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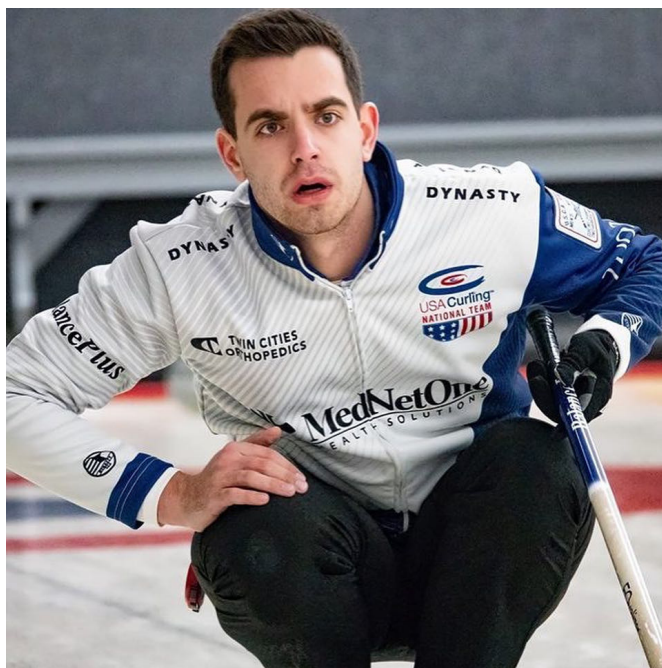
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STOPERA WINS THIRD STRAIGHT GOLD AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

As skip of his High Performance team, Andrew Stopera sailed through the round robin and won the final against Team Steinhaus. Stopera and his team, Luc Violette, Ben Richardson, Graem Fenson, and Riley Fenson went undefeated in the event. They will represent Team USA at Worlds in Liverpool, Canada this February.

The 2019 Junior Nationals were held January 13-19 in Two Harbors, MN. Ardsley CC contributed three players to the event this year. Competing against Andrew and 6 other boys' teams were Mathew Rosenbloom, a former Ardsley Junior player now curling out of Rochester, and Danny Casper of Ardsley. Their team, the Hipke Rink, was presented with the Curtis Cup Award for sportsmanship. Heartbreakingly, they lost every game, three were lost on the last shot.



On the girls side, Team Dubberstein of Portage outlasted Team Flannery to take the title of Team USA to Worlds.

Let's all rally behind Andrew's first place team!

UPCOMING:

Jan 27, 7:00

Board Meeting

Feb 2-3

Tyler George

Feb 21-24

McKay-Douglas

Proud dad, Bill, with Andrew



Tyler Hipke, Danny Casper, Connor Hipke, and Matthew Rosenbloom

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-- Joe Sablow

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Greetings all:

I hope everyone had a good holiday break. We will have a lot going on as we start out in 2019.

As you might have heard, Olympic Gold Medal winner Tyler George, will be paying us a visit on February 2 & 3. We have a handful of opportunities for all to meet and greet, get photos taken, and hear Tyler talk about curling and the Olympic experience.

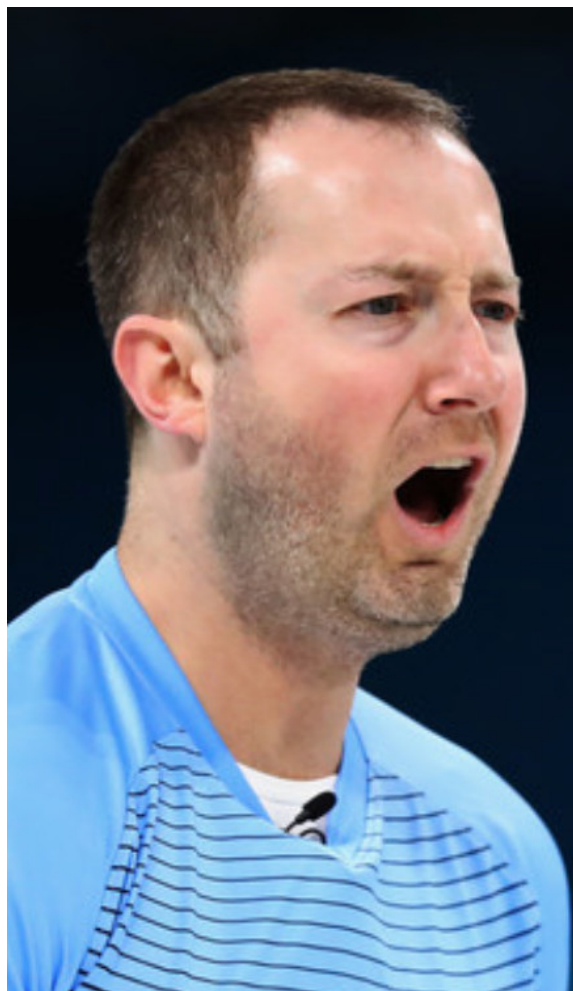
We will be hosting two open houses with Tyler George on Saturday and Sunday mornings. As always, we will need volunteers to help out. Please contact Travis Spokes (t.spokes@gmail.com) to volunteer at the open houses.

There will also be a fund raiser, cocktail reception on Saturday night, 6-10pm. Bring your curling gear for on-ice challenges with Tyler. It looks to be a fun weekend!

The McKay-Douglas Bonspiel is also coming next month (Feb 21-24). We need volunteers to make this a great event. We also ask that you donate to the raffle. This has been a great money maker for the club. So please, do what you can to help out.

The next board meeting will be in the warm room Sunday, January 27 at 7pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Good curling!



tex Come and meet

Tyler George

Olympic Gold Medal Winner

Saturday February 2, 2019

6:00 pm -10:00 pm

In the Warm Room

Cocktail reception

Stay and hear

Tyler talk about the Olympic
Experience

\$40.00 per person

We need to have an accurate head count

Please RSVP by January 31, 2019

ardsleycurlingevents@gmail.com



HOLIDAY SKINS

The skins games on December 27 were a sellout with 24 members playing for the cash. Skips were Nancy Clancy, Mike Shalhoub, Matthew Rosenbloom, Dave Schrull, Heinz Gruettner, Steve Hess.

GNCC SENIOR MIXED



Gail Boggio, Joe & Gudrun Sablow, Mike Shalhoub

Two teams from Ardsley were among the 20 teams competing at the GNCC Senior Mixed Championship held at Norfolk Curling Club on January 10-13.



Ray Ullmer, Nancy Clancy, Tom Vespo, Yuko Kashiwado (Schenectady)

Duck of the Month

Mandarin Duck (*Aix galericulata*)

This perching duck, a native to East Asia, has been hanging out in Central Park this winter hoping for a revival of curling when The Pond freezes.



Golden Handle

Matt Gallegos, Catie MacKinlay-Daly, Tom Daly, and Sharon Gallegos won this year's Golden Handle at Nutmeg. The 'spiel was January 4-6.



ACC Curling Resolutions- Delusions for 2019



- Improve my delivery without attending an instruction class
- Sign up to volunteer for everything
- Go on a healthy diet of broomstacking snacks
- Buy a new broom head every month to improve my sweeping
- Create a valet parking service for ACC
- Visit the ACC dinner league and send in a Zagat's rating
- Tell the USCA that we have the real Jon Schuster
- Come up with a Ponzi scheme to raise money for a new Club

CURLING SAMPLERS

-- **Jim Borgia**

The Curling Samplers are off to a great start this year. After a sporadic October with five sessions and 56 participants, we had four sessions and 96 participants (sell outs) in November and December. January's first session (24) and last session on Jan 26 (16) also 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 has been very positive. Comments such as *"We had a great time,"* *"that was so much fun,"* and *"exceeded our expectations"* show the commitment of our volunteers. Seven sampler participants have signed up as new Learn-to-Curl members! Welcome!

Special 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(4), Jake Platt, Jeff Greenberg, Joe Sablow(2), Sara Perle, Rich Goodwin, Bob Schwalb, Dolores Redding(4), Steve Hess, Joel Eastwood, Joe Hodgkinson, Jeff Katz(2), Ian Silberzweig, Jon Leung(5), Curt Pader(2), Mike Horowitz, Barbara Gabhart, Meg Ocampo, Nathan O'Reilly, and Joan Fei for being volunteer instructors at our samplers.

Without the help of volunteers, samplers could not be offered nor would they be as successful as they have been. Please contact me at:

learntocurl@ardsleycurling.com to volunteer.



Sampler participants having a great time.

UPCOMING SAMPLERS

January 26 - 7:45pm

February 3 - 3:00pm

February 9 - 7:45pm

March 2 - 7:45pm

March 10 - 3:00pm

March 30 - 7:45pm

Thanks and Good Curling! -- Jim

MY BIG FAT CURLING WEDDING

Twas the theme of the 65th Empire State Women's bonspiel held at Schenectady CC, January 17-20. It was a white wedding as players contended with a winter snowstorm that moved the finals up by a day. Ardsley teams included: Ardsley 1 skipped by Misty Zhou (pictured), and Ardsley 2 skipped by Amy Costantino with Dolores Redding, Judith Kelson, and Jean Moss.



Sara Barker, Meghan Lima-Bona, Aysha Williams, and skip, Misty Zhou

Misty: "So proud of my team! At B event semifinal against five-time Empire State Bonspiel winners, last end down 1 without hammer, fought to our last shot. Can you believe we only have 6 years curling experience in total?"

Nancy Clancy skipped a mixed Ardsley/Cape Cod/Cornwall team that won the C event.

The Empire State bonspiel will be hosted by Ardsley Curling Club next year.



GNCC SENIOR MEN'S

Mike Shalhoub, Tim Klein, Joe Sablow, and Tom Vespo were the 2nd event runners up at the GNCC Senior Men's Bonspiel. Held January 17-20 at Cape Cod Curling Club.



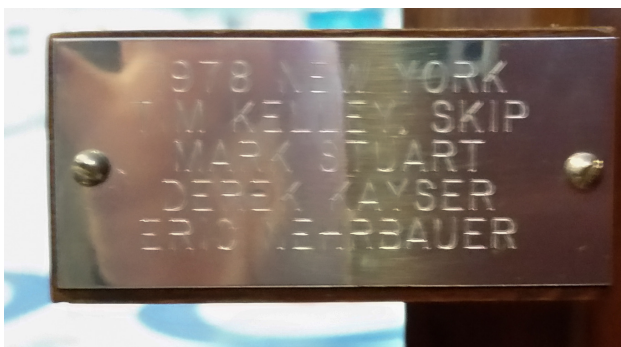


Danny Casper, Marius Kleinas, Brice Sinnett, Benjamin Grady

QUALIFIED FOR U18

In addition to playing on a U21 juniors team at Nationals this year, Danny Casper is skipping a U18 team. The team won the GNCC play down held at TCC Dec 28-30 and qualified for nationals. This year's USCA U18 national event will be held in Chaska, MN on March 12-17.

Take a look at the trophy in the warm room and you might notice some familiar names: Derek Kayser (1978) and Scott Silverman (1984)



ROCK SOCIAL MEDIA

The club would love to see more members post curling-related updates and items of interest to Social Media.

Jim Mantia handles the Ardsley Fanatics FB page and would like to encourage more posting.

Matt, Matt, and Joe are the defending champs at the Governor's Bowl in Albany this weekend. It says so on Facebook. 😊 😊 😊





ARCHIE BRUCE FRIENDLY WITH CAPE COD

-- *Jonathan Leung*

Cape Cod defeated Ardsley 49-37 (total points over the course of 2 days, Jan 5-6) to take the Archie Bruce trophy this year, but the games were spirited and good times were had by all.

Of note was a verbal history of the man Archie Bruce that was told Saturday evening during dinner. It was enlightening and added significant meaning to what both clubs were playing for.



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