



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

# DUCK SOUP

March 2012

"All the News That Fits"



North Mountain Drive  
Ardsley, NY 10502

## calendar notes

*Cherry Blossom (open)*  
Potomac Curling Club  
Thur Mar 22 - Sun Mar 25

*Wood Memorial (open)*  
Belfast Curling Club  
Fri Mar 23 - Sun Mar 25

*Spring Fling (mixed)*  
Petersham Curling Club  
Thur Mar 29 - Sun Apr 01

*Bonsqueal (open)*  
Plainfield Curling Club  
Wed Apr 11 - Sun Apr 15

*Rochester International (open)*  
Rochester Curling Club  
Fri Apr 13 - Sun Apr 15

*Lighthouse Beach Spiel (open)*  
Coastal Carolina Curling Club  
Sat Jun 16

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

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## Team McCormick is Now Team USA



Team McCormick certainly has reason to celebrate. They can now be called Team USA because they are indeed 2012's National Champions. They did it going 12-0 during

a week of nearly two games per day curling against the very best our country has to offer. They went 8-0 during their regional qualifying to get there. They won twenty straight games. They are now going to Worlds in a few weeks in Switzerland. They have a free pass to qualify for the Olympics next year. Pretty heady stuff. Ardsley curlers showed up in force to the Philadelphia Ice Works arena to cheer them on. It was a sight to see.



Thank you for showing the rest of us what it takes to become champions.

**Skip, Heath McCormick, lines up a triple take out for Martin Sather to seal the Gold for Team McCormick.**



## 76th McKay-Douglas Another Huge Success

Thanks to the many volunteers the 76th McKay-Douglas rolled on without skipping a beat. Jeff Lesuk stepped into the huge hole left by Scott Silverman's departure to pull this event together. Lesuk ran a smooth event thanks to, in his words, "delegating well."

Our own Ardsley team won the prize this year. Gert Messing skipped Mike Murphy, Greg Poole, and Chris Banino all the way to the McKay-Douglas Gold Medal. The New York Caledonian team of George Austin (skip), Peter Austin, Jeff Paul, and Bill Peskoff played great to earn the, fittingly, Caledonian Gold Medal, and our friends from Utica Brian Moore (skip), Jeff Lesuk (wait, what?), Roger Rowlett, and Neal Burns took home the Ardsley Gold Medal.

Ardsley Curling Clubs volunteerism and hospitality were on display for a few out of town teams including Rideau (Ottawa), Granite (Seattle), Philadelphia, Waltham (Chicago) and many other out of towners and close friends. Volunteers included Pam Politano, Alison Bankes, Tom Doherty, Vic Huebner, Steve Hess, Matt Scheiner, Joe Panella, Alice Yeh, Jim Gutekunst, Robin Gestrung, Sue Bussy, James Weeks, John Dorff, Karen Casper, Lillie Shortridge Baggett, Walter Baggett, Lyn Greaves, Geoff Broadhurst, Pete McCuen, Bill Pekowitz, and of course Dave Schrull, Tim Klein, Dave Wagenheim and other members of the Ice Committee. Well done! Congratulations to Ardsley Curling Club for doing what it takes to put on a top notch event.

# 76th McKay-Douglas



## ARDSLEY

### 1st Event Winner

Gert Messing (skip), Mike Murphy, Chris Banino and Greg Poole



## CALEDONIAN

### 2nd Event Winner

Bill Peskoff, Jeff Paul, Peter Austin and George Austin (skip)

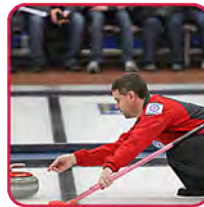
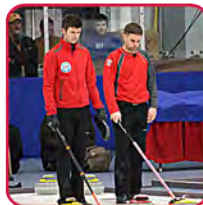
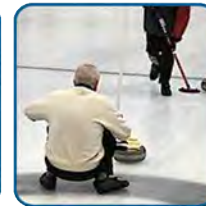


## UTICA

### 3rd Event Winner

Brian Moore (skip), Jeff Lesuk, Roger Rowlett, and Neal Burns

# 76th McKay-Douglas



# 2012 Men's Nationals

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**2012 National Champions!**  
 Bill Stopera Martin Sather Dean Gemmell Heath McCormick  
**GO TEAM USA!**

# Ardsley Does Well at the Dykes



**D Event Winner**  
The Sinnett Cup



**B Event Runner Up**  
The Johnson Medal



**F Event Runner Up**  
The Utica Shootout

This year's Francis Dykes bonspiel, the seminal men's event for five and under curlers, featured a very good showing among our 3 Ardsley teams. A record 50 teams competed at Utica Curling Club.

Team Ardsley 2 - Matt Gallegos, Jordan Becker, Nathan Van Auken, Mike Spensieri won the D final. They went 6-1 to win the Sinnett Cup. It is proudly displayed on top of the piano. This is the first trophy that an Ardsley Team has won in any event since 1997.

Team Ardsley 1 - Jeff Klein, Andy Eaton, Ken Hsu and Joe Panella were the runners up in the B final. Skip Jeff Klein made it exciting by just missing a split raise for three with his last shot of the match which would have tied the game and forced an eleventh end.

If that isn't enough success, Ardsley also had an F finalist. Team Yang, consisting of

Yushi Yang, Jesse Sneddon, Pete Decker, and Ray Edic (Utica) lost in F final after going 2-3.

Ardsley has not won the A Event since 1981 when Adam Chebetar and Walter Baggett were part of a team that competed. Even though there are more teams today than ever, someone wins every year. Why not Ardsley?

# Caledonians Take the PCC Stone

George Austin

The New York Caledonian, skipped by Peter Austin, with George Austin, Dan Tufaro, and Bill Malgieri, won the 35th Plainfield Stone during the first weekend of March. They went 4-0 among 20 teams and defeated the Dean Gemell rink in the final. Dean was fresh off his National Championship victory two weeks prior and the trophy was on display. The first rounds of the Brier from Saskatoon were on TV.

The New York Caledonian last won the Stone in 2002. Dan's parents and uncle were in attendance for the final as was Kathy Austin, Elaine Malgieri, and the sons of Peter and Bill (including their dog Jack).

Ardsley also had a team. Skipped by Walter Baggett in his 32nd Stone appearance, Ardsley made a strong run. They were runners up in the 4th Event, going 2-2. Walter's rink included Matt Scheiner, Mike Spensieri, and Peter Decker.

1st Event: PCC Stone			
Veltre		Veltre	
Game A01	Thur 6:00 PM S-1 L-B01		
Szemle		Baggett	
		Game A11	Fri 3:45 PM S-2 L-C01
Baggett		Baggett	
Game A02	Thur 10:30 PM S-2 L-B01		
Clouser			
Edie		Austin	
Game A03	Thur 10:30 PM S-1 L-B02	Game A17	Sat 8:15 PM S-2 L-D01
Klein		Austin	
Kraft		Dunham	
Game A04	Thur 8:15 PM S-2 L-B02	Game A12	Fri 3:45 PM S-1 L-C01
Dunnam		Dunham	
Dunham		Game A15	Fri 9:30 PM S-1 L-C05
Austin		Austin	
Game A05	Thur 8:15 PM S-1 L-B05		
Dubberley			
Robitaille		Wilman	
Game A06	Fri 10:15 AM S-2 L-B05		
Wilman		Wilman	
Steiert		Game A16	Sat 10:15 AM S-1 L-C05
Game A07	Fri 8:00 AM S-1 L-B04		
Montenegro		Heffner	
Capone		Game A13	Fri 7:15 PM S-2 L-C02
Game A08	Fri 8:00 AM S-2 L-B04		
Heffner		Gemmell	
Fry		Game A09	Fri 10:15 AM S-1 L-B03
Gemmell		Gemmell	
Baird		Game A14	Fri 7:15 PM S-1 L-C02
Game A10	Thurs 6:00 PM S-2 L-B03		
Pike		Baird	
		Game A18	Sat 8:15 PM S-1 L-D01
		Gemmell	
		Game A19	Sun 3:45 PM S-1 1st FINAL
		Austin	
		\$100	

Game Color Key	
• Thursday	• Friday
• Saturday	• Sunday

# Quebec International Bonspiel

Jerry McCarty



A NY Caledonian team competed at the 99th anniversary of the Quebec International Bonspiel held in Quebec City from Jan 20 to 28, 2012.

Competition was held at three curling clubs; Jacques Cartier and Victoria (in the city) and Etchemin (across the river) totaling 11 sheets of ice with 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 and served as the nerve centre 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, Don Garside (Burlington ONT), John Wilson (Broomstones), and Paul Sofoulis (Broomstones).

The team came up against some tough competition but was very successful in participating in all non-curling events of the Bonspiel.

Jerry McCarty received his fifteen year pin at a separate reception hosted by the pin sponsor.

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 100th event is underway so mark your calendar (Jan 18 to Jan 26, 2013). Any club member interested in attending next year should contact any of the above members who can answer any question that you may have. It should be a great event!



**Will Pryor was accepted to the World Curling Federation Junior Camp in Feussen, Germany. This is a selective process where Will was selected as one of 8 13-20 year olds out of 120 applicants. Congratulations Will!**

## Ardslley has a Strong Presence at the Kaiser

Three full teams competed at this year's 5 and under Kaiser Bonspiel located this year at Potomac.

Team Gallegos consisting of Matt and Sharon, Ray Ullmer and Leeza Furman fared well but came up short, losing in the C Final, 3-3.

Team Eaton also attended featuring Andy Eaton, Taylor Block, Mike Spensieri, and Nicole Mikoleski. They lost early but it



was a close loss to the eventual B winner, Schenectady. Team Yang, featuring Yushi Yang, Lynn and John Salmon, and Karen Luckey, ran all the way to the D semis.

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