



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

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"All the News That Fits"



James Bond Wins the Turkey Trot

Jeff Casper



1st Event Winners - Casino Royale Rink: Pippa Broadhurst, Andy Eaton, MaryLou Banino (S) and Taylor Block

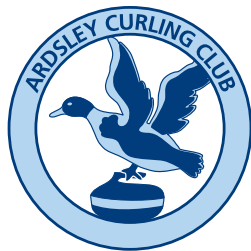
Bratman, Sean Bratman, and Bill Stopera took the third event.

The spiel benefited from top-notch organization. The part of James Bond was played by Jim McGinnis. He had lots of help from leading lady Suki Miyamoto, and Bob Kennedy on deep background in the role of Q. I'm pretty sure they are going pro after this event. There were many guest stars including all the people

who donated items for the raffle and did plenty of cooking. There was a Sunday raffle consisting of many varieties of wine and hard stuff, homemade beer, homemade jewelry, restaurant coupons, and on and on. Meals were also creative. Pancakes in the mornings, build your own Sabrett's hot dogs in the afternoon. 50 dogs consumed and counting as of this writing.

Fun was number 1, but there were some curling moments too. Saturday night's match between Team GoldenEye and Team Quantum of Solace came down to skips rocks. Shoji Takaguchi drew what seemed to be a game winner, within 6 inches of the button. But Andrew Stopera managed to get it closer for the win. Not bad.

The 2011 Turkey Trot took on a 007 theme in honor of the continuous loop of Bond films airing on SyFy Network all weekend. This year's Bond-spiel had 12 teams that were all given a Bond movie name. In a nod to the need to have this spiel focus on fun, all teams were given a slot to compete on Sunday. In the end it was the Casino Royale Rink (love that movie) skipped by MaryLou Banino and consisting of Andy Eaton, Taylor Block, and Pippa Broadhurst that prevailed 1st Event over Team Moonraker with Isa Barghout skipping Geoff Broadhurst, Ruth Loomis, Matthew Greene, and Tomoko Tanii. George Austin skipped Yushi Yang, Morgan Halperin, and Margaret Huang to the second event and Andrew Stopera with Robert



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calendar notes

Upcoming events:

**GNCC Women's Club
Championship**
Thur. Dec. 15 - Sun. Dec. 18
Belfast Curling Club

**GNCC Junior Women's
Championship**
Mon. Dec. 26 - Thur. Dec. 29
Broomstones Curling Club

USCA Men's National Qualifiers
Wed. Jan. 4 - Sun. Jan. 8
Green Bay WI/Seattle WA/
Grand Forks ND

Cracked Bell (open)
Thur. Jan. 5 - Sun. Jan. 8
Philadelphia Curling Club

Death by Chocolate Ladies
Sat. Jan. 7 - Sun. Jan. 8
Rochester Curling Club

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

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Sun Life Financial

Invitational Curling Classic

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Our own Martin Sather and Bill Stopera, second and vice on Team McCormick competed in the Sun Life Classic, part of the Ontario Curling Tour in Brantford Ontario. This is a big event with the total purse set at \$50,000. As such it draws the very best curling teams, including Kevin Martin, Brad Gushue, and Kevin Koe. Team McCormick

got an opportunity to test their mettle against all three teams. The highlight was scoring an 11-8 extra end win against 2010 Brier Champion Kevin Koe in the first round. Matches against Gushue and Martin did not fair as well as McCormick went 2-3 in this very competitive event.

COOL DUCK

Five-and-Unders Have a "Cool" Event

Matt Scheiner



First Event Winners - Team Gallegos (Ardsley):
Sharon Gallegos, Matt Gallegos, Jordan Becker and Jen Stein

After being kept off the schedule for the past several years, the Cool Duck 5-and-Under Bonspiel has returned with style. Traditionally, this event was reserved for in-house curlers with five years'

experience or less. This year, the nearby arena clubs within the GNCC were invited to join in, as well. On November 4-6, 2011, thirteen teams met and competed for the Cool Duck Trophy. The Long Island Curling Club submitted two teams, the South Shore Curling Club submitted one team, and the

Anthracite Curling Club and Ocean State Curling Club combined forces for one team. In the end, the Gallegos rink pulled out the victory, consisting of Skip Matt Gallegos, Vice Jordan Becker, Second Jen Stein, and Lead Sharon Gallegos. Full event results follow:

First Event Winner

Team Gallegos (Ardsley)

First Event Runner-Up

Team Salmon (Ardsley)

Second Event Winner

Team Van Auken (Ardsley)

Second Event Runner-Up

Team Conley (Ardsley)

Third Event Winner

Team Ullmer (Ardsley)

Third Event Runner-Up

Team Piatt (Anthracite/Ocean State)

Fourth Event Winner

Team Duke (Ardsley)

Fourth Event Runner-Up

Team Klein (Ardsley)



First Event Runner-Up - Team Salmon (Ardsley):
Jim Borgia, Joe Hodgekinson, Lynn Salmon and John Salmon



Second Event Winner - Team Van Auken (Ardsley):
Barbara Gabhart, Ken Hsu, Nathan Van Auken and Will Pryor



Third Event Winner - Team Ullmer (Ardsley):
Ray Ullmer, Leeza Furman, Val Shapiro and Ken Shapiro



Fourth Event Winner - Team Duke (Ardsley):
Jon Schuster, Jim Duke, James Skoufis and Bob Kennedy



Ice Committee Notes

There is no curling club without good ice. Thankfully we have a top notch ice committee to do the worrying for us. However, they need our help. Please take care to read the notices around the doorways and along the walls of the club to make sure we are doing the necessary things: sweeping behind the hacks, cleaning our shoes, replacing the nipper correctly, and cleaning our brooms. It's up to all of us to keep our focus on these needs.



LICC Gets Ardsley Ice Time

This month the Ardsley CC Board of Directors ruled that Long Island Curling Club can have use of the ice one Sunday per month from 2:30-4:45 PM. At that time Long Islanders will play for \$10 per person. Drop ins are welcome. Contact Mike Greene for more information.

Turkey Trot 2011



First Event Runner-Up: Team Moonraker - Matthew Greene, Ruth Loomis, Tomoko Tani, Isa Barghout and Geoff Broadhurst



Second Event Winner: Margaret Huang, Morgan Halperin, Yushi Yang and George Austin



Third Event Winner: Sean Bratman, Bill Stopera, Andrew Stopera and Robert Bratman



Fourth Event Winner: Shoji Takaguchi, Stefanie Lee, Ken Tsu, Dolores Redding



Fifth Event Winner: Ina Obemasser, James Weeks, Peter Decker and Dave Schroll



Sixth Event Winner: Seth Shaifer, Doug Hill, Laura Hill and Chris Banino



Nancy Appears Bear Chested

Nancy Clancy

The USWCA Women's Senior Bonspiel was held at Nutmeg Curling Club November 8-13. Nancy Clancy viced for Diane Muldowney on a Nutmeg team with Maura Faughnan and Julie Pasnau. They went 2-3 in a competitive draw, losing to the 1st event runner up, the third event winner and fourth event winner. The theme was Halloween Aftermath.

The Ross-Tarlton

Jeff Casper & Bunky Harmon



The 44th Annual Ross Tarlton Bonspiel was held at Donalda and Thornhill clubs near Toronto. This competition pits 16 teams from the GNCC (northeast U.S.) against 16 teams from Southern Ontario to curl 64 events. At the end of the two day competition total stones are counted that each side scores. The winner gets bragging rights for the year. Unfortunately we lost 376-496. While not expected to win, the U.S. team has had some recent success, even winning a couple events recently. The event was started to promote fellowship between curlers on both sides of the border. You will recall Ardsley and Nutmeg cohosted this event last year. Next year's event will be held at Utica.

The Monctonian

Jerry McCarty



Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, and Tom Jackson from Winnipeg, Manitoba competed in the 52nd Monctonian Bonspiel in Mid-November. With some last minute cancellations a Moncton sub (Wally McLean) was provided to round out the team.

The New York Caledonian team curled in six games over three days and finished runner-up in one of the lesser events. A good time was had by all.

Next years event will be held from November 14th to the 18th. Anyone interested in curling this event should contact Jerry McCarty.

HARVEST BONSPIEL



NOVEMBERFEST

Jeff Casper

Ardsley sent a team to Philadelphia this year to compete in the mixed spiel called the Harvest. Our team of Andy Eaton, Nicole Nicoleski, Mike Spensieri, and Allison Pratt (from Anthrocyte) competed admirably, losing a heartbreaker in the third event semis to a Rose Morgan skipped team. Up by four in the eighth they dropped the match in skips rocks.

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