



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

DUCK SOUP

April 2011

"All the News That Fits"

League Results for the 2010-11 Season

Congratulations to all our end of the year league winners, and thank you to our league runners for all the hard work. Those receiving medals will be rewarded at the closing dinner on May 6th.



North Mountain Drive
Ardsley, NY 10502

calendar notes

Upcoming events:

Closing Dinner and Awards
Ardsley Country Club
Friday, May 6 - 7 PM

Spring Clean Up
Ardsley Curling Club
Saturday, May 7 - 9:30 AM

Summer Picnic
Alison Bankes' Home
165 Nannyhagen Road
Thornwood, NY 10594
Saturday, August 6

Tropicurl
Pittsburgh Curling Club
Thurs., June 30 - Sun., July 3

A complete calendar of GNCC events is available at gncc.org

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| MONDAY NIGHT Thorndike Final Standings - Season Totals | | | | |
|---|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Team | Win | Loss | Tie | Points |
| 1 - Stopera | 18 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| 2 - Schrull | 12 | 5 | 3 | 27 |
| 3 - Austin | 11 | 6 | 3 | 25 |
| 4 - Murphy | 12 | 7 | 1 | 25 |
| 5 - Lesuk | 8 | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| 6 - Gaffner | 9 | 11 | 0 | 18 |
| 7 - Hess | 8 | 11 | 1 | 17 |
| 8 - Clancy | 8 | 11 | 1 | 17 |
| 9 - Noble | 7 | 11 | 2 | 16 |
| 10 - Baggett | 8 | 12 | 0 | 16 |
| 11 - Gutekunst | 6 | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| 12 - Huebner | 4 | 15 | 1 | 9 |

| WEDNESDAY NIGHT Wells Final Standings | | | |
|--|-----|------|------------|
| Team | Win | Loss | Tiebreaker |
| 1 - Banino | 8 | 3 | 20.00 |
| 2 - Tufaro | 8 | 3 | 23.50 |
| 3 - Lesuk | 8 | 3 | 71.00 |
| 4 - G. Austin | 7 | 4 | 72.50 |
| 5 - P. Austin | 7 | 4 | 8.00 |
| 6 - Peter | 6 | 5 | 57.25 |
| 7 - Klein | 6 | 5 | 61.00 |
| 8 - Pekowitz | 5 | 6 | 30.00 |
| 9 - Siebert | 4 | 7 | 76.00 |
| 10 - Schrull | 3 | 8 | 120.00 |
| 11 - Baggett | 2 | 9 | 146.00 |
| 12 - Shalhoub | 2 | 9 | 146.00 |

| TUESDAY NIGHT Wells Wick Final Standings | | |
|---|-----|------|
| Team | Win | Loss |
| 1 - H. Morrison | 4 | 0 |
| 2 - N. Clancy | 2 | 2 |
| 3 - L. Greaves | 2 | 2 |
| 4 - P. Politano | 2 | 2 |
| 5 - K. Nawyn | 0 | 4 |

The winners of the Wells Wick 2011 gold medal are Heather Morrison, Katy Clough, Karen Luckey, Sarah Mermer, Nicole Zahour. The silver medal winners, by decision, are Lyn Greaves, Melissa Dominguez, Barbara Gabhart, and Taylor Block.

| SATURDAY AFTERNOON Second Half Winners |
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| Catie MacKinlay |
| James Weeks |
| Dolores Redding |
| Steve Devaney |
| Maria Mata |

| THURSDAY NIGHT Second Half Winners | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
| Jon Peter | Ed Andrews | Dave Schrull |
| Jon Schuster | Jim Duke | Harry Quinn |
| Jordan Becker | Jesse Sneddon | Mike Spensieri |
| Susan Gallegos | Betty Sybesma | Karen Casper |
| Kathy Duffy | Laura & Doug Hill | |

**SUNDAY MORNING
Jug Ogden League Update**

As the season draws to a close, we can look back on the Sunday AM Jug Ogden league (aka the "pizza league") as a great success. The strategy video was completed, and we are all now experts in the control zone. Many of our future champions will have started their skipping careers with this league. While there are no official teams in this league, we will still be awarding the Jug Ogden medal to four worthy participants; but you'll have to attend the closing dinner to find out who they are!

HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL 2011

By Andy Eaton

With the season rapidly coming to an end, there was still time for one last in-house bonspiel, The Headless Horseman. With a bonspiel high of 24 teams, we had over a third of the club participate or help in this bonspiel. Out of all 96 players that played, half were first year curlers and we were even able to entertain a few of the 3 week new curlers. The bonspiel was a huge success. It was a great way to end the season with so many of the members there to play and support. The format was slightly different but it was very entertaining and every team had a shot at an event final until the last few games. Gert Messing and his team (House Hunters), which consisted of himself with 2 first year curlers, Jordan Becker and Mike Spensieri, and a 3 week curler, Leslie Avendano were able to outlast Julie Everett's team (Haricot Verts) in the 1st event final. I would like to thank everybody that participated and especially to everyone that helped out, as this event wouldn't have been able to run so

smoothly without you. Tournament results were as follows:

1st Event Winners: *House Hunters*
Gert Messing, Jordan Becker,
Mike Spensieri, Leslie Avendano

1st Event Runners Up: *Haricot Verts*
Julie Everett, Mark Bussy,
Jesse Snedon, Nick Beaton

2nd Event Winners: *Red Hot Ninjas*
Dan Tufaro, Bill Langley,
Maria Mata, Joe Auletta

2nd Event Runners Up: *The Fighting Canaries* – Catie MacKinlay, Andy Eaton, Laura Hill, Valeria Barreto

3rd Event Winners: *Blue White Lightning*
Dave Schrull, Matt Scheiner, Ann MacMillan,
Joe Panella, Andy Ness

3rd Event Runners Up: *Banana Slugs*
Chris Banino, Erich Krumme,
Ellen O'Conner



4th Event Winners: *The Green Men*
Walter Baggett, Will Pryor,
Doug Hill, Harry Quinn

4th Event Runners Up: *Blue Hawaii*
Robin Gestring, Pete Westrell,
Yushi Yang, Dan Clarkson



HOUSE HUNTERS

1st Event Winner

Gert Messing, Jordan Becker,
Mike Spensieri, Leslie Avendano



RED HOT NINJAS

2nd Event Winner

Dan Tufaro, Bill Langley,
Maria Mata, Joe Auletta



BLUE WHITE LIGHTNING

3rd Event Winner

Dave Schrull, Matt Scheiner,
Ann MacMillan, Joe Panella, Andy Ness



THE GREEN MEN

4th Event Winner

Walter Baggett, Will Pryor,
Doug Hill, Harry Quinn

2011-12 Officers

Vic Huebner
President

Scott Silverman
Vice President

Tim Klein
Treasurer

Mark Bussy
Secretary

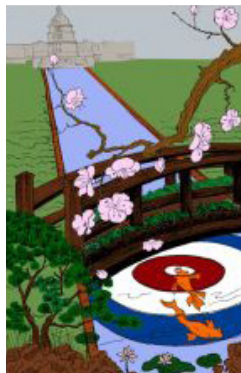
We welcome our two new elected board members, Bob Kennedy and Robin Gestring. Bill Pekowitz, Scott Silverman and Vic Huebner were re-elected to the Board. No new committee assignments have been made as yet. The Officers have all been reelected for another year.



Jim Duke who recently underwent hip replacement surgery would like to thank all those members of the club who called, sent cards and get well greetings. He would like to add "When you're feeling down it really helps to hear from friends and teammates."

Ardasley Success at the Cherry Blossom Bonspiel

By Matt Scheiner



Two teams represented the Ardsley Curling Club at the Cherry Blossom Bonspiel, an open-format event hosted by the Potomac Curling Club from March 24th-27th. 32 teams

of men and women from as far north as Canada, south as Texas, east as Cape Cod, and west as Cleveland made the trip into the Washington DC metro area for some great curling fun, as well as a glimpse at the beautiful budding Cherry Blossom trees. The two Ardsley teams had quite a bit of success, posting a combined 10-1 record. The team of skip Walter Baggett, vice Tim Klein, second Matt Scheiner, and lead Joe Panella won the bonspiel, taking the first event. The team of skip John Noble, vice Dave Wagenheim, second Andy Eaton, lead Jeff Klein, and alternate Joyance Meechai also did very well by winning the third event. A great time was had by all, and the participants highly recommend making the trip down to DC next year.



ARDSLEY II

**1st Event Winner
(Yoshino Cherry Event)**

Walter Baggett, Tim Klien,
Matt Scheiner, Joe Panella



ARDSLEY I

**3rd Event Winner
(Akebono Cherry Event)**

John Noble, Dave Wagenheim,
Andy Eaton (not pictured), Jeff Klien
Joyance Meechai

**Say goodbye
to the old sign!**



3rd Annual Nutty-Duck

By Ed Andrews

The Nutty Duck, an annual event started in 2008 between Nutmeg and Ardsley was finally won this year by Ardsley. Ardsley therefore will hold the Nutty Duck Placque. 6 teams from Nutmeg (17 curlers) and 6 from Ardsley (21 curlers) participated. At the end of the morning draw, Nutmeg was leading by 3 points. By the end of the 2nd draw, Ardsley was ahead by 5 points. The score system was based on 1 point per stone and 3 points per game won.

Letter from the Editor

Thank you for reading this year's editions of Duck Soup. Your time spent reading, writing articles, taking pictures, and critiquing are all helpful in making this newsletter more popular every year. This year saw an upgrade to our layout design thanks to the mad skills of Joe Panella, first year curler. It also saw our first ever "puzzle" thanks to first year curler Andy Eaton. I was once again heartened by the par-

ticipation of many curlers. My biggest thanks go to Joe Panella and Bob Kennedy for holding my hand through layout design hell. I hope you all had some great matches, made some new

Geoff Broadhurst*
Jeff Klein
Bill Pekowitz
George Austin*
Vic Huebner*
Jon Schuster

Nancy Clancy*
Bob Kennedy*
Walter Baggett
Bill Stopera
Peter Austin*
George Cowles

friends, and are already looking forward to next year, as I have and will. Following are a list of this year's contributors. The asterisk represents those who made multiple submissions:

Steve Hess
Matt Scheiner*
Karen Casper
Scott Silverman*
Pete McCuen

Ed Andrews*
Andy Eaton*
Mike Murphy
Jerry McCarty
Pippa Broadhurst*



The Gordon International Medal

A Rare Trophy for the GNCC

Every year since 1884 (127 years ago), the GNCC competes against the Canadian Branch of The Royal Caledonian Club (curling clubs within a 100 miles of Montreal). The winning side tallies more rocks than the other and each member of the winner gets THE GORDON INTERNATIONAL MEDAL. Well, the GNCC has only accomplished this win in CANADA seven times, 1884, 1904, 1935, 1938, 1942, 1969 and 2011. Our GNCC curler, Jim Holmblad of Schenectady CC won this medal in 1969 and 2011. The last GORDON

MEDAL won in the USA was in 1982 and Jim earned that medal too. On March 19, The GNCC, 22 teams, tallied 374 rocks and the Canadian Branch, 44 teams, tallied 356 rocks.

The Gordon bonspiel alternates between Montreal and the GNCC. Next year, it is in UTICA, NY. This men's social competition is "curling with mates who are more concerned about enjoying the game and the people you meet". The first three games a "friendlies" and only the two Saturday game scores

are tallied. The tally is kept secret until the end of the banquet Saturday night which includes cocktail hour, piping in the head table, traditional roast beef dinner. Finally the winning side was announced and the GNCC teams went bananas. "It was a truly unforgettable moment" Bob Pelletier said. Of course, all men participants (264) sang Auld Lang Syne.

All of the hosts and host clubs (9) were very hospitable. A fun time was had by all.

By Geoff Broadhurst

The MEN'S City of Ottawa Bonspiel



By Mike Murphy



Back in March 2011, Gert Messing, Mike Murphy, Greg Poole, & Chris Banino competed in the City of Ottawa Bonspiel. The City of Ottawa Bonspiel dates back to February, 1956 when 76 teams competed for eight trophies. After 56 years, the bonspiel now consists of three divisions and 20 events. In 2011, the Open Division

(men over 19) had 128 teams, the Senior Division (men over 50) had 34 teams and the Senators Division (men over 65) had 21 teams. We played in the Open Division. The event is unique not only in its size but in how it is set up. Each one of your games is played in a different curling club located somewhere within the city of Ottawa. It's great because teams can meet new people and experience different ice every game while driving and experiencing the capital of Canada.

Due to the size of the event the a team is not penalized if they lose a game early. That is just what we did this year. A loss will drop you down into a second or third event but you can still compete for the Championship of the City. We lost our very first game of the bonspiel and then we went on to win the next seven games. It is a grueling event because we played 9 games in 4 days. It all

started on Thursday the 17th at 3:30 in the afternoon. We played 2 games on Thursday and 2 games on Friday and then 3 games on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. By winning the 2nd event we were placed into the Grand Aggregate. The Grand Aggregate takes the winner of the first event, the winner of the second event and the semi finalists of the first event. The teams compete in a final four to determine overall winner of the city if Ottawa Championship. We lost our semi final match of the Grand Aggregate, but it did not put a damper on our weekend. We believe that we were the first American team to win the 2nd event, and we just might have been the first American team to play in the Grand Aggregate final four. The city of Ottawa is a great event and I would encourage anyone to play in it and experience the beautiful city of Ottawa.

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"Alison Bankes wishes to thank the many volunteers who helped make the many corporate sponsor events such a big success. Thank you Alison for all your hard work."

Watch for e-mails inviting the Tuesday & Thursday League members, former members, and future members to summer dinners. Come to the ACC closing dinner May 6, to collect all of your awards. Our first summer dinner will be in June.

46th Annual Golden Handle

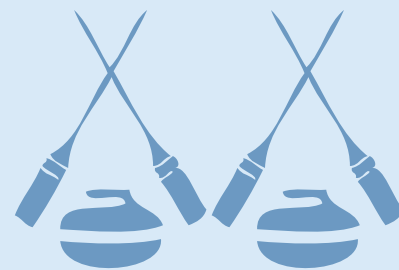
New York Caledonian (George Austin - skip, Nancy Clancy, Adam Chebetar, Julie Everett) participated in the 46th Golden Handle at Nutmeg CC in mid March and won the 2nd event, finishing 3 and 1, among 16 teams. George and Nancy, as back end, won the 2nd event in this spiel for the 5th time, having won the 1st event prestigious "handle" twice (2005 and 2010), the latter with Adam and Julie. Kathy Austin and Jane Chebetar joined the Nutmeg festivities on Saturday night for a 1960's recollection dinner - dance, led by Jennifer Stannard."



34th Annual PCC Stone

New York Caledonian (Peter Austin - skip, George Austin, Jon Peter and Bill Pekowitz) travelled to Plainfield New Jersey for the 34th Stone during the first weekend in March. Among the 21 teams, they went 3 and 1 and won the 4th event, having earlier lost to Potomac in the 1st event semifinals in an extra end. Mike Murphy substituted for Jon Peter at second for the first two matches. George Austin was acknowledged by the host club for his 20th year of participation in the Stone and now ranks 9th on the all time list of Stone attendees. He was joined by his family for the traditional ceremony, which only local participants can describe.

By George Austin



Thursday Evening Spring 2011

By Bob Kennedy

A favorite night for us to curl
Two draws were thought too tough
Took all the players for a whirl
Was really just enough

The second half brought favorites back
Yet all new teams to win
Would settle down into the hack
So let the games begin

The teams by Jon and Dave would start
Both Eds would vie for place
Turned games into a kind of art
And set a winning pace.

So Julie calls for all to sweep
Mike S would make his shot
And Jim and James would make us weep
By drawing to the spot

Kim and Jeff would show their stuff
Mike M knew where he stood
With Marty and Heinz hanging tough
And new curlers making good.

The games were hot, the evenings fun
The warm room filled the night
With temporary foes, and welcome friends
Made Thursdays seem just right

A season short, for a valued sport
The last game made the call
Team Peter got the best report
A good time was had by all