



DUCK SOUP

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Pan Continental Curling Championship

The 2022 PCC championship was held in Calgary the first week of November. Ardsley was well represented with 4 current or former members keeping ACC on the world curling map, playing for 3 different countries! Andrew Stopera viced for team USA. The American men won bronze in the A-Division and earned the USA a spot in the world curling championship.



Stephanie Lee and Ken Hsu, who began curling at Ardsley, but moved to Seattle a couple years ago, represented Chinese Taipei. Stephanie played 2nd for the women's team and won gold in the B-division. This victory will promote them to A division next year.

In the B-division, team India won the silver medal in the men's bracket. Ardsley's Vinay Goenka played 2nd for the team.

Additional GNCC members from Plainfield, Brooklyn Lakeside, and Charlotte Curling clubs represented team Kenya and team Nigeria. We congratulate them all!



IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD "BUNKIE" HARMON

Sept 3, 1932 - Nov 13, 2022

Howard Leslie Harmon, Jr, affectionately known as "Bunkie" was born in NYC, but lived close to Irvington most of his life. He worked at the New York Telephone Company for 33 years, and served in the Air Force and Air Force reserves for many years. His lifelong love of his Harvard alma mater was shown by yearly attendance at Harvard/Yale games.



Bunkie (left) at the 1980 Douglas Bonspiel (with Jim Zonino, Bob Witman and Ed Sibert)



Bunkie Harmon (below, left) with Cliff Andreoli, Brian Bammel, and Mike Griem hold the Herris-Maxwell Trophy during the Scots closing banquet in Edinburgh.

Bunkie enjoyed curling, joining ACC in the late 1960s. He served on the board and held many positions at the Ardsley Curling Club including President. Notably, he was the longest serving Treasurer of the GNCC for 24 years from 1989 until 2013. In 2001, he was chosen as one of 20 lads to represent the USA on the Scots Tour, a huge honor that happens once every 10 years.



Cool Duck 2022

We had 24 teams participate in this year's Cool Duck 5-and-under Bonspiel, November 3-6. Once again it is a qualifier event for USA Curling's 5U National Championships in May 2023. That honor will go to Team Dickinson from the Madison Curling Club.

We'd like to thank all the Cool Duck participants from various clubs for coming and having not only good games, but fun times! Special thanks go to Jeff and Stefan for running the whole show, their volunteers team, and Tim and Dave of the ice crew.



David Dickinson (skip), Erich Inglin, Austin Binish, and Jon Mueller

Results:

A Event Winners: Team Dickinson (Madison Curling Club)

B Event Winners: Duck, Duck, Ness (Nutmeg Curling Club)

C Event Winners: Nisky Business (Schenectady Curling Club)

D Event Winners: Nate and Friends (Ardsley Curling Club)



The inflatable duck now goes back into hibernation until next year.



Nate and Friends: Jim Bilodeau, Mike Horowitz, Nate O'Reilly (skip), Stefan Benkowski

U18 Championships

Megan Stopera won the U18 Great Lakes Curling Championships and will represent GLCA in the 2023 U18 Nat'l Championships in Denver CO, Jan 12-15. Her team went 5-0 in the competition and won an exciting final by the score of 6-5. Her teammates were Natalie Hollands and Jersey Hollands from Bowling Green Curling Club and Lillian Molitor from Midland Curling Club. Megan skipped the games and threw third rocks.



World University Games

Danny Casper is following in Andrew Stopera's footsteps in attending the 2023 World University Games, January 12-22, in Lake Placid. This is the largest multi-sport winter event in the world, after the Winter Olympics. The games combine high-level competitive sport with educational and cultural events, both in Lake Placid and nearby towns. University students between the ages of 17 and 25 are eligible to enter. We are fortunate to be local this time around. The Andrew Stopera rink had to fly to Russia for this event in 2019.

For this iteration the United States held a playdown in Fargo ND where Team Casper, comprised of Luc Viollette of Seattle, Ben Richardson of Minnesota, and Chase Sinnett of Boston prevailed in some tight games. The team will be joined by alternate Marius Kleinas of Cape Cod. Their coach is Jordan Moulton of St Paul. All spend a great deal of time in the Twin Cities living at least part time and practicing. If you can find lodging come on up! If not, we will make sure to have streaming available.

Let's go Team Casper!

Duck of the Month

Maccoa Duck

(*Oxyura maccoa*)

These diving ducks are found across South Africa and are considered a sedentary species - meaning they don't migrate. But they enjoy trying new locales for curling bonspiels!

photo credit: Barbara Mansell



Bucket Friendly

Team Yang (Yushi Yang, Lynn Salmon, and Madelene Knaggs) was one of 4 teams racking up points for Ardsley in the Bucket Friendly held at Plainfield CC on December 18. The final score 63 1/4 to 43 1/4 left our wonderful hosts, Plainfield, on top for the day.

Lulu proposes a new scoring system for the Monday competitive league.



Ross Tarlton in its 53rd year



Mike Knaggs, Heinz Gruettner, Joe Sablow, and Tim Klein dress for success at Utica for this year's Ross Tarlton. The annual event pits 16 GNCC teams against 16 teams from the Ontario Curling Association. After 64 games the OCA took the win with a score of 435 to 381.

Open Doubles in Maine

Kellen McNally and Holly Halmo racked up a 6-ender to advance to the D event finals at the 2nd Annual Belfast Open Doubles held Dec 1-4.



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The Achilles



The Achilles was held at Schenectady from November 17th-19th with 24 teams registered. The Ardsley team led by Jeff Casper (skip) was runner up in the first event. Jeff's team had Mike Shalhoub as vice, Keith Wisbauer playing second and Tom Vespo as lead. After falling behind early and trailing for most of the game it came down to the last shot in the 8th end. Unfortunately, Team Casper came up just short of tying the score on the last rock in an exciting match.

Junior curler, Kavi Manchanda, attended the USJrCA's curling camp at Nutmeg CC, Sept 30-Oct 2. In addition to lots of great instruction and a super fun nighttime glow-in-the-dark curling session, Kavi came home with the winning raffle ticket to attend the USJrCA's Arizona curling camp in June 2023 in Tempe. He's got his curling shoes packed and ready to go!





Boooospiel

Eight teams scarily took the ice, with a few costumes, some tricks, and a lot of treats. Teams were named after candy and divided into the Chocolate and Candy groups.

Results if you're keeping score in your haunted abode:

1st Place Event Winners: Team Twix (Daly)

2nd Place Event Winners: Team Snickers (Klein)

3rd Place Event Winners: Team Milky Way (Goodwin)

4th Place Event Winners: Team Kit Kat (Vespo)



Thanks to all who played and subbed, as well as Astrid Mel with help from the volunteers and Boospiel committee who worked hard to make sure the weekend was festive and more importantly, fun!



Save the Date:

Skins Game: Dec 27

Sweeping Clinic: Jan 15

Archie Bruce: Jan 21-22

Amnesty International Event in November

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