



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

# DUCK SOUP

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"All the News That Fits"



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## Upcoming Events

McKay-Douglas (men's)  
February 25 - 28  
Ardsley Curling Club

2016 USA Curling Club  
National Championships  
March 5 - 12  
Capitol Curling Club  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Nutty Duck (open)  
March 12  
Nutmeg Curling Club

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

## Ardsley Competing at Nationals



Once again, Ardsley curlers are competing at the higher levels of the sport. Four Ardsley members competed at the 2016 USA Curling Nationals held down in Jacksonville Florida Feb 6-13. Joyance Meechai skipped one of the 7 competing women's teams. Among the 10 teams in the men's competition, Martin Sather viced for team Leichter and father and son, Bill and Andrew Stopera played together on Team McCormick.

After a grueling week of competition (often two 10-end games per day), Ardsley players were shut out of the finals. Top honors went to the Erika Brown rink winning the 2016 National Women's Championship title. After a stellar week of curling, Brady Clark's team won the Men's Championship. However, John Shuster's team will represent the USA at the 2016 World Men's Championship in April, after his team earned enough World Curling Tour order of merit points to qualify for world's before heading into the finals of this national event.

Congratulations also go to Andrew Stopera and his team (including former Ardsley member, Will Pryor) on winning the bronze in the U.S. Junior Nationals held last month at the Willmar Curling Club in Minnesota.

TEAM USA

SHEET	After	Team	Score
SHEET A	After 1	BIRR	0
		SHUSTER	0
SHEET B	After 1	MCCORMICK	0
		DROPKIN	1
SHEET C	After 1	CORBETT	2
		LEICHTER	0
SHEET D	After 1	CLAWSON	0
		CLARK	0
SHEET E	After 2	BROWN	0
		FENSON	0

Player	Resides	Position
MARTIN SATHER	Yonkers, New York	VICE

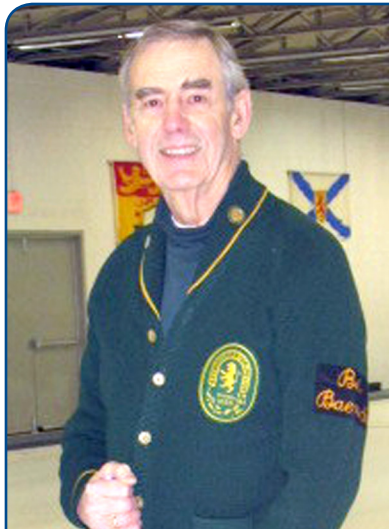


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## Club Curling Sweaters

Geoff Broadhurst

Before 1986, when men were men, the rink at Ardsley Curling Club was unheated. The ice, like now, was kept at 22F degrees and the air temperature in the rink depended on how much heat came from outside through the block walls. If outside temperatures were mild, the rink temperature was at best 35F degrees, but if it was wintery cold, rink temperature could be close to zero.

On cold days, men and women curlers would wear their thick club curling sweaters and swept vigorously to keep warm. Take a look at the club curling sweaters. The lads showing their curling sweaters curl in the Friday morning Senior Men's League. They are Robert Baensch in his NY Caledonian sweater, Carl Honzak in his St. Andrew's best, Geoff Broadhurst wearing Ardsley and Steve Hunter sporting his Mahopac CC maroon.

Steve is the very last curling member of the Mahopac Curling Club. Note the club patch on his sweater. I wonder if anyone from the Mahopac native American tribe would be proud of the design. My Ardsley sweater belonged to Barton Edison, a founding club member and upon his passing, the sweater was given to me by Dick Wells. Incidentally, Barton's eyesight was not good in his last years of curling; so the skip pointed a bright flashlight from his broom at Barton; so Barton knew where to aim his shot.

After a cold winter in 1986, Jim Zonino, an ACC curler who was in the heating business, installed two propane heaters in our curling rink and curlers have enjoyed thermostatically controlled rink air temperature of 40F degrees ever since. Thirty years ago, a curler was proud to wear his or her club sweater. Curlers who wore something different were rare and frowned on. Today, any garment is worn.

## BRUSH LIKE A BADASS

John Salmon

Dean Gemmell, 2012 U.S. Men's National Champion, brought his Brush Like a Badass clinic to our club on January 24th and February 15. Since he started doing the clinic this year, Dean has helped nearly 200 curlers improve their brushing, at clubs throughout the East and the Midwest.

The two main focuses of the clinic were:

- footwork and body position to get more weight on the broom
- communication and teamwork to "switch" sweepers when necessary

Footwork and more weight requires practice. We were encouraged to have our feet much further back (closer to the shooter) than I normally do. From this position, you get more weight on the broom, but there's also a danger of burning the stone with your feet, as your feet are much closer to the running stone.

Dean recommends that sweepers always start so that the sweeper who "has the stone" is "resisting the curl". I.e., looking from shooter to house, if the stone will curl to the left, then the sweeper on the shooter's left takes the stone. If the stone will curl to the right, then the sweeper on the shooter's right takes the stone. Thus, the sweeper closer to the stone is always "resisting" the direction of curl. When the skip calls for "SWEEP LINE!" (which is the more common early call), then the sweepers are correctly positioned. I.e., the closer sweeper will be more effective at resisting the curl and holding the line.

As the stone approaches the house, when it has cleared any guards the sweepers sometimes will switch so that the sweeper nearest the stone is augmenting the curl. This is usually the result of a "BURY IT" type of late call.



One more thing - Dean likes a "hard clean". Maybe two to three feet in front of the stone (so it has little effect on the stone's movement), with plenty of weight on the broom but not much side-to-side motion. In addition to removing picks, if a sweeper is already doing a "hard clean", then the transition when the skip calls for "SWEEP HARD" is very quick - no adjusting of body position, re-positioning of hands, etc.



## 2016 Raymond A. Kayser Bonspiel

Cory Fisher (skip), Stephanie Lee, Vinay Goenka and Jennifer Marco-Kozachek curled their hearts out at the Potomac Curling Club over the Valentine's weekend, February 11 - 14.

This year's Kayser run is over for the Ardsley Featherweights. They put up a great fight in the D event semi-finals, coming back from a 5-0 deficit after the 3rd end to force an extra end, which came down to the final shot! The opponents were forced to make a draw to the 8-foot, which they did. We're proud of the way these guys fought all weekend.



## Quebec International Bonspiel



## Mahopac Curling Club

Geoff Broadhurst

We have much history about Ardsley, St. Andrew's and NY Caledonian curling clubs, but little about Mahopac CC. Lake Mahopac is about 35 miles north of Ardsley and those intrepid curlers played on Lake Mahopac. After St. Andrew's built their 3 sheet club in 1931, Mahopac CC joined the GNCC (East Coast Curling Governing Body) in 1934 and rented ice time at St. Andrew's (as did Ardsley CC and NY Caledonian). The stalwart Mahopac members drove 35 miles south to curl - a long way back then - but no comparison to current Ardsley members who drive from Port Jervis or Hauppauge.

The Mahopac president from 1933 to 1935 was Carl I. Kellogg. He was affectionately known as "Curling Nut No.1." He donated the MAHOPAC Medal awarded to the winner (gold) and runner up (silver) of the Fourth Event in the McKay Douglas Bonspiel. I think it is the nicest medal.





# LEAGUE ROUNDUP

## TUESDAY

All-American winners  
after 6 weeks of  
round-robin play:

- Delores Redding
- Erin Durba
- Lyn Greaves
- Gudrun Sablow
- Pippa Broadhurst



## 7 WAYS TO SPOT A ROOKIE SKIP

*Vinay Goenka – with help from Matt Scheiner,  
Joe Sablow and Seth Altman*

- 1) When the skip is so engrossed in admiring the shot that they forget to sweep the rock out!
- 2) When the skip sweeps the opponent stone before the tee line!
- 3) When the skip keeps running up and down the sheet to fetch the broom!
- 4) When the skip goes to a restaurant for sit down dinner but utters takeout as the choice.
- 5) When the skip blames them self for a missed shot...and not the sweepers.
- 6) When the skip calls the shot and still throws the wrong handle.
- 7) When the restaurant bill is \$15 and they leave \$3.1 as the tip.



## Archie Bruce Friendly

This January, we hosted the 15th Archie Bruce Friendly between Ardsley and the Cape Cod Curling Club, named for a past president of both of our clubs. On Sunday, Ardsley came from behind to win the friendly and hold on to the Archie Bruce Memorial Stone until next year. Thanks to our friends from Cape Cod for making the trip and to all who played for some great games – see you next year at the Cape.

## DUCK OF THE month



### American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*)

This shy but common duck is often found in mixed flocks with other puddle ducks in our area. The one pictured with wings up is like one of our skips indicating for players to STOP sweeping!

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