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GNCC vs. OCA For The Ross Tarlton Shield

By Geoff Broadhurst

The Ross Tarlton (RT) bonspiel started in 1967. It is between 16 teams from the GNCC Region (Eastern USA curling clubs from Maine to Florida) and 16 teams from the Ontario Curling Association. The curling alternates between southern Ontario and the GNCC Region each year. This men's social competition is "curling with mates who are more concerned about enjoying the game and the people you meet". Initially, Ardsley had one RT team - Vic Huebner, Pete McCuen, Jim McGinnis and Bill Langley. Fortunately many Ardsley men signed up to be substitutes; so another team got to play (Jim Gutekunst, Steve Hess, Ed Andrews and Tim Klein) when Albany dropped out for medical reasons. Other subs played including Norm Laird, Robert Baensch and Walter Baggett. The GNCC team included Bunkie Harmon, (GNCC Treasurer & RT Trustee), Geoff Broadhurst (GNCC Club and Membership Growth), Carl Thomas (GNCC President), and Dick Macartney (GNCC VP).

In the past, the RT was held in Rochester, Utica, Albany/Schenectady and Boston/Cape Cod. Now that Nutmeg CC has a 3 sheet facility, the BODs of Ardsley and Nutmeg agreed two years ago to hold the bonspiel at our clubs Nov. 11 - 13. The joint host committee was Chuck Owens and Charlie Mack from Nutmeg and Bunkie Harmon, Bill Langley, and Geoff Broadhurst from Ardsley. Our plans were good as the event was "most enjoyable". All teams stayed at the DoubleTree Hotel in Norwalk. Since no team got lost travelling all games occurred without delay.

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Ardsley Curling Club Growing Fast

By Jeff Casper

Something we can all take pride in is our club's tremendous growth this past year. Julie Everett, our membership chair, reports we now have a whopping 274 members. From December of last year to today, we have a net gain of 93 new members, including 20 Junior and Little Rockers!

Existing leagues are filling up or are full, and new leagues have formed to accommodate the growing interest in our great game.

Julie wants to convey her special thanks to all the Open House volunteers including Bill Pekowitz, Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, and Scott Silverman. She also thanks all the curlers who went out of their way to make a new curler feel more welcome.

New curlers will be completing their new curler training (see separate article from Bill Pekowitz) and will be merged into various leagues starting in earnest now, with the help of their trainers.

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Team Lesuk Claims the Turkey Trot

By Jeff Klein

It was a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving at the Peanuts-themed 2010 Turkey Trot. 40 People signed up and almost 90% were new curlers. Many were attending their first bonspiel so they weren't sure what to expect. What they got was a lot of great competition, wonderful food and the opportunity to hang out with other club members. Play started Friday night, then all day Saturday with finals on Sunday. For those of you who skipped the Turkey Trot, you missed a fun event and the opportunity to meet many of the new curlers. Here are the results:

1st Event Winners – Jeff Lesuk (S), Lynn Greaves, Kevin Greaves, Norm Halperin.

1st Event Runner Up– George Austin (S), Melissa Dominguez, Tom Theilmann, Seth Altman.

2nd Event Winners – Nancy Clancy (S), Mike Spensieri, Sharon Gallegos, Taylor Block. 2nd Event Runner Up– Dave Schrull (S), Stephen Devaney, Nathan Van Auken, Andy Ness.

3rd Event Winners – Walter Baggett (S), Joe Panella, Chris Curry, Betty Sybesma. 3rd Event Runner Up – Shoji Takiguchi, Ted Pitt, Laura Hill, Doug Hill.

4th Event Winners – David Wagenheim (S), Mieko Takiguchi, Tom Wilk, Barb Wilk. 4th Event Runner Up – Pam Politano (S), Andy Eaton, Jordan Becker, Jesse Sneddon.

5th Event Winners – Jim Duke (S), Jim McGinnis, Heinz Gruettner, Bob Kennedy, Matthew Gallegos*. 5th Event Runner Up – John Schuster (S), John Dorff, Ken Shapiro, Val Shapiro.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this event possible.



Team Lesuk 1st Event Turkey Trot Winners



Team Austin 1st Runners Up

Timely Announcements

By Jeff Casper

Vic Heubner reminds us of the following items, also sent to you via email.

- The Christmas party is this weekend, December 11th. Please send in your RSVP (although by this publication date it may be too late!)
- A volunteer is needed to run the Bloodies and Brooms bonspiel.
- Finally, we all need to start working the McKay Journal into our plans, and a champion is needed

*Congratulations to Matt Gallegos who ran the NY Marathon in 3:50!

ACC & Nutmeg Honor The Ross Tarlton

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The scores of 32 games are tallied after two days. This year OCA scored 357 rocks while the GNCC had 317. The tally is kept secret until the end of the end of the banquet Saturday night. The banquet was started with a piper leading in the head table of dignitaries. Star Childs, the son of the GNCC founder of the RT, Ted Childs, gave a humorous speech about RT anecdotes and the Child's family curling activities. Jimmy Broomfield, from Galt CC was honored for his many years of participation in the RT and his age of 97. A banquet highlight was the presentation of the Collie Campbell Award for "sportsmanship, leadership and devotion to the best tradition of the fine game of curling". This prestigious award was given to Russ Lemcke for his special effort to grow curling from the grass roots. We then learn where the RT will be held next year (east Toronto) and sing Auld Lang Syne. In 10 years, it will be our turn again to host this wonderful event.

At Ardsley CC, many volunteers made all the teams feel very welcome. George Cowles was our game starter and score keeper. George spent 14 continuous hours in the Warm Room both Friday and Saturday. Dave Schrull's ice committee made super ice and received many compliments. Continental breakfasts were headed by Norm Laird, Bunkie Harmon, Milke Infranco and Heinz Gruettner. Pippa Broadhurst coordinated our delicious lunches with the help of eight other ladies. Thank you also to many others who jumped in to help.

Congratulations to the Jeff Lesuk and Dave Schrull rinks for moving up to the top division in the Thorndike Competitive League.

Membership Growth

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Here are the latest figures for league registrations as of Thanksgiving:

Post-Thanksgiving League Registration:

Monday Competitive-2 Draws:	59 (FULL)
Tuesday Women's-1 Draw:	28
Wednesday Men's-2 Draws:	59 (FULL)
Thursday Women 10am	14
Thursday Open- 2 Draws:	60 (FULL)
ROMEO's-1 Draw:	31 (FULL)
Friday Open planned for 2 draws:	45
Saturday Open 10:30am	34 (FULL)
Saturday Open 4:30 Draw:	35 (FULL)
Saturday Open 7:30pm:	13
Sunday Learn to Skip:	18
Sunday Juniors:	20
Sunday Open 5pm	17
Tuesday 9pm	2

Summer Curling at Cape Cod

By George Austin

The New York Caledonian mixed entry (Julie Everett, John Dorff, Nancy Clancy, George Austin) won the 36 team Cape Cod Mixed Summerspiel in Falmouth, MA in July. Going 4 and 0, they defeated Dundas Granite (Ontario) in the final. This was the 10th time that George and Nancy have teamed up as the back end in this always popular summer event, which originated in 1970. John was participating in his 6th summerspiel. Julie is now 12 and 0 in her three Cape Cod appearances over her five year curling career. The social activities include a Cape Cod lobster clambake and plenty of beach time. *(See Men's Event page 4)*

Training Update

By Bill Pekowitz

Due to the huge boom in interest in curling following the Olympics we had 120 intrepid new curlers sign up for our Learn To Curl classes this fall. The group was broken into 5 groups that met for two hour sessions for 5 weeks. The program, organized by Bill Pekowitz, with Robin Gestring and Scott Silverman serving as lead instructors, hoped to teach the basics of a sound delivery, sweeping techniques, strategy, and curling rules and traditions. If you find a new curler playing with or against you in the coming weeks (and pretty much every one of you will) you can thank/blame our volunteer instructors listed below who helped with the training and turned them into such good curlers. Bill Pekowitz, Sandy Gaffner, Steve Hess, Mark Bussy, Sue Bussy, Sharon Jacquet, Vic Huebner, Ed Andrews, Armen Balemian, Burt Reminick, Joyance Meechai, John Noble, Maria Marta, Matt Scheiner, Kim Nawyn, Tim Klein, Curt Pader, Pam Politano, Gert Messing, Duane Smith, Mike Infranco, Jeff Lesuk, Robin Gestring, Bill Malgieri, Tom Doherty, James Weeks, Ina Obenheiser, Sue Lapham, Scott Silverman, Dave Waggenheim, Julie Everett, and Martin Webb.

Finally I would also like to thank the members of the Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and Junior leagues for allowing their leagues to be shuffled around to accommodate the training program.

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Moncton Bonspiel

By Jerry McCarty

Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, John Wilson from Broomstones and a sub from Moncton competed in the 51st Annual Monctonian Bonspiel starting November 18th. The New York Caledonian team finished with two wins and two losses but unfortunately did not finish in the prizes. They claimed international victory rights since one win was an extra end game against the other Ardsley team of Paul Mort, Walter Baggett and Tim Klein.

This competition was Jerry's 25th and Bruce's 10th year anniversaries. In addition, Bruce was honored as the American Representative at the Banquet on Friday where service pins were presented.

I would like to give an example of lesser known volunteers and their contributions to ACC events. At the recent Ross Tarlton (November 12 & 13th), Ardsley needed to provide daily lunches for 65 to 80 men. I asked for help with home baked finger food desserts (cookies, squares and other dessert finger foods) and the days of the luncheon. The result was overwhelming. Nine ACC women helped make the lunches a great success and many both helped and baked. I would like to single out a new curler, Barbara Gabhart, who came both days and brought over 12 dozen cookies of three kinds. – Pippa Broadhurst

Summer Curling Men's Event

By George Austin

New York Caledonian men's entry (Jim Parsons, Adam Chebetar, Peter Austin, George Austin) won the 26 team Cape Cod Men's Summerspiel in Falmouth, MA in July. They defeated the defending champion in the final, the Sam Williams Broomstones rink, after an exciting 3 to 2 victory in the semifinal against Duluth, MN on a last rock tap and lie. According to Mary Collachio, President of the Cape Cod CC , this was the first time in the history of the summerspiels that the same skip won both the Mixed and the Men's in the same year. The Austin Family celebrated Ronan's 2nd birthday during the Men's tournament.