

## **Special Olympics at Ardsley! By Pete Westrell**

The Special Olympians from Northeast Special Olympics, Northern Westchester, are back curling at the Ardsley Curling Club for their third year. Over time, the progress they have made is amazing. Children, who were afraid to walk on the ice, now can get into the hack and deliver the stone with “some accuracy” the length of the ice. Sometimes their shots are more than the length of the ice, but like everything in life, it is a work in progress.

Patti Burns, Allison Bankes, Pippa Broadhurst, and Norm Laird have been faithful to the program, every Friday afternoon, for the past three years. In addition, Sal Marziale also has been very helpful. Without their unselfish contribution of time and effort, the progress we have witnessed would not have been possible.

We have a new goal this year. In 2009 there will be a Special Olympics winter competition in Boise, Idaho. Our goal is to send a team to represent Northeast Special Olympics and Ardsley as the host club. According to the rules of competition the kids are totally self sufficient - no adults on the ice. They must call the shots, manage the house, and sweep the stones. To that end we have our work cut out for us. Ardsley can be proud that they are the host club for this program. While trying to get more information on the web, I found that what we are doing is very unique in the United States. **The Special Olympics last day for this year is March 28, 2008, which is also the first night of the Pull the Plug Bonspiel.** If you are curling that night, I offer you an invitation to come over and see some very special kids curl at Ardsley.

## **Tuesday Night Women's League**

**The winning team for the MacIntosh, our Jr. Skip event was Pam Politano (skip), Pippa Broadhurst, Lillie Baggett, and Pat Riedel. The result was decided by a tie-breaking extra end with the team of Lili Knighton (skip), Laurie Frees, Liz Chebetar and Jean Spencer.**

**We are now playing the All American, an event which is played in clubs nationwide.**

### Wednesday Night Men's Curling (The Blanton)

	W	L
Tufaro	9	2
Banino	9	2
Chebetar	8	3
V. Huebner	8	3
Barghout	6	5
Smith	5	6
Pekowitz	5	6
Hess	5	6
Siebert	4	7
Harmon	3	8
Borowitz	2	9
Davey	2	9

Congratulations to **Dan Tufaro** for winning the Blanton competition. Dan's team members were Bill Stopera, Hayle Chun, TC Yeh, and Patrick Giambalvo. Second place went to **Chris Banino**. Chris's team members were David Schrull, Michael Shalhoub, Martin Webb, and Jason Nawyn. Dan and Chris will now move up to skip in the Well's competition, which is the second half of the men's season and considered the senior skip league. It was good to see the newer curlers continue to improve week to week. I would like to mention them at this time; Hayle Chun, Patrick Giambalvo, Ed Sherin, Heinz Gruettner, Jeff Casper, Bill Langley, Hal Cashman, Jacques Jacquet, Bob Din, Sam Wechsler, Duane Smith, Zachary Fletcher, George Fletcher, Matt Allen, Jamey Gelardi, Vito Salvatore, Martin Webb, and Jason Nawyn.

### Wednesday Night Men's Curling (The Well's)

	W	L
P. Austin	4	1
Messing	4	1
Lesuk	4	1
Stopera	4	1
Doherty	3	2
Tufaro	3	2
G. Austin	2	3
Baggett	2	3
Broadhurst	2	3
Banino	1	4
McCarty	1	4
Bussy	0	5

The Well's competition is just a few weeks into its season and it is already shaping up to be another exciting season. There are four teams presently at the top of the leader board but there are eight other teams right on their heels. Stay tuned.

Wednesday Night Men's League Chairman – Tom Doherty

**ARCHIE BRUCE STONE Trophy Cape Cod Curling Club on January 5, 2008**  
Twelve fine curlers and Shirley Bruce journeyed from Cape Cod Curling Club on January 5, 2008 to compete for the ARCHIE BRUCE STONE Trophy which is awarded to the club amassing the most stones in two games scheduled for Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The Ardsley teams were:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 4 PM

#1	#2	#3
CLANCY	HUEBNER	RYAN
PITT	FREES	DORFF
K. FRANKLIN	KLEIN	MORRISON
D. REDDING	R. FRANKLIN	J. REDDING

SUNDAY MORNING 10 AM

#1	#2	#3
BANKES	MCGUINNIS	TAKIGUCHI
G. COWLES	M. COWLES	WEEKS
P. LAWER	N. LAWER	K. NAWYN
OBERHESSER	CONLEY	ERHELDING

THE TEAM WITH THE GREATEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL IS AWARDED THE ARCHIE BRUCE PINS.

Again, Cape Cod (Frank Sylvia's team) took the pins, besting an Ardsley team by 11 stones. Once again, Cape Cod emerged as winners with a team skipped by Frank Sylvia (Broadhurst has names of other teammates) This competition was created by Don McKay, a long time curler at St. Andrews and Ardsley. Don also designed and donated the pins.

This year three teams came down from Cape Cod and curled against three Ardsley teams on Saturday and three different Ardsley teams on Sunday.. The first game was Saturday at 4 PM followed by a gala dinner party at the Siebert's. The highlight of the evening was a video of Archie. Naturally, the party went into the wee hours of the morning! Sunday the games began at 11 am followed by a delicious brunch served at the curling club. Event coordinators were Pippa & Geoff Broadurst, Mark & Sue Bussy and Pam & Ed Siebert. A great time was had by all. Next year the Archie Bruce will take place in Cape Cod.

This Archie Bruce Friendly rotates between Ardsley and Cape Cod each January. It is great fun. Plan on it.

## USWCA's 26th Senior Women's Bonspiel, January 9 - 13, 2008

The theme was "**Pirates of the Chesapeake**" and the Ardsley Women stole the 4th Event Trophy and pirated it back to the Ardsley Curling Club. The trophy chest contained a large wooden curling stone and base. The Ardsley team was skipped by Diane Muldowney, and her mates were Nancy Clancy at Vice, Pippa Broadhurst at Second and Marion Cowles at Lead. There were 24 teams entered in the competition from all over the map with the Granite (Seattle) team sailing in from the furthest reaches. The Ardsley team had to fend off marauding teams from Curl Mesabi, Broomstones I and Broomstones II to bring home the bounty. Two of the last 3 games were won in the ninth end with a little skulduggery from team Ardsley. If you see a pirate flag flying over the Ardsley Curling Club, beware mateys.

## The 54th Empire State bonspiel

The 54th Empire State bonspiel was held in Schenectady in January 2008. It is Ardsley's women's tournament, which has rotated between Ardsley, Utica, and Schenectady for 54 years. Next year it will be held at Rochester for the first time, as Rochester becomes the fourth sponsor of this historic event.

In this year's Empire State, Nancy Clancy skipped a team called the Dancing Nancies with curlers from Schenectady and Broomstones who were runners up in the third event. The only all Ardsley team was Trish Ryan, Lili Knighton, Marion Cowles, and Kim Nawyn, who lost their first game to the Dancing Nancies, and won all their others, to win the second event.

## US Women's National Club Playdowns

Team Meechai (Joyance Meechai, Pauline Davies, Sandy Gaffner, and Betsy Sugahara) went up to Bridgeport Jan 17-20 for US Women's National Club Playdowns. They went 4-0 to qualify for US Women's Club Nationals in Mankato, MN, March 1-8.

## 2008 GNCC Senior Men's Championship - Broomstones Curling Club - Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2008 - 24

Five teams from our club participated in this excellent event. Only George Austin's team came home with some silverware below. Other Ardsley teams were:

Shoji Takiguchi, Burt Reminick, Mike Infranco and T. C. Yeh  
Jim Kindler, Bill Borowitz, Jim McGinnis and Bill Langley  
Geoff Broadhurst, Isa Barghout, Pete Westrell and Bunky Harmon  
Walter Baggett, Jim O'Boyle, Tim Klein and Mark Bussy

1<sup>st</sup> Event Winner - Nutmeg Stone - **Broomstones I** - S. Stu Graves, V. Paul Sofuolis, 2. Doug Burchesky, L. John Wilson

Runner Up-**N.Y. Caledonian** - S. George Austin, V. Adam Chebetar, 2. Ed Tucker, L. Gordon Vineyard

2<sup>nd</sup> Event Winner - Bartlett Medal- **Cape Cod II** - S. Keith Dickenson, V. Bob Enos, 2. Todd Benedict, L. Tony Collachio

Runner Up-**Utica** - S. Chuck Harter, V. Pat Costello, 2. David Mishalanie, L. Bill Krause

3<sup>rd</sup> Event Winner - Ardsley Shield - **Nashua** - S. Darryl Dinsdale, V. Doug Folkins, 2. Ed Clark, L. Frank Pickett

Runner Up-**Broomstones II** - S. Herb Kupchik, V. Sid Clarke, 2. Ron Miller, L. Doug Donaldson

4<sup>th</sup> Event Winner - Crocs Scuttle - **Broomstones III** - S. Pete Rossetti, V. Don Ritchie, 2. Tom Manders, L. Don Wade

Runner Up-**Schenectady II** - S. Bob Travis, V. Jack Fitzgerald, 2. Charlie McCullough, L. Bob Benjamin

## **Quebec International Bonspiel by [Jerry McCarty](#)**

A [NY Caledonian](#) team competed with 47 others at the 95th anniversary of the Quebec International Bonspiel held in Quebec City from Jan 18 to 27, 2008. Competition was held [at](#) three curling clubs with comfortable accommodations provided by the Fairmont Chateau Frontenac Hotel. The team with usual players of Jim Gutekunst, Jerry McCarty, Steve Smith, Bruce Huffine, John Wilson from Broomstones and Don Garside from Burlington ONT was joined by Trevor Davey, Jim Campion and Anton Silkowski. Additional guests attending were Kay Sugahara and Ray Turnbull. All were there to honor Jim Gutekunst who served as the Bonspiel President.

The team came up against some tough competition and managed a 2-6 record [but](#) was very successful in participating in all non-curling events of the Bonspiel.

Jim Gutekunst served as the Bonspiel President and did an outstanding job. In addition to his overall responsibility as chief official for all activities, Jim did an excellent job in hosting a "knockout" President's party and in the design of a "stunning" President's Pin. As part of his official duties, Jim hosted curling lessons for the United State's Ambassador to Canada David Wilkins and the Consul General for Quebec, David Fetter. Pictures of this event can be seen on the US Consul-Quebec website. <http://quebec.usconsulate.gov/content/index.asp>

Several service anniversaries for Don (25yrs), Jim (15yrs) and Steve (10yrs) were celebrated at a party that was hosted by our team and service anniversary receptions in there honor.

The Quebec International Bonspiel (QIB) is one of the oldest uninterrupted amateur sporting competitions in the world, having run each year since 1913 in the city known as the cradle of curling in North America. The sport was introduced here in 1760 by the Scottish soldiers who were part of the British forces that participated in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

This men's tournament is known for its hospitality and the camaraderie of the players. [Many social events](#) are organized throughout the week of competition. There is a minimum of 6 games and a maximum of 9 games per participating team. The event champion teams win trophies, commemorative badges or pins.

Every year the QIB welcomes teams from across Canada, the United States and Europe. The 2009 Bonspiel is scheduled between Jan 25th and end Jan 30th coinciding with the start of the famous Quebec Winter Carnival. The Carnival is from Jan 30th and ends Feb 15th. You may want to plan a stay over and attend the early festivities for the Carnival while taking advantage of the "grandfathered" reduced room rate offered for the bonspiel.

Planning for next year's event is underway and with the addition of new members a second team entry is planned. Any club member interested in attending next year is encouraged

### **Cool Duck 5 and Under Bonspiel**

Sat Feb 2 and Sun Feb 3 was the Cool Duck 5 and Under Bonspiel run by Sandy Gaffner, assisted most magnificently by Betsy Sugahara, Nancy Clancy, John Dorff, Alice Yeh, Chris Banino and many others. 9 teams entered, and a good time was had by all.

1st Event - Team Courts (Mike Courts, Jamie Gelardi, Jeff Casper, and Mike Greene) defeated Team Franklin (Rachel Franklin, Ken Franklin, Mike Bloom, Warren Bloom).

2nd Event - Team Andes (Nick Andes, George FLetcher, James Weeks, Jackie Yodashkin) defeated Team Allen (Matthew Allen, Duane Smith, Bryan Horn, Rose Clause).

3rd Event - Team Schrull (Dave Schrull, Hal Cashman, Hayle Chun, Jason Nawyn) defeated Team Noble (John Noble, Ellen O'Connor, Kim Nawyn, Sharon Jaquet)

### Two Brooms

The Ardsley women took back the lovely Two Brooms trophy with a 4-0 win over the women of Nutmeg. There were two matches at Nutmeg, and two matches at Ardsley. The winning teams at Nutmeg were:

#### Ardsley 1

Sofie Siden,  
Pippa Broadhurst,  
Julie Everett  
Liz Chebetar

#### Ardsley 2

Nancy Clancy,  
Ann MacMillan,  
Susan Lapham  
Jean Spencer

The winning teams at Ardsley were:

#### Ardsley 1

Joy Noble  
Pippa Broadhurst  
Ann MacMillan  
Louise Corry

#### Ardsley 2

Pauline Davies  
Mary Lockhart  
Jean McIntosh  
Marion Cowles

### **2008 Tartan Day parade**

The Curlers from the NYC area have once again been invited to participate in the 2008 Tartan Day parade ([www.tartanweek.com](http://www.tartanweek.com)) which will be held on April 5, 2008. Please reserve this date. The parade steps off at 2:00 pm sharp from 45th Street and marches north on 6th Avenue ending at 58th Street. The parade announcer and reviewing stand will be located on 6th Avenue near 55th Street.

The Kirkin of the Tartan event will take place at the Central Presbyterian Church located at 593 Park Ave. (64th St) at 10:00am. Tickets for this event are \$25 and include a brunch in the Church Hall following the ceremony. This is a beautiful ceremony that includes music with bagpipes and the church's pipe organ. Please contact the St Andrews society at 212-223-4248 to reserve your tickets or by sending a check to Saint Andrews Society of the State of New York, 150 East 55th Street, Third Floor, New York, NY 10022.

The Post Parade party will again be held at Stout NYC. For those who didn't make it last year, the Scottish music, drink and food are unbelievably great and not

to be missed. The ticket prices haven't been posted yet but they should be approximately \$30 each.

Curlers who wish to march, please e-mail Jim Gutekunst at [jgutekunst@hamiltonsec.com](mailto:jgutekunst@hamiltonsec.com) Please indicate if you wish to attend the after parade party at Stout so we can reserve tickets for this sold out event. Further details will be communicated as they arrive.

Thanks and Good Curling

Jim Gutekunst

### **Spares needed for McKay Douglas**

Any male NOT curling on a team in the McKay Douglas bonspiel is eligible to be a substitute/spare. The draws are anticipated to start Thursday evening (February 28), continue all day Friday (February 29), all day Saturday (March 1) and Sunday (March 2) into mid afternoon. You can use the bonspiel eForm on the website to signup.

Visit Ardsley Curling Club online at <http://www.ardsleycurling.org/>

Potomac Curling Club's

*6<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**Cherry Blossom Bonspiel**

March 27-30, 2008

*at the*

National Capital Curling Center

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## **Governor's Bowl 2008** **A Remembrance by Walter Baggett**

Looking at the curling medals hanging in the hallway, I see that I have a Fort Orange Bowl from 1987 in the old style with the State Government Mall on it, two third event, Fort Orange runners-up from 2001 and 2003, two Hietala runners-up from 2002 and 2004 and a Governor's bowl runners-up from 1999. Straining my memory I also remembered that in the kitchen, on the shelf next to glass tumblers from Norfolk's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and from Wengen, Switzerland and a Norfolk Mixed snowball candle is a glass with the Albany Curling Club logo etched on it. That would be from the Capital consolation event. I remember getting it with the late Kal Sunduram. He was as happy about winning that glass as any medal.

And so, after twenty years or so of curling at the Governor's bowl, how goes it? Very well as it turns out. After many years with Bunky Harmon, and Isa Bargout and a number of leads, most recently George Cowles, they were less and less willing to come and I was hoping to get some of Ardsley's younger curlers off to another great curling party, such as we did in December 2007 at the Calder in Norfolk when with Tim Klein, David Wagenheim and Ray Bejnart we were runners up in the second event. I have six of those medal; five runners-up and one winner. You can see I have a problem keeping up my concentration once I get a medal in hand.

In any case, only Tim signed up and, try as I might I could not get anyone else, old or young. Fortunately, as a long time (suffering) participant, Albany was willing to give me two substitutes. And primed and ready they were, having been on the third local team in the playdowns to get into the bonspiel when only two teams got in. At lead I had Ed Springstead, a retired high school coach who won the event in 1997. At second I had Ken Rice, a young (at 63 anybody under 70) and enthusiastic curler. And away we went.

Our first match was at 11:00 AM on Friday, the last of the first draws. Our opposition was a Broomstones team skipped by Jerry Blanchette. It was a wild and crazy game. We took four in the first end, then gave up a four and a five took, another two, so that by the fifth end we were down five points. Not to worry. We scored two more in the sixth, stole one in the seventh and were only two down coming home without the hammer. The house was its usual mess of stone, but Jerry had one right on the button. With my last stone I just pushed that out of the way enough, so we were lying two. Not wanting to go to an extra end, Jerry tried to take my lying rock out. Unfortunately, he was tight on the broom and raised into the eight foot one of our stones from the front of the house, so we won by one point. Enough of that nonsense. Jerry went on to loose another game and then take the next three and win the third event.

As for us, we enjoyed the banquet, slept in late and played a team from Valleyfield, Quebec at 10:00 AM the next morning. That game was more controlled. We took three in the first, stole one in the second and then gave up three in the third. After that we never looked back, giving up only one more point and leading 4 – 8 in the final end where we ran them out of rocks with one takeout after another.

With only sixteen teams the second win brought us to the semi-final of the first event. Since there is a consolation event, this meant we were guaranteed to be playing on Sunday. The issue was whether we came home with medal or another Albany tumbler. The opposition, Ron Beldon from Lennoxville, Quebec, was another issue. Ron is a true curling gentleman. Both he and his vice skip, John Pille, are

past presidents of “The Branch” as the Curling Quebec was then called a Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. I curl in the Monctonian Bonspiel with Ron’s older brother, the infamous Ca\$h Beldon, who celebrated forty years of curling in that event by having his own pin struck and given to every participant.

The match itself was no friendly affair. One, one, one, it went back and forth. Finally, we had a chance to take five in the seventh by take out a stone through a port. The runner crashed and we gave up one. Being one down, coming home in the eighth, with the hammer, we scored two to win the game 4 – 5. Because of delays in the draw we finished at close to midnight. We were glad to be able to sleep late. Ron and his team got up early and beat a Valleyfield team, winning the consolation event, the Capital.

Our opponents in the finals were the Albany #1 team, whom Ed and Ken had lost to in the playdowns. Perhaps revenge is a great motivator, but I doubt it. Irregardless, we were in control, or close to it, the entire game. We scored one in the first end and two in the second end before giving up one in the third end. After a few more steals, they finally scored one in the sixth end. With the hammer, we took two in the seventh end to give us a 2 – 7 lead in the eighth. Never looking back, we again ran our opponents out of rocks to win in a decisive fashion. By that time the home team advantage had been worn away. We knew the ice and could hit, draw or guards.

After twenty years of trying, finally winning the Governor’s at the Albany Curling Club was a dream come true. I think of all the people who struggled with me over those years, particularly Kal Sundaram and Bruce May, who never lived to see the final victory. The opponents have changed as well. Bunky Harmon tells me we beat Wes Millington when he was president of the Grand National Curling Club. I can only remember loosing to Wes and Ed Brandt, a former Ardsley curler and New York State champion who had retired Lake Placid. That is probably where the 1987 Fort Orange Bowl pin came from. And, of course, there are the so many people at the Albany club who have made the event, win or loose, fun. The food and hospitality are as fine as any in the world – this spoken by a person who has curl everywhere from Brisbane, Australia to Wengen Switzerland, not to mention Newfoundland, Alberta, and Minnesota. It is a wonderful game and, while winning is great, being there is the best.

Good Curling!