



DUCK SOUP

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Big Apple 2023



The 2023 Big Apple Bonspiel is officially in the books!

A Event Winners: Brooklyn Lakeside
Runners-up: Galt - Stewart

B Event Winners: Ardsley - Casper
Runners-up: Hollywood Curling

C Event Winners: NY Caledonians
Runners-up: Chesapeake CC

D Event Winners: Bucks/Ardsley
Runners-up: Broomstones

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Bronze Medals at Nats

-- Jim Bilodeau, lead

Team O'Reilly wins Bronze at USAC 5&U National Championships!
 USA Curling hosted the 2nd annual five-and-under National Championships at Hibbing Curling Club, Minnesota, from April 19-23. 24 open format teams qualified at various events throughout the country this season.

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5U Nationals (con'd from page 1)

After winning the A event at Potomac Curling Club's "Brunchspiel" in January, our own Ardsley Curling Club members Nate O'Reilly (skip), Mike Horowitz (vice), Stefan Benkowski (2nd), and Jim Bilodeau (lead) qualified for Nationals!

In Hibbing, Team O'Reilly went on to sweep their pool with a perfect 5-0 record and continued into the playoffs with a quarterfinal game against Team Kenlan from Charlotte Curling Club. Down 5-2 going into the 6th, Team O'Reilly went on to score 1 point in the 6th with hammer, then continued to steal 1 in the 7th, 8th, AND 9th, to win the game! With a loss to Team Mellin from Duluth Curling Club in the semifinals, Team O'Reilly moved on to the Bronze Medal game vs Team Townsend from Stevens Point, WI. Running them out of rocks in the 8th, Team O'Reilly secured the bronze medal. With a record of 7-1, Team O'Reilly tied gold medal winners Team Bliven for the best record at the event.



Save the Date:

Ardsley Closing Dinner
Friday, May 19
Casa Rina, Thornwood

This year, Mike Horowitz has completed his run in the 5U circuit. Nate, Stefan and Jim can't thank him enough for his contributions to this team, from clutch doubles, runs, splits, draws and guards, throughout all our games to hilarity on the ice when it was all getting too serious. The team won't be the same without you, Mike!

The team would also like to thank Meg O'Reilly for her help streaming some of our games out to the world, Nate's parents for their support, and former Ardsley CC President Jeff Casper for coming all the way to MN to cheer us on!

This bronze medal makes the 3rd USAC event at which Ardsley teams and/or members have placed in the medals, along with Women's Club Nationals and Men's Senior Nationals. What a great season for Ardsley Curling Club!

Tuesday Women's League This Year -- *Karen Luckey*

Our league grew this year, with the happy addition of new curlers, Katy Hodgdon, Jennifer Burch, Hallie Carmen, Emma Tao, Carolyn Bergier, Heather Wadley, joining us after her start in the sport of curling in Charlotte, NC, and Carol Reynolds, a former Ardsley curler returning after a long hiatus.

We sadly lost a few curlers due to injury, work or family matters, with the greatest loss, of course, Nancy Clancy. She coordinated this league for many years, served as an Ardsley Delegate to the USWCA for a time, and no matter what, always supported and championed curling, especially women's curling.

We began the season with "The 2022" followed by our two traditional events, The MacIntosh Junior Skips and the Wells Wick.

The MacIntosh featured new skips, Astrid Mel, Alison Merkel, and Heather Wadley, all five-and-under curlers. **Gold:** Skip Astrid Mel, Vice Amber Will, 2nd, Karen Luckey, Lead Sylvie Rosenbloom. **Silver:** Skip Heather Wadley, Vice Amy Costantino, 2nd Gail Boggio, Lead Judith Kelson.

Our skips for the Wells Wick were Melissa Dominguez, Weezie Corry, Gudrun Sablow, Karen Luckey and Astrid Mel. As a departure from the usual, the Mel Rink for this event combined all of the skips from the Macintosh and Katy Murphy Hodgdon playing lead to increase the opportunity for some of our five-and-unders to play together and develop the experience that we hope will benefit them in the future.

Wells Wick **Gold:** Skip Weezie Corry, Vice Dolores Redding, 2nd Carol Reynolds, Lead Jennifer Burch. **Silver:** Skip Karen Luckey, Vice Amy Costantino, 2nd Alana Jacoby, Leads, Hallie Carmen and Emma Tao.

The "2022," a pointspiel, was won by the Sablow rink: Gudrun Sablow, Gail Boggio, Dawn Kranzo, Judith Kelson and Nora Mongardi.



The USWCA event, The All-American, was held on Mar 4, allowing for an exciting bonspiel format. With challenging games, excellent food, and good camaraderie, a great time was had by all.



Winners: Amber Will, Dolores Redding, Diane Borgia

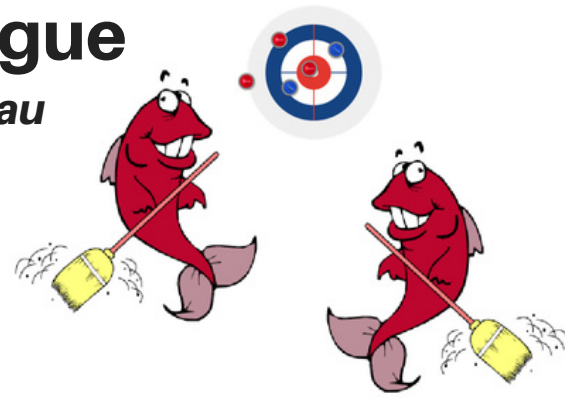
All American

Runner-ups: Erin Durba, Alison Merkel, Carolyn Bergier

Tuesday Doubles: Salmon League

-- Jim Bilodeau

It is with great appreciation that we announce here in Duck Soup, that Ardsley Curling Club's doubles league is now officially named the Salmon League in memory of John Salmon and in honor Lynn Salmon, our league founders!



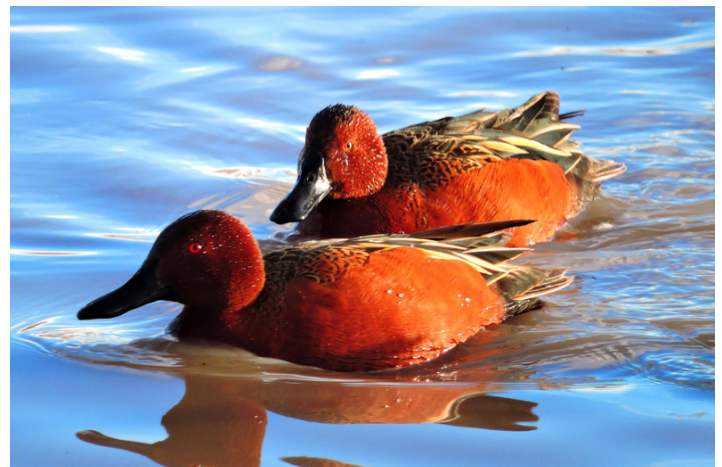
Doubles has become a mainstay in our league offerings and is a growing format throughout the curling world. This year, we saw a great increase in interest from new and experienced curlers alike. We had an invigorating series of games, a few 6 enders, a few extra ends, and some incredible improvement in skill and strategy throughout the league.

Seré Politano and Jim Bilodeau won the league for the second year in a row with a record of 14:1:1. With new teams added to the fold like Johnny Lusardi and Liz Harmon, Kellen McNally and Holly Halmo, Yoram Miller and Robert Goldbloom, and Monique and Scott Klares, the Salmon League continues to grow and give Ardsley members a different format to enjoy, and some new friends with whom to broomstack! Ardsley doubles players also attended some new and notable doubles spiels in Belfast, ME in December '22 and Schenectady, NY in March '23.

Duck of the Month

Cinnamon Teal
(*Spatula cyanoptera*)

These dabbling ducks live in marshes and ponds and felt right at home as temperatures rose in April. This pair is looking forward to playing doubles next fall.





More League Roundup



Monday - Thorndike

This year we had eleven teams participate in the Thorndike. Of the eleven, four teams qualified for the page playoffs. In the 1v2 game, team Stopera defeated team Gallegos. In the 3v4 game, team Beaton defeated team Poole-Dayana. Gallegos went on to win the semifinal over Beaton. In the championship game, team Stopera won over team Gallegos to win a fourth consecutive Thorndike championship.

Gold: Bill Stopera, Martin Sather, Peter Austin, George Austin, Megan Stopera

Silver: Matt Gallegos, Sharon Gallegos, Keith Wisbauer, Erin Durba

Bronze: Nick Beaton John Lusardi, Ryan Heide, Stefan Benkowski

Wednesday - Mens

Congratulations to team Wisbauer on his second consecutive Gold medal in the Wells Wednesday night men's league. Despite the slushy final night of the season, it was a well-played hard-fought enjoyable season.

Skip: Keith Wisbauer

Vice: Vinay Goenka

Second: Scott Druskin

Lead: Robert Goldbloom

Taking home the not-so-coveted Furline Trophy is team Horowitz.

See everyone in the fall for the Blanton and looking forward to another wonderful season on Wednesday nights.

Thursday - Open

Thursday second half winners:

Sere Politano

Astrid Mel

Valterio Tarone

Dylan Provencher

Eric Symbouras



Friday - Fun

Second half Round Robin with 7 teams followed by a bonspiel format playoff. Every team made the playoffs with seeding determined by the record on the round robin. Winner of the regular season: team of Matt Rogala, Liz Harmon, Alana Jacoby, Sylvie Rosenbloom, and Sam Kusnetz. The playoffs resulted in a tie between the team of Jeff Greenberg, Amber Will, Jonathan Leung, Anthony Kaplan, Jennifer Burch, and the team of Gudrun Sablow, Eric Romanyszyn, Miles Luo, Marie Romanyszyn, and Tim Radice.



Ardsled Junior Bonspiel

The second annual Ardsley Junior Bonspiel was held Mar 31 - Apr 2. We had 9 teams participate from all over the North East. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped especially the ice crew (Joe Sablow, Jim Bilodeau, Kellen McNally, Mike Knaggs, and Scott Druskin) and Gudrun Sablow who supervised the food and Gail Boggio and Amanda Burris and the other parents who helped.



Congratulations to A event winners: Broomstones Team Dillan Konitzer, Maggie Fitzgerald, Vivian Bannister, and Sara Bassiri.



Ardsled Team Ilya Kasproicz, Kate Kim, Nate Burris, Carter Medved was the A event runner-up with a 4-1 record on the weekend. They played a defending champion/U18 national level team from Broomstones to last rock in the 8th end.

Second Event Winners:

Potomac: Henrik Carlson, Noah Kotz, Freya Stilp, Camille Schlanger

Second Event Runners-up:

Philly/Diamond State/Bucks :

Jack Chadwick, Matt Lappert, Luke Stanoch, Rebecca Lassof

Third Event Winners:

Ardsled: Molly Goodwin, Liam Dugan, Kavi Manchanda, Trey Casabianca

Third Event Runners-up:

Rochester/Utica:

Caitlin Meier, Eva Stone, Zoe James, Aidan James

Granite State

Joe Sablow, Tom Vespo, and Tim Klein of Ardsley were joined by Will Manning from Broomstones for the Granite State Bonspiel in Nashua, Mar 2-5. The team captured the Sunrise Trophy (6th event finalists).



Big Apple

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Highlights from the Big Apple included Trivia on Saturday hosted by Howie, the popular basket raffle that brought in big \$\$, great food prepared by Mike and others, and an army of volunteers under expert leadership by Vinay!



Howie with Trivia winners: Not Ideal 2
Jonathan, Erin, Travis, Miles



Brooklyn Lakeside with the Trophy
Ben, Kirstin, Cody and Charlie

Pull the Plug



Our 2022/23 season was supposed to end with the annual Pull the Plug in-house bonspiel, but Mother Nature pulled the plug for us with 90 degree temps. The organizers and volunteers did the best they could under the circumstances, and Saturday was a large get-together full of good food and a challenging trivia contest!

Thanks to Yoram, Eric, Kellen, and Holly for their hard work and a special thanks to the ice crew who tried their darndest to get the conditions right for the weekend. The season may be over, but we're back in "offseason renovation mode" for the 3rd straight year. Talk to Derek or Kellen to lend a hand.



ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

Ardsey-on-Hudson, NY

OCTOBER 5 – 8, 2023

Are you planning for the Dykes or Club Playdowns?

Need a warm up spiel for your competitive team?

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 12 PM EST ON JUNE 30TH

Help spread the word! Current organizing committee includes Tom Vespo, Mike Horowitz, Yoram Miller and Vinay Goenka. To join the team or make suggestions email: ardsleydouglasbonspiel@gmail.com

This is our first event of the year (it used to be held in February). Everyone is asked to reach out over the summer and help promote the new and improved Douglas!

<https://broomfitters.com/ardsley>



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on Sunday, April 16, 2023. Members approved a reduction in the number of board members from 15 to 11, and also ammended the existing By-laws.

([New By-laws available online](#))

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