



DUCK SOUP

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UPCOMING:

Mar 24, 4:00p

Board Meeting

Mar 14-17

Elizabeth Childs

Mar 21-24

Big Apple



83RD Annual 2019 McKAY-DOUGLAS International Bonspiel

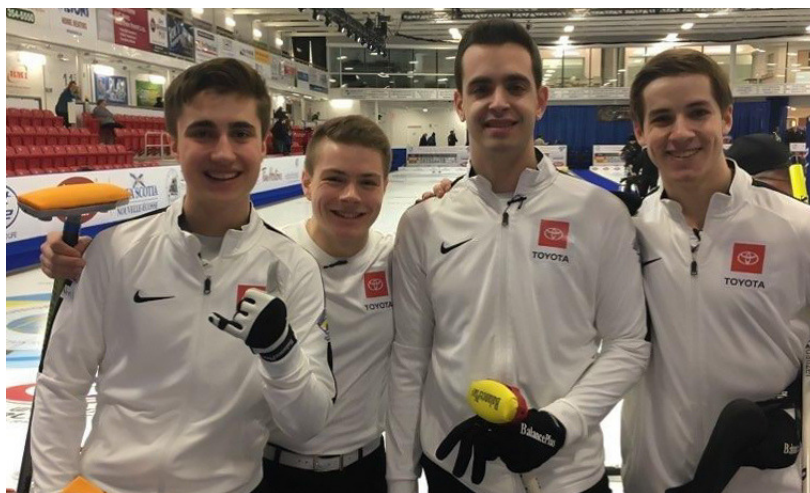
**A Men's Bonspiel at the
Ardsley Curling Club**

Fifteen teams were on hand for this year's McKay-Douglas, held Feb 21-24. As usual, the event featured good curling, great food, and 6 medal events. Many thanks to Joe and Gudrun Sablow and all the other volunteers for the hours of hard work that made this year's bonspiel a success. Congratulations to A event winners, the Messing rink from Schenectady.

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STOPERA AT WORLDS

Team Stopera represented the USA at the 2019 World Junior Curling Championships, Feb 16-23 in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Canada. They had some close games and finished just outside the playoffs. Canada took home the men's gold, and Russia won the women's gold. Next month, the team will head to Krasnoyarsk, Russia for the World University Games.



Graem Fenson, Luc Violette, Andrew Stopera, Ben Richardson

MCKAY-DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL RESULTS

A Event Winner:

Schenectady
Gert Messing
Dennis Mellerup
Greg Poole-Dayana
Dannie Steski
Bill Peskoff



B Event Winner:

Ardsley +
Adam Freilich
Simon Pack
Dino Ness
Jim Bilodeau



A Event Runner-up

St Andrews
Dan Tufaro
Derek Kayser
Danny Casper
Joe Panella

B Event Runner-up

Nutmeg
Sean Mayne
Dave Byowski
Donn Milner
Marc Zaken

C Event Winner:

Potomac 2
Bruce Black
Jeremy Vandenhovten
Chris Fairaloth
Mark Howera

C Event Runner-up

Ardsley 3
Matt Scheiner
Nick Beaton
Mike Spensieri
Zach Saska

D Event Winner:

Potomac 1
Michael Dobbs
Mike Sell
Mark Carlson
JR Grohs

D Event Runner-up

Ardsley 2
Dave Schrull
Jeff Klein
Jeff Casper
Dave Wagenheim

E Event Winner:

Broomstones
Andy Willis
Terry Smith
Jonathan Stimmel
Rich Brown

F Event Winner:

Cape Cod
Steve Mojo
Devin Windsor
Dick O'Connor
John Woods

GNCC DOMINATES AT UNDER-5 NATIONAL BONSPIEL

The National Five-and-Under Bonspiel premiered at the Duluth Curling club, Feb 22-24. The event featured 32 teams from around the country.

Ardsley's Dan Gerlach, Steve Agostinho, Keith Wisbauer, and Tom Vespo played a great A-event final against the winning rink from Nutmeg Curling Club.

Congratulations to Michael Parker, Lawrence Bocchiere, Brian Tulley, and Eric Sebastian of the Nutmeg Curling Club on winning the inaugural US 5 & Under Nationals.

Dan Gerlach, Keith Wisbauer, Steve Agostinho, and Tom Vespo



OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST, TYLER GEORGE - A YEAR LATER

Olympic champion, Tyler George, stepped away from elite curling this year and has become an ambassador for the sport of curling. Tyler visited the Ardsley Curling Club Feb 2-3. He brought his gold medal, plenty of stories about the Olympics, and helpful advice for both new and experienced curlers.

The weekend was crammed with activities including a cocktail reception for members to meet and socialize with Tyler. Tyler was on ice for an open house for new curlers, and participated in an informative intermediate skills clinic focused on strategy. Tyler stuck around on Sunday evening and watched the Super Bowl with members in the warm room.



Tyler George with "our" Jon Schuster



***These moments are burned in
our brain
And there shall forever remain
With fondest recall
For taking it all
And the feelings those
moments contain.***

-rsk



Tyler and his gold medal posed with many club members.

He remarked that Ardsley had more canine members than any club he'd visited.



Duck of the Month

Gadwall (*Mareca strepera*)

These dabbling ducks will steal food from flocks of diving ducks. Watch out when you have hammer, as they'll be trying to steal every end.



Calling all Cooks

We know how much you enjoy the food on Saturday nights and at a bonspiel. The Ardsley Ardwickers are working on a cookbook and would like your favorite recipes. They can be any category, such as main meals, appetizers, salads, or desserts. Any dish that you think your fellow curlers and friends would enjoy. Please email or give the recipes and maybe a curling picture to Gail Boggio: gail.boggio@gmail.com.

Duck Confit Poutine Recipe

- 2 tbsp. duck fat
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 3-4 medium potatoes
- 2 cups beef stock
- 2 duck legs confit
- salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 tbsp. butter
- 2 oz. fresh cheese curds

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Heat the duck legs in the oven (long enough to remove the meat easily).

Remove the bones and cut the meat into strips.

Peel and cut the potatoes into thick fries.

Place on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with duck fat.

Cook in the oven for 18 to 20 minutes, or until the fries are nicely browned.

Sharon Gallegos, Nicole Zahour, Jan Zahour, and Matt Gallegos had a recipe for success at the TAM bonspiel.



Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Combine butter and flour, stirring until smooth. Slowly add beef stock to pan, stirring constantly; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; add 1/4 tsp. salt, and simmer 3 min. or until slightly thick, stirring occasionally.

Place fries in soup plates. Salt lightly.

Garnish with duck strips.

Add the cheese curds.

Top with sauce. Season with pepper. Serve.

CURLING SAMPLERS -- Jim Borgia



The Curling Samplers had a great month in February. After a terrific start, we had two more sell-outs on February 3rd and 9th. Our three samplers scheduled in March have also been sold-out.

Curling Samplers are 90 minute sessions designed to get participants on the ice, safely so they can learn the basics, play an end or two and have fun.

Feedback is very positive. Five more sampler participants, including several juniors, have signed up as new Learn-to-Curl members! Welcome!

Continued thanks go to Jon Schuster and Judith Kelson for handling the registration, changes, and tons of correspondence with our participants and new members. Thanks to Jon Schuster(2), Julie Everett(2), John Wu, Joel Eastwood(2), Karen Luckey, Zach Saska, Martin Webb, and Diane Borgia for being volunteer instructors at our samplers this month.

Without the help of volunteers, samplers could not be offered nor would they be as successful. See dates for upcoming samplers. Please contact me at: learntocurl@ardsleycurling.com to volunteer.

WE NEED YOU! Good Curling!

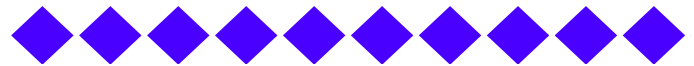


UPCOMING SAMPLERS

March 2 - 7:45pm

March 10 - 3:00pm

March 30 - 7:45pm



***There once was a house down the sheet
Where four times a game we would meet
As we challenge the play
Try to lean it our way
Since the goal of the game was to beat.
With stones from Scotland we curl
And sweep with results that unfurl
To guard or reside
Get rocks lying inside
Try to hit the broom as we hurl***

-- by rsk

GNCC MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The Utica Curling Club played host to the inaugural GNCC Mixed Doubles Championship Jan 31- Feb 3. Teams from up and down the East Coast competed for the Gold Medal and the rights to be the first winner of the Trophy. Two Ardsley teams were in the mix. The competition was stiff, and the Broomstone's duet of Nicole Aaron and Alex Leichter walked off with the Gold.



John and Lynn Salmon || Misty Zhou, Yushi Yang



KAYSER 5-AND-UNDER MIXED

Bourbon and Bubbles was the theme of this year's Kayser, held Feb 14-17 at Rochester Curling Club. Ardsley 1: Misty Zhou, Matt Rogala, Sara Barker, and Zach Saska plus Ardsley/Rochester: Mike Knaggs, Madelene Knaggs, Jonathan Leung, and Jenna Landahl (Rochester) were "on the rocks" for this event.

Team Clan C took the Rochester Thistle, 3rd event at the Empire State in Schenectady. Nancy Clancy, Nancee Cruickshank, Diane Ricordi, and Sandy Bernstein.



Nancy Clancy curled in Madison, WI at the Schmecken Spiel with Lori Karst, Dawn Nonn, and Brandi Kochera from Madison. The party team won the third event!



USWCA



The team of Karen Luckey, Gudrun Sablow, Gail Boggio and Jean Moss represented Ardsley at the 71st Annual USWCA Bonspiel at the Chicago Curling Club, Feb 13-17.



Ardsley Curling Club
Celebration of the Bard
Robert Burns
 on the anniversary
 of his birth

Programme
 Piping & Address to a Haggis
 Toasts
 The Selkirk Grace
 Supper
 Aulg Lang Syne



CELEBRATION OF THE BARD ROBERT BURNS

-- **Bob Kennedy**

The Ardsley Curling Club Robbie Burns Dinner was a huge success this year with a standing room only crowd. Most dressed in tartans or ACC Robert Burns shirts. After the haggis was piped in, the Address to the Haggis was elegantly performed in old Scottish by Jim Duke while participants could read the English translation on the TV screen.

Toasts to the lassies and laddies were provided by Bob Kennedy and Gail Boggio and the Burns Selkirk Grace set the stage for a wonderful Scottish meal prepared by Barbara Kennedy. Everyone enjoyed the annual celebration of the "poet laureate of Scotland" and as Gail Boggio mentioned in her toast, "I think it says something wonderful about his country, that its national hero is not a warrior or a politician- but a man of the heart." A toast to all who joined the celebration.



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