



# ***DUCK SOUP #2 2008-2009 FOR ARDSLEY CURLERS***

## ***NOTE! CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>!***

### **The Wednesday Night Men's League (The Blanton)**

This year the league has a total of 57 curlers. This is down from its typical 60 curler from the past few seasons. But once again we have a good mixture of new and experienced curlers. Like in years past, it looks like the Blanton will be a very close and competitive league with the top two skips moving up to the Wells for the second half of the season. With four games already played the standings are as followed:

Hess	4	0
Pekowitz	4	0
Bussy	3	1
Schrull	3	1
P. Huebner	2	2
McCarty	2	2
Noble	2	2
Siebert	2	2
Barghout	1	3
Harmon	1	3
Chebetar	0	4
V. Huebner	0	4



**A NY Caledonian rink travelled to Cornwall, Ontario** to participate in their 7th Annual Mixed bonspiels at their beautiful, 6 sheet facility. Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, Joyance Meechai and Plainfield curler Mark Mooney beat teams from Navan and Prescott (both near Ottawa) in 6 ends in the first 2 games, but fell just short in the A Event Semi-Final against another Prescott team that was a four time previous champ. Due to an odd draw, there was no consolation event, so it was A Event to elimination. A great time was had by all due to the hospitality of curlers Pete and Jean Murphy who hosted the team on Thur night (like royalty) and to new Ardsley curlers Nancee and Dave Cruickshank who hosted the team in Cornwall (in the manner to which they've become recently accustomed).

### **SCORE: Grand National CC 492, Ontario Curling Assoc. 441**

Around Veterans Day, 16 GNCC and 16 Ontario Curling Association teams play four, eight end games and the largest stone total determines who wins the coveted international Ross Tarlton Shield. Another miracle happened this year because the GNCC teams won the shield, now two years in a row.

The Ross Tarlton Shield (bonspiel) was modeled in 1967 by Ross Tarlton, Linc Siebert and Ted Childs exactly like the Gordon International Medal (bonspiel) which started in 1884 between the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian CC (the Montreal area curling association) and the GNCC. The site of both bonspiels alternates between countries. "These are friendly games to promote goodwill and get to know one another".\*

This year, the Ardsley CC team was Steve Hess, Pete McCuen, George Cowles and Jim McGinnis. The GNCC Officers team was Bunkie Harmon (GNCC Treasurer), Geoff Broadhurst (GNCC/USCA Board Member), Carl Thomas (GNCC 1<sup>st</sup> VP) and Dick McCartney (GNCC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP). The competition was held at Broomstones CC, The Country Club and Cape Cod CC.

The closing dinner at TCC on Saturday eve was a festive event with a piper leading in the head table and speeches.

Just before the top secret winner of the competition is announced and the winner and runner-up medals are awarded, The Collie Campbell Memorial Award is

presented to a person in recognition of his "sportsmanship, leadership and devotion to the best traditions of curling". At the inaugural 1967 RT bonspiel, the Hon. Colin A. Campbell was elected to be a life member to the GNCC because of his "incredible contribution to Curling, National and International". After Collie died in 1978, the GNCC established The Collie Campbell Award and the first recipient was Ross Tarlton in 1980 and the second was Ted Childs in 1981. This year, the 41<sup>th</sup> recipient was Geoff Broadhurst. "All recipients receive an Eskimo Carving and show it with great pride". Geoff thanked The Ross Tarlton Shield trustees for this honor and appreciated the recognition for his efforts to Grow Curling from the Bottom Up such as helping membership growth and club formation, facilitating stones to arena clubs and providing club incorporation and nonprofit documents. There are 52 curling clubs, curling on



arena ice in the USA and with help; they will be curling on their own dedicated curling facility someday soon.

In November 2010, Ardsley CC and Nutmeg have offered to host the Ross Tarlton Shield. The Double Tree Hotel in Norwalk is booked to house the teams.

\*Ross Tarlton Shield – The First Twenty Years, 1967-1986

### WHY IS OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER CALLED "DUCK SOUP"?

Searching the .....

**HISTORY**  
**of the**  
**ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB**  
**Compiled by**  
**Joseph P. Ringland**

**1973**

The frequent news letter appeared with the name  
"Duck Soup" for the first time dated December 27, 1943.  
Stu Peabody is responsible for that title.



From 1932 to 1967, Ardsley curled at St. Andrews. All stones were delivered standing in the hack and swinging your arm back while holding the stone. The stone was supposed to land flat on the ice and continue on to its mark. But Ardsley lads only curled there once a week and often landed the stone unevenly: so the stone waddled down the ice like a duck. Thus St. Andrews mockingly gave us our unique mascot, the Ardsley "DUCK".

Why "Soup"? Perhaps Stu borrowed the name from one of the funniest movies ever. Google says **Duck Soup** is a [1933 Marx Brothers anarchic comedy film](#) written by [Bert Kalmar](#) and [Harry Ruby](#), with additional dialogue by [Arthur Sheekman](#) and [Nat Perrin](#), and directed by [Leo McCarey](#). First released theatrically by [Paramount Pictures](#) on November 17 1933, it starred

what were then billed as the "Four Marx Brothers" ([Groucho](#), [Harpo](#), [Chico](#), and [Zeppo](#)). It was the last Marx Brothers film to feature Zeppo, and the last of five Marx Brothers movies released by Paramount.<sup>[1]</sup>

## [www.ardsleycurling.org](http://www.ardsleycurling.org) Website Features

If you're not a regular user of ACC's website you may not know of some features you might find useful. Among the most frequently used are:

- Links to GNCC and USCA websites among other curling links
- Bonspiels (in-house and around the country, especially GNCC) including entry forms
- Copies of most recent emails sent to the membership
- Reservation facility for reserving practice ice time (new feature)
- Back issues of Duck Soup
- Calendars of club events plus a comprehensive and up-to-date Ice Schedule and detailed League Schedules with rosters and in some cases current standings
- Complete roster of club members with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses
- Assorted other timely or historic club-related info.

If you find missing or incorrect info on the website, please contact website administrator, Pete McCuen at [curlingpete@aol.com](mailto:curlingpete@aol.com). Nothing gets on the website unless someone tells him to put it there

For those who are interested, the warm room is currently wired for wireless internet!!

Curling! ON [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) **CHECK IT OUT!**



**just become a member of facebook and then search the curling group, you would be surprised who is already on the site!** [Sports & Recreation](#) - [Winter Sports](#)

Description: This is the official Facebook group for curlers. Whether you've been to Worlds or only tried it once, we welcome all levels of experience. Keep in touch with friends around the globe, even during the offseason.

### Contact Info

Email: [notacanadian24@yahoo.com](mailto:notacanadian24@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://www.usacurl.org>

### Curling Websites & Blog Corner

Curl TV - <http://www.curltv.com/>

Ontario Curling Tour - <http://www.ontariocurlingtour.com//index.php>

USCA - <http://www.usacurl.org/usacurl/index.php>

GNCC - <http://www.gncc.org/>

Jeff Hanon's Blogsite - <http://jhcurl.blogspot.com/>

<http://gncc.org/CurlingNews.pdf> for the latest Curling News from the GNCC!

Merle Huebener and Ina Obernesser are **seeking an improved name for our Duckgear line of clothes.**

There will be a prize awarded for the best suggestion and the closing date is December 7th.

Ideas/suggestions can be send to Merle:

[Merleh@optonline.net](mailto:Merleh@optonline.net) or to

Ina: [ina\\_o1@hotmail.com](mailto:ina_o1@hotmail.com)



### Practice Time Reservation

With the potential of having more bonspiels/playdowns at the club this year, and the resulting need for team practices, we have developed an ice reservation system on our website for reserving time for team practices. The system is easy to use and we hope will prevent showing up with a group to practice and finding all sheets in use. We will start with some simple basic rules which should suffice for making the system work effectively for all.

The system is for the use of members only. Ice can be reserved in 30-minute segments for up to two hours at a time. We ask all to please check the Ice

Schedule (menu on left) to be sure that the time you want is not already scheduled for club functions.

To use the system go to the website ([www.ardsleycurling.org](http://www.ardsleycurling.org)), login as a member, and click on "Reservations" on the menu. Select the date(s) you want from the drop down menu. Select which sheet you want and then the time block(s) you want. You will receive a simple reservation form to complete and submit. Assuming no conflicts with the current schedule, you will receive a confirmation. If you get no subsequent messages to the contrary, the ice is yours. If for any reason you must cancel your reservation, return to the system and do so. Depending on the demand for available ice, the club reserves the right to cancel reservations for multiple sheets or reservations made more than two weeks in advance.

Joyance Meechai has volunteered to monitor the system for any scheduling difficulties. Should any changes be required of confirmed reservations due to club needs, etc., the reserver will be contacted by Joyance. If you have any scheduling questions, please contact Joyance at [Joyance.Meechai@reval.com](mailto:Joyance.Meechai@reval.com).

If you have any questions/problems concerning the system itself, please contact Pete McCuen at [curlingpete@aol.com](mailto:curlingpete@aol.com). Since this is a new system for us, it is probably not unreasonable to expect a glitch or two.

Good luck and Good Curling.

## TURKEY TROT 2008

*FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 28 to SUNDAY*

*AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 30*

It's turkey time again!

Join our annual Thanksgiving celebration bonspiel following the feast. Work off a few calories. All ages and skills levels are welcome.



Sign up on the sheets at the club,  
or go to eForms on the website.

Cost: \$30 / person For further information, contact Ed Andrews: [usaliened@aol.com](mailto:usaliened@aol.com)

Save the date of Sunday evening, December 14 for the annual festivities at the Ardsley Country Club. Details to follow.

## **ARCHIE BRUCE FRIENDLEY at Cape Cod CC Jan 3-4, 2009**

Three Ardsley teams will compete against three Cape Cod CC teams at their fancy new curling club in Falmouth MA. New curlers are welcome. The Saturday and Sunday fun includes:

Saturday, Jan 3, 4 pm – Teams play an 8 end game

6 pm - Cocktails

7 pm – Dinner

? pm – Overnight in Falmouth

Sunday, Jan 4, 9 am – Continental breakfast at CCCC

10 am – Teams play an 8 end game

12 noon – Bloodies etc.

1 pm - Brunch

1:30 pm - Awards. Club teams with largest total of stones wins the Archie Bruce Friendly Stone trophy but the team with the greatest point differential will be awarded the Archie Bruce Pin. 2:00 pm Farewells

Want to sign up or more info, call Pippa & Geoff Broadhurst, 914 591 7356 or Email [goPippago@PippaGeoff.com](mailto:goPippago@PippaGeoff.com)

**The 2009 GNCC Women's Club Championship** will be held January 22-25 at Broomstones Curling Club, Wayland, MA. The winner of this event will go on to represent the GNCC at the USCA Club National Championship at Utica Curling Club in Utica, NY, March 7-14.

The Club Championship is a great event for teams that want to play at a competitive level and have fun while doing it.



Complete details about the event are attached, along with a flyer that can be posted at your club.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS JANUARY 8

For further information or questions about the event, please contact Amber McKernan ([atmckernan@roadrunner.com](mailto:atmckernan@roadrunner.com) or 518-327-3223 H 518-524-3314 C)

## GNCC Men's Club Championship

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Complete details about the event are attached along with a flyer that can be posted at your club. The sign-up deadline is January 8, 2009. Anyone with questions about the event should contact Derek Surka at [surka@alum.mit.edu](mailto:surka@alum.mit.edu) or 203-824-3131.

**Note, due to changes in the billing at the Country Club, Duck Soup **WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED**, it will be available on the website. If you have friends who would rather read it, please print it off and send it to them! Thanks!** Next Issue of DUCK

SOUP early January ! Ted\_pitt@msn.com

