

Hi to All! All the best for 2007! Good Curling! As you can see, the opening ceremonies of our club 40 years ago are attached. Watch for coming details from Alice on our 40th celebration.

The big event is on Feb 2nd with the Scots invading Ardsley! See below for a recap of their last attack on the U.S.A in 2001!

Also, the McKay Douglas is coming up, see below for details!

2007 Scot Tour at Ardsley Curling Club February 2, 2007

9:00 AM – Breakfast

10:00 AM – Morning Draw

Teams:

Skip	Jim Gutekunst	Walter Baggett	Isa Barghout
Vice Skip	Ed Andrews	Steve Hess	Bunky Harmon
Second	Nick Andes	George Cowles	T C Yeh
Lead	Ted Pitt	Paul Hendry	Sal Marziale

12:30 PM – Lunch

2:00 PM – Afternoon Draw

Teams:

Nutmeg Team

Skip	Bill Borowitz	Norm Laird	Charlie Mack
Vice Skip	Pete McCuen	Ray Bejnart	Jim Meinhold
Second	Shoji Takiguchi	Mike Shaloub	Carleton Cleveland
Lead	Jesse Wang	Jim Denny	Peter Tunley

**5:30PM - Reception and Buffet Dinner at Huebner House
218 Clinton Ave
Dobbs Ferry, NY**

Note: Each curler should remit \$50, checks payable to Ardsley Curling Club as soon as possible.
Volunteer drivers will be required to transport the Scots to Huebner's after the match and back to their hotel after the Dinner.
Because we are hosting the Scots we should cover all drinks at the Club.

The Men's Wednesday Night Curling League (Blanton 2006 – 2007)

The Gold Metal was won by team Messing. The team members were Gert Messing, Walter Baggett, Tim Klein, Jeff Casper, and Alex Schwartz. The Silver Metal was won by team Doherty. The team members were Tom Doherty, Vic Huebner, David Wagenheim, Jim McGinnis, and Jacques Jacquet. The final standings in the Blanton were:

Messing	10	1
Doherty	8	3
McCarty	8	3
Harmon	7	4
Pekowitz	6	5
Smith	6	5
Hess	4	7
Siebert	4	7
P. Murphy	4	7
Barghout	4	7
Borowitz	3	8
O'Neill	2	9

Thanks to all the curlers that made the Blanton 2006 – 2007 a very successful season.

The Men's Wednesday Night Curling League (Wells 2007)

It got underway in mid January with 12 teams and 60 members. The skips in the Wells are Jerry McCarty, Tom Doherty, Gert Messing, Walter Baggett, Jeff Lesuk, Trevor Davey, Adam Chebetar, Geoff Broadhurst, Mark Bussy, George Austin, Peter Austin, and Bill Stopera. Having so many well-trained new curlers this season will make for an exciting season in the Wells competition.

THURSDAY NIGHT OPEN LEAGUE

It was a great first half which went down to the last draw. Because of the influx of new curlers we had to reshuffle teams midstream. The resulting champions were bestowed via points accumulated via wins and total stones. The first half championship was close with David Schrull edging out Jeff Casper for the winning skip position. The vice champion was Christopher Banino. Two newcomers Julie and Ian Everett prevailed as the leading 1 and 2 position champs. The 5th man champion is Dr. Martin Levy. Any questions please let me know. With regards, Raymond Bejnart, Chairman, Thursday Open League

SUNDAY CURLING - CURL 6 DAYS A WEEK!

With the advent of the Sunday Open League on December 3, 2006, Ardsley became a seven-days-a-week club for the first time in over a decade (maybe two or three decades!). The Sunday curlers played split rinks for the first three weeks. Winners were awarded Mini-M&M Light Sabers.

The blue light sabers went to the back-end team of Mark Bussy and Ray Conley who swept their three games. The red light sabers were presented to Bob Din and Zachary Fletcher who won a dual curl-to-the-button contest to break a 4-way tie.

Ardsley C. C. wins The Bucket at PLAINFIELD!

Seven, enthusiastic, Ardsley Curling Club members went to Plainfield Curling Club on Sunday, Dec. 10 to play in the annual showdown for local curling supremacy, The Bucket, and emerged victorious over our New Jersey rivals! The Ardsley members were Joyance Meechai, John Noble, Steve Smith, Jeff Casper, Mike Infranco, Mike Courts and Jason Nawyn.

It was great fun and our Plainfield hosts and competitors were terrific! We would especially like to thank Nicole Husch as the Plainfield organizer. She did a great job!

Next year, Ardsley will host the event, so put it on your calendar to defend the title!

NEW YEAR'S DAY CURLING AT ARDSLEY

On January 1, 2007, 20 curlers met at the Ardsley Curling Club to celebrate the New Year, representing the full range of age and experience. Team Greene (Mike, David Schrull, Ruth Loomis, Nathaniel and Matthew) was the grand prize winner. In second place was the team of John Dorff and Nancy Clancy (sharing the skip position), Matty Allen, Jay Melnick, and Jim Denny. The next two teams were tied in points, but Ann MacMillan's team of Jim McGinnis, Ed Andrews, with Sharon and Jacques Jacquet took third by way of a head-to-head win over Diane Muldowney's team of Don Torey, Armen Balemian, Jesse and Mitzi Wang. Ann, Ed and Jim platooned in and out as did Mitzi and Jesse

Cracked Bell bonspiel in PHILADELPHIA

An Ardsley team went to Philadelphia to celebrate the new year. Mike Greene, David Wagenheim, Mike Courts and Patrick Giambalvo traveled to the Cracked Bell bonspiel from January 5 – 7. They curled hard (or hardly curled) on their way to a 2-2 record and a 3rd event semi-final showing, losing to Team MacKinlay on Sunday morning.

The 71st McKay Douglas International Bonspiel will take place at the Ardsley Curling Club beginning February 22, 2007.

The biggest money-maker for the club is coming up Feb. 22-25. Local teams are invited to enter. Just go to the members' section of the website to sign up. Be sure to put your preferred start time in the comments section. Options are on the invitation.

If you haven't signed up to help with the bonspiel, please contact Pete McCuen <curlingpete@aol.com>. He needs all the help he can get. Also encourage your friends at other clubs to enter. Time's running out. We got blindsided by the USCA this year when they changed their Senior Men's to conflict with the M-D.

Since 1997 we have prepared a journal for this event. Not only does the journal welcome teams but also provides an invaluable history of the event and most importantly revenue for our club.

If you or your company would like to purchase an ad, the rates are as follows:

Back Cover - \$950.00
Full Page - \$495.00
Half Page - \$275.00
Quarter Page - \$150.00
Business Card - \$75.00

If you are not able to participate with a larger ad, the Ardsley Curling Club “patron page” is another way to support the journal. The cost is \$30 per booster.

Please email your intentions to Ed Siebert at beersoda@aol.com or mail to 21 Old Farm Lane, Hartsdale, NY 10530 no later than February 5, 2007. Checks should be made out to the Ardsley Curling Club and mailed to our Treasurer, George Cowles, 308 C Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10

FROM THE ARCHIVES!! 2001 USCA SCOTS TOUR

They're back in the states and they brought the Herries-Maxwell Trophy with them.

They are the USA team that traveled through Scotland in October and November playing 34 matches in 21 curling facilities. Five teams from the USCA including George Austin, Geoff Broadhurst and Bunky Harmon from Ardsley participated in this event which is held every five years, with each country reciprocating as the host every other event. The Scots toured the U.S.A. in January and February of 1997. This year's tour would normally have been scheduled for February 2002 but was advanced four months because of the 2002 Olympics. This is the fifth time in a row that the USA has won the trophy. The Scots won the first six tours and the USA has now won the five tours since 1982.

The win/loss record of our five teams discloses that the USA won 85 games, lost 45 and tied 10. They won 588 ends and lost 507 scoring 1115 points against 813, thus winning by 305 points.

In addition to the three curlers from Ardsley, three other members of the GNCC participated in the event. They were Paul Mort of Cape Cod Curling Club, Tom Garber of the Utica Curling Club and Sam Williams of Broomstones Curling Club.

Geoff Broadhurst provided some interesting statistics about the tour. The tour took 24 days with 22 days of curling, one or two games a day. Each participant played 29 games and would have delivered 464 stones weighing about 44 lbs. each or 20,416 lbs. of granite. That's 10.2 tons. If you were playing lead or second, as our three members were, you could have swept 1392 stones about 115 feet or 160,080 feet. That's 30.5 miles.

(Editor's note: How many times did you bend your elbows in the warm rooms, and how many wee drams did you consume?)

OLYMPIC HISTORY

In the 1932 Olympics, held at Lake Placid, New York, curling was a demonstration sport.

A total of eight teams were entered, four from the U.S.A. and four from Canada. Of the four American teams, there was one from New York, one from Connecticut, one from Massachusetts and one from Michigan. The New York team had as its lead George B. Ogden, who for many years was a member of the Ardsley Curling Club. Unfortunately, in 1932 at least, New York did not have a very strong team and ended up in seventh place with a record of one win and three losses. Connecticut was in fourth place with a 2-2 record. Manitoba, with a record of 4-0 took first place.

George B. Ogden was known for something else, however. On the train trip to Lake Placid, Mr. Ogden struck up a conversation with either the conductor or sleeping car attendant and swapped a curling pin for his badge, which was labeled #4. Eventually that #4, or a replica of it, became part of Ardsley's JUG OGDEN trophy, which can be seen in our trophy cabinet at the club. The Jug Ogden was a competition for junior skips for many years but, with the reduced size of our club, is no longer in use.

GET INVOLVED! PARTICIPATE IN A BONSPIEL!

If you're an experienced curler you've more than likely been to a number of bonspiels. If you're a new curler, probably you have not been to many, if any. Regardless of your curling experience, there's a bonspiel for you. And the fun, camaraderie, food and drink are worth every penny it costs.

We encourage you to enter at least one bonspiel, especially within the GNCC. All you need to do is to assemble a team of your curling colleagues and submit an entry form. This is also a way to help the sport of curling and the clubs that sponsor the bonspiels. Invitations and entry forms for most of the bonspiels in our region are posted on the bulletin boards at the club and also on our website. To review the ones on the website go to the member's section, click on "Announcements" and then on "Bonspiels."

Whenever you are visiting a bonspiel be sure to invite curlers from other clubs to enter our McKay-Douglas Men's Bonspiel (Feb. 22-25). Take some ACC business cards (located in the warm room desk) which contain the dates for the McKay-Douglas to hand out to prospective entries. This is our club's biggest annual fundraiser and vitally important to the club's health. Most importantly, go and have a great time!

Keep the club TIDY

We've been asked to remind members that the warm room is not to be used as a changing room or as a repository for shoes and jackets, etc., while you are curling. That is what the downstairs locker room is for. [We are very happy to have 63 new curlers. Like other curlers, many will leave their equipment/kit bags in the basement. For safety and neatness sake, please store your bags on the shelves or the floor behind the long clothes rack.](#) Thanks for your cooperation.

Fund Raising Note FROM Jerry McCarty

Just a short note as a reminder of the tax advantages in making a donation to the Leaky Floor Fundraiser. A discussion on the ACC website offered some suggestions as outlined below. A donation to the Ardsley Curling Club is fully tax deductible.

In early January, you will receive a letter announcing the formal kickoff of a fundraiser to correct the Leaky Floor condition that is worsening and jeopardizing our ice. To correct this condition, the ACC board approved a plan and recently sent a Request For Proposal to prospective bidders to construct a floor over the existing floor and provide a new walkway starting at the close of the curling season. The project will complete before the start of the next curling season. The cost is estimated at \$125,000. The ACC board plans to provide \$25,000 and the goal of this fundraiser is \$100,000.

The plan will be to ask members (except new curlers) and friends of ACC for donations. If any new members, wish to participate they can contact me for instructions.

Three years ago when the Compressor required replacement, \$60,000 was raised using this method. You are asked to consider a donation.

Any questions or suggestions that you may have can be directed to Jerry at bonspiel@msn.com or call him at 914-968-5877.

Next Edition of Duck Soup late February. Ted Pitt, ted_pitt@msn.com, 212 9883314