and curled. They plan a second visit in March..

Pete Westrell organized this program and supervises it. He could not function however without the assistance of a large group of volunteers including **Geoff Broadhurst, Pippa Broadhurst, Nancy Clancy, Trevor Davey, Vic Huebner, Mary Jean Keenan, Norm Laird, Sal Marziale, Pete McCuen, Jim Meinhold, Chuck Owens, Ann Schneider and Bobbi Stoll.**

Country Club Dining Room

The Ardsley Country Club will be closed for its annual vacation period from January 29th to March 2nd.

Limericks, Anyone?

Cleve Cleveland was the only one to respond to the limerick contest announced in the previous issue of Duck Soup. His submission:

I once had a dear friend named Sutton,
Who dined on whiskey and mutton.
When thinking of spieling
He had a good feeling
That his last rock would land on the button!

Surely there must be others out there capable of challenging this lone entry for the bottle of scotch to be awarded to the winner. Let me hear from you. Send your entry to rdh9e@aol.com or mail it to Bob Hill, 2106 Kendal Way, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

League Competitions

Thorndike

The team standings in the Monday night competition at the end of the 1st half are as follows:

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Record</u>
Messing	9-2
Austin, G.	9-2
Stopera	8-3

Muldowney	6-5
Silverman	6-5
Davey	5-6
Barghout	4-7
Greene	4-7
O'Neill	4-7
Siebert	3-8
Clancy	0-11

Blanton

The final standings in the Blanton are as follows. Where the teams were tied the final standings were determined by the head to head round robin competition. There were no playoffs required. The top four skips will advance to skip in the Wells competition.

	<u>Rink</u>	<u>Record</u>
1.	Peter Murphy	7-3
2.	Vic Huebner	7-3
3.	Brian O'Neill	7-3
4.	Mark Bussy	6-4
5.	Bill Borowitz	5-5
6.	Tom Doherty	5-5
7.	Ed Siebert	5-5
8.	Steve Hess	4-6
9.	Isa Barghout	4-6
10.	Jerry McCarty	3-7
11.	Jin Kindler	2-8

The members of **Peter Murphy's** winning team were **Peter Austin, Bunkie Harmon, and Ed Andrews**. **Vic Huebner's** 2nd place team consisted of **Adam Chebetar, Walter Baggett, Anton Silkowski and Greg Glashan**. **Jim Kindler's** last place team won the Furlined Trophy. Receiving this award with **Jim** will be **Shoji Takiguchi, Peter McCuen, Anthony Huebner and TC Yeh**.

In addition to the top four skips above, the other skips in the Wells will be **George Austin, Peter Austin, Walter Baggett, Geoff Broadhurst, Adam Chebetar, Trevor Davey, Jeff Lesuk and Bill Stopera**.

The Lady Liberty

The final results of the Thursday morning ladies group are as follows:

	<u>Rink</u>	<u>Record</u>
	Lockhart	4-2
	Muldowney	3-3
	Noble	3-3
	Stoll	2-4

Mary Lockhart's winning rink was composed of **Pippa Broadhurst, Pauline Davies and Polly Draeseke.** **Diane Muldowney's** runner-up rink had **Mary Jean Keenan, Mitzie Wang and Sue Tattar.**

The Thursday morning ladies are now in the midst of the Junior Skips Tournament which will last a total of 6 weeks. The current standings are:

Wang	2-0
Shortridge-Baggett	2-0
Liddle	0-2
Cowles	0-2

Pauline Davies, Co-coordinator of the Thursday morning ladies group, says that they are always looking for more ladies to curl with them and enjoy lunch at the Country Club afterwards.

New TV Monitors at the Curling Club.

By the time you receive this issue of Duck Soup you will have probably noticed the new monitors above the plate glass. These were provided to the club through the generosity of **Kay Sugahara and Jim Gutekunst.** **David Feldstein and Geoff Broadhurst** spent several days shopping for the right material and then **David Feldstein, David Schrull, David Wagenheim, Adam Chebetar and Rob Chebetar** mounted all the components.

There are two new 20" monitors for each sheet showing both houses. There are six cameras out on the ice, one above each house. There are also two 32" monitors mounted above the plate glass, one between sheets A and B and one between sheets B and C. These are connected to the large screen TV in the corner of the warm room and can be used to watch satellite programs, DVD and tape programs. **Welcome to the 21st Century.**

The Bonspiel Trail

Norfolk Calder Men's Bonspiel. December 2nd -4th **Walter Baggett** skipped a rink consisting of Paul Mort, **Tim Klein** and George Zanagnin in this bonspiel and was the runner-up in the 3rd event.

Jeff Lesuk with John DeJong, **Mark Bussy** and **Jim McGinnis** won the 4th event, known as the Beer Bash.

The Carosella Bonspiel. November 3rd-6th. Schenectady Curling Club.. **Donna Purkey** skipped a rink representing the USWCA East (for new members that's the United States Women's Curling Association) in this bonspiel. **Jennifer Stannard** played lead. They were runners-up in the second event.

Glaomin' Gaels Bonspiel. Chicago Curling Club. January 7th-8th. **Donna Purkey** skipped a rink of **Jennifer Stannard, Bobbie Stoll and Gail Cosman** in this Chicago Women's

bonspiel. They started off 2006 as finalists in the 4th event of the bonspiel. Unfortunately they finished as runners-up.

Big Pumpkin Bonspiel. Rochester Curling Club. October. **Joyance Meechai** skipped a rink with **John Noble, Michael Greene** and **Tim Klein**. They lost in the semi-finals of the second event.

Crcked Bell Bonspiel.. Philadelphia Curling Club. The rink, skipped by **Michael Greene**, ended up as finalists in the consolation event. The rest of the team was **Tim Klein, David Wagenheim** and Mike Beaudrias (a former Ardsley curler) and Ivan Duke, both from Philadelphia.

Coming Events

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| January 22 nd | Canadian Club of New York Open House |
| January 27 th -29 th | GNCC Mixed Championship. Tim Klein Chairman |
| February 5 th | Cool Duck. This is an in house mixed bonspiel for all curlers with less than five years experience
It is a one day event which takes place in the morning and afternoon sending everyone home in time for the Super Bowl pre-game shows.
There will be a sign up sheet in the warm room.
Curlers should sign up as individuals and the committee will make up the teams. Nancy Clancy is the chairman of the event. |
| February 23 rd -26 th | The 70th Annual McKay Douglas International Bonspiel. This is a men's 'spiel with 6 medal events. Each team is guaranteed 4 games.. It is limited to 24 teams and is sponsored by the Ardsley, NY Caledonian and St. Andrew's Curling Clubs. Geoff Broadhurst is the Chairman. |
| March 31 / April 2 | Headless Horseman and Pull the Plug. Jim O'Boyle is the Chairman |

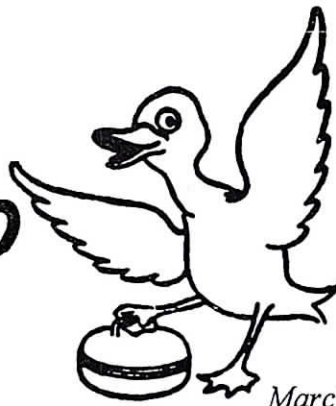
When the Power Fails

Did you ever wonder what happens when the power fails in the middle of the night, or the compressor just decides to quit even when there is power, and there is no one present at the curling club?

Well, there is a telephone in the basement that is connected to the home phones of four members – **Isa Barghout, Geoff Broadhurst, John Dorff** and **Jeff Paul**. When there is a failure the phone automatically rings in those four homes with a message that loudly says “This is the Ardsley Curling Club. You have a Power Failure”. The four quickly confer and one or two of them goes down to the club to see if they can get the compressor back on line again. **Isa** and **John** did heavy duty last month.

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Issue #3 2005/2006

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70th McKay Douglas International Bonspiel

Beginning on Thursday, February 23rd, 23 teams assembled for the first draw of the bonspiel which would continue until mid-afternoon on Sunday, February 26th. During the intervening days and hours 133 games were played, three breakfasts, three lunches and two dinners were served, an unknown number of kegs of beer were emptied and scores of families, friends and competitors enjoyed watching those on the ice. It all began to wind down on Sunday morning when the finalists of the 1st, 2nd and 4th events took to the ice at 10:15 AM.

The first event, the McKay-Douglas, saw Ardsley #3 curling against the New York Caledonian Curling Club. It was a close match from beginning to end but **Grant Zolkavich's** Ardsley rink consisting of **Gert Messing, Mike Murphy and John Smart** emerged victorious over **George Austin's** Caledonians, **Danny Steski, Dennis Mellerup and Peter Austin**.

In the 2nd event, the New York Caledonian Medal, the international flavor became evident as the Royal Caledonian Navy rink from Ottawa took on the Scottish Musketeers from, where else, Scotland. This was a very close match ending up in a tie after 10 ends. The RCN rink prevailed in the 11th end and won the 1st place medal with the runner-up medal going to the Scots.

The 4th event, the Williamson, saw **Paul Mort's** (as a former Ardsley curler his name still gets highlighted) Cape Cod rink playing **Jim Meinhold's** Nutmeg #3 team of **Ed Tucker, Walter Baggett and Mark Bussy**. Nutmeg prevailed and took home the gold while Cape Cod was awarded the silver medal.

That afternoon at 1:00 PM, after the finalists in all six events were piped onto the ice, the finals in the third, fifth and sixth events were played. The 3rd event, the Ardsley Medal, saw **Jeff Lesuk's** Ardsley #5 rink take on Brian Moore's Utica CC team. This was another cliffhanger going to 11 ends before the home team finally broke through to win. Curling with Jeff were **Steve Silverman, Brian O'Neill and Bill Pekowitz**.

The Mahopac Medal, awarded to the winners of the 5th event, was won by Plainfield CC #1 skipped by **George Shirk**. Other members of that team were **Link Heffner, Ward Doonan, Andy Steadman** and Adam Henderson. **George, Link, Ward and Andy** are all the sons of former, and in Link's case, present Ardsley curlers. The runners-up in this event were the Schenectady CC..

Austin Cline's Albany Curling Club played **Keefe Davis's** Nutmeg #1 team for the St. Andrew's Medal, awarded to the winner of the 6th event. Nutmeg was the winner. **Ryan Davis, Carl Peterson and Jim Campion** played on the Nutmeg rink.

Geoff Broadhurst was the chairman of the bonspiel this year and was assisted by a large number of Ardsley curlers. Listed here are many of the various committee leaders and their functions. Many others assisted these leaders this year as in years past but are so numerous that their names can not be included.

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| Journal Advertising | - Pam Siebert |
| Journal Printing | - Pete Murphy |
| Food/Meals/hor's d'ouvres | - Pippa Broadhurst, Alice Yeh and Scott Silverman, Merle and Vic Huebner, Carol and Jim Gutekunst, Sue and Mark Bussy, Rosemary and Jim Kindler, Pam Siebert, Isa and Suad Barghout, Mike Infranco, Kathy and George Austin. |
| Ice Preparation/Maintenance | - Gert Messing, Bill Borowitz, et al. |
| Draw | - Steve Smith |
| Treasurers | - Bunky Harmon and Bruce Huffine |
| Raffle | - Lillie Baggett and Merle Huebner |
| Medals | - Sandy Berkowitz |
| Posting Scores | - Chuck Owens and Bob Hill |
| Team Signs | - Paul Huebner and Rich Andrechak |

New Board Members

Sandy Berkowitz-Gaffner and **Tim Klein** have replaced **Margaret Guiry** and **Peter DeJong** both of whom have resigned from the club.

The Cool Duck

On February 4th and 5th the second annual Cool Duck bonspiel was entered by nine teams made up of members with 5 years or less curling experience. The winners of the first event were **Rob Chebetar, skip, Sandy Gaffner, Dan Tufaro, and Marylou Banino**. **Rob** had to miss part of the final game to go to a meeting to become an Eagle Scout. Runners-up in the event were **David Schrull, Burt Reminick, Michael Infranco, and Hsiao-lien Boardman**. In the second event **David Feldstein** skipped a rink of **Gail Cosman, , Ken Muir, and Vi Taylor** to victory over **Tim Klein's** team of **Beverly Baynard, Ruth Loomis and John Dorff** for one game and **Nick Andes** for two games. The third event winners were **Bobbie Stoll, Heather Morrison, Betsy O'Brien and Joe Patriarca**. The runners-up were **Ray Bejart, Scott Gaffner, Peter Westrell and Dee Sullivan**.

Nancy Clancy and **John Dorff**, who co-chaired the event, said "all in all, it was a great example of the true spirit of curling. Everyone was competitive, congenial and considerate of their teammates and opponents". **Trish Ryan** was very helpful in running the event

Finally, Another Limerick

Nick Andes has responded to our pleas for more limericks with this submission:

A curler names Cockeyed McFee
 Took aim at the broom on Sheet B
 But our myopic wonder
 Committed a blunder
 And took out two sweepers on C

Time is running out. If you wish to compete for the bottle of Scotch to be awarded to the person submitting the best limerick get your entry in now! One of our members, a past president who shall be nameless, specifically asked for this contest and has not been heard from. Send it to Bob Hill at rdh9e@aol.com or to Bob Hill at 2106 Kendal Way, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591.

The Bonspiel Trail

It is sometimes difficult to find news about teams that have been away on bonspiels. Until two or three days ago I had very little to report. Then, all of a sudden, I heard from members who have been on the circuit which enables Duck Soup to report the following news. We are now in the final month of the season for most clubs but there are still some bonspiels to go. If anyone attends any of the remaining 'spiels please let me know the results.

Quebec International Bonspiel. In late January **Jerry McCarty, Jim Gutekunst, Steve Smith and Bruce Huffine** along with Don Garside from Burlington, Ontario and John Wilson from Broomstones CC competed with 49 other teams in the 93rd Quebec International Bonspiel in Quebec City. After a slow start, probably attributed to the teams attendance at various parties, they managed to get on pace and finish as runner-up in the D event.

With unseasonably mild weather, the boys traveled to the three curling clubs while relaxing between games at "Bonspiel Center" at the luxurious Frontenac Hotel.

Jim Gutekunst was honored this year by being selected as the 2008 Bonspiel President. Plans are already in the works to make **Jim's** Presidency a memorable one.

Anyone interested in attending this bonspiel in the future should contact the above club members who can provide details.

Kayser Bonspiel. Held February 23rd-26th at Schenectady CC. A mixed bonspiel for those with not more than five year's curling experience. **David Feldstein** skipped a rink consisting of **Gail Cosman, Ken Muir and Vi Taylor**. They had a record of three wins and two losses and were knocked out in the semi finals of the 3rd event.

Rob Chebetar also took a rink to the Kayser. Curling with **Rob** were **Sandy Berkowitz, Dan Tufaro and MaryLou Banino**. They won the 4th event which incidentally is named after our own Addison Hastings, a former member of the Ardsley Curling Club. They accomplished this event by beating a Potomac team in 7 ends by a score of 7-2

Dykes Bonspiel. Held February 9th-12th at the Potomac CC. This is a men's bonspiel for those with not more than five year's curling experience. A rink skipped by **Rob Chebetar** with **David Feldstein**, **Paul Huebner** and **John Dorff** participated and had a great time.

The Stockton Bonspiel. Held February 9th -12th at The Country Club **Geoff Broadhurst**, **Vic Huebner**, **Isa Barghout** and **Jim Kindler** report that they won their first game and then had a good time the rest of the weekend.

Marie Cobb Bonspiel. Held February 16th-19th at the Utica CC. **Mark and Sue Bussy** curled in this bonspiel with Bob Graham and Sue Lindsay both of the Plainfield CC. **Jeff Lesuk** and **Robin Gestring**, with two Utica substitutes, went 2-2 before being eliminated in the semi finals of the second event.

Empire State Bonspiel. Utica CC on January 19th-22nd. The Dancing Nancys (**Nancy Clancy**, Nancy Sage from Baie d'Urfe, Nancy Wurth from Schenectady and Ann LaFontaine from Baie D'Urfe) traveled to Utica to defend their title in the 52nd Empire State Bonspiel (the three Nancys were on the team that won the 1st event last year). They went 4-1 and won the 3rd event.

USWCA National Bonspiel. Held February 9th-12th at the Rochester CC. The team of **Nancy Clancy**, **Joyance Meechai**, **Pauline Davies** and **Sandy Gaffner** went to the USWCA National Bonspiel. The ladies did not enjoy curling success but did enjoy everything else.

USCA Senior Men's. Held at Portage, Wisconsin February 16th-19th. **Charlie Mack** skipped a Nutmeg rink of **Chuck Owens**, **Dick Montgomery** and **Bruce Huffine**. Their record was 1-4.

Norfolk Mixed. February 9th-12th. The first event finals for the Childs Cup saw two N.Y. Caledonian rinks participating in a battle. Eking out a tough win was the **Jeff Lesuk** team with **Robin Gestring** at vice and two Plainfield curlers, Bob Graham and Sue Lindsey at the front end. **Trevor Davey** was the skip of the other rink with **Kitty Davey** at vice and two Norfolk curlers, Bill Grauly and Fran Keeping at the front end. The third event was won by an Ardsley rink skipped by **Walter Baggett** with **Lilly Baggett** at vice and two Norfolk curlers playing second and lead.

Curling On Your Computer

If you can't make it down to the club some day but want to get a little practice, try logging on to <http://www.mousebreaker.com/games/virtualcurling/play.php>. This information is courtesy of **Michelle Schleibaum**.

Curling Definitions

Nick Andes, having a curious mind, wondered about the origin of certain terms commonly used in the sport of curling. He did a little digging and came up with the following information:

The Hack

In the 13th century, the English word "hack" came into being as a noun that referred to a tool used for cutting, chopping, or breaking, such as a pickax or hoe. In time the mark, wound, or indentation made by such tools was itself referred to as a hack. A curling hack was originally a gash that was cut into the ice creating a hollow made to support the foot and facilitate push-off and delivery of the stone.

Hog Line

It is thought that the word hog as used in 14th century Britain referred to the age or condition of a swine or sheep, possibly one that had been castrated. In 18th century Scotland, a curling stone that did not travel beyond the distance line came to be called a hog. The usage may have come about because the stone did not have enough essential vigor to travel the required distance. The distance-line came to be called the hog-score line, and today is called simply the hog line.

"The reference source for the above etymologies was the Oxford English Dictionary, and all errors and assumptions in the above analysis are mine" **Nick Andes**.

GNCC Mixed Championship

The GNCC Mixed Championship was held at the Ardsley Curling Club the weekend of January 26th-29th. The Championship was won by the Edie rink from the Potomac CC. With 2-3 records a Plainfield CC team and the **Jeff Lesuk** rink from Ardsley were tied for 3rd. **Robin Gestring**, **Peter Austin** and Laura Jacon from Utica curled with **Jeff**. The Plainfield team included two Ardsley curlers, **Dennis Mellerup** and **Nina Reiniger**.

Another Ardsley rink skipped by **George Austin** went 1-3 with **Ann Wiggins**, **Bill Stopera** and **Nancy Clancy**.

Country Club Dining Room

The Dining Room and the Grill Room at the Ardsley Country Club have reopened after being closed for the month of February. Members of the curling club have dining privileges during the curling season. It is advisable to call for reservations and to check the dress code which varies with the day of the week and the dining facility. The telephone number is 591-8150.

Open House

Approximately 250 people showed up for the Open House on Sunday, March 5th. During the Olympics we received about 18,000 hits on our web site.

Junior Curling

Special Olympics

About 10-12 Special Olympians come to the ice on Friday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30. Many of them are part of the pilot program that started in December. The goal is to engage them in a new sport. Because each curler comes with different skills we have all levels of play.

The director, Donna Asher, has indicated that she is so pleased with the progress of the kids that she is going to write a grant to fund the program next year. She wants to get some equipment as well as to pay for the ice time.

They will be coming back to the ice on March 17th and 24th and hopefully for a special program on the 31st.

The following people have been "off the charts" with their willingness to help with this program. **Norm Laird, Pete McCuen, Allison Bankes and Patti Burns.**

High School Tournament

On a recent Monday the Hastings High School played the Dobbs Ferry High School with the win going to Hastings 15-9. This is the second win for Hastings. The kids curled very well and there was a large group of parents that came to watch. The final results in order 1 through 4 are: Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley and Irvington. In the playdowns each school fields three teams with six boys and six girls. The schools assign the curlers to teams as they see fit.

The feed back from the schools was very positive and all are looking forward to next year. There is a strong possibility that we will expand the league to eight teams next year. **Pete Westrell** hopes to get Horace Mann, Hackley, Masters and one other private school involved (either Riverdale or Fieldston)\

The following members have all helped out with this program: **Norm Laird, Trevor Davey, Bobbi Stoll, Vic Huebner, Pete McCuen, Pippa Broadhurst, Jim Meinhold, Sam Marziale, Mary Jean Keenan and Kay Sugahara.**

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts have also been busy on the ice this year. One group is from Bronxville, another from Pleasantville with several others from different areas and schools.

Pete Westrell

A strong vote of appreciation is due **Pete** who not only developed these junior programs but has kept them going for the past two seasons and hopefully for many more.

**HEADLESS HORSEMAN
PULL THE PLUG
BONSPIEL WEEKEND**

Friday March 31, 2006 - Sunday April 2, 2006

YOU THOUGHT THE WINTER OLYMPICS WERE OVER??

THINK AGAIN!!!

**CURL AT THE ARDSLEY WINTER OLYMPICS
ARDSLEY 2006**

Previous Venues

Chamonix 1924
St. Moritz 1928
Lake Placid 1932
Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936
St. Moritz 1948
Oslo 1952

Cortina d'Ampezzo 1956
Squaw Valley 1960
Innsbruck 1964
Grenoble 1968
Sapporo 1972
Innsbruck 1976
Lake Placid 1980

Sarajevo 1984
Calgary 1988
Albertville 1992
Lillehammer 1994
Nagano 1998
Salt Lake City 2002
Torino 2006

The theme of this year's Headless Horseman/Pull the Plug bonspiel is:
"Curl at the Ardsley Winter Olympics".

Who knows how many countries will be represented. Curling has taken the world by storm. There will be curling rinks from almost every continent. What Olympian will be on the next Wheaties box? The cost is \$35.00 per person. Curling will begin on Friday evening, March 31, with the first matches projected to start at 7:00PM. On Saturday, curling will continue throughout the day and evening. Finals will be on Sunday morning and afternoon. Each Country will be guaranteed 3 games. You can sign up as an individual or as a couple. We are asking not to sign up as a Country as we will be attempting to make the teams as competitive as possible. All sign-up sheets will be posted in the warm room (curlers, volunteers, and substitutes) or use the eForm on the website. We need LOTS of volunteers and substitutes as well as curlers. Each curler will be issued a passport to his/her new Country. We are encouraging all citizens to dress "in native costume". Non-curlers are also encouraged to dress in the native costume of your favorite country. Use your imagination. We will have a "world class menu" on Saturday evening ("world" being the operative word). Please remember that "class" is in the mind of the beholder. These Olympics represent a regularly scheduled bonspiel and, as such, the various countries will compete for the Headless Horseman events (Washington, Irving, Katrina, Graveyard). Gold and Silver medals (and bronze?) will be presented on the Medal Podium.

SIGN UP. BE AN OLYMPIAN

Jim O'Boyle, President, AOC

Duck Soup for Ardsley Curlers



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2006 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club was held in the warm room, which wasn't so warm considering the weather, on Saturday, April 22nd. **Peter McCuen**, finishing his two year term as president, presided over the meeting broken leg and all. For those of you who haven't heard about it, **Pete** slipped when stepping off the ice at the Headless Horseman the final weekend of curling. He is recovering nicely at home and the burden being lifted from his shoulders can only help.

George Cowles presented the Treasurer's report. At the present time we have about \$75,000.00 cash on hand and the club is in a comfortable financial position.

Susan Bussy reported on the membership status saying that in October 2005 our total membership was 189 members. At the present time, thanks to the Olympic driven interest in curling we are up to 270 total members.

Peter McCune presented his report mentioning some of the major accomplishments of the last year and some of the problems still ahead of us. The first accomplishment was of course the signing of a new 15 year lease with the Ardsley Country Club and the second was the installation of a new roof with a 12 year guarantee. It replaced the original roof installed about 40 years ago. The major problem now facing the club is the leakage in the refrigeration pipes under the concrete floor. Those pipes are also about 40 years old and the refrigerant used these days is more corrosive than that used when those old pipes were installed. Studies are now underway to determine the best way to solve the problem. The double exterior doors from the rink to the west side of the building are in poor condition now, and have been for years, and should be replaced.

Pete complimented **Peter Westrell** for the excellent job he has done with the various junior curling programs. Our status as 501 C (3) organization is somewhat dependent upon the educational and training programs that we perform. The more of this type of program we offer, the better off we are. **Jeff Paul's** program for juniors unattached to any of the special groups participating in **Pete Westrell's** program was also praised for contributing to our 501 C (3) efforts.

Several corporations have hosted outings at the club this season with the result that our coffers have been enriched to the tune of \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00.

Pete mentioned that **Ed Siebert** is exploring the possibility of corporate sponsorship of the Ardsley Curling Club. For a fee, selective corporations would be invited to display their corporate banners upon the walls of the curling area and to

advertise in the Douglas Journal. His findings will be submitted to the board for their decision.

In closing Pete thanked the many members without whose help most of our projects could not possibly have succeeded. We are a volunteer organization that could not possibly exist, let alone grow, unless all the members pitch in and help. The numbers are so great that they can not be named here. Suffice it to say, they are known to all of us and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Pete expressed the pleasure we at Ardsley have had in curling with our friends from Nutmeg who will not be with us next year. It is true that a good many of them will remain as Ardsley curlers because our facility is closer to their homes than the new facility at Bridgeport, but we will miss those who are leaving.

Pete McCuen announced the resignation of two members of the Board. **Steve Smith**, who for many years was the Chairman of the Ice Committee, finally decided to find something else to do in his spare time and resigned from the Board. His expertise in all things related to curling will be missed. **Mark Bussy**, who has been Secretary of the Board for several years and co-chair of the Membership Committee with his wife **Sue** during these hectic Olympic years, has also resigned. Hopefully they both will be available to lend a word of advice when needed.

The Nominating Committee announced the names of the nominees to fill all the vacancies on the board including those whose terms expired and those who resigned. The nominations were accepted and the nominees elected. Their names and class are as follows:

Class of 2008: Sandy Berkowitz-Gaffner; Jean Murphy

Class of 2009: George Austin; David Feldstein; Mike Greene; Tim Klein;
Jeff Lesuk.

The new officers are: President - Alice Yeh, Vice President -- Jeff Lesuk, Secretary -- Vic Huebner, Treasurer -- George Cowles.

Ardsley Curling Club Awards Dinner

A large crowd turned out for the closing dinner on the terrace of the Ardsley Country Club on Friday, May 5th. On Thursday night the reservations totaled 115 but an estimated 10 additional members turned up by Friday night. This is the largest attendance those of us who have been around many years can remember. President **Peter McCuen** presided and the various curling-committee chairpersons awarded medals to an endless list of victorious curlers of both sexes and varied skills. **Alice Yeh**, the newly elected president, presented **Pete McCuen** with a gift in appreciation of his time and efforts over the past two years on behalf of the club.

Pete introduced **George Bailey**, the president of the Nutmeg Curling Club, who spoke of the many good years they had enjoyed at Ardsley since losing their facility at Darien. He expressed the thanks of Nutmeg not only for being taken in after "washing up on the shores of Dobbs Ferry" but for the financial contributions our members had made towards the construction of their new facility in Bridgeport. He expressed the hope,

which we all share, that we will continue to curl together in the future as we have in the last seven years.

After dinner the crowd moved to the Rally Room to hear **David and Vi Taylor Feldstein** perform the new hit song at the curling club, "I Still Call Ardsley Home",.

And last, but not the least, **Nancy Clancy** and **John Dorff** are now formally engaged. Congratulations!!!

The Headless Horseman And Pull the Plug

The two events were held together this year on the weekend of March 31st to April 2nd. A total of sixteen teams were entered and the first draw began at 5:30 PM on Friday with the final draw at 1:30 PM on Sunday.

The theme was the Olympics with each team representing a different country.

The bonspiel was run by **The Ardsley Olympic Committee**, of which **Jim O'Boyle** was the International President. His assistants were **Trish Ryan**, Irish Judge; **Dee Sullivan**, French Judge, **Tim Klein**, German Judge, **Dan Tufaro**, Italian Judge, **David Feldstein**, Polish Judge, **David Schrull**, German/Italian Judge, and **David Wagenheim**, Treasurer. Of course there were many others involved in running the bonspiel. They fall into the category of "**They Also Served**" without whom the Ardsley Curling Club could not survive. They are the ones who prepare and serve the meals (there were breakfasts, lunches and the Saturday dinner), clean up and just generally take care of things that the committee asks them to do.

The 1st event, The Washington, was won by the Consiglio dei XIII Curling Club of **San Marino** skipped by **Mark Bussy** with **Ryo Ogiwara**, **Bruce Huffine**, and **Mitzi Wang**. The runner-up was the Qarshi Qurling Qlub of **Uzbekistan** led by **Trevor Davey** with **Dan Tufaro**, **Pam Politano** and **Duane Smith**.

The 2nd event, The Irving, was won by **Diane Muldowney's** Kookaberra Kurling Klub from **Australia**. The other team members were **Greg Glashan**, **T. C. Yeh**, and **Eric Ryzerski/Jullie Everett**. They defeated the runner-up Casino Curling Club from **Monaco** skipped by **Rob Chebetar** with **Ann MacMillan**, **David Schrull** and **Trevor Goff**.

The Katrina, the 3rd event, was won by the Keflavek Kurling Club from **Iceland**. **Joyance Meechai** led this group of **Ken Muir**, **John Noble** and **Jim Denny** to victory over **Nina Reiniger's** runner-up Rio de Janeiro Curling Club of **Brazil**. **Nina's** teammates were **Pete McCuen**, **Patti Burns**, and **Rich Goodwin**.

In the 4th event, The Graveyard, The Antananarivo Curling Club from **Madagascar** skipped by **Walter Baggett** with **Bill Malgieri/Alison Bankes**, **Nadja McKay** and **Sal Marziale** defeated **Steve Smith's** Ulaan Baator Cuurling Cluub from **Mongolia**. The other Mongolians were **Tim Klein**, **Ted Pitt**, and **Dee Sullivan**.

And finally in the 5th event, The Bribe, **Liechtenstein's** Vaduz Curling Club led by **David Feldstein** with **Gail Cosman**, **David Wagenheim** and **Vi Taylor** was the victor in a match against the Emigration Curling Club's **David Schrull**, **Trish Ryan**, **Matt Allan** and **Bryan Horn**.

There were several off-ice events as follows:

- 1) The flag drawing/designing contest was won by the Buenos Aires Curling Club with **Adam Chebetar, Sue Bussy, Nick Andes** and **Kevin McGovern**.
- 2) A quiz won by **Trish Ryan's** De Jong Curling Club consisting of **Paul Huebner, Jim McGinnis** and **Ruth Loomis**
- 3) Draw to the Button Contest.
 - Gold Medal – **Ruth Loomis** - drew right to the button.
 - Silver Medal – **Kevin McGovern**(a 3 week curler) - 5 inches from the button.
 - Bronze Medal – **Bill Pekowitz** - 7 inches from the button.

Vi Taylor won the 50/50 raffle which netted the club \$178.00. The draw to the button contest had a \$5.00 entry fee which netted the club an additional \$100.00. A silent auction for Mets tickets (compliments of the law firm of Havens and Lombard) netted the club a profit of \$115.00.

Team gift bags, flags, and the 5th event runners-up prizes were given by Peter deJong.

Special Olympics

Pete Westrell sent me the following article which I am including in its entirety because it says everything that needs to be said.

“The Special Olympics came to their last session on March 31st. They were, and have been, very excited about curling to the point that they would ask on Monday if this was the day that they were going to curl. It was wonderful to be part of that experience. When the Special Olympics finish a skill set – basketball, soccer, curling or track and field they get tested. We did that on Friday, March 31st. They had to demonstrate certain skills that pertain to curling and they got graded. They had to step on the ice with the correct foot (editor’s note – Pete McCune take note), they had to slide without throwing the stone. They had to hit a stone at the hog line and they had to hit a stone at the center of the sheet. We also had them attempt to hit a stone at the far hog line. They were very successful with the exception of this last task. They have come so far in a short time. They listen and respond and say “Good Curling”

“After the ice time we had a small gathering – soda – cookies and awards. Each curler received a medal for their efforts. They were so proud of what they have learned and accomplished. They gave us a plaque thanking us for our efforts. In addition they gave us some wonderful pictures of curling and what we were doing. The picture of **Norm Laird** says it all.”

“Along with **Norm, Patti, Alison, Pete, Sal, Mark** and **Pippa** helped make this a tremendous success. It was so successful that they are going to write a grant for next year.

League Competitions

The Thorndike

The Thorndike competition consists of 12 teams playing a round robin schedule in the first half of the season. Based on those results, the league is split into two sections

with the six teams having the best records comprising Division I and the other six teams comprising Division II. During the second half of the season both divisions curl a double round robin among teams in their respective sections. The gold medal is then awarded to the Division I team with the best record in the second half of the season. The second half records were as follows:

<u>Division I</u>			<u>Division II</u>		
<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Austin, G	10	0	Barghout	9	1
Stopera	6	4	Clancy	6	4
Messing	5	5	Davey	6	4
Muldowney	5	5	O'Neill	4	6
Lesuk	2	8	Greene	3	7
Silverman	2	8	Siebert, E.	2	8

Members of the Gold medal team were **George Austin, skip, Peter Austin, Rob Chebetar, and Bill Pekowitz**. Members of the winning team in Division II were **Isa Barghout, skip, Vic Huebner, Geoff Broadhurst, Brad Sabel and Jim Kindler**.

The Wells

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Stopera	7	4*	Chebetar	6	5
Austin, P	7	4*	Davey	5	6
Huebner	6	5	Lesuk	5	6
Austin, G	6	5	Baggett	4	7
Bussy	6	5	O'Neill	4	7
Broadhurst	6	5	Murphy, P.	4	7**

Bill Stopera's team consisted of **Steve Smith, Isa Barghout, Jim Campion and Greg Glashan**.

Peter Austin's team consisted of **Jim Kindler, David Schrull, Bruce Huffine and Ted Pitt**.

*Both teams had 7-4 records but **Stopera's** team beat **Peter Austin's** team in their head-to-head match and so wins the gold medal and **Pete Austin's** team gets the silver medals.

Peter Murphy's team had the same record as Baggett's and O'Neill's team but he lost to both of them so he wins the infamous Furlined trophy. His loss to O'Neill's team came on the last night, in the last end of the season. The skip does not win the Furlined by himself. He is assisted every step of the way by his teammates who in this case were **Tom Doherty, Anthony Huebner, Bob Baensch and Pete Westrell.

Thursday Morning Ladies League

Junior Skips Tournament

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Wang	5	1
Baggett	4	2
Cowles	2	4

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Mitzie Wang's rink consisted of **Joy Noble, Pauline Davies, and Hsiao-lien Boardman.**

Wells Wick Tournament

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Davies	5	0
Muldowney	3	2
Broadhurst	1	4
Noble	1	4

Pauline Davies rink consisted of **Mary Jean Keenan, Lillie Shortridge-Baggett,** and substitute **Nick Andes.** **Diane Muldowney's** runner-up rink consisted of **Marion Cowles, Kris Liddle and Pat Devaney.**

Lady Liberty

Gold Medal

Mary Lockhart
Pippa Broadhurst
Pauline Davies
Polly Draeseke

Silver Medal

Diane Muldowney
Mary Jean Keenan
Mitzie Wang
Sue Tattar

The Tuesday Evening Ladies League

The Ice Breaker event was won by the team of **Donna Purkey, Sandy Berkowitz-Gaffner, Pippa Broadhurst and Jean Spencer.**

The MacIntosh (Junior Skip) event was won by **Sandy Berkowitz-Gaffner, Betsy Sugahara O'Brien, Pam Politano, and Michelle Schliebaum.**

Wells Wick Tournament

This event was the one where the ladies had a "crazy 3-way tie" that they could not resolve. The 3 teams were:

- 1) Nancy Clancy, Ann MacMillan, Nadja McKay and Evelyn Ahrens
- 2) Jennifer Stannard, Patti Burns, Pam Politano and Joan Davies
- 3) Trish Ryan, Pam Siebert, Pippa Broadhurst, Bev Bejnard, Jean Spencer and Mary Nowak.

Thursday Open League

In the first session the champions were **Team Clancy** skipped by Nancy with **John Dorff and Jay Melnick.** In second place was **Team Baggett** skipped by Lillie with **David Wagenheim, Joe Patriarca and David Schrull.** In the 2nd session **Team Dorff** skipped by John with **Michael Greene and Deidre and John Sullivan** were in 1st place

and **Team Gerard** skipped by **Ron** with **Heather Morrison, Jim Meinhold** and **Jay Melnick** were in 2nd place.

Mixed Curling

<u>Fall Session Friday</u>	<u>Fall Session Saturday 4:30</u>	<u>Fall Session Saturday 7:30</u>
Robin Gestring	Joy Noble	Ed Siebert
Ed Tucker	George Cowles	Pam Siebert
David Feldstein	MaryLou Banino	Pat Devaney
Vi Taylor Feldstein	Ralph Figueroa	Michelle Schleibaum
<u>Spring Session Fri.</u>	<u>Spring Session Sat. 4:30</u>	<u>Spring Session Sat. 7:30</u>
Jennifer Stannard	Rob Chebetar	Shoji Takiguchi
Ed Tucker	Scott Gaffner	Ann MacMillan
Bob Koulakjian	Ralph Figueroa	David Schrull
Belinda Foster	Arden Kozeny	Evelyn Ahrens

Rookie of the Year Award

All those present at the dinner on May 5th voted to determine which new curler in the 2005/2006 season should be elected the "Rookie of the Year". **Deirdre Sullivan** was their choice. Congratulations!

Have Broom Will Travel

USWCA National Bonspiel. Played at Rochester on February 9th to the 12th. Pippa Broadhurst reports that **Diane Muldowney** skipped a rink consisting of **Pippa Broadhurst, Betsy Sugahara** and **Beverly Baynard**. They won their first game against Milwaukee, had a couple of tight games and were runners-up in the 4th event.

All American

Jennifer Stannard reports that the women of Ardsley, Nutmeg and Norfolk teamed up to hold a joint All American event. The All American is a competition sponsored by the United States Women's Curling Association (USWCA) and open to all members. Each club holds their own event or combines with other clubs to do so. This year the first round of games was held in Norfolk, CT. with the final three games (per team) held at Ardsley on March 25th.

The Ardsley women were **Lillie Baggett, Pippa Broadhurst, Karen Casper, Nancy Clancy, KATY Clough, Lisa Doty, Lori Frees, Mary Jean Keenan, Kris Liddle, Nadja McKay, Heather Morrison, Mary Nowak, Betsy Sugahara O'Brien, Vi Taylor, and Mitzi Wang**. They were joined by Nutmeg women **Terrie Allen, Gail Cosman, Heide Follin, Laura King, Diane Muldowney, Jill Owens, Joanna Owens, Donna Purkey, Jennifer Stannard, and Bobbi Stoll** for the combined event.

Diane Muldowney and her team of **Lillie Baggett, Nadja McKay, Teresa Parodifi** and **Vicki Brown** (both from the Norfolk Curling Club) won the coveted All American pin.

Second place went to **Joanna Owens** rink of **Mary Jean Keenan, Heide Follin, Karen Casper, Lisa Doty** and **Karen Moses**.

In third place was **Jill Owens** and her rink of **Katy Clough, Heather Morrison, Mitzi Wang, Vi Taylor, Bobbi Stoll** and **Karen Linden**.

A marathon day of curling at Ardsley but all had a great time and enjoyed the excellent food provided by the Ardsley and Nutmeg women.

Limerick Contest

Only two limericks were submitted in time to be judged, one by **Carleton Cleveland** and one by **Nick Andes**. The judges had a difficult time reaching a verdict with so many choices to consider but finally selected **Nick's** which follows:

A curler named Cockeyed McFee
Took aim at the broom on sheet B
But our myopic wonder
Committed a blunder
And took out two sweepers on sheet C

And so **Nick** will be awarded the bottle of scotch whiskey.

Coming Events

May 21st. Lawn Bowling in New York City. Call Trish Ryan for information. 203-858-1118 (H) or 203-226-7621 (B)

Summer Picnic - Time and Place to be announced.

Golf Outing - Time to be announced.

Duck Soup

This will be the final issue of Duck Soup for this season

Bob Hill