

HI All!

It's that time of year again. The days are shorter and the nights cooler. Soon we'll be curling on the ice (Leagues start October 16th!) and socializing in the warm room. Hope you had a great summer! I know I had fun at the Cap Cod Bonspeil in July. Highly recommended!

As you may have seen in the mailing, I am now the publisher of Ardsley's newsletter "Duck Soup" Contact info: - ted_pitt@msn.com Telephone 917 667 1505

If you have articles that you would like to have published, please send them to my email address! All additions welcome!

Copies of Duck Soup are also available on the website.

Access the Club's Website www.ardsleycurling.org !

The website contains league rosters and schedules and other event announcements that you will find helpful as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers and email of all members.

Here is some information about our website and email communications that will help new members access this source of information and serve as a reminder to some of us who have been around for a while. We suggest that you keep a copy for future reference.

Your name, address, phone number and email address have been entered into our website database. This means you can now enter the Member section of the website. Your login is your last name plus your street number (no spaces) and your password is your last name. You may change these in the Member Profile section if you wish as well as add or update other information.

You will also receive mass emailings to members. While it may sometimes appear that these were personally sent to you, they are usually sent to the entire membership and you do not need to respond to these unless a response is specifically requested.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the website or the club in general, please do not hesitate to ask curlingpete@aol.com.

Set Up Day: September 30 from 9:30 am-1:00 pm

A battalion of 18 volunteers descended on the Curling Club on the morning of September 30th, ready to clean. General Geoff Broadhurst arrayed the troops in the Warm Room and basement to put the stones, chairs and tables out, hang the curtains, clean the kitchen, unpack the crawl space and storage room, set up the AV equipment, polish the brass and wood work, and generally set the curling club up for business. This year, Geoff also put a few of the volunteers to work painting the outside of the smoking room. He had hoped to veneer the wood railing snaking down the hill as well, but ran out of time: he'll be looking for a few good men/women to finish up that task a little later in the fall. Thanks to the following members who volunteered their time so that the club can start the new season out with some spit 'n shine: Armen Balemian, Geoff Broadhurst, Sue & Mark Bussy, George Cowles, Bob Din, John Dorff, David & Vi Feldstein, Laurie Frees, Sandy Gaffner, Robin Gestring & Jeff Lesuk, Pete McCuen, Nadja McKay, Trish Ryan, Alice Yeh and T.C. Yeh.

Painting the curling club!

Over two weekends, it was started and finished by Trish Ryan and Vi Taylor but in between they were assisted by Mark Bussy, Steve Hess, Lorm Laid, Steve Smith and Geoff Broadhurst. Thanks for your beautifying work. Paint was skillfully applied to the outside "Lounge", foyer, zigzag railing and the "men's room". Please send suggestions for next year's paint projects to Geoff Broadhurst. Thanks again. Huckleberry Finn!!

Nutmeg will be hosting a Level 1 teaching clinic on October 15th at 8am-4pm, with Sandra McMakin as instructor. The cost is \$25 (goes to USCA for the instructional materials). This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to teach curling to the bunches of new curlers we expect to be joining us in the coming season. Please let Alice Yeh know ASAP whether you would like to attend this clinic, by e-mail at alice.yeh@verizon.net or telephone at 914-793-6466

Volunteer Request

"The Bucket", our annual friendly with Plainfield, is being held on December 3rd in Plainfield this year. It is a one day friendly competition. We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate with Plainfield for this event. Your job will be to recruit 8 to 12 curlers from Ardsley for the event, collect the fees and coordinate with Nicole Husch from Plainfield. If you can volunteer for this job please contact David Feldstein <davidfeldstein@optonline.net> via e-mail and he will set you up.

Letter from Ardwick's President!

Welcome back to curling! I am excited to serve as Ardwick President for the up-coming season. For those of you who do not know me, I have been curling for 16 years on and off with the women and mixed. I curl mostly with the women on Tuesday nights. I am married to Mike Burns, the famous bluegrass musician and have one son, Darren.

To start with, the responses to the survey that was sent at the end of last season to all women curlers at Ardsley as of January 2006 strongly agreed that we should continue with a women's curling organization, that we should pay nominal dues and that a sports committee should be created. Responders favored changing the name. The executive committee decided that for now we will retain the name Ardwick to eliminate the need for changing the bank account, continue our current supply of pins, etc. The name change will be addressed in the near future.

The Ardwick Board and committee chairs have been busy planning the up-coming season. There will be a few new additions as well as keeping some old traditions. The new sports committee will work with the league organizers, Pauline Davies (Daytime Ardwick) and Nancy Clancy (Night Ardwick). We are also asking you to join the Ardwick. Dues for this curling season are \$10.00 payable to Ardwick. Please send to Jean Glus, 8 Concord Rd., Ardsley, NY 10502. An Ardwick pin will be given to all who join and you will be able to vote. Dues will offset Ardwick social events.

Nancy Clancy is chairwoman for the Empire State Bonspiel, in January 2007. Nancy's going to need volunteers help make this a fun and memorable bonspiel for all the women who attend. If you can help out, please email Nancy at curlnancy@aol.com. Details to the Empire and All women away bonspiels will be posted in email messages and on the board downstairs in the curling club.

Any questions or concerns? Please feel free to email me at mccueburns@aol.com and I will get back to you or pass on any messages to the sports committee. Reminder: Open house is Tuesday, October 10th and Ardwick curling starts on Tuesday, October 17 and Thursday October 19th!

Good Curling!

Patti Burns

There is a women's bonspiel December 1-3

that has a November 1, 2006 entry date.

Broomstones Curling Club

Silver Belles Bonspiel

December 1-3

Must get teams in by November 1, 2006

If interested, email Pippa at

gopippago@pippageoff.com

The Duck Gear Showcases have some great curling gear!

There are turtlenecks, jackets, sweaters, caps and golf shirts and towels among other interesting items. Soon we'll be offering for the first time, some curling supplies. Look for broom handles and replacement heads, the Rockwatcher, and Stop Watch among other things.

The current catalogue will be on the showcase. Order forms can be found inside the front cover pocket. Orders may be left in the brown envelope marked "Duck Gear", which will be on the bulletin board. The new fall catalogue will be available in mid November. If you see slight increases in prices, it is because the Curling Club Board has decided to include New York State Sales Tax from now on.

Suggestions for other products etc. are welcome. For information contact Merle Huebner at 914-693-4741 or Merleh@optonline.net.

New business cards for the current season have been printed and are in the desk in the warm room. Please take a few and put them in your wallet. You never know when you might run into someone who would like to know more about the club. The cards have our website address and phone number.

Most importantly, they have the dates of the McKay-Douglas bonspiel. Anyone curling in an away bonspiel should take a bunch to hand out to curlers from other clubs to help promote attendance at this important bonspiel.

So take some!

Banner Sponsorship program!

We want to have a "Banner Year" this season, and thus wish to invite you to help participate in the launch of our latest fundraiser.

This program will sell advertising to local and national companies in the form of banners on the walls of the ice rink and website links. The costs for sponsors will be:

6'x3' banner plus website ad: \$1,999

4'x2' banner plus website ad: \$1,499

Website ad alone: \$495

Exclusivity Premium (within a product/industry): \$10,000

Banner production: each sponsor will either supply their own banner or we will produce it for an additional charge, depending on size, materials, design complexity, etc.

Advertisers will benefit from repetitive exposure for a full year to a diverse audience of consumers made up of social and active men and women of all ages and demographics from the New York Metro area. In addition to club members, many other individuals visit the club – including teams from other curling clubs, participants in Open Houses and corporate events.

Almost any type of business should be considered, but some of the key ones to think about are beverage companies, banks and financial institutions, real estate brokers, restaurants, hotels, media, and sporting goods.

Sponsorship advertisements promise to be an important financial resource for our club, and will allow us to keep membership dues at or close to current levels. If you know of a company that you think might be interested in donating to our 501c(3) charitable organization, please let us know! You can contact Sandy Gaffner at acuberk@aol.com or (914) 391-3130 to get brochures and sponsorship letters.

CORPORATE EVENTS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Want to improve teamwork and morale in your business?
Want a new and exciting idea for a party?
Looking for the winter equivalent of a golf outing?
Come experience the thrill of curling, in beautiful Ardsley-on-Hudson in New York.

Curling – one of the newest and “hottest” Winter Olympic sports is easy to learn in a 2-hour event/party. In a typical program, you will have a 20 minute introduction to the sport and 90 minutes on the ice for instruction and play, with optional additional time for food and/or refreshments. The club will supply all necessary equipment, but you must come prepared for fun, wearing loose fitting, warm-weather clothes and clean sneakers. Although curling is a sport that requires many years of training to become good enough for the Olympics, it can be learned and played by almost anyone, old or young, at a recreational level with very little training.

Corporations from Microsoft and NBC all the way down to the smallest construction and accounting firms have tried curling workshops and loved them, and we are now offering the opportunity to companies (or any organized group) to take advantage of this exciting and popular activity.

For more information, contact Sandy Gaffner at (914) 391-3130 or acuberk@aol.com

Are you a handy-man/woman?

If so, then please consider volunteering to be on the leaky-pipe squad. As you may recall from last year, the curling club pipes are sporadically springing leaks of cooling fluid. Until now, Jeff Paul has been the only one able to fix the leaks. We would like to train a group of people to perform this task, so that the burden is spread out. However, fixing leaks requires fairly delicate cutting of concrete around an existing plastic pipe, so volunteers should be members who are handy with power tools.

Please e-mail or call Gert Messing to volunteer at gertmessing@aol.com or 914-949-2598.

McKay-Douglas Men’s Bonspiel

at the
Ardsley Curling Club
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY

February 22 – 25, 2007

6 medal events
4 games guaranteed
all meals during bonspiel included
located 20 miles from Manhattan
limited to 24 teams, entry deadline Feb. 1, 2007
entry fee \$300 per team, Canadian funds at par

Sponsored by the Ardsley, NY Caledonian and
St. Andrews Curling Clubs

For entry forms or information, contact Pete McCuen at
(914) 923-7582 or curlingpete@aol.com or log on to www.ardsleycurling.org

You would have received by now the enclosures with the letter from our club president Alice Yeh welcoming us to the upcoming season on September 10th. Enclosed with that letter was a summary of the leagues and their organizers. I have asked each organizer to keep me posted on the standings in their leagues and I hope to be able to publish them in upcoming issues of Duck Soup.

There was also a call for volunteers with the different committees. Can you pitch in?

Ice Committee:- Gert Megging 914 949 2598
McKay-Douglas Committee:- Pete McCuen 914 923 7582
Membership and Outreach :- Michael Green/Ruth Loomis 718 831 5672
Corporate Sponsorship :- Sandy Gaffner 914 923 7582
Leaky Pipe Committee:- Geoff Broadhurst 914 591 7356
House Committee:- Vic Huebner 914 693 4741
Duck Gear Merle Huebner 914 693 4741

Next Deadline for Submission for the next Duck Soup edition November 7th!!

See you on the ice! Ted Pitt