



North Mountain Drive
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10502



Upcoming Events

Closing Dinner
April 17, 7:00 PM
Stone Manor Restaurant
101 Saw Mill River Road (RT 9A)
Hawthorne, NY 10532

Ice Cup Bonspiel (open)
April 30 - May 2
Akureyri Curling Club, Iceland

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

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Ardsley 5 & Unders Rock Out Wins

Ardsley curlers were well represented at the 3 GNCC 5 & Under Bonspiels held this year. Ardsley teams made it to the finals in all, and won the first event at both the Kayser and the Childs!

The first victory came at this year's Kayser 5 & Under Mixed Bonspiel held at the Schenectady Curling Club, February 12-15. It was attended by 40 teams, 4 of which were from Ardsley with another Ardsley member playing for a joint Plainfield/Ardsley/Brooklyn team.

Ardsley women scored final event victories in both the A and D events at the Elisabeth Childs Five and Under Bonspiel held at the Potomac Curling Club, March 12-15 which had 31 teams playing.

Ardsley men had a good showing with two teams making it to the finals at the Francis Dykes Men's 5 & Under, Feb 25 - Mar 1 at Broomstones. There were 56 total teams competing this year.

ARDSLEY WINS THE 2015 KAYSER!

Matt Gallegos

For the first time since 2002, an Ardsley based rink won the GNCC's Kayser 5 & Under Mixed Bonspiel. This year's Kayser went to Team Gallegos (S: Matt Gallegos, V: Sharon Gallegos, 2nd: Jan Zahour, and L: Nicole Zahour). The team was lucky to escape a tough semi-final which saw them down 3 in the 8th end, only to score 4 for the win. They went on to win the final in 7 ends, and finished with a 5-0 record. The team, officially registered as the The Apple Polishers for a School Daze themed bonspiel, also won 2nd place in the costume contest for their matching Ardsley "Sweep Hard or Die" shirts and Catholic School Girl skirts. The uniforms were donned both on and off the ice with style.

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US Club National Bronze Medalists



Ardsley was the only team from the east coast competing among ten men's and ten women's teams at the 2015 USA Curling Club National Championships March 7-14 at the Fargo-Moorhead Curling Club. Ardsley kept it all in the family with two sets of fathers and sons. The team skipped by Andrew Stopera with Bill Stopera, vice; Peter Austin, 2nd; and George Austin, lead took the bronze medal.

We Are Family

Barbara Gabhart

Team Pryor handily won the USWCA 5 & Under Open bonspiel in St Paul, February 7-8. Will had the pleasure of skipping his Uncle Pat, lead, Mom, second, and Auntie Ann, vice. During one game, our opponents (who questioned our eligibility) labeled us a bunch of old people and a left handed ringer.



pictured left to right: Patrick Cannon (Lead); Barbara Gabhart (2nd); Ann Gabhart (3rd); Will Pryor (Skip)

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Team Spensieri (S: Mike Spensieri, V: Erin Durba, 2nd: Nick Beaton, L: Nicole Mikoleski) made it to the semi-finals before running into a tough Schenectady team. The rink went on to win the D event, highlighted by a fantastically executed 4th end broom-stacking break. Cheers!

Team Yang (S: Yushi Yang, V: Karen Lucky, 2nd: Joe Sablow, L: Ivelisse Hornyak) had a nice run in the B event before running into the eventual B event champion team from Nutmeg. This was the 1st Kayser for 2nd Joe Sablow. Joey Peanuts appeared to enjoy the atmosphere of the entire weekend.

Team Ullmer (S: Ray Ullmer, V: Leeza Furman, 2nd: Ken Hsu, L: Stephanie Lee) made their run in the C event. Their efforts were derailed by last year's 2014 Kayser Champion and eventual 2015 C event winning team from Rochester.

Sara Perle played lead for the Brooklyn team. This was the Brooklyn club's first time representing in the 5 & unders.



ARDSLEY SWEEPS THE CHILDS!

Ardsley women represented the club well by winning both the A and D event finals at the Elisabeth Childs Five and Under Bonspiel. This year's event fielded 31 teams at the Potomac Curling Club, March 12-15.

The First Event winners were: Leeza Furman (skip), Karen Luckey (vice), Taylor Block (second), Leslie Avendano-Eaton (former Ardsley now at Nutmeg, lead), and Ivelisse Hornyak (alternate). The Furman rink swept their way to victory, facing Ardsley's other team in the semi-finals.

Team Gallegos finished their 3 year Elisabeth Childs run with yet another appearance in the finals. Sharon Gallegos, skip, Erin Durba, vice, (Lynn Salmon viced in '13), Barbara Gabhart, second, and Nicole Mikoleski, lead, won the 4th Event finals this year. In previous years the team was 1st Event Runner Up and also won the 3rd Event. Team Gallegos' overall record for the Childs was 14-3. Not bad, ladies - and you look great in matching pajamas!

Both Ardsley teams were mostly fifth year curlers, but hopefully we will see new stars emerge from those that are eligible for this event next year in Schenectady.



MEN FINALIZE AT THE DYKES!

A whopping 56 teams of men's 5 & under curlers competed at this year's Francis Dykes Bonspiel. Ardsley fielded 3 full teams and had members on two other teams including Brian Stewart who skipped the Ardsbany team with 3 Albany curlers. Ray Ullmer viced for a Nutmeg team skipped by former Ardsley member Andy Eaton.

The Ardsley teams:

Ardsley 1: Matt Gallegos, Jordan Becker, Michael Spensieri, Joe Panella

Ardsley 2: Yushi Yang, Ken Hsu, Barry Rosenbloom, Eric Oster

Ardsley 3: Nick Beaton Steve Agostinho, Cory Fisher, Vinay Goenka

Yushi's team faced off against Andy and Ray in the semi-finals on Sunday morning. Ardsley 2 were triumphant and carried on to win the Third Event Final and bring home the Davies Bowl. Ardsley 1, skipped by Matt Gallegos made it to the Second Event Finals where they were beat out by a strong Broomstones team.





Curl in the Name of Love

Barbara Gabhart

Two teams from Ardsley headed to the Detroit Curling Club for the 67th Annual USWCA National Bonspiel, February 11-16. Ardsley Two (Nancy Clancy, skip, Gail Boggio, vice, Susan Lapham, second, and Lynn Salmon, lead) made it to the Fourth Event semi-finals. Ardsley One (Pauline Davies, skip, Pam Politano, vice, Barbara Gabhart, second, and Laura Hill, lead) won the second event with a 5-1 record overall.



Nutty Duck

Ed Andrews

On March 14, we hosted members from the Nutmeg Curling Club in the Nutty Duck. This event began in 2008 and rotates annually between our clubs. This year, Ardsley presented six teams skipped by Matt Scheiner, Yushi Yang, James Weeks, Catie MacKinlay, Mike Shalhoub and Doug Hill. We were determined to regain title to the plaque that Ardsley has only held twice in the last seven years.

At the end of the morning draw, Ardsley led by a score of 30 to 21. In the afternoon draw, Ardsley maintained the momentum. The final score was Ardsley 58, Nutmeg 45. Congratulations to all participating curlers.



Team Gallegos Wins the Spring Fling

Team Gallegos, consisting of Matt Gallegos at Skip, Sharon Gallegos at Vice, Dimitri Garner (Albany) at 2nd, and Anne Fournier (Broomstones) at lead, returned once again to the Spring Fling Bonspiel in Petersham, MA. While enjoying a win in the costume contest the year before, the team's fortunes continued this year going 4-0 to win the bonspiel. The warm room is never disappointing, filled with bad karaoke, good friends, and lots of drinks. A great season ending bonspiel.



REMINDER

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Volunteer Spotlight: Curt Pader

Pippa Broadhurst

Volunteers make our club work. You may not realize what a huge contribution the volunteers make and Duck Soup would like to highlight and thank them for their efforts.

Curt Pader is doing a fabulous job running corporate events and private parties! He is one of our most generous and hard working volunteers. One day in February, after having 48 people for 4 hours from a company called Prestige, Curt was still at the club when we came to work (play) with the S.O. kids. His wife was to pick him up at 5:30 pm (she had left him at the club at 11:30 am).

Curt told me that Prestige, a Tarrytown Company, loved the game. Many asked him about "Learn to Curl!" and if they could do it? As many of them already live near ACC, this would be great for the ACC coffers and a good way to increase our membership.

Curt offered the kids and teachers any of the leftover sandwiches and soda from the groups visit. They were thrilled and moved a few. While we played with the kids Curt cleaned up completely! He even asked me where the big garbage bags were, emptied the full ones, put them in the alcove, and replenished the pails!

Another person who was there the whole time to help him was a new curler, Natalie Axton (curls Saturday afternoon). Natalie took a personal day off work to come. In addition, Amy Peterson, also a new curler, took the day off work to help Curt. Their help was great for a corporate event because of being recent "newbies" and knowing how it felt to try the first time.

Curt was still there when I left. And he was back for many more corporate events through the season. A big thank you to Curt and the other volunteers!

League Roundup

MONDAY NIGHT THORNDIKE

Final standings for the Monday night competitive league put Team Stopera in first place with 31 points, followed by Team Sather with 26, and Team Messing with 21. Team Davies takes the "Little T" for finishing the 3 sessions with the highest points total in B division.

TUESDAY NIGHT WOMENS

The weather played havoc with the schedule this season, but Nancy Clancy's team emerged as the first place winner of the Wells Wick by several games.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENS – WELLS

Taking the Gold Medal was Ken Hsu with Derrick Kayser, Mike Courts, and Heinz Gruettner. Matt Gallegos took silver with Ken Krug, Brian Stewart, Pete Westrell, and Brian Moran. And a special invisible bronze medal goes to Team Hess: Steve Hess, Gert Messing, Joe Sablow, and Eric Oster.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Once again, Bob Kennedy did an awesome job running the Thursday night league. The rink skipped by Dave Schroll won the second half, followed closely by rinks skipped by Mike Shalhoub, Leeza Furman and James Weeks.

SATURDAY MORNING

Gold medal winners for the second session on Saturday mornings are Rob Brantman, Wade Leon, and Pat Riedel.

SUNDAY MORNING JUG OGDEN

This year's Jug Ogden medal winners are Bob Kennedy, Sylvie Rosenbloom, Matthew Rosenbloom and Jim Borgia.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Emperor Penguin narrowly defeated the Easter Bunnies in the final match of the season in the Sunday Afternoon fun league.



Ardsley juniors curled at Plainfield over Valentine's weekend.
(Left to right) Matt Rosenbloom, Tomer Poole-Dayan, Trey Glickman, Danny Casper and Sere Politano.



ALL AMERICAN 2015

Barbara Gabhart

Both the Tuesday evening and Thursday morning Ladies' Leagues completed their All American "bonspiels". The All American is a USWCA sponsored event designed to replicate a bonspiel within our club, especially for new and less experienced curlers. Any woman member of Ardsley may participate in either or both league events. Ardsley is one of the few clubs in the country that runs two All Americans.

Tuesday Evening: Six four person teams competed in a round robin pointspiel format. As an added bonus, each week there was a Mystery Box prize for a special shot announced at the beginning of the night. Each team that successfully executed the shot claimed the Mystery Box as theirs. During the evening, the Box moved from sheet to sheet as teams showed their curling skills. Whichever team had the box when the first sheet finished got to keep it, and see what treasures were inside. Congratulations to Nancy Clancy, Skip, Lori Murray, Vice, Dolores Redding, Second, and Gudrun Sablow, Lead on winning the All American. Congratulations to our Mystery Box Winners: Team Zahour (twice!), Team Dominguez and Team Block. Big thanks to Melissa Dominguez for prepping our ice every week. Finally, thanks to all the ladies who subbed.

Thursday Morning: Four five person teams competed in a double round robin. Team Davies and Team Muldowney ended with the same amount of points, but head to head games determined the winner. Congratulations to Pauline Davies, Skip, Pippa Broadhurst, Pamela Speer, Deidre Gartner and Pamela Van Tassel-Cromie on winning the All American! Thanks to all ladies who subbed.



**DUCK OF THE
month**



Redhead (*Aythya americana*)

A medium sized diving duck that can be easily identified by its rounded red head (almost as round as a curling stone). Although somewhat rare, a group of redheads were regular visitors to our area this winter.

2016 Quebec International Bonspiel President



Jerry McCarty was presented with his "Royal Tartan" President's jacket at this year's banquet and is encouraging participation in this great Men's bonspiel.

If you want to be part of the Greatest Curling Fraternity in the World, mark the calendar now to be in Quebec City next January 2016 for the Quebec International Bonspiel in its new format. The new format allows a shorter event that will match the needs of curlers with demanding job requirements and busy families duties that had limited attendance in the past. It will maintain the many traditions that have developed over the Bonspiel's 102-year history.

More teams are expected so you are encouraged to contact Jerry McCarty (bonspiel@verizon.net) who can answer any questions that you may have and assist you in submitting a reservation.

A new 5-day format will start on Saturday January 23rd, end on Wednesday January 27th and guarantee a minimum of 5 games. Be sure not to miss anything if you can arrive on Friday night.



Spring Open House

Leeza Furman and Ray Ullmer

The Spring Open House was held on March 7 and was followed by a Learn to Curl class on March 28. Special thanks to Nancy Clancy, John Dorff, Dave Hamilton, Ellen Schoder, Jeff Greenberg, Pat Riedel, Rose Claus, and Pam Speer for delivering a great on- and off-the ice experience and to Robin Gestring and Judith Kelson for organizing the Learn to Curl class for our new members.

Please welcome new Ardsley members: Zoe Babad (junior), Christopher Bruno (junior), Karen Prince, Sean Moore, Bill Bilkhou, Michael Mermin, and Andrew Wauben.



2015 Quebec International Bonspiel



(left to right) John Wilson, Jerry McCarty, Sam Rimthong and Bruce Huffine

A NY Caledonian team competed with 35 others at the 102nd Quebec International Bonspiel held in Quebec City in late January 2015.

The team consisted of Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, John Wilson (from Broomstones CC, Wayland MA) and Sam Rimthong (a sub from Jacques Cartier CC, Quebec City). Several regular members were having their

"knees tuned" and could not attend. They promised to be back next year.

Competition was strong and they managed a 3-5 record and were very successful in participating in all non-curling events of the Bonspiel even with the pace of 8 games in 4 days.

The team was awarded the Oliver Sampson Sociables Award for their long storied history in the bonspiel so they managed to return with a medal. A good time was had by all.



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