

DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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Holiday Skins on Dec 26 and Jan 1

Nearly 50 curlers participated in two Skins games over the Holiday break. On December 26, three games played for 20 skins (each worth \$4). In one of the games, the last end was worth 11 skins! In a skins match, the team with hammer has to score at least two to win the end/skin. The team without hammer needs to steal to win. If neither happens, the skin(s) roll over to the next end. On New Years Day, 23 played and then enjoyed a 10-course meal provided by Barbara and Bob Kennedy. A good time was had by all.



UPCOMING:

Feb 1

All American

Feb 20-23

McKay-Douglas

Feb 1,9,15,29

Curling Samplers

The Empire State

The 66th Empire State Bonspiel was hosted at Ardsley, Jan 16-19 and won by the Burlington Rockettes from Ontario, Canada. Nancy Clancy met them last year in Cortina and promised they would have fun if they came. They did!

Congratulations to the event winners:

A Event winners: Burlington GCC - Team Locke

B Event winners: Utica 2 - Team Brown

C Event winners: Ardsley Brick House - Team Luckey

D Event winners: Rochester 1 - Team Wood

E Event winners: Ardsley We Got the Sweep - Davies

ACC made a very positive impression on all of our participants. Gudrun and her food staff fed everyone in style. Karen Luckey was in charge of the beautiful gift baskets for which Jim Bilodeau did a great job selling raffle tickets, as well as entertaining the crowd on karaoke night. Kate Clough decorated the club with a Rock 'n Roll theme, and provided the perfect band, *Peter and the Four26*, for the banquet at Stone Manor. The ice crew provided first class playing ice. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help.



Nancy (center) with the Burlington Rockettes



Gudrun and Dolores croon with the King



WE GOT THE SWEEP: Pauline Davies, Catie MacKinlay Daly, Erin Durba, and Lynn Salmon

Ardsley fielded 4 out of 21 teams, each rocking it in the name category. WE GOT THE SWEEP, skipped by Pauline Davies went 4-1 taking the E event with back-to-back games on Sunday morning. BRICK HOUSE, skipped by Karen Luckey came back to nab the C event with a 2-2 record. CURLING ME SOFTLY skipped by Amy Costantino, and GEORGETTES skipped by Ina Obernesser shook, rattled, and rolled.

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BRICK HOUSE: Karen Luckey, Ruth Loomis, Madelene Knaggs, and Jean Moss



GEORGETTES: Ina Obernesser, Alice Yeh, Diane Borgia, Valeria Barreto (not pictured: Suki Miyamoto)



CURLING ME SOFTLY: Dawn Kranzo, Judith Kelson, Dolores Redding, Amy Costantino (not pictured: Gail Boggio and Cristin Keegan)

Duck of the Month

Yellow-billed Duck (*Anas undulata*)

These gregarious dabbling ducks are common in southern and eastern Africa. When curling they always choose to play with the yellow rocks, even if it means giving up the hammer.



Junior Nationals

-- Jeff Casper

Our own Danny Casper's U21 team placed one game shy of the playoff at the 2020 edition of the Junior Nationals held in Eau Claire Curling Club January 11-18. The team was formed last minute during September. Danny was skip. Marius Kleinas of Cape Cod Vice, Sam Willertz of Midland was second, and a combination of Ben Grady of Philadelphia and Jake Zeman of Duluth played lead. The team must have gotten a boost of confidence after sailing through qualifying in Eveleth's Curl Mesabi in November. Bill Stopera helped bring the team more together through our sole practice session over the holidays. Ben had to drop out after qualifying, and Danny was able to find Jake without a team in December.



At Nationals, Team Casper got out of the gate fast starting 3-1 with it's loss coming against the High Performance Team Sinnett. That game was close. However, they hit the skids after getting swallowed by HP's Team Viollette and could not get the win in its last two to qualify for the three team page playoffs. Team Viollette handled a resurgent Team Tuma out of St Paul for the 2020 title and will head to Siberia for Junior Worlds.



Team Casper was honored at the closing banquet winning the Curtis Cup. This is awarded to the team that shows great sportsmanship on and off the ice and is voted on by opposing coaches and peers. This is Danny's third Curtis Cup. It shows that Ardsley Curling has demonstrated to him how to play the game the right way.

It was a rollercoaster week to be sure. It underscores the importance of the mental aspect of our game in addition to the skill needed to compete. When the dust settles, this team should be memorable as a group that did not even know each other going in, were all playing a new position, practiced together once, and were right there in the end. It was nice to see NY's sole representative holding form against the best juniors in the country. Team Casper was the youngest team there and all have multiple chances to do well in the future at Junior Nationals.

Friday Night

The winning team of the second session on Friday night is:

Tom Daly (skip), Erin Durba, Scott Druskin, Amber Will, and Jason Thoms.

To join the fun or sub contact

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USWCA All American



The USWCA All-American will have a true bonspiel atmosphere this year. It will be a one-day event with 2 games only on February 1, 2020.

Contact Gudrun Sablow for more details: gudrun@optonline.net



Champs: Joe, Mike, Jordan, and Matt

Team Knaggs (Mike & Madelene, Jonathan Leung and Joan Fei) suffered minor injuries - note parking lot ice is slippery - but maintained high spirits at the Schenectady 10 & Under. The team had a lot of fun, and represented Ardsley Curling Club well.

Schenectady 10 & Under

Team Gallegos (Matt Gallegos, Jordan Becker, Mike Spensieri, Joe Panella) won the 10 & Under held at the Schenectady Curling Club in December. This marked the return of Jordan after a 4 year curling hiatus, and since no one else wanted to vice, we made him do it. This was Matt & Joe's final year of eligibility leaving the responsibility to defend the title to Mike and Jordan. Go get 'em boys.



Golden Handle

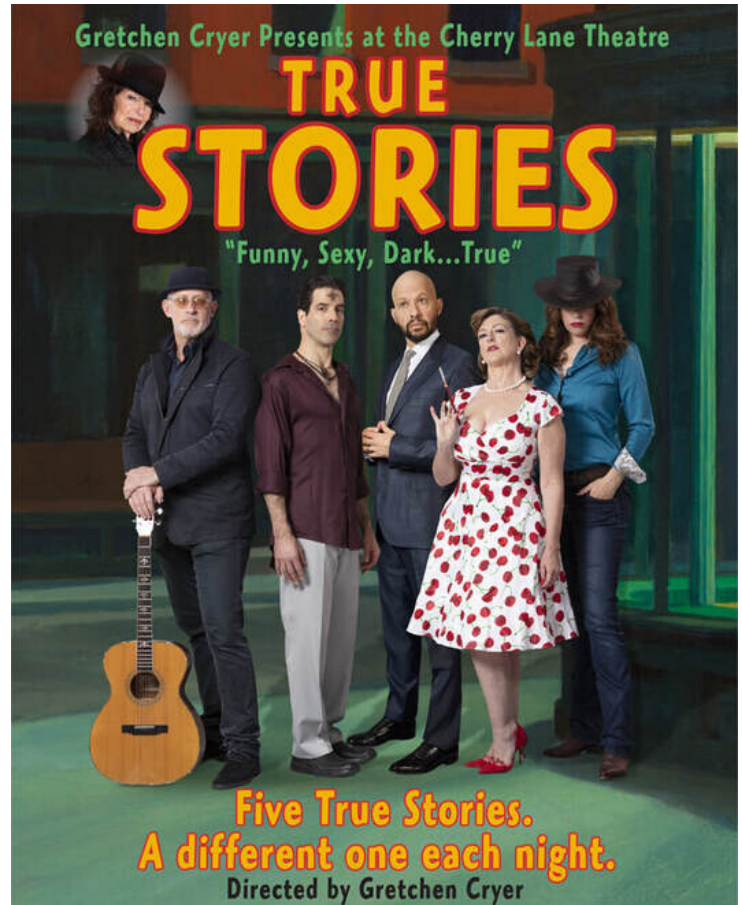
Matt Gallegos, Catie Daly, Tom Daly, and Sharon Gallegos defended their Golden Handle title at the Nutmeg Curling Club in January. This is their 2nd GH championship in a row, defeating the same team in the finals both years, and the 3rd GH championship as a team. Catie and Matt also previously won the GH playing front end for Jeff Lesuk and Robin Gestring.



Escape from Daddyland

-- written and performed by Steve Wruble

A psychiatrist, son of Elvis Presley's proctologist, divorces his wife and religion to find his authentic self, but discovers escaping his daddy issues is even more daunting.



Ardsley curler, Steve Wruble is making his acting debut at the Cherry Lane Theatre in his personal and self-written solo show, *Escape From Daddyland*. Steve is an accomplished singer-songwriter and storyteller. He has won the Moth StorySLAM and performs standup comedy regularly in NYC and Berlin.

Steve is also co-author of the NYT best-selling book, *The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump - 27 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President*. In this popular and ground-breaking book, Steve contributed a chapter called, "Trump's Daddy Issues - A Toxic Mix for America."

Performance Dates: April 29, May 3, May 9, May 14, May 17

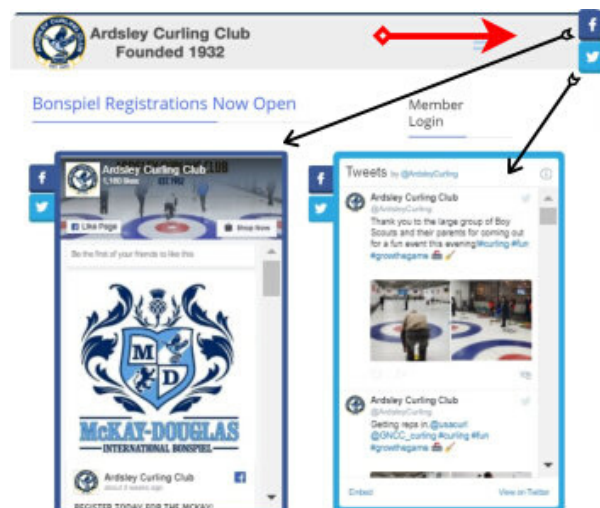
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Robbie Burns Dinner - Saturday Feb 8



The annual Robert Burns dinner will be held in the warm room on February 8. \$15 dinner fee - RSVP required: burnspiel@gmail.com

Find out more ... what is "haggis" and neaps & tatties? ... do Scotch eggs come from the Loch Ness Monster? You must experience this, at least once in your lifetime!!



Volunteers needed for the McKay-Douglas, Feb 20-23 McKayDouglasBonspiel@gmail.com
and Big Apple, Mar 19-22 BigAppleBonspiel@gmail.com



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Archie Bruce

On January 4th and 5th, Ardsley hosted the annual Archie Bruce Friendly with the Cape Cod Curling Club. The Friendly was established to honor the memory of Archie Bruce, a popular past president of both clubs. After the first day, the Friendly, which is a total stones bonspiel, was tied. On Sunday, Ardsley outscored Cape Cod by 4 points to take the trophy. Thanks to our friends from the Cape for making the trip and to all the participants for making it a fun and spirited competition.



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