



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

# DUCK SOUP

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"All the News That Fits"



North Mountain Drive  
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10502



## Upcoming Events

**Bucket Friendly vs. Plainfield**  
Sunday, Dec. 20  
Ardsley Curling Club

**Bloodies & Brooms**  
Friday, Jan. 1  
Ardsley Curling Club

**Archie Bruce Friendly vs. Cape Cod**  
Sat., Jan. 9 - Sun. Jan. 10  
Ardsley Curling Club

**A complete calendar of GNCC events  
is available at [gncc.org](http://gncc.org)**

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## 2015 Cool Duck Bonspiel Sets New Records

Matt Scheiner



which is the farthest anybody has ever traveled for this event. We also sold a record-breaking number of raffles, and ultimately took in a record-breaking profit for the club. And to top off the list of records, for the first time ever, a non-Ardsley team has been crowned champion. Special congratulations go out to team Nutmeg 1 - Doucette, who put up a riveting fight over team Ardsley 1 - Beaton for the Cool Duck Trophy. Our club should be very proud of Nick, Cory, Steve and Vinay, who put on the most entertaining show possible, coming back from being down four to tie the game and take it to an extra end. Craig Doucette made an amazing shot with the hammer in the ninth to secure the win.

It truly takes a village to put on an event of this magnitude, and many thanks go out to the countless people who helped put this year's bonspiel together. The last record that we broke this year was with the number of volunteers who helped set up the event, shop for food, prepare and serve meals, scrape and pebble the ice, donate raffle prizes, and all of the other countless jobs that were performed over the weekend. So, if you helped, please accept our gratitude. We hope that the entire club puts its support behind Nick Beaton, as he takes over chairing this event next year.

On November 6, twenty-four teams representing thirteen different clubs descended upon the Ardsley Curling Club to compete in the 2015 Cool Duck 5-and-Under Bonspiel. Having so many clubs represented was a new record for the Cool Duck, and it was not the only record set over the weekend. During our final draw, the A, B, and C Event finals all went to an exciting ninth end. We also had a record-low three Ardsley teams competing in this event, meaning that even more away teams were involved. We had a team representing the Houston Curling Club,



### FIRST EVENT CHAMPIONS: NUTMEG 1

Craig Doucette, Mike McCarthy, Larry Bocchiere, Andrew Hancock

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## First Event Runners Up:

### Ardsley 1

Nick Beaton  
Cory Fischer  
Steve Agostinho  
Vinay Goenka



## COOL DUCK RESULTS:

### Second Event Champions: Broomstones 1

Mike Rybak, Dmitri Rybak,  
Nerijus Tamutis, Henricas Rimcus

### Runners Up: Ardsley 3

Brian Stewart, Barry Rosenbloom,  
Chris Fenton, Simon Pack, Megan Fenton

### Third Event Champions: Pot Luck 1

Sam Williams, Lisa Brown,  
Tom Lithgow, Erika Omundson

### Runners Up: CCVA 1

Scott Burk, Jenn Fox,  
BJ Palsa, Alex Carroll

### Fourth Event Champions: Albany 2

Jeremy Olson, Aimee Wagner,  
Chip Helms, David Watrous

### Runners Up: LICC 5

John Paccione, Tom Becker,  
Tom Vespo, Tom Ryan

## ARDSLEY CURLING PRO SHOP

Gert Messing

Did you know that it is a good idea for curlers to change their grippers every year? If you need a new gripper, or timer, or brush pad, check out the items for sale in the glass showcases the next time you are in the warm room.

We offer a selection of curling supplies at the club, and all profits go to the curling club. Our prices are the same as other curling supplies websites. Plus, if we have an item in stock, there are no shipping fees and you can have it right away. We can also special order items for you.

We now have members to assist you with your purchase in most leagues. Their names are posted near the showcase in the warm room: Gert Messing, Nick Beaton, Gudrun Sablow, Pat Riedel, Pamela Speer, Lynn Salmon, Darrell Seife, Matt and Sharon Gallegos.

## DUCK OF THE month



### Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)

This distinctive dabbling duck has an elongated, spoon-shaped bill with comb-like projections along its edges. They take a hard line against curlers who might use them for sweeping.



# Teachers and Curlers: Like Duck and Water!

## Part 1 of 2 – look for part 2 in the next issue of Duck Soup

Vinay Goenka

After being handed a 2 hour curling lesson by Gert's team in the Monday league I was mulling over my curling skills (or lack of it) while we were broomstacking in the warm room. During the chatter, Mike Murphy mentioned that he was a teacher and that got me curious. He was the fourth teacher I now knew at the club and I started wondering if I need to take up teaching to improve my curling! So I decided to reach out to all the teachers at the club and find out the secret formula to improve my game. In case you are also struggling with your draw weights, read on!

Our curling teachers were asked:

- **Please give us a 2-3 line brief on your teaching background**
- **What made you take up curling?**
- **What skills or characteristics do you bring from your classroom when you curl?**
- **Your advice to a 5 and under curler?**

### Seth Altman

I am in my 17th year teaching Social Studies at Yorktown High School. I teach Global History, Participation in Government, and an elective on Genocide. Like most of us, I saw curling on TV at the 2010 Olympics and when I found out there was a local curling club, I came to the open house and signed up for Learn-to-Curl. I like the athleticism, the camaraderie, and the social elements that are unique to curling.

I think communication, a positive attitude, and a sense of humor are important characteristics that I carry from the classroom when I curl. All three are necessary to get the best out of students and the best out of a team when on the ice. I give a 5 and under curler the same advice I'd give to a new teacher. Be open to criticism and suggestion - it only make you better in the long run.

### Darren Donaldson

I have been teaching now for 23 years. I started my teaching career as a Physical Education teach/athletic director in Canada. After 8 years of teaching in Canada, I relocated to London, England and taught in the UK for 8 additional years teaching mathematics. From there, I moved to Texas and taught in Houston for 3 years, followed by 1 year of teaching in Minneapolis, MN. Presently I teach math at Tuxedo Park School in Tuxedo Park, NY.

Curling is a big sport where I grew up. My hometown is Swift Current, Saskatchewan. I actually remember watching my mother curl at the Success Curling club in Success, Saskatchewan when I was around 5 or 6 years of age. Prior to leaving Canada, I would always curl in the local men's league and also in a variety of bonspiels annually within Saskatchewan with friends from high school and university.

I do not really bring any skills from the classroom to curling. I am a very competitive person, and my students know that, so I try to keep my work like and curling life separate.

My advice to a 5 and under curler would be to surround yourself with people who know the game to learn more about the game.



### John Noble

I have been teaching high school math for the last 12 years. I also taught a year of high school Earth Science and Physical Science, and before that I taught some college astronomy courses.

My girlfriend introduced me to it and I've been curling ever since.

I try to be encouraging to my teammates on the ice, thinking about how that can be helpful to my students when they are learning new things.

Go to a curling camp to get expert advice on your delivery before bad habits get ingrained.

## 56th Monctonian Bonspiel

Jerry McCarty

Jerry McCarty and Bruce Huffine from Ardsley, Tom Jackson from Winnipeg Manitoba, Paul Sofuolis and John Wilson from Broomstones, Bill Harper and Peter McCrady from Prince Edward Island, and Peter Blodgett from Petersborough Ontario competed in the 56th Monctonian Bonspiel, November 18-22. With eight curling the team was polled to see if they wanted to enter two separate

teams. The popular response was "Will that interfere with our dinner reservations?" A single team was entered.

Curling under the New York Caledonian Banner, the group divided into two sections allowing for a leisurely game per day by each group alternating play. After starting off in the "rare air" with three wins they played a very close final game getting eliminated in the semi finals of the second event and finished 3 and 2.

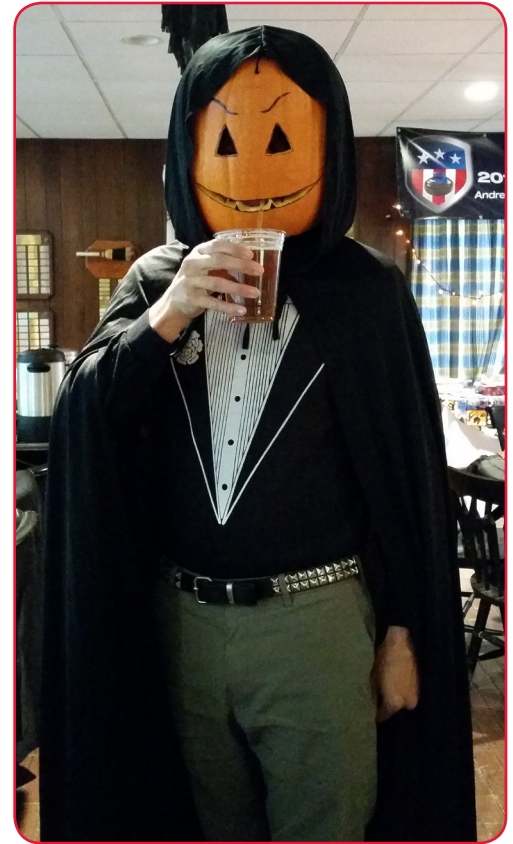
Jerry McCarty received his 30 year pin and Peter McCrady his 25 year pin. Jerry was also honored by being selected as the American

representative on the dais at the Friday night Banquet where he gave a talk on the upcoming Quebec International starting Jan 22, 2016 where he will serve as President.

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. Next year's event will be held from November 17 to 20, 2016. Any member interested in curling in this maritime event should contact Jerry McCarty now to reserve a spot with this fun group.

# BOOSPIEL 2015

The first in-house bonspiel of the year found pumpkins and skeletons and other scary creatures on and off the ice. Thanks to Jennifer Marco-Kozachek for running a great event.



## LEAGUE ROUNDUP

The first 7-week session of the Monday Thorndike Competitive League ends with three teams at the top of A league with 8 points each. These teams are skipped by Bill Stopera, Gert Messing, and Matt Gallegos. The top 2 ranked teams from B league now move up to compete in A league. These teams are skipped by Yushi Yang and Ray Ullmer.

The USWCA All American in-house bonspiel begins Tuesday evenings on January 5 and Thursday mornings on January 7th. All Ardsley women are invited to participate.

There's still plenty of room for drop-in curling on Saturday (9:30am) and Sunday (10am) mornings and Sunday afternoons at 5pm.



### Help Share the Good Times at Ardsley Curling Online

Taken some good photos at the club? Share them so we can post them on **Facebook**:

- If you've taken a bunch of photos, upload them all in one easy step through this link: <http://bit.ly/ardsleypics>
- If you've just taken one photo on your phone, email it to [corydfischer@gmail.com](mailto:corydfischer@gmail.com)

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