



DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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UPCOMING:

Dec 27, 7:30

Skins Game

Jan 1

Bloodies & Brooms

Jan 5-6

Archie Bruce

Ardsley Co-Hosts 2018 Ross Tarlton Bonspiel with Nutmeg



Ardsley 2: Bobby Iadanza, Keith Wisbauer, Matt Scheiner, Robert Louis

The Ardsley Curling Club co-hosted the 2018 Ross Tarlton Bonspiel with the Nutmeg Curling Club on November 8-10, 2018. The Ross Tarlton is a travelling contest between the Ontario Curling Association (OCA) and the Grand National Curling Club (GNCC), our regional curling association that spans the eastern seaboard. Sixteen teams from each country came to the two clubs to compete in a total points competition. Two Ardsley Curling Club teams represented the GNCC this year: Ardsley 1 consisted of Geoff Broadhurst, Pete McCuen, Heinz Gruettner, Bill Borowitz, and Mike Infranco and Ardsley 2 consisted of Matt Scheiner, Keith Wisbauer, Bobby Iadanza, and Rob Louis. It was a hard fought battle on both sides and after 64 8-end games there was a point difference of only 32 stones - only half a stone per game, on average! Unfortunately, the Canadians came away with the victory this year. Next year, the Mississauga Curling Club will be hosting the Ross Tarlton in Ontario.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-- Joe Sablow

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I would like to wish everyone a happy holidays.

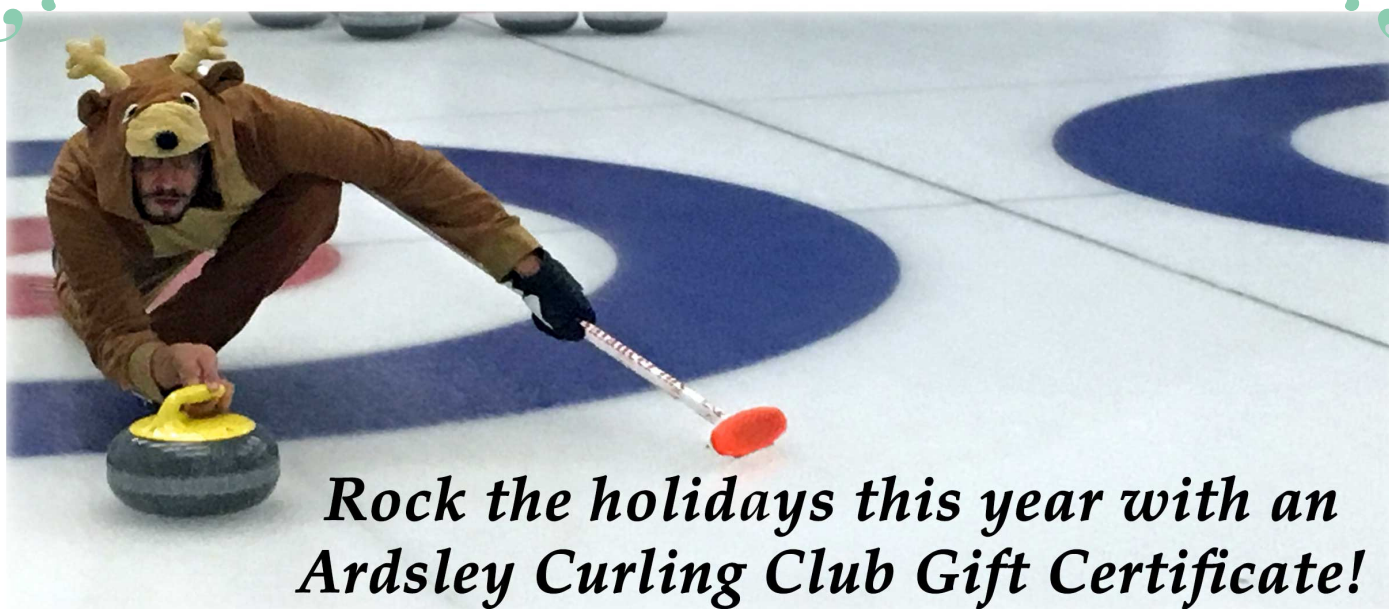
I can't believe how fast the first half of the season has gone by. As we begin the new year we have to move into high gear in our efforts to keep curling and our club alive. After hitting some speed bumps, we need to seriously concentrate on fundraising.

I've heard that you can't raise money without having a location. I've also heard you can't find a location without having money. We can debate this point on and on, but the clock is ticking. If we want to continue having a curling club in the area, we need to fundraise with the future in mind. It might take a while and I know it will take a tremendous effort, but the end result is most definitely worth it.

So think about what the club and curling mean to you. Think about the friends you have made, the good times you've had. Think about the future. I don't have to tell you how the sport is growing. Along with St. Andrews, and NY Caledonian we have had an important role in Curling's past, let's make sure to be there in Curling's future.

We need everyone to pitch in. PLEASE . Now is the time. There is a lot to do. Together we can do this.

Have a great holiday and good curling to all!



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THE MIGHTY COOL DUCK

-- Nick Beaton

Most curlers know by now that Ardsley hosts some of the greatest bonspiels on the East Coast. The members' attention to detail, the inviting warm room, and excellent ice give our guests a truly unique experience. The annual Cool Duck 5 & Under Bonspiel is proof of this, as it has become a premier bonspiel almost nation-wide.

This year, we had 14 club represented in 24 teams. We have now instituted a three-team-per-club maximum, including Ardsley teams. Even with this, we had 32 teams attempt to register in just 8 minutes of our on-sale time. It's now a hotly anticipated online race every August. Who can make it in? Well, unfortunately, we had many disappointed teams with countless inquiries post-registration about being on the waitlist.

In case you didn't know, the Cool Duck started as a simple in-house bonspiel. Bob Kennedy and Matt Scheiner saw the opportunity to make it popular within the GNCC if we opened it to other clubs given the enthusiasm among newer curlers. It took only a few years for it to boom. We think the discounted beer prices may have something to do with it!

Amy Costantino, Cristin Keegan, Jean Moss, Rachel Walkden

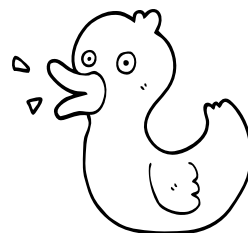


After 48 games, team Ardsley-Gerlach took the top spot. Dan, his wife Susan, Tom Daly, and Tom Vespo seemed to make easy work of a tough Triangle team in the late ends of the 1st Event Final on Sunday. It will be Dan's second time in a row skipping a team to be etched on the Cool Duck trophy.

Many thanks to all for huge success. There are really too many people to thank. Our warm room was full all weekend with participants eager to stay, with volunteers eager to help, and spectators eager to drink. Even our webstream of the finals was popular (Thanks Jon Schuster!). This spiel is one of our largest sources of revenue and the raffle we hold is key to that. Another big thanks for all the great donations!



Let's do it again next year, eh?



Tiles and Tribulation

The team of Matt Gallegos, Sharon Gallegos, Tim Klein, and Erin Durba scored big both on and off the ice at the 41st annual mixed Harvest Bonspiel held November 15-18 at the Philadelphia Curling Club. Kudos to them for taking first place at the costume contest. They went on to win the Liberty Bell A event.

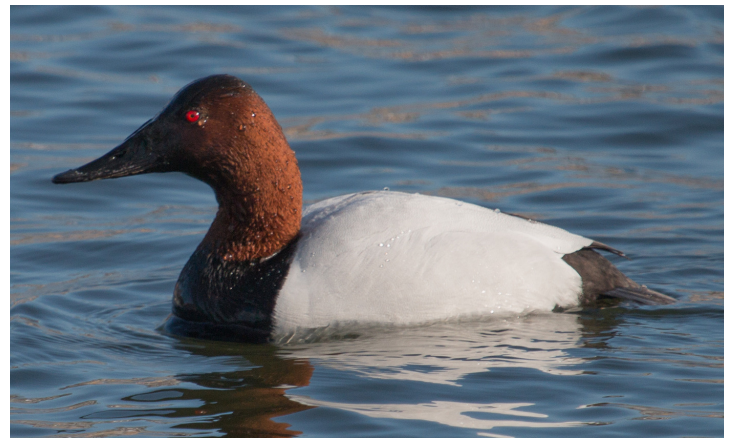


At 20 points, QUACK is the second highest 5-letter word score in Scrabble.

Duck of the Month

Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*)

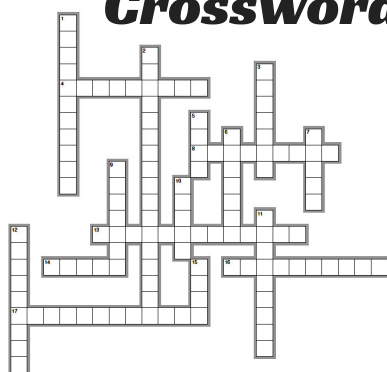
This big diving duck is the largest of its genus. Its name also racks up more points than any other duck when played in Scrabble with a score of 23.



Crossword -- by rsk

<https://tinyurl.com/ydczr6zt>

ACROSS: 4. Usual tiebreaker in curling game 8. Last 10 seconds of the old year 13. Two for one 14. Number of ends in a in-house bonspiel 16. New Year promise to yourself 17. Popular New Year song
DOWN: 1. Most famous New Year's celebration spot 2. ACC New Year's spiel 3. Tapup 5. Holds the broom for the skip 6. Second drink after a game 7. Most heard word on curling ice 9. Remove a stone from play 10. Stone barely touching the house 11. Emperor of Ardsley 12. bubbly 15. Maximum number of free guards in a game



BLOODIES & BROOMS

Happy 100, Carl

A grand time was had by 16 Ice House Gang members at the 100th birthday luncheon for Carl Honzak at the Ardsley Country Club. Carl thoroughly enjoyed his day with curling pals which included many good stories, songs, and toasts.



left: Pete McCuen, Heinz Gruettner, Steve Hunter, Carl Honzak, Bill Borowitz, and Frank O'Donovan

The Monctonian

-- *Jerry McCarty*

**59th Annual
MONCTONIAN BONSPIEL**
November 15-18, 2018



Jerry McCarty and Chris Banino were joined by Tom Jackson (Winnipeg MB), Paul Sofuolis (Cape Cod), John Wilson (Broomstones) Peter McCrady (Charlottetown PE) and Peter Blodgett (Peterborough ON), competed in the Monctonian Bonspiel in Moncton New Brunswick.

The seven players allowed for comfortable staffing across the games played finishing 1 and 3. A good time was had by all and all restaurant reservations were kept while relaxing between games in the comfort of their Suite in the Crowne Plaza.

Chris Banino was honored by being selected as the American representative on the dais at the Friday night Banquet.

Next year's event will be held from November 13 to 17, 2019.

Any member interested in curling in this maritime event should contact Jerry McCarty now to reserve a spot with the team.

TURKEY TROT

NOV 23-25 2018




Friends, Romans, Curlers. At this year's Turkey Trot, Emperor Caesar Duke exclaimed, "*Veni, vidi, curlici*," after his team achieved victory over the Rosenbloom gladiators. All others were fed to the lions. Many thanks to Kate Clough and Eric Madsen for bringing us this Roman *epulum*.



Every pro was first an amateur

The first two of five intermediate skills clinics being offered this year have been a great success. So far, we have learned practiced drills to improve balance and stability and had detailed video analysis of each individual's delivery using Coach's Eye software. Thank you Matt Scheiner and Barbara Gabhart for putting this program together.

What skills are these blindfolded curlers learning?



Take this short survey to help create a resource that will facilitate the creation of ACC teams for away bonspiels.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LVN6TT>

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