



North Mountain Drive
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10502



Upcoming Events

Mens 10 & Under
Friday, Dec. 12 – Sunday, Dec. 14
Schenectady Curling Club

Womens 10 & Under
Friday, Dec. 12 – Sunday, Dec. 14
Albany Curling Club

Empire State (women's)
Thurs., Jan 15 – Sun., Jan 18
Ardsley Curling Club

Lake Morey Pondspiel (open)
Fri., Jan 23 – Sun., Jan 25
Vermont Curling Club

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

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Elmer Freytag Award New in the Trophy Case



The award plate honoring Kay Sugahara for his outstanding contribution to the sport of curling has found a new home in the Ardsley Trophy Case. The Elmer Freytag Memorial Award was introduced at the 1978 World Curling Championships as the highest "non-playing" honor that the World Curling Federation can bestow. When the World Curling Hall of Fame was set up in 2011, all prior Elmer Freytag Award winners were made inaugural inductees. Kay's interest and generosity to the sport is truly unprecedented and encompasses not only international curling, but the GNCC and many clubs within the GNCC.

Kay became interested in the international aspect of the sport after attending the world curling championships for several years. When the event lost its long-time sponsor, he and five other international businessmen formed a company called Hexagon and sponsored the World's for one year. After the first year, Kay continued to sponsor the event single-handedly for two more years. Kay's international business experience enabled him to recognize the potential for curling in Asia where he organized curling schools and helped to initiate a new center of fans and players. He also recognized the potential growth of curling if it became an Olympic sport. He was instrumental in curling's first introduction as a medal sport in the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

Members of the Ardsley Curling Club appreciate the impact that Kay's generosity has meant not only to our club but to curling clubs all across the land. Kay's latest efforts have seen him donate funds to outfit ours and other curling clubs with on ice video cameras for at home viewing. He has always been keenly interested and supportive toward spreading the sport of curling far and wide. You can see the plaque commemorating his entry into the USCA Hall of Fame on the wall near the entryway to sheet A.

Mid-Atlantic Bonspiel

Nancy Clancy

The Mid-Atlantic Bonspiel is a woman's event which rotates between Potomac, Chesapeake, Philadelphia, and Plainfield. Nancy Clancy took a Chesapeake team to Plainfield to celebrate the tenth anniversary of this spiel which began as a venue for experienced skips to introduce new curlers to the bonspiel experience. Our team, which included Lorrie Needles, Cathy Jones, and Sandy Frederickson (in her first away bonspiel) were Second Event runners-up, in a very competitive field. We lost by 1 rock in the final to a mother-daughter team of Howells and Burcheskys.





Did Team Davies Stink at the Maine-Iac

Barbara Gabhart

Not really! Pauline Davies, Pam Politano, Barbara Gabhart and Laura Hill headed north to Belfast to play in the Maine-Iac. Going 3-2-1 overall, Team Davies did not come home with the skunk pelt prize.



Margarita Time, On Ice

Nancy Clancy

This year the Margarita Bonspiel was held at the Mayflower Curling Club in Halifax, Nova Scotia from Oct 2-5. The international roster included the team of Rick Van Cuyck (Rochester Curling Club), Nancy Clancy (Ardley), Jay Davies (Potomac Curling Club). We went 2-2; both losses on last rock by 1. The local news had a great piece about the club which doesn't exist in the real world (paper club) and yet brings folks from all over the world together each year. The theme was nautical.



USWCA Five and Under

Ardley girls brought second event winners hardware home from the first East Event of the USWCA Open Five and Under Bonspiel in Norfolk, CT. Great work by Leeza Furman (skip), Karen Luckey, Taylor Block and Ivelisse Hornyak.



PONDSPIEL = OUTDOOR CURLING

Lynn Salmon

Prepare to curl like they did in Scotland in the 1500's. There is still time to sign up for the Lake Morey Pondspiel held in Vermont in January. A team from Ardley will be defending the title they won at the first annual Pondspiel last year, but there's room for more. Yes, shop brooms are legal and crazy lake effect snow and wind can affect the curl!



Gallegos Rink at Cornwall Cashspiel

Mike Spensieri

Team Gallegos (Matt Gallegos, Mike Spensieri, Joe Panella and Jen Carter (substitute)) was off to Canada again this month, this time to Cornwall to compete in the second leg of the OVCA Colts 5-and under cashspiel circuit. They followed up on their success from October by making a clean run to the semifinals. Then they blinded the rest of the field with some gas station moonshine they bought on the way up and went on to win the consolation match as well! Another cash prize for the boys and another great time north of the border with friends old and new!



MONCTONIAN BONSPIEL

Jerry McCarty

Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, Tom Jackson from Winnipeg Manitoba, Bill Harper and Peter McCrady from Prince Edward Island competed in the 55th Monctonian Bonspiel held in mid November 2014 in Moncton New Brunswick. The team curled under the New York Caledonian banner; won two and lost three games over three days. Bruce Huffine represented the United States at the Dinner Committee table. A good time was had by all!

Next year's event will be held from November 18 to 22, 2015. Any member interested in joining us for this maritime Men's event should contact Jerry McCarty at bonspiel@verizon.net





COOL DUCK 2014

Matt Scheiner



ARDSLEY - TEAM YANG

1st Event Champions

Skip: Yushi Yang

Vice: Ken Hsu

Second: Joe Panella

Lead: Barry Rosenbloom

Alternate: Silvie Rosenbloom



The 2014 Cool Duck 5-and-Under Bonspiel was held at the Ardsley Curling Club on November 7-9, 2014. Twenty-four teams participated, and an astounding eighteen of them were representing outside clubs. Curlers traveled from as far south as the Richmond, Virginia and as far north as Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Spread over three days, the bonspiel was comprised of four events, which caused the draw schedule to start early in the morning and continue late into the night. This made for a spirited warm room atmosphere as many teams were required to stick around to play in their late games. Off the ice, the fun and merriment were supplemented by back massages from a professional masseuse, a raffle full of entertaining prizes, warm food and cold drinks.

Full event results follow:

First Event Runners Up: Ardsley Curling Club S: Michael Spensieri V: Nicole Zahour 2: Jan Zahour L: Nicole Mikoleski A: Vinay Goenka

Second Event Champions: Broomstones Curling Club S: Mike Rybak V: Anne Fournier 2: Nerijus Tamutis L: Irina Rybak

Second Event Runners Up: Ardsley Curling Club S: Doug Hill V: Erin Durba 2: Seth Altman L: Jane Lee

Third Event Champions: Ardsfield (Ardsley/Plainfield) S: Ian Everett V: Ryan Humphreys 2: Lyn Steeger L: Amy Peterson A: Matthew Rosenbloom

Third Event Runners Up: Curling Club of Virginia (CCVA) S: Scott Burk V: BJ Palsa 2: Alex Carroll L: Jenn Fox

Fourth Event Champions: Ardsley Curling Club S: Matt Gallegos V: Sharon Gallegos 2: Jen Stein L: Ivelisse Hornyak

Fourth Event Runners Up: Potomac Curling Club S: Nick Smith V: Adam Kapp 2: Jason Fountain L: Michael Szabronski



League Roundup

Monday Thorndike: The first 7-week session of the Thorndike Competitive League finished with Team Stopera (Bill Stopera, Peter Austin, Andrew Stopera, George Austin, and Rob Brantman) solidly taking the lead in A Division with 6 wins and 0 losses. The top two teams from B Division will move up to A Division for the next session. They are Team Gallegos with 5 wins and 1 tie and Team Lesuk with 5 wins and 1 loss.

Tuesday Evening Women: The 13th MacIntosh Junior Skips event was a round robin event among six teams. The winner of the event, Sharon Gallegos moves up to skip in the Wells Wick in February. Sharon's rink included Nancy Clancy: Vice, Ivelisse Hornyak: Second and Lisa Brown: Lead. The runner up was Lori Murray in her first venture skipping on Tuesday. Her rink included Julie Everett: Vice, Wezie Corry: Second, Christine Lally: Lead.

The All American Bonspiel begins on both Tuesday Evenings (starting November 25) and Thursday Mornings (starting December 4). This is the USWCA sponsored in-house bonspiel for all women members.

There's plenty of curling to be found on other nights and still room for drop-in action in the leagues on weekend mornings: Saturday 9:30am and Sunday 10am and evenings: Saturday 7:30pm and Sunday 5pm.



BOOOOOOOOOOOOOO SPIEL

Joe Sablow

All went swimmingly. The theme this year was "The Twilight Zone" with 12 teams playing.

The A event was won by: "Third from the Sun" Yushi Yang, Barry Rosenbloom, Jamey Gilardi, Sylvie Rosenbloom, Matthew Rosenbloom

The B event was won by: "Nightmare at 20,000 feet" David Schrull, Rich Goodwin, Steve Agostinho, Valeria Barreto

The C event was won by: "Monsters are Due on Maple Street" Mike Spensieri, George Austin, Nicole Mikoleski, Adam Gale – NOTE : Tim Klein subbed for George in the finals

DUCK OF THE month



Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*)

Buffleheads are small sea ducks that rock side-to-side as they fly. They are common in coastal waters during winter and one can be found in Ardsley Trophy case.

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