



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

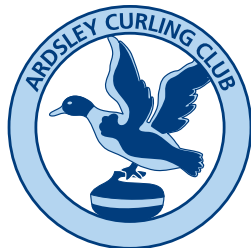
# DUCK SOUP

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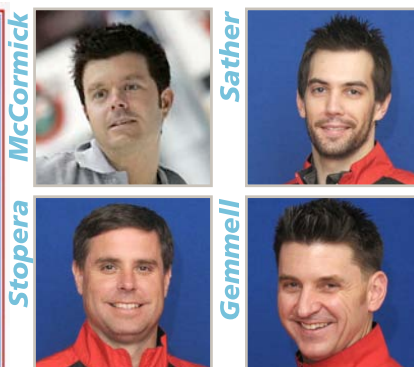
"All the News That Fits"

## Team McCormick Fares Well at Men's Nationals

By Jeff Casper



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Dean Gemmell curls out of Plainfield, NJ. The East Coast rink more than held their own, sweeping through the opening round robin and entering the playoff round. It was there they were dropped by Todd Birr's Rink by a score of 9-5. Overall, the team finished with a 6-3 record, good enough for 4<sup>th</sup>

place for the second straight year.

Pete Fenson's rink won the event for the second year in a row going 9-0, slipping past Tyler George's team with a point in an extra end. Fenson Rink will represent the U.S. at the World's in Regina, Saskatchewan April 2-10.

It was another good showing this year for Team McCormick at the U.S. Men's Nationals held in Fargo, ND in February. McCormick's Rink consists of two curlers with Ardsley affiliations, Bill Stopera at Vice and Martin Sather at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Skip Heath McCormick hails from Buffalo and lead

## calendar notes

### Upcoming GNCC events:

**Golden Handle**  
Nutmeg Curling Club  
Thurs. March 17 - Sat. March 19

**Senior Ladies' Bonspiel**  
Utica Curling Club  
Thurs. March 17 - Sun. March 20

**Cherry Blossom**  
Potomac Curling Club  
Thurs. March 24 - Sun. March 27

**A complete calendar of events  
is available at [www.gncc.org](http://www.gncc.org)**

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## McKay-Douglas Final Excites the Crowd

By Scott Silverman

After 8 ends, the teams from Green Bay and Philadelphia were deadlocked in a 2 – 2 tie. The teams had wrestled through 4 blank ends in an epic game for the first event McKay-Douglas International medal which is the top prize in the annual Ardsley men's bonspiel. The warm room was full of spectators watching the extra end, in which Brad Casper's team from Green Bay ultimately prevailed against Craig MacKinlay's Philadelphia rink. It was a fitting conclusion to a great weekend.

Green Bay and Philadelphia were only two of the 26 teams competing at this year's bonspiel, which also had teams from Triangle Curling Club in North Carolina as well as several competitors from Ontario, including a full team from Rideau and two mixed Ardsley/Canadian teams, Tillsonburg/Ardsley and Sacandaga. Cape Cod, always a big supporter of the McKay-Douglas sent three teams, as did Nutmeg. Teams were also present from Utica, Plainfield, Nashua and New Pond.

The winner of the second event NY Caledonian medal, Nutmeg 2, was skipped by former Ardsley member Robert Chebetar, which beat out John Noble's Ardsley 2 team. The third event Ardsley medal was won by Nutmeg 3, skipped by Derek Surka, who prevailed against Jeff Hannon's Nutmeg 2 rink.

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# 75th McKay-Douglas

## McKay-Douglas Final Excites the Crowd

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The fourth event Williamson medal was won by the New Pond team made up of two fathers and their sons from Massachusetts, who played against former Ardsley member Paul Mort's Cape Cod 3. Brian Moore's Utica team won the fifth event Mahopac medal by beating out the Tillsonburg/Ardsley team skipped by Jon Peter. The Ardsley Park team of former Ardsley members and skipped by George Shirk pulled out a win against the Triangle team skipped by Rich Wallace.

It takes the dedicated work of more than 60 volunteers to put on the McKay-Douglas bonspiel, which this year celebrated its 75th year. The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday evening cooking of John Dorff,

which set the tone for the crowded warm room party Saturday night which started off with Sue Bussy's hors d'oeuvres. That evening's festivities culminated in a raffle drawing, during which Joe Panella won the grand prize – a Heineken bar, complete with bar stools, beer glasses and neon sign [he has to supply his own beer]. Other prizes included ski parkas and many great bottles of wine.

Others responsible for making sure that the participants were extremely well fed were Matt Scheiner, Alice Yeh, Jim Gutekunst [and the Gutekunst clan], Robin Gestring, Tom Doherty and Karen Casper. The ice crew worked around the clock to keep the ice keen and challenging, was led by

David Schroll with huge support from Gert Messing, Bill Borowitz, Tim Klein, Tom Doherty, and Mark Bussy.

The raffle, which contributed nearly \$1700 to the club, was organized by Lyn Greaves, Lillie Shortridge Baggett and Laura Hill, and featured donations from Ed and Pam Siebert, Tom and Barbara Wilk, and Sandy and Scott Gaffner.

With all the help, it is impossible to explicitly thank everyone who participated, but it is clear that Ardsley members really come out to support the McKay-Douglas International bonspiel, which makes it a highlight on the annual bonspiel trail. Thanks so much to all who helped!



### GREEN BAY

#### 1st Event Winner

Brad Casper, Kirt Johnson, Jeff Kuemmel, Jeff Casper and Nadja McKay (center)



### NUTMEG 1

#### 2nd Event Winner

Robert Chebetar, Adam Chebetar, Frank Aulenti, David Asano



### NUTMEG 3

#### 3rd Event Winner

Derek Surka, Peter DeJong, Matt Bertonica, Kyle Slover



### PHILADELPHIA

#### 1st Event Runner-up

Craig MacKinlay, Bruce Clouser, Brian Dudt, Ken Seiverd



### ARDSLEY 2

#### 2nd Event Runner-up

John Noble, Mark Bussy, Ed Siebert, John Schuster



### NUTMEG 2

#### 3rd Event Runner-up

Jeff Hannon, Rob Reihl, Allan Alward, Jeff Kotz



# 75th McKay-Douglas



## NEW POND

### 4th Event Winner

Doug Burchesky, Brad Glaser  
Sean Burchesky, Andrew Glaser



## CAPE COD 3

### 4th Event Runner-up

Paul Mort, Keith Richardson  
Scott Tynell, Frank Balas



## UTICA

### 5th Event Winner

Brian Moore, Mike Swiercz  
Roger Rowlett, Neal Burns



## TILLSONBURG/ARDSLEY

### 5th Event Runner-up

Leslie Peter, Jon Peter  
Dave Schrull, Jeff Klein, Dave Wagenheim



## ARDSLEY PARK

### 6th Event Winner

George Shirk, Link Heffner  
Ward Doonan, Andy Stedman



## TRIANGLE

### 6th Event Runner-up

Rich Wallace, Mike Hartman  
Dick Macartney, Dick Lachapelle



Dear Ardsley Curling Club,

On behalf of the Casper Rink. I would like to thank the club and membership for the great time (and fun) our team had in the McKay spiel. The ice and rocks were fantastic. We thought the ice condition was great. The hospitality was excellent with plenty of food and snacks. Sorry about my teammates eating the block of cheese that was set down for the next team. They only know one thing to do with cheese from Wisconsin and it is to eat it! We will bring some blocks of Wisconsin Cheddar when we come next year.

What would be nice in the future would be some East coast teams coming to Wisconsin for some speils and we will work on getting more Wisconsin teams to travel to the east coast. We had a great time and with the Big Apple so close the McKay-Douglas International is well worth the excitement.

Best regards,

Bradley Casper

# Ardsley Curling Club Second Annual BURN SPIEL

By Bob Kennedy

Celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the famous Scottish poet and bard, Robert Burns, was certainly a memorable occasion at Ardsley Curling Club. The second annual Robert Burnspiel took place on February 5th & 6th, 2011, with colorful tartans of teams named Clan MacIntosh, Clan Stewart, Clan Robertson, Clan Campbell, and others - 14 teams in all, competing under the Scottish flags.

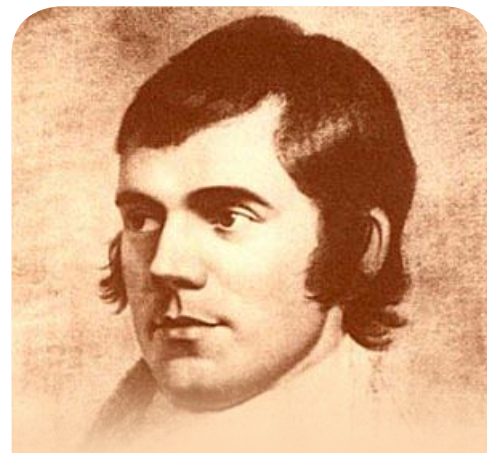
After a Saturday of lively competition, players and guests gathered in the warm room for an evening of festivities which began with the presentation of the haggis carried on a silver platter by John Noble while Joyance Meechai played Scottish music on her fiddle. Then, Jim Duke in his best Broad Scots dialect treated us to the Address to the Haggis, a traditional poem written by Burns to celebrate this unique and symbolic part of Scottish identity and culture. This included the theatrical cutting of the haggis with the ceremonial knife. A Scottish repast in the spirit of the era of the late 1700s followed, accompanied by Scottish music and a video of the landscapes and castles of Scotland playing in background. There was also a special tribute and farewell to Mitzie Wang who

will be leaving Ardsley this year.

Scotland has a long tradition and history of Highland Games where clans compete against each other in sporting events. In the spirit of the games, after dinner, the inaugural ACC Burnspiel Highland Games capped the evening's entertainment. Three sheets, three challenges - all for a mere one and a half Scottish pounds. Blindfold curl to the button, curl into the Scottish castle, and obstacle curling tested the skills of new and seasoned curlers alike.

A special thank you to Tom Wilk for supporting our raffle and to the Burnspiel committee who helped with the games, the preparations, the food, the raffle, and to make this a very special Ardsley event.

Sunday started with a touch of tradition as the clans followed a piper and a drummer and marched with their tartan banners onto the ice where a wee dram was raised to toast Robbie Burns and to celebrate the spirit of curling. The weekend came to successful conclusion on Sunday morning with spirited play, thoughts of auld lang syne, and plans afoot for next year's Burnspiel.



In the words of Robert Burns,

As Tammie glow're'd, amazed  
and curious,

The mirth and fun grew fast  
and furious.

from Tam o' Shanter

The sun had clos'd the winter day,

The Curlers quat their roaring play...

from The Vision





## First Event Winners

### MAXWELL

Jon Peter  
Kathryn Lockey  
Joe Hodgkinson  
Yushi Yang

## Second Event Winners

### CAMERON

Ed Andrews  
Dave Wagenheim  
Laura Hill  
Morgan Halpern  
Doug Hill

## Third Event Winners

### WEIR

Jim McGinnis  
Bob Kennedy  
Jim Duke  
Sharon Gallegos

## Fourth Event Winners

### MONAGHAN

Walter Baggett  
Marion Cowels  
Jordan Becker  
Barbara Gabhard

## Fifth Event Winners

### BLACKSTOCK

John Noble  
Pam Politano  
Mike Spensieri  
Karen Luckey

## Sixth Event Winners

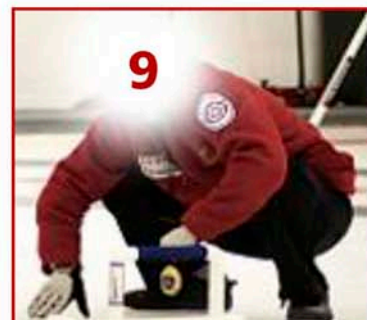
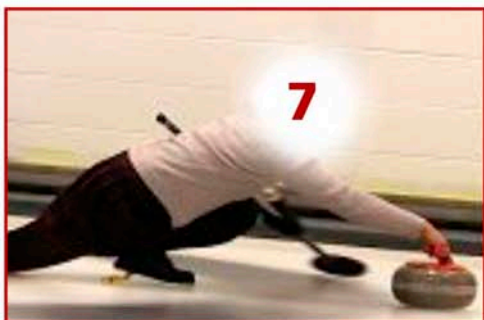
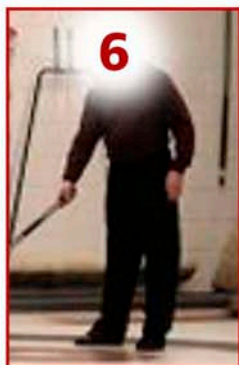
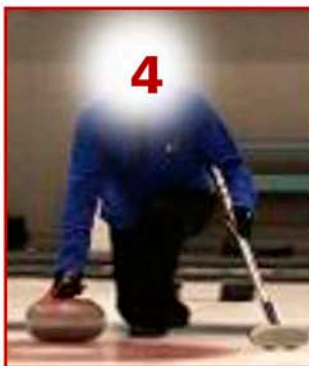
### MacDOUGALL

Shoji Takaguchi  
Mieko Takaguchi  
Raymond Ullmer  
Leeza Furman

# Who's Who?

By Andy Eaton

Can you figure out who these curlers are? Answers are on the bottom of page 8.



# Quebec International Bonspiel



A NY Caledonian team competed at the 98th anniversary of the Quebec International Bonspiel held in Quebec City from Jan 21 to 30, 2011.

Competition was held at three curling clubs; Jacques Cartier and Victoria (in the city) and Etchemin (across the river) totaling 11 sheets of ice. A nice feature this year was the bus transportation provided for curlers to all club matches.

Accommodations were provided by the Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel, situated in the heart of Old Québec City is the nerve center and headquarters for the Bonspiel's social activities. The Chateau sets aside rooms for curlers at a special, discounted rate as well as most social activities.

This year's team consisted of Jim Gutekunst, Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, Jim Campion, Don Garside (Burlington ONT), John Wilson (Broomstones), and Paul Sofoulis (Broomstones).

The team came up against some tough competition, managed a 4-5 record and was very successful in participating in all non-curling events of the Bonspiel.

John Wilson received his five year pin and our Rookie, Paul Sofoulis, celebrated with the other Rookies (a record number this year) at separate receptions hosted by the Bonspiel.

Every year the QIB welcomes teams from across Canada, the United States and Europe. Competition is followed by the start of the famous Quebec Winter Carnival. 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 99th event is underway so mark your calendar (Jan 20 to Jan 29, 2012). Any club member interested in attending next year should contact any of the above members who can answer any question that you may have.

## The All American – 2011

### *Believe It or Not – A National Bonspiel in House*

*By Pippa Broadhurst*

In 1966 the USWCA began the All American Bonspiel and they still run it today nationwide. Each USWCA club has a representative who organizes the games and puts together the teams with several committee members. It must be a women's in-house bonspiel played with 4 or more teams. The most important aspect is balancing team skills. This gives new or nearly new curlers a chance to have the bonspiel experience without the

pressure of an away bonspiel. Beautiful pins are provided by the USWCA.

Ardwicks had six teams this year, three of which were five person teams, and we curled on Tuesday nights starting January 4th. Both win/loss scores were kept and total team points (in case of a tie). The curling was terrific, but the snow storms were terrible. Although we were scheduled to finish February 1st, we didn't complete our All American bonspiel until February 15th (having been snowed out twice).

The national winning team was skipped by Kim Nawyn! Not only did they win all of their games but they also had the highest point count. Kim's team included Mieko Takiguchi, Melissa Dominguez, Barbara Gabhart and Sarah Mermer (two second year curlers and one first year curler). It was a great example of fair play and good sportsmanship.

Congratulations Kim, Mieko, Melissa, Barbara and Sarah!

# The Other Men's Bonspiel At Ardsley Curling Club

By Geoff Broadhurst

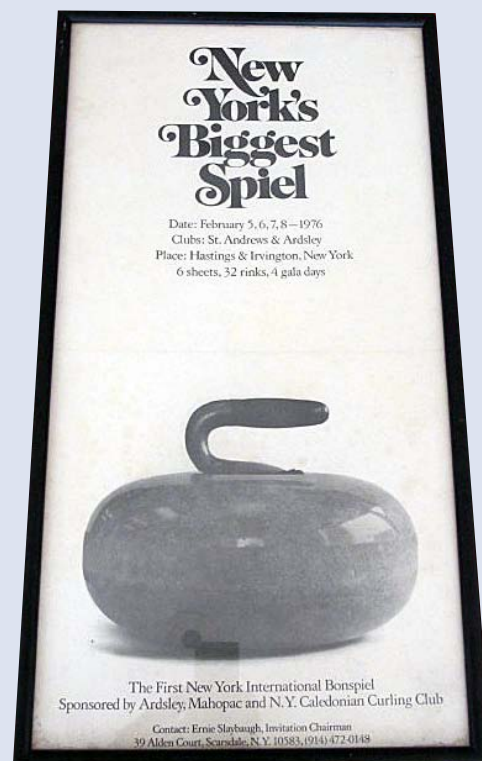
In February, we thoroughly enjoyed a milestone event, the 75th McKay-Douglas International Bonspiel at Ardsley CC. The Douglas originally started at St. Andrew's CC in 1935.

The Ardsley Curling Club was built in 1967 and tried unsuccessfully to establish its own major men's bonspiel. In 1975 our Bob Hill, president of ACC, called a meeting on his back porch with two attendees of other clubs curling at St. Andrew's



CC, namely New York Caledonian CC (Ken Cooper – deceased), and Mahopac CC (Bill Switzer, now 87). It was proposed that the three clubs combine their men's bonspiels into "New York's Biggest Spiel – The New York International Bonspiel". (See photo of framed promotion flyer which was hanging at Cape Cod CC and which was generously given to ACC in January). The first spiel was February 5 – 8, 1976 at both Ardsley and St. Andrew's clubs (6 sheets and 32 rinks). The trophy (see photo) was designed by our own Burns Patterson who used "The Big Apple" – nickname for New York City.

When the curling facility at St. Andrew's was shut down in 1985 and St. Andrew's curlers became members of ACC, the Douglas International has been played at Ardsley and the New York International Bonspiel was retired. The first winner (1976) was Oshawa CC (Ontario) and the last was Ardsley CC (1986).



Then & Now

Recently Jean Macintosh brought me an accounting of the Ardsley Ladies Bonspiel in 1970! It is a fascinating document. What a difference 41 years has made! The document stated:

## ARDSLEY LADIES BONSPIEL - 1970

### Receipts:

12 rinks @ \$40.00 each.....	\$480.00
8 curlers at cocktail party @ \$2 each.....	\$16.00
	<b>\$496.00</b>

### Expenditures:

Ardsley Country Club – 48 dinners (12 rinks) @ \$6.50 .....	<b>\$312.00</b>
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**YES, THAT IS CORRECT! 48 DINNERS COST \$312.00  
We would be lucky to get 6 dinners for \$312 now?**

**There was a profit of \$27.14**

At the bottom of the page was this statement: "There was \$185 collected for drinks which were given to the Ardsley Curling Club for drinks sold during the two days."

By Pippa Broadhurst



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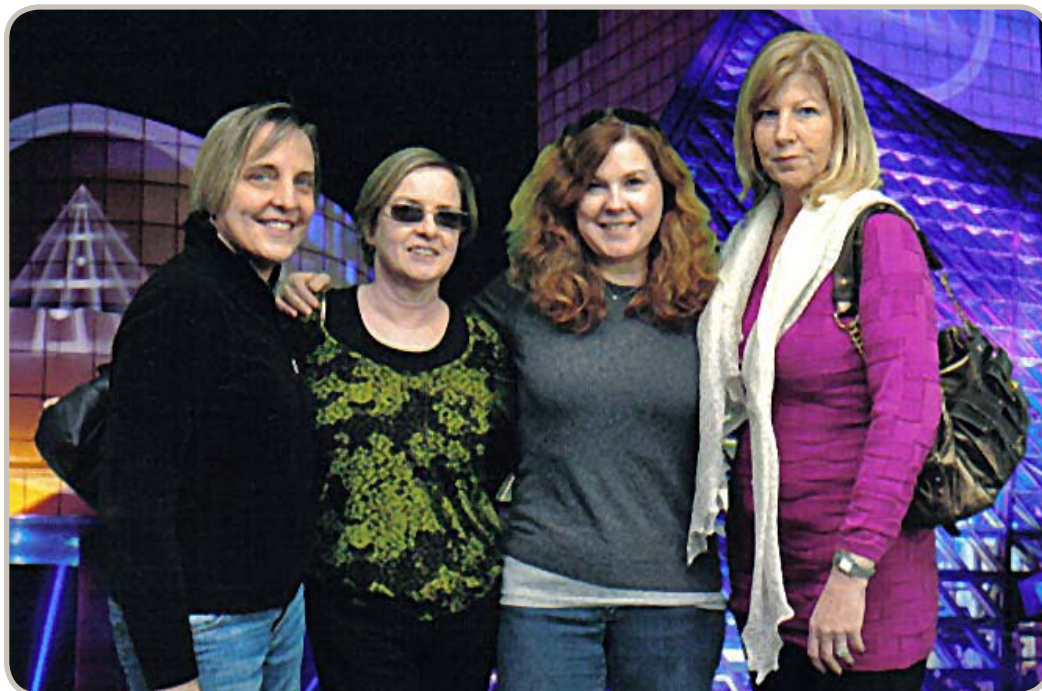
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## Cleveland Rocks!

The Ardsley Curling Club was represented at the USWCA National Bonspiel in Cleveland by Nancy Clancy, Pauline Davies, Julie Everett and Laureen Paul. The team went 3-1, losing in the semis to the First Event winner. They sampled all Cleveland had to offer, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the Chocolate Bar. What happens in Cleveland, stays in Cleveland.



## Ardsley Curls Well at Dykes 5 & Under

*By Matt Scheiner*

The 72nd Annual Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel, the GNCC Men's Five-and-Under Championship, was held at the Rochester Curling Club from February 9th to the 13th. Ardsley sent one team up to Rochester, consisting of Skip Jeff Klein, Vice Matt Scheiner, Second Jon Schuster, and Lead Joe Panella. The weekend consisted of a lot of curling, and a lot of fun had by all. The Ardsley Rink made it to Sunday, but no trophies were won this year. The highlight of the event was the webcasting of the games with commentary by members of the Rochester Curling Club. They were very entertaining for our friends and family who were watching at home and on the big screen at the club, especially after the opposing team almost missed the draw, because they were at Applebee's having dinner. Next year's event will be hosted by the Utica Curling Club. Any men with five years of experience or less should consider going to this uniquely formatted event.

Answers to *Who's Who* on page 5 1. Bob Kennedy 2. Dave Wagenheim 3. Jon Peter 4. Joe Hodgkinson  
5. Ed Andrews 6. Tim Klein 7. Joyance Meechai 8. Andy Ness 9. Nancy Clancy