

## The Women's Tuesday Night League

The Women's Tuesday Night League had a successful season, going from 12 curlers in November, to 24 in March. We lost one night due to weather, so the Wells Wick club championship for women, used a bonspiel format. The finals had team Clancy (Kim Nawyn, Kris Liddle, Nancy Block, with Liddle and Block missing the final and Pauline Davies subbing), finishing first over team Knighton (Katy Clough, Dee Sullivan--Alice Yeh subbing for Dee--and Patti Burns). These are the final standings:

Clancy	3-1
Knighton	3-1
Banino, Siebert, Spencer, Riedel	3-1
Morrison, Frees, Redding, Chebetar	2-2
Politano, Baggett, Lapham, McErlean	1-3
MacMillan, Boradhurst, Corry, MacIntosh	0-4

The popular summer dinners will continue in summer 08. Watch for e-mail notices. Any woman who would like to be added to the list, please tell Nancy Clancy at [curlnancy@aol.com](mailto:curlnancy@aol.com)

## Wednesday Night Men's League

Well's 2008

	W	L
Stopera	9	2
Messing	8	3
Lesuk	7	4
Tufaro	6	5
P. Austin	6	5
G. Austin	6	5
Broadhurst	5	6
Doherty	5	6
Banino	5	6
Baggett	4	7
McCarty	4	7
Bussy	1	10

The men's league was very competitive this year. The rink skipped by Bill Stopera won the Gold metal. The team included Ed Siebert, Hayle Chun, Ray Conley, and Andrew Stopera. The rink skipped by Gert Messing won the Silver metal. The team included Steve Smith, Michael Shalhoub, Jacques Jacquet, and Harry Quinn.

I would like to thank all those who helped out during the season. The league had 60 men curling on 12 teams. It has been a popular league for the men over the years to increase their curling skills. Hope to see everybody back next season.

Tom Doherty – Wed. Night Men's League Chairperson

## Thursday Morning Ladies results: Pauline Davies

2008 Jr. Skips Tournament was won by **Mary Lockhart** and her team of **Pippa Broadhurst, Nick Andes and Jean Glus**. Runner-up was **Mitzie Wang** and her team of **Diane Muldowney, Kris Liddle and Louise Corry**.

Results were as follows:

Lockhart 4-2  
Wang 3-3  
Cowles 3-3  
Banino 2-4

The 2008 Wells Wick Tournament had the following results:

Muldowney 5-0  
Noble 2-3  
Davies 2-3  
McIntosh 1-4

The Noble and Davies rinks had to draw to the button to decide the silver medal winner, and the Noble rink won.

The gold medal team consisted of: **Diane Muldowney, Ann MacMillan, Mary Lou Banino and Jean Glus**. The silver medal team consisted of: **Joy Noble, Lillie Shortridge-Baggett, Louise Corry and Carol Ann Gallagher**.

We had another great year of curling and camaraderie. Hope to see everyone at the closing dinner.

## THURSDAY OPEN LEAGUE

The Thursday Nite Open League was once again a success. For both seasons, the league was fully subscribed with six full rinks and substitute players. The second half apertura was decided on the final night of the season. Rink Shalhoub captained by Michael Shalhoub was able to clinch the division with a decisive win. Before the stanza commenced, Rink Courts and Rink Shalhoub were neck and neck down the homestretch. Skippy Shalhoub was aided by his vice, Heinz Gruettner, second, Robert Din, and lead, James Duke. Here is the final table for the second half apertura:

	Win	Loss
Shalhoub	6	3
Courts	5	4
Schrull	5	4
Levy	4	5
Gerard	4	5
Melnick	3	6

## Friday Night Mixed Leagues

First session - a tie

Robin Gestring's rink of Mark Bussy, Andy Erbeling, Paul Lawer and Neil Lawer  
Trish Ryan's rink of Laurie Frees, Dee Sullivan and Geoff Domm

Second session

First place: Isa Barghout, Laurie Frees, Geoff Domm and Rich Goodwin  
Second place: Todd Clough, Katy Clough, Lizbeth Sugahara, Jason O'Brien and Dee Sullivan

**Godbold Saturday morning league, by Steve Hess**

**The first year of the Godbold Saturday morning league has ended with Gold and silver medal winners to receive their newly-designed pins at the May 2 closing dinner. The Godbold is named after long-time ardsley curler Ed Godbold who ran the ACC men's league for many years.**

**Ed is a very soft-spoken man who measures his words carefully and slowly. Many longtime members can each recall an "Ed story" or an "Ed phone call." Ed epitomized the friendly and considerate nature of curling.**

**The new pins, which everyone should take a look at, are being donated to the club via a very generous grant from Jim McGinnis. he funded the initial design and a commitment to purchase enough pins to award Godbold pins for several years.**

**The Saturday morning league is open to all members regardless of experience and we look forward to organizing (six or more) teams in the Fall.**

### **Gold**

**Hal Cashman, skip**

**Hayle Chun**

**Jessica Willey**

**Todd Adams**

**Zack Fletcher**

**Steve Hess**

### **Silver**

**Burt Reminick, skip**

**Pam Riedel**

**Liz Chebetar**

**Michael Infranco**

**Nick Andes**

## Saturday afternoon winners:

Nancy Clancy, George Cowles, Ann MacMillan & Ina Obernesser

The Sunday morning league ended its second year with David Schrull's rink taking first. The other members were Trish Ryan, Jasson Nawyn and Kim Nawyn. Kim almost went unbeaten in her Sunday matches, losing only on the final Sunday.

## The Ice House Gang won the Ardsley/Nutmeg friendly against the Good Old Boys

*Ahead by four stones going into the final day, the Nutmeg Good Old Boys (say, maybe we should call them the Good old Nuts!) looked good to win it all, but a stellar performace by the Ice House Gang turned the tables, winning the March 7<sup>th</sup> event at Nutmeg 30-23 stones, thus winning overall by three. Skips were Isa Barghout, George Austin and Geoff Broadhurst.*

## All-American Bonspiel

The All-American has been sponsored by The USWCA since 1966. This event was designed to give USWCA member clubs the opportunity to participate in a national event on home ice. Each club is encouraged to make it an opportunity for daytime and evening curlers to join in fellowship wherever possible; however, *participation* of all eligible curlers is the goal. If you do not have enough curlers in your own club to hold the All-American, you may join with another club to do so. The main focus is on the club curler.

This year's evening winner was team Clancy: Nancy skipping, with Lillie Baggett, Susan Lapham and Jean Spencer. The results were:

Clancy	4 - 1
MacMillan	3 - 2
Knighton	2 - 3
Politano	2 - 3
Siebert	2 - 3
Broadhurst	1 - 4

## **2008 Headless Horseman Bonspiel (a/k/a Pull the Plug) by Jim O'Boyle**

The 2008 version of the Headless Horseman Bonspiel was held March 27-March 30, 2008. A record number 22 teams participated in the Country (groups) & Westerns (TV shows) themed bonspiel. Due to the large number of participants (88 curlers plus substitutes resulting in a total of 96 curlers), the first 3 rounds were done as points games, with the top 12 teams moving on to the 6 events held on Sunday. In addition to the usual Washington (1<sup>st</sup> Event), Irving (2<sup>nd</sup> Event), Katrina (3<sup>rd</sup> Event) and Graveyard (4<sup>th</sup> Event), special 5<sup>th</sup> Event ("The Pull") and 6<sup>th</sup> Event ("The Plug") games/prizes were added. A quiz and a raffle also kept the curlers "corralled" when off-ice, which was not that often considering the draws on Saturday ran from 8:30AM to 9:00PM with no breaks in ice time. Thanks to the hard work of the Bonspiel Committee, food was plentiful, the ice was keen, and the drama was kept to a minimum. The Committee was chaired by Jim O'Boyle, Sheriff, with the able-bodied Posse consisting of Trish Ryan, Tim Klein, Jacques Jacquet, Heather Morrison, Nancy Clancy, John Dorff, Mike Greene, Sue Bussy, James Weeks, Laurie Frees, Patti Burns and a host of others. Thanks to Gert Messing and the Ice Committee for maintaining the ice throughout the bonspiel. The finals were held on Sunday morning (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Events) and afternoon (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Events), with the afternoon events being led onto the ice by the Piper and Drummer. Thanks to Andrew and Manny for their tireless efforts behind the bar. The bonspiel resulted in a net profit to the Club of \$1,800. Thanks to all the participants for making this happen. The results of the bonspiel follow.

P.S. On a *final* note, I would like to personally thank the Committee without whom the 'spiel would not have run so smoothly. This year's Committee was the largest and best group of volunteers I have had in the last 5 years at this event. Every time I turned around to ask someone to do something (which of course I love to do) it was already being done. *Extra special thanks* to Trish Ryan and Tim Klein who have been there with me every step of the way for the past 5 years. It has been my pleasure to work with you both. You guys *are* the best!

PPS. The cap pistol lives.

### **First Event – Washington Medal**

**Winners** ("Drinking Champagne" by George Strait)

OAK RIDGE BOYS – **Bill Stopera, Andrew Stopera, Sean Brant, Jesse Leon**

**Runners-Up** ("Leaving Not Grieving" by Mike Burns)

HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL – **Steve Hess (permanent sub for Ed Siebert),**

**Pam Siebert, Duane Smith, Bob Kennedy**

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### **Second Event – Irving Medal**

**Winners** ("Overnight Success" by George Strait)

The Big Valley – **Pam Politano, Mike Courts, Jim Denny, Michael Bloom**

**Runners-Up** (“I Fall To Pieces” by Patsy Cline)  
Sweethearts of the Rodeo – **Sue Bussy, Ken Franklin, Rachel Franklin,  
Mike Murray**

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**Third Event – Katrina Medal**

**Winners** (“Eighteen “Rocks” and a Dozen Roses” by Kathy Mattea)  
The Virginian – **Alice Yeh, Andrew Erbelding, George Cowles, Marion Cowles**

**Runners-Up** – (“If Tomorrow Never Comes” by Garth Brooks)  
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band–**Trish Ryan, Tim Klein, Joe Redding, Dolores Redding**

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**Fourth Event – The Graveyard Medal**

**Winners** (“Sunday Morning Coming Down” by Johnny Cash)  
Bonanza – **Rob Chebetar, Adam Chebetar, Liz Chebetar, Eesha Dave**

**Runners-Up** (“Today My World Slipped Away” by George Strait)  
Sugarfoot – **Mike Greene, Jim McGinnis, Richard Goodwin, Ruth Loomis**

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**Fifth Event – The Pull Medal**

**Winners** (“Friends In Low Places” by Garth Brooks)  
Wild Wild West – **Pete McCuen, Ed Andrews, Julie Everett, Ian Everett**

**Runners-Up** (“From The Fryin’ Pan” by Ricky Van Shelton)  
The Eagles – **Mark Bussy, Ann MacMillan, Armen Balemian, Jim Duke**

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**Sixth Event – The Plug Medal**

**Winners** (“Is It Over Yet?” by Wynonna)  
Maverick – **Jeff Paul, Jacques Jacquet, David Wachtel, Sharon Jacquet**

**Runners-Up** – (“I Think I’ll Just Stay Here And Drink” by Merle Haggard)  
High Chaparral – **Norm Laird, Alison Bankes, Pete Westrell, Sal Marziale**

**La Quete du Roi Gay and Lesbian Bonspiel**

**Jim O’Boyle** teamed up with Peter De Jong (Nutmeg), Luc Latour and Jim Vibert (both from Toronto) to play in the sixth edition of the **La Quete du Roi Gay and Lesbian Bonspiel at the Royal Montreal Curling Club, March 21-23, 2008.** After losing the first two games in the points round robin to teams from Montreal, they ran the table in almost blowout fashion in the single elimination rounds against two (2) more Montreal teams and then a team from Toronto to **end up as the D Event winners.** Interesting factoid: Founded in 1807 the Royal Montreal Curling Club is the oldest athletic organization in North America and recognized as an “Event of National Significance” by the Canadian government.

## **An Unsung Hero – Pete Westrell**

Ardasley Curling Club is lucky indeed to have Pete Westrell as a member. Pete single-handedly sets up curling for girl scouts, brownies, the four high schools and for the third year in a row, the special needs boys from Valhalla. Pete is unfailingly patient with these boys. He is determined to help them become strong enough to get a chance to go in the Special Olympics.

Once Pete has a date and time set up for one of his groups, Pete will send out an email asking for help in teaching these groups. What Pete does out of a genuine caring for these children benefits the Ardsley Curling Club. Teaching all these groups allows Ardsley to maintain their 501C tax exempt status.

Thank you, Pete.

## **Tartan Day, by Jim Gutekunst**

Three and a half sheets (28) of curlers braved the canyons of New York City to participate in this year's Tartan Day Parade. The parade kicked off at 2pm on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 44<sup>th</sup> st and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and finished at 59<sup>th</sup> street. This year's Grand Marshal was Laurence Tynes, the field goal kicker for the NY Giants. After the parade, many curlers being tired and thirsty went to the festivities at the Stout pub. The highlight of the evening was the performance the "Red Hot Chili Pipers", a group from Scotland that apparently is the rave over there. It was a beautiful day and all that attended would agree is an extremely fun filled event.

**photos** of the event are up in the Photo Gallery on the <http://www.ardsleycurling.org/> website

## **Ardasley Curling Club Annual Meeting April 6/08**

The 2008 Annual Meeting was held in the Warm Room at the Curling Club April 6.

The meeting had 26 members present in person and 57 represented by proxy.

Mike Greene reported we have 197 full time members and 39 associate members for a total of 228.

Tim Klein reported we completed the year with \$62,000 in funds in the Bank. Income was good with \$102,000 in membership dues, Corporate Events raised \$12,600 and the McKay Douglas generated a profit of \$15,741. There were other contributing events but overall the season was a success financially.

President Alice Yeh reported the season was uneventful with no flooding, compressor failures or other problems. As a result we had a good season of Curling! She thanked the individuals who installed the new carpeting and the walkways, the painters of the walls around the ice, and the ceiling and kitchen installers.

Alice particularly complimented Gert Messing and the Ice Committee and advised he is retiring and Dave Schrull will assume this role. She thanked the Bonspiel coordinators,

Peter Westrell for the Special Olympic and youth programs, and noted the major contribution of Sandy Gaffner and all volunteers for the Corporate Events success. Alice also thanked the league Chairs for their hard work organizing each of our leagues. Alice thanked the outgoing Directors for their service and support.

Jim Kindler on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Peter Westrell for a 2 year term, and Sandy Gaffner, Geoff Broadhurst, Tom Doherty, James Weeks and Vic Huebner for 3 year terms. This slate was duly elected.

Jeff Lesuk and the attending members gave Alice a round of applause to show appreciation and thanks for her contribution and support for the Club over the past 2 years!

At the Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee:

President	-	Jeff Lesuk
Vice President	-	Vic Huebner
Treasurer	-	Tim Klein
Secretary	-	Mark Bussy

## **CLOSING DINNER Date: May 2, 2008**

Location: Ardsley Country Club  
Time: Cocktails 7:00 pm. Dinner 8:00 pm  
Cost: \$50.00 per person  
Cash Bar

Includes: Passed hors d'oeuvres Choice of meat or fish, with vegetarian entree available on request, Dessert

Reservations: 914 591-8150

## **2008 GNCC Annual Membership Meeting**

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Subject: 2008 GNCC Annual Membership Meeting – Registration

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Grand National Curling Club of America <http://www.gncc.org/> will be held from May 16 to May 18 2008 at the Nashua Country Club, at 25 Fairway St in Nashua, NH.

Hotel Accommodations are available at Radisson Hotel Nashua for \$99 / night for single or double. To make reservations call 1-603-888-9970, mention you are with the GNCC Annual meeting to receive this special rate. For more information and directions to the hotel please visit the web site [www.radisson.com/nashuanh](http://www.radisson.com/nashuanh)

## Hot Shots Curling Camp at Nutmeg

The Nutmeg Curling Club in Bridgeport, CT is considering hosting the Hot Shots Curling Camp at their club in October of this year. Hot Shots Curling Camp is the world leader in adult curling instruction. They provide instruction in curling technique and strategy through on-ice sessions, video analysis and classroom sessions to both new and experienced curlers. All instructors are world class athletes, competitors and sports educators. Instructors have included current Men's World Champion skip Glenn Howard and Women's U.S. Champion Debbie McCormick. Please feel free to visit their website at [www.hotshotscurling.com](http://www.hotshotscurling.com) for more information.

While members of our club have traveled to Canada and Wisconsin to participate in this camp, it has not been offered in our area of the country before. As such, the Nutmeg Curling Club is attempting to get a general feel for the level of interest before making final arrangements. The decision will be made at the end of March.

If you have any interest (this is not a commitment) in attending the camp at Nutmeg, please send an email to Kim Nawyn at [kim.nawyn@att.net](mailto:kim.nawyn@att.net) before next Tuesday, March 25th. Nutmeg is considering either the first or last weekend in October 2008. (The camp typically runs half a day on Friday, all day Saturday and most of the day on Sunday.) If you have a date preference (first or last weekend), please note that in your email.

We would like to provide a good estimate of the number of people from Ardsley who may be interested in attending.

**The Preliminary GNCC 2008 - 2009 bonspiel schedule** has been posted at [www.gncc.org](http://www.gncc.org). This has not been set in stone and is a suggestion based upon how the calendar falls. We can change the date of the McKay Douglas,, which is about the only event we control, if we choose to. I will be going to the GNCC annual meeting in Nashua and we can talk to other clubs about their dates. Right now we have no conflicts, but I would expect some changes to appear. For those of us not in official decision making positions, having a look is a great way to start planning for next season.

Walt Baggett, Ardsley CC GNCC Representative

## wee bit of Curling definition and etymology

A **bonspiel** is a curling tournament, traditionally held outdoors on a frozen freshwater loch. The word comes from the Scots language and means *league(or alliance or household) match (or game)*. Also, etymologically-speaking, a case can be made for the root words meaning 'good game', as in bon from the French for good and spiel from the German for game/play/contest/match.

Have a Great SUMMER! Next issue in September! Ted\_Pitt@msn.com

