



# ***DUCK SOUP #3 2008-2009 FOR ARDSLEY CURLERS***

## **Wednesday Night Men's Curling**

The first half of the Men's League (The Blanton) has ended with Bill Pekowitz's team winning the Gold. Along with Bill, the team included George Austin, Brian O'Neill, TC Yeh, and Sam Wechsler. Mark Bussy's team came in a close second for the Silver. Mark's team included Bill Stopera, Michael Shalhoub, and James Weeks. Bill and Mark will now move up to skip in second half of the Men's League (The Wells), which is considered the senior skip league. The final standing's for the Blanton are as followed:

Bill Pekowitz	10	1
Mark Bussy	10	1
John Noble	8	3
Steve Hess	7	4
Isa Barghout	5	6
David Schrull	5	6
Ed Siebert	4	7
Paul Huebner	4	7
Vic Huebner	4	7
Bunkie Harmon	3	8
Jerry McCarty	3	8
Adam Chebetar	3	8



## Tuesday Night League

Carol Reynolds won the MacIntosh event, curling for the first time in a women's league. Her team was Nancy Clancy, Pippa Broadhurst, Ina Obernesser. The runner-up was Nancee Cruickshank (with Pam Politano, Ann MacMillan, Susan Lapham, & Bev Baynard), curling for the first time in an Ardsley league. Here are the standings:

Reynolds	4-0
Cruickshank	3-1
Siebert	2-2
Morrison	1-3
Frees	0-4

## **Tuesday Night Ladies USWCA All American**

The United States Women's Curling Association (USWCA) started the All American to provide a nationwide competition for all women curlers and encourage new and more recent curlers to participate. The teams are balanced as well as the USWCA 'rep' (ACC 'rep' is Pippa Broadhurst) is able to do. We hope to encourage these newer curlers to consider 'bonspieling' in their future. Ardsley's All American started in December with five teams. We are still playing down. Sandy Gaffner's team of Pam Siebert, Ina Obernesser, Dolores Redding and Beverly Baynard is undefeated. If the weather cooperates we hope to finish in January. Then I will provide a complete listing of results

## **Sunday Jug Ogden Junior Skips Pizza League**

Although short on members, the Sunday league is long on fun. And pizza! We instituted the 5<sup>th</sup> end pizza call and moved the starting time to 11:00 AM to allow for more football watching by the fantasy football-playing members of the league. And we also used the schedule as a suggestion for lineups, much the way the broom is used by many players as a suggestion for aiming.



With only 8 members we needed to shuffle the lineups often and we used many subs. Bob Kennedy gets honorable mention for most sub appearances (3!) on Sunday (Yeah, Bob! way to go!). The winners were determined using the best winning percentages amongst the regulars over the 8 weeks of play.

The standings, by winning percentage, are presented below. Winners of the prestigious Jug Ogden Junior Skip medal for the Fall 2008 session are underlined:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PCT.</b>
<u>Hal Cashman</u>	.833
<u>Mike Greene</u>	.750
<u>Hayle Chun</u>	.714
<u>Matty Allen</u>	.600
Kim Nawyn	.400
David Schrull	.286
Jackie Yodashkin	.167
Pete Forrest	.167

Congratulations winners! Make your reservation for the Closing Dinner in May to ensure that you receive your medal.

### **ROMEO'S FACE OFF OF GOOD OLD BOYS AND THE ICE HOUSE GANG!**

Good Old Boys (Nutmeg) VS. The Ice House Gang (Ardsley) December 12th 2008!

Good Old Boys (GOB)

Ice House Gang (IHG)

Captain Charlie Mack

Captain Bunkie Harmon

Score	Sheet A	GOB 8	IHG 5
	Sheet B	GOB 8	IHG 6
	Sheet C	GOB 9	IHG 1

Overall Leader Good Old Boys with 23 points  
Total, Ice House Gang 14

Teams for Ice House Gang

Sheet A

Sheet B

Sheet C

Broadhurst (Skip)  
(Skip)

Hubner (Skip)

Barghout/Baggett

Sugahara

McCuen

McGinnis

Cowles

Westrill

Laird

Infranco

Borowitz

Dukes

Langley

Hunter

Honzak

Webb

Pitt/Huffine

Cheering Squad:- Harmon



## The Bucket – 2008

The morning of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 was wintry. Snow was sweeping over Westchester County and points inland. The coast was coated with rain and sleet. Yet 15 intrepid curlers hurled themselves through the elements to defend the honor of Ardsley. Only 14 reached their destination.

Only a few days before, Matty Allen performed his duty to remind Mike Greene to take the Bucket, the coveted ice bucket that has changed hands between first the Plainfield and St. Andrews Curling Clubs, and now the Plainfield and Ardsley Clubs. The same bucket that Mike Murphy had brought to the engraver to have “Ardsley – 2007” etched into its side. The same bucket that the engraver instead arked “Ardsley – 2008.”

This Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, was the day that the Ardsley curlers had to go to Plainfield to retain the rights to the Bucket so that Mr. Murphy would not be obliged to commit hari-kari over the mis-engraving of the trophy.

Fifteen travelers set out to Plainfield. Led by Mr. Greene, the Ardsley contingent consisted of less than 48 years of curling experience embodied in Matty Allen, Armen Balemian, Hal Cashman, Hayle Chun, Pete Forrest, Lyn Greaves, Jeff Klein, Tim Klein, John Noble, Dave Schrull, James Weeks, Erin Woodard, Jason Woodard. Only Kim Nawyn was repelled by the snow and ice pelting every inch of the road she attempted to traverse. Through the grace of the curling gods, Ms. Nawyn returned to the safety of her home where she remained the rest of the day, her mind racing over the fate of her compatriots in New Jersey while sipping hot chocolate under a warm blanket and watching CurlTV.

Eight of the Ardsleyites entered the Plainfield Curling Club to start the 8:30 AM draw. By 10:00, Ardsley was ahead, Messrs. T. Klein and Noble skipping our heroes to wins in both games. In all, Ardsley won 6 of the 8 6-end games and when the final rock was thrown some time around 3:15 PM, nobody was keeping score. And it's a good thing, too, because Mr. Allen had called Mr. Greene twice that morning to ask about weather conditions in the southern part of the metro area and neglected to remind Mr. Greene to bring the Bucket to Plainfield. That's right, the Bucket itself missed out on the excitement, but Mr. Greene did receive some severe tongue-lashings and other sundry threats from his team.



In the final analysis, our Ardsley curlers: were well taken care of by Nicole Husch and the Plainfield curlers; retained the Bucket for another year; and had a great time. Next year it's our turn to host Plainfield, so get ready!

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ardsley Little Rock Bonspiel

Ardsley hosted its second Little Rock Bonspiel on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. It's always difficult to determine how many people will come to a bonspiel over the holidays, but 21 curlers in 6 rinks representing 4 clubs were in the ice house at 9:00 AM. Four other curlers were missed due to illness. Each team played three 4-end games in a point format.

The two Ardsley rinks curled well and met in the 1<sup>st</sup> event final. The Shawn Brantman rink (with Jesse Leon and Brett Birkenblit) beat the Tim Courts rink (with Matthew Greene, Tyler Chebetar and Christopher Courts) in the final.



Team Brantman: Sean, Brett and Jesse

The 2<sup>nd</sup> event saw Team Hageman from Plainfield defeat Team Shane from Nutmeg in a rematch of their 3<sup>rd</sup> round draw. Team Suslavich from Nutmeg defeated Team Filkins from Schenectady in the 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

The bonspiel was a great success and couldn't have happened without help from our kids' parents. We also thank the curlers (and their parents!) who made it to Ardsley this year and look forward to seeing them all next year.

## MONCTONIAN BONSPIEL

Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, Chris Banino were joined by Don Garside from Burlington Ontario to compete in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Monctonian Bonspiel starting November 12<sup>th</sup>.



The New York Caledonian team finished with four wins and one loss after curling two extra end games. They won an event with prizes and will appear in next year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book.

Another team led by Walter Baggett, Ray Bejnart and Paul Mort from Cape Cod also participated. Although they struggled, Ray was honored by being the American representative at the Banquet.

A good time was had by all!

## **Norfolk Mens' 2008 Calder Cup Bonspiel... from Dec. 4 - 7, 2008 by Dennis Mellerup**

Team Ardsley, skipped by Dennis Mellerup along with third Mike Murphy, second Dan Tufaro, lead Chris Banino won the A Event final against NY Caledonian (skipped by our George Austin, along with Jeff Lesuk, Jim Parsons of Boston Canadian Club, and Mike Courts).

The bonspiel was a great success with 24 teams competing in 4 events. The ice was well maintained throughout the weekend. Great food and wonderful hosts and competitors alike.

I had the honor of speaking on behalf of our team to thank the organizers and club. I saved the last of my speech for George Austin, acknowledging my deep admiration and respect for him as a competitor and teammate. We have played many times together and against, often in final event matches. We are looking forward to defending this title next year!





Dennis Mellerup along with third Mike Murphy, second Dan Tufaro, lead Chris Banino





**Team Dancing Nancies (Clancy, Kellerhals, Everett, Politano) played in the Empire State bonspiel at the Rochester Curling Club 1/15-18. Their record was 3-1, and they won the Third Event. They also enjoyed a wonderful banquet at the famous Oak Hills Country Club, and enjoyed all the historic displays from the world of golf.**



### **Romanian Pin Collector by Pippa Broadhurst**

Imagine my surprise on October 17, 2008, when I received an email from Maria Nagy of Romania. Maria emailed that she was 41 years old and has been a sport's pin collector for twenty years. Her collection numbered over 2000 pins but Maria was "**missing the badge of our federation**".

**My return email (October 19th) asked for her address, how she heard of Ardsley and was Maria herself a curler? .Then the email of October 24th from Maria said she got my email address from the Canadian Curling Club site. She does not curl and has never seen it played.**

Of course, I sent Maria an Ardsley pin and a couple of other pins.

**January 5th my email from Maria read: "I got your mail with the pins. Thank you very much. Happy New Year and good luck in 2009." Nagy Maria Romanian Pin Collector**

## Tartan day parade



**Curling team gains experience at event: - published by Lower Hudson local news!**

To view the contents on [www.lohud.com](http://www.lohud.com), go to:  
<http://www.lohud.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/200901120230/SPORTS05/901120354>



Joyance

Meechai is on one of nine Ardsley Curling Club teams in the women's qualifying round for the 2010 U.S. Olympic Trials.  
(Mike Roy/The Journal News)



**Here is the link to the YES TV broadcast! Note the comments of our JOLLY president!**

<http://video.yahoo.com/watch/4297344/11546628>

It is also posted under "Related Site Links" on our website.

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

From the Pull the Plug...2003 whose derriere in the blue shorts??



## Curling in Hamburg, Germany at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hafen Pokal

On November 12, 2008, Jim O'Boyle (Nutmeg) took a team (forever known in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Pokal annals as Team USA) consisting of Trish Ryan (Nutmeg, Ardsley), Tim Klein (Ardsley), Ed Siebert (Ardsley) and Pam Siebert (Ardsley) to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Hafen Pokal Bonsel in Hamburg Germany. Officially it was "32. Intern. Turnier um den Hafen Hamburg Pokal 2008, 14. bis 16. November 2008". What follows is a little diary of the trip (okay more than a little), but the net net is we went 1-3, winning our final game. The first game was a tough one against Markus Klauenboesch, Switzerland (we won 1 end, losing 12-1), followed by a better match against our new friends from Zug, Switzerland (won 3 ends, losing 13-5), Team Hockeler. Saturday found us against a home team Streithorst losing on a last rock, 6-5. Victory was ours against Team Meyer from Hamburg, winning 6-2. Despite the score of the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, the first game was the only real "blowout" so to speak. Against Zug we were in every end with a chance to take or steal. Jim was just not able to match Herr Hockeler with his corner hit, roll double take-outs. There was a full banquet on Saturday night at the Hotel with dinner, dancing, laughs and, of course, the obligatory cocktails. At the awards ceremony on Sunday at the Curling Club we were introduced first and foremost in the line-up of away teams. The funny part was that if any of us really knew German, the speech might have held a special place in our hearts. The final standing was based upon a rather unfamiliar points system for wins, ends and rocks. Team USA finished 25 out of 32. We plan on doing better next time. After our game on Sunday, the Vice from Team Streithorst invited our whole team to dinner at her house on Monday night. It was a special night of German hospitality. The wine flowed, the mouths roared, and even more laughs followed. We all agreed that to say that it



was a special night would be an understatement. Team USA toured the lovely City of Hamburg on Monday, followed by dinner at the home of Susanne and Lothar Idler. Jim and Tim bade Trish, Pam and Ed farewell later on Monday evening (wine was involved) as they returned to toil in the US on Tuesday. Tim and Jim continued to tour Hamburg until their return on Thursday. More bier was involved.

The whole bonspiel came together back in August when we finally decided to commit to going. Of course cocktails were involved. Jim had originally been trading emails from the beginning of April, 2008 with a curler in Aalborg, Denmark about attending their open bonspiel. The curling link on "Face book" provided the inspiration. Aalborg put Jim in touch with Hamburg as originally the bonspiels were "back-to-back". But as it turns out the Aalborg 'spiel was moved to early September, when none of our team could make it. So we decided to go on to Hamburg, not knowing what really lay in store for us. Sabine Belkofer was Jim's contact as the Bonspiel Chairperson. As it also turns out if Jim had done a little more homework, he would have determined that the level of competition was lofty, as were Team USA's aspirations. After the **"rangliste"** was sent out, it appeared that there was a Swiss National Team, the 2002 Germany Women's Olympic Team (Belkofer), the Danish 2000 National Team, the Latvia Men's Olympic team, the current Senior Men's European Champion team, the Greece Olympic team, some assorted teams currently on the European curling tour, oh..... and us. Jim managed to keep these unimportant facts from the rest of the team until after the team arrived in Hamburg. Bier was involved in that little chat. Nonetheless we were there, at the Hotel Berlin in Hamburg. Sabine Belkofer and her friends met us at the airport to escort us to the Hotel and gave guided tours along the way. The Hotel greeted us with complimentary cappuccino kaffe. Off we went to the "U". Who knew the subway was on the honor system, getting on and off with no turnstiles, checkpoints or the like. The Curling Club Hamburg was about 12 stops away on the "U" from the hotel, taking about 20 minutes. It is a really nice 4 sheet club. Ardsley pins and Nutmeg pins were handled out and most were prominently evident at the banquet. Invitations for the 2009 Golden Handle and the 2009 McKay Douglas were sent out to Sabine Belkofer after our return for distribution to all the teams. Hopefully, both bonspiels "at home" will have a European team in attendance.



A bonspiel retrospective: We had lots of bier. We had wonderful food. We had lots of laughs. We met lots of wonderful friends. We made some shots and missed some shots. We won a game and lost some games. But most of all, WE HAD FUN. Because we "always look at the bright side of life".

**"PROST"** to our wonderful German friends (curlers and non-curlers alike).

## **Jim O'Boyle, for Team USA, Trish Ryan, Tim Klein, Pam Siebert, Ed Siebert**



Tim Klein, Jim O'Boyle, Trish Ryan, Pam Siebert, Ed Siebert, and Sabine Belkofer (Bonspiel Chair and member of the 2002 Germany Women's Olympic Team)

### **Ardasley Curling Club merchandise**

Merle Huebener is gradually passing the sales of Ardsley Curling Club merchandise to me (she has been doing it, by herself for 15 years!). The merchandise was renamed to Ardsley Outfitters by a contest (the Board selected the new name). The winning name was submitted by Robin Gestring. Merle and I would like to thank all our members who participated.



We have a new catalog with ACC/Land's End merchandise, which can be found on top of the display case. No minimum order is required. Order deadline will be February 6th.

Please contact Ina Obernesser for any orders or questions: [ina\\_o1@hotmail.com](mailto:ina_o1@hotmail.com) or (347) 427-1717

## **Curling Websites & Blog Corner**

Ardsley Curling Club - <http://www.ardsleycurling.org>

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

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

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

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

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

Curling Zone - <http://www.curlingzone.com>

Nutmeg Curling Club - <http://www.nutmegcurling.com>

Nutmeg Curling Club Blog - <http://nutmegcc.blogspot.com/>

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