

DUCK SOUP

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REMINDER: Club Annual Meeting : - Sunday, April 28 at 2pm



-- **Bob Kennedy**

The ACC Headless Horseman is the final in-house bonspiel of the curling season. This year it was held April 12-14. The theme was Viva Las Vegas with teams named after the various iconic hotels in Las Vegas. Twelve teams competed for four event medals.



First event winner - Planet Hollywood:
Bob Schwalb, Erin Durba, Zach Saska, and Sara Barker

First event runner up - The Venetian:
Steve Hess, Jeff Greenberg, Jake Platt, and Brian Kaufman

Second event winner - Tropicana:
Dave Schrull, Pam Politano, Scott Druskin, and Mike Giambattista

Second event runner up - Caesar's Palace:
Jim Duke, Heinz Gruettner, Bill Borowitz, Steve Wruble, and Nate O'Reilly

Third event winner - New York New York:
Tom Daly, Catie Daly, Mike Klares, Monique Klares

Third event runner up - Excalibur: Joe Sablow, Seth Altman, Billy Neuman, Valeria Barreto

Fourth event winner - Paris: Joe Hodgkinson, Simon Pack, Mike Horowitz, Amy Costantino, Martin Webb

Fourth event runner up - Circus Circus:
Matt Rogala, Sara Perle, Jason Dore, Paul Kral



In keeping with the theme of Las Vegas, games of chance were encouraged between games and a special ACC branded online slot machine website challenged participating curlers to play for high scores to win prizes.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-- **Joe Sablow**

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Greetings All,

I can't believe that the 2019-2019 curling season has come to an end. I want to thank all of you that volunteered throughout the season. Without your assistance, nothing would get done. I'm not going to mention names as I'm sure to leave someone out. You all know who you are.

Just a few housekeeping items:

Clean-up day is Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 AM. Many hands make for lite work.

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM in the warm room. If you are unable to be there in person, please fill out a proxy and get it to Greg Poole. I hope many will attend.

The Closing Dinner and Awards Night will be on Friday, May 10, starting at 7:00 PM at La Catena Restaurant in Ardsley. It's always a fun time with good food and good friends. Look out for more info soon.

See everyone soon.

Have a good summer and good curling!

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PROXY



The Big Apple - Mar 21-24

The 2nd annual Big Apple Bonspiel brought together 24 teams from as far away as Ontario, Canada and Orlando, Florida. On Sunday, the Stewart Rink (Peter Stewart, John Vibert, Kira Moor, Jordan Hobbs) from Galt Curling Club triumphed in the A event, edging out Ardsley's Yang Rink (Yushi Yang, Jamey Gilardi, Misty Zhou, Vinay Goenka).



ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVED ABOUT THIS WEEKEND... WAS THAT THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB HOLDS THE BIG APPLE SPIEL TO INCORPORATE MORE WOMEN INTO THEIR BONSPIELS. DURING THE SEMI-FINAL EVENT WE PLAYED, THERE WAS A FEMALE SKIP ON EACH SHEET. IN THE C EVENT, WE PLAYED AGAINST A FEMALE SKIP. IT'S DEFINITELY NOT THAT WAY AT MOST SPIELS! #APPROVED #GIRLPOWER

KRISTEN CONRAD (SKIP), TEAM CHARLANDO

Jon Schuster, Joe Sablow, and Jonathan Leung (not pictured) provided commentary for Sunday matches.

Thanks to Jim Mantia and Jeff Greenberg for organizing a weekend of friendly competition. Ardsley garnered compliments from clubs visiting for the first time, including high praise for "women who rock" from Kristen Conrad, Team Charlando. Westchester's [MetroSports Magazine](#) covered the event.



Lady Liberty: Gudrun Sablow, Gail Boggio, Dolores Redding, Amy Costantino



Duck of the Month

Harlequin duck

(*Histrionicus histrionicus*)

This small sea duck takes its name from the character in Commedia dell'arte. Characterized by his checkered costume, the harlequin is all set with his own curling costume.

Home & Home

On Friday, March 22, the Ardsley ICE HOUSE GANG (IHG) curled against (unsuccessfully) the Nutmeg GOOD OLE BOYS (GOBS) for the 2018 - 2019 Home & Home Bonspiel Championship. As of 2019, the IHG has won the Home & Home Bonspiel Trophy 13 times and the GOBS have won it 17 times.



A bit of ACC History

-- **Geoff Broadhurst**

When I joined Ardsley Curling Club (ACC) in 1970, Ed Doonan and I became good friends because we liked to repair things at ACC. He was a ROMEO (a Retired Old Man Eating Out), a group of strong country club characters who loved to play poker for big money, to all hours, smoke and drink. The group included Ed Doonan, Joe Curi (see his name on the ACC bar counter), Bill Nolan (wore bad wig) and Gene McCain (The Ardsley Country Club president). There were others, but I can't remember their names. All known ROMEOS have passed away but they were very proud of their exclusive group, named ROMEOS.

ACC curler, Bob Whitman and Josh Smith of Nutmeg Curling Club started the HOME & HOME BONSPIEL in 1989 which we still enjoy twice each curling season. But Bob was not allowed to call the ACC curlers, ROMEOS; so our group name is THE ICE HOUSE GANG (IHG) and Nutmeg's is THE GOOD OLD BOYS (GOBS). Since none of the original ROMEOS are around to protest, we can now use both names interchangeably.



League Roundup



Monday-Thomdike

1st: Matt Scheiner, Nick Beaton,
Joe Panella, Steve Agostinho

2nd: Bill Stopera, Martin Sather,
George Austin, Pete Austin

Little T: Pauline Davies, Pam
Politano, Christin Keegan, Dennis
Mellerup, Geoff Domm

Thursday-Night

First Half Winners:

1st: Pam Politano, Barry
Rosenbloom, Bob Kennedy,
Madelene Knaggs

2nd: Doug Hill, Chris Banino,
Marylou Banino, Zach Saska,
Jason Dore

3rd: Sharon Gallegos, Jon Schuster,
Gudrun Sablon, Greg Fischer,
Michael Higgins

Second Half Winners:

1st (tie): Sharon Gallegos, Steve
Devaney, Mike Horowitz, Joan Fei

1st (tie): Jim Duke, Julie Everett,
Dolores Redding, Adam Dore

2nd: Joe Sablow, Doug Hill, Brian
Kaufman, Jason Dore

3rd: Pam Politano, Raymund
Bejnart, Suki Miyamoto, David
Santini, Aysha Williams

Tuesday Doubles

1st: Pam Politano
and Bill Stopera

2nd: Lynn Salmon
and John Salmon

Rookie Champs: Fiona Crisp
and Michael Villanova

Friday-Night

Session 1

Travis Spokes, Stephanie Lee,
Vicky Vron, Harry Perez,
Jean Moss

Session 2

Catie MacKinlay-Daly, Joe
Sablow, Jacob Platt, Gudrun
Sablow, Jean Moss

Session 3

Catie MacKinlay-Daly, Jeff
Greenberg, Kenneth Romanello,
Jean Moss

Sunday-Morning

Sunday morning drop-in curling
had 38 people participate on 18
mornings this year. Standings:

1st: Brian Kaufman
2nd: Geoff Domm
3rd: Paul Kral

Wednesday-Mens

Blanton Winners:

Gold: Dan Gerlach, Keith Wisbauer,
Frank Buquicchio, Jacob Platt

Silver: Mike Spensieri, Derek Kayser,
Joe Angelli, Heinz Gruettner

Wells Winners:

Gold: Dan Tufaro, Derek Kayser, Dino
Ness, Billy Nauman

Silver: Nick Beaton, Tom Vespo, Jeff
Greenberg, Martin Webb

Furline Winners:

Steve Agostinho, Joe Sablow,
Adam Dore, Jim Manita

Saturday-Night

Jim Borgia, Jon Schuster,
Sandro Carissimo,
Scott Anstett

Sunday-Juniors

The number of junior curlers
increased this year, filling all 3
sheets on Sunday afternoons.

The juniors participated in 3
Junior Bonspiels this year:

1. The Plainfield Junior
2. The Neon at Nutmeg
3. The Green Junior at
Schenectady



Thorndike post-season skins tournament

On the last 4 Mondays after the regular Thorndike season concluded, eight teams participated in a skins tournament. The winner was Team Stopera: Bill Stopera, Pam Politano, Pauline Davies, and Nathan O'Reilly.



More Bonspiel Action



Cassie won the bark box at the Big Apple



ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

SURVEY SUMMARY -- *Derek Kayser*



The Ardsley Curling Club survey had 106 responses, a response rate of 49.7% of all membership. The average years curling of respondents was 9.6 years with a range of <1 year to 43 years.

LIKES/IMPROVEMENTS

- 63% find the location of the club favorable / 20% need improvement
- 57% find ice conditions favorable / 32% need improvement
- 11% find lower level favorable / 46% desire improvement
- 48% find the warm room favorable / 34% need improvement
- 73% indicate the cost of the bar should be improved
- 61% find the stadium seating a positive aspect of the club
- write-in suggestions for improvement included: bathrooms, kitchen, club business model, club exterior, ADA compliance, insulation & heat/humidity control, the hill, communications, and furniture

PRIORITIES

- There were 81 respondents to the question "which would you indicate as the number 1 priority for improvement."
- 20 indicated the cost of the bar as #1
- 18 indicated the ice condition #1
- 9 indicated the warm room as #1
- 9 indicated the lower level as #1
- 9 indicated the location as #1
- 3 indicated the bathrooms were #1
- 2 indicated the kitchen was #1
- 2 indicated the business model was #1
- Other responses included: ADA compliance, certainty of lease, overall cost, general upgrades of the entire facility, bad reputation with other clubs, and soap in the bathroom.

VOLUNTEERING

- The respondents overwhelmingly indicated their willingness to volunteer with 93% indicating yes.
- Respondents indicated that 5-6 hours/month would be a fair expectation for volunteerism, with a range of 0-20 hours given.
- Volunteer choices ranked in popularity: 1-open houses; 2-bonspiels; 3-ice crew; 4-run leagues; 5-social media; 6-in house maintenance; 7-fundraise
- Other volunteerism suggestions include: corporate events, curling samplers, instruction, run email account, joining the board
- Availability was overwhelmingly indicated as weekends, evenings, and work from home

FUNDRAISING

- Average satisfaction with dues was indicated as 3.6 on a scale of 1-5
- Average dues increase indicated by respondents which would be acceptable is 16%
- 45 respondents indicated they were able to donate to the club for a total of \$144,375



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All proceeds go into the ACC New Club Fund.**

Celebrating curling tradition -- *by risk*

There is something special about celebrating tradition. Curling embraces tradition in a unique way. While we encourage neophytes to try curling and understand the science, art, stone delivery, and strategy -- we impart history, tradition and time honored rituals.

Ritual is defined as "a ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order." Just as many sports have evolved from the ancient games and olympics, curling has evolved from throwing boulders across frozen lochs in Scotland. Although, like any other sport, we have tweaked the process and rules over the centuries. However, the basics remain -- steeped in ritual and history. We engage new curlers each season to enliven and invigorate our curling family. We also impart our inherited history of fairness, camaraderie, history and ritual that surrounds the game.

Time honored traditions persist in curling, except for a few more recent modifications in brooms and free guard rules. We have survived as a sport probably changed the least from our 16th century ancestry. While science has refined our techniques, like sweeping and ice prep, the stones remain unchanged, the delivery is generally unchanged and the overall game remains true to its roots.

It is interesting that what happens before, during and after the game also remains similar. We shake -- compete -- shake -- and celebrate both wins and losses at the bar -- as friends and colleagues. The Scots have created a civilized tradition for competition. We applaud and honor that tradition and celebrate and impart this history to our next generation of curlers.

Good curling and we celebrate a wonderful curling year.



Nutty Duck - March 30

The Nutty Duck belongs to Ardsley Curling Club for the next year. The final points total was 47.5 to 39.5 over Nutmeg. The friendly 'spiel was held at Ardsley Curling Club this year.



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