

DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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Wanderspiel Pull-the-Plug

This successful and unique 2020-2021 season culminated April 16-18 with the Wanderspiel Pull-the-Plug. The theme was all the places and clubs we wanted to travel to but couldn't, and it looked optimistically to the curling days ahead. Fifty curlers on 12 teams, each named after a GNCC club/bonspiel, participated using a point spiel format.



Congratulations to Team Cool Duck (Tom Vespo, Jeff Greenberg, Karen Luckey, and John Wu) for taking 1st place. A close second went to Team Big Buckin' (Ryan Heide, Amber Will, Dave Schrull, and Andrew Jarratt).

Another highlight of the weekend was seeing many juniors in the mix: Molly Goodwin, Annie Goodwin, Anup De, Dylan Ciapka, Jeffrey Fearon, Ilya Kasprovicz, and Kavi Manchanda.

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May 8
Club Cleanup
Day
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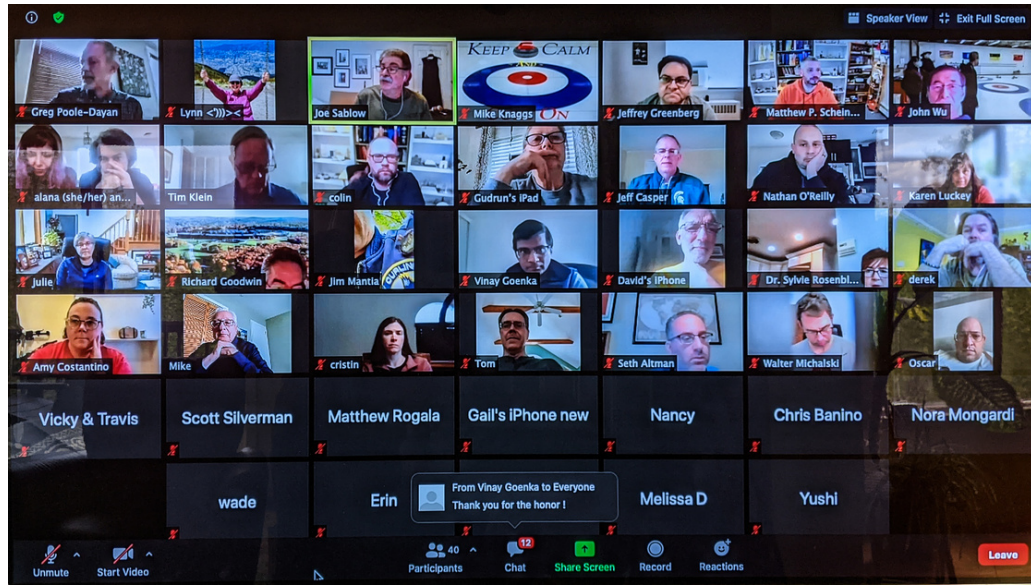


PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-- Joe Sablow

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Greetings All,



We bring to an end one of the most unique curling seasons. I would like to thank the Covid Committee for all their hard work. I would like to thank everyone for their diligence in following the protocol and keeping the club open. I want to thank the league chairs for keeping track of who was on the ice for tracing purposes. And, I especially want to thank those members that contributed financially and didn't set foot on the ice. It was a community effort in the true spirit of curling.

Now we need to look forward. There is a lot to do. In the past few years we have been uncertain of the future. With a new lease signed, and Covid hopefully behind us, we need to rebuild. We need to increase membership and other revenue sources. This will require everyone doing their part. We are heading into an Olympic Cycle. This should be a big help, but we can't rely on that alone. It will take hard work and planning to accomplish our goals.

The plan still remains to look for a new facility. At the same time, we need to spruce up the existing club. This will require some sweat equity from the membership over the next several months. Together we can bring the club back to its former glory.

Please read the emails we will be sending. The club needs everyone to participate in some fashion. We will be outlining what is needed very soon.

Thanks again to everyone. Enjoy the summer, stay safe and good curling.

Wanderspiel Pull-the-Plug

-- **Seth Altman**

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Special thanks goes to all the volunteers who helped make the weekend a massive success. Thanks to: Tim Klein, Dave Schrull, and Mike Knaggs for getting the ice ready; Jon Schuster for setting up the YouTube feed; Jeff Greenberg for his email savviness; Jim Mantia for hosting a virtual warm room over Zoom; Meg O'Reilly for capturing the event in photos; plus Sylvie and Barry Rosenbloom, Erin Durba, and Nate O'Reilly for extra help.

Thanks to the ACC Board for their continued support, and a big thank you to all the curlers for their generosity. We raised over \$1,200 for the building fund.

Final results after 9 draws:

Team	Bonspiel Points	Place
Summerspiel (Cape Cod)	25.75	3
Cool Duck (Ardsley)	28.75	1
Firecracker (Long Island)	14	12
Tropicurl (Pittsburgh)	24.5	5
Golden Handle (Nutmeg)	16.5	10
Empire State (Rochester)	15.75	11
Harvest (Philadelphia)	16.5	9
Spring Fling (Petersham)	21.75	8
Big Apple (Ardsley)	22.5	7
Big Buckin' (Bucks County)	28	2
Cherry Blossom (Potomac)	25.5	4
Bonsqueal (Plainfield)	23.75	6



Wren

Nate



Curt

John

Nancy



Knaggs



Stefan



Erin



Vicky

Mike



Duck of the Month

Blue-winged Teal

(*Spatula discors*)

These dabbling ducks breed as far north as Canada's Yukon and Northwest Territories. They're hoping to secure a berth in next year's Brier.

More Wanderspiel photos





League Roundup



Sunday-Juniors

-- **Rich Goodwin**

The Junior Curling program at Ardsley had a successful year, despite the challenges. We had a total of 21 Junior participants who played, and at times we had to ask some to stay home because of the player cap. We had 3 members join us from the Plainfield Curling Club and one from Nutmeg. Thanks to Robb Young, coach of the Plainfield team for helping with the first half of the season. I'd also like to congratulate those Juniors who played in the Pull the Plug Bonspiel: Dylan Ciapka, Jeffrey Fearon, Kavi Manchanda, Anup De, Molly and Annie Goodwin.



Molly

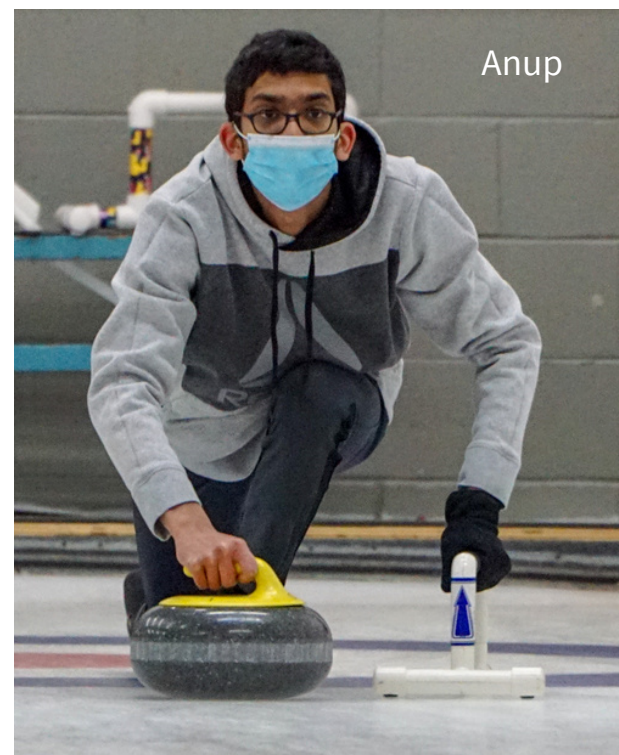
Kavi



Annie



Anup



Monday-Thorndike

Session 2 found Team Stopera once again topping Team Furman in the final championship game.

Gold: Bill Stopera, Martin Sather, Peter Austin, George Austin, Mike Murphy

Silver: Leeza Furman, Chris Banino, Tom Vespo, Rob Welch



League Roundup



Tuesday-Womens

Tuesday women enjoyed a good season. As some of our regulars did not play this year, we welcomed two excellent additions: Alana Jacoby and Molly Goodwin.

The popular USWCA All-American event was cancelled this year. In its place we held two shorter events, a win/lose/tie event won by Team Sablow and a point spiel won by Team Luckey. These were followed by our two traditional events, the MacIntosh Junior Skip event and the Wells Wick.

The MacIntosh Junior Skip Event ended in a tie between skips Sylvie Rosenbloom and Alana Jacoby. Team rock throws to the button determined the Rosenbloom team as winner. Our Wells Wick teams were skipped by Gudrun Sablow, Diane Muldowney, and Sylvie Rosenbloom.



Macintosh Junior Skip **Gold**: Sylvie Rosenbloom, Dolores Redding, Karen Luckey, Molly Goodwin, Joan Fei

Macintosh Junior Skip **Silver**: Alana Jacoby, Gudrun Sablow, Diane Muldowney, Dawn Kranzo



Wells Wick **Gold**: Nora Mongardi, Melissa Dominguez, Karen Luckey, Diane Muldowney (skip)

Wells Wick **Silver**: Joan Fei, Amy Costantino, Molly Goodwin, Gudrun Sablow (skip)

Wednesday-Mens



This year had 6 teams participate in the Men's Wells Competition. Skips were: Dan Tufaro, Nate O'Reilly, Yushi Yang, Chris Banino, Frank Buquicchio, and Tim Klein.

Wells Winners:

Gold: Dan Tufaro, Mike Horowitz, Jim Bilodeau, Curt Pader (not pictured)

Silver: Nate O'Reilly, Stefan Benkowski, Joe Sablow, Mike Giambattista



League Roundup



Thursday-Night -- **Bob Kennedy**

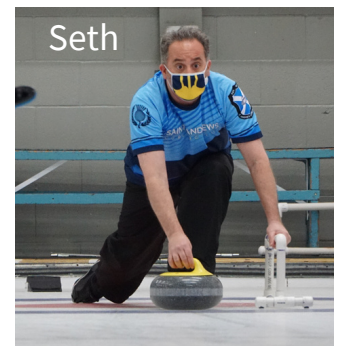
Thursday Evening Curling had an exciting second-half season. We had a slight increase in curlers from the first half resulting in 5 teams of mostly 5 players. For the first time on a Thursday eve, we had a team bye every few weeks. To keep things interesting, after each team played each other twice, we set up a playoff series which resulted in a wonderful set of final games for the 2020-2021 season. Team Gruettner composed of Heinz Gruettner, Barry Rosenbloom, Alice Yeh, and Madelene Knaggs, dominated the second half along with team Politano skipped by Seré Politano with team members Pam Politano, Seth Altman, Dolores Redding and Mike Giambattista challenging at every opportunity. Team Politano succeeded in securing the top spot of the second half league play. Congratulations to them and to all of the teams who played really well and maintained a close, but socially distanced, week-to-week challenge, inspired by the desire to make this strange pandemic curling year memorable and great. An enthusiastic online viewership of Thursday night groupies continually cheered for the players.



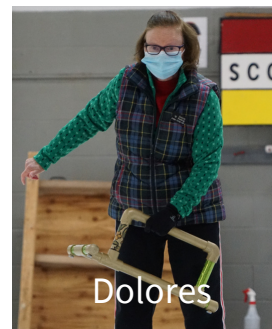
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Pam



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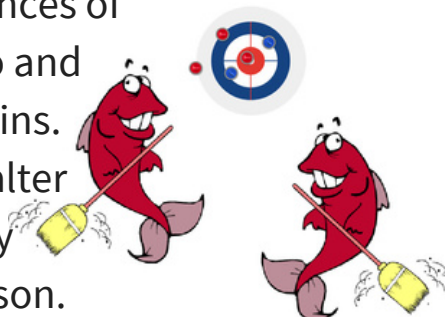
Mike

Tuesday Doubles

An enthusiastic group of curlers enjoyed the nuances of doubles curling on Tuesday nights. Seré Politano and partner Jim Bilodeau led the league with most wins. New to doubles curlers, Rob Schoenbach and Walter Michalski, played some great games, and steadily improved their record over the course of the season.



Rob



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curling during the warmer months.



Our season's officially over. We managed to make it the whole way while following COVID safety protocols and guidelines, as per NY State. Great job folks!!!

Stay tuned for summer work projects to spruce up the club.



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