



# DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club  
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## Curling continues in 2021



### Pre-covid photo

We hope everyone had a nice holiday season followed by a return to curling in the new year.

Please continue to be careful about Covid, and continue to follow our Covid rules. We have been successful so far, thanks to everyone's diligence in keeping Ardsley Curling Club a safe place.

For anyone who travels during the next couple of months, please follow the New York State testing and quarantine requirements prior to returning to the curling club. You can find those guidelines here:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Remember: don't come to the club if you are sick, and always wear a mask.

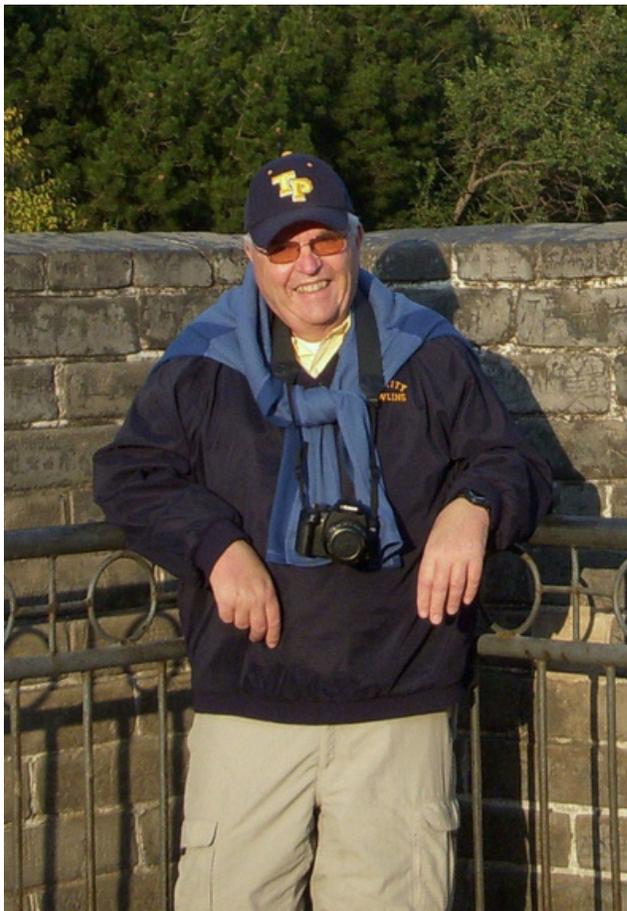


# In Memoriam Bruce Huffine

July 6, 1939 - November 29, 2020

Sad news - Bruce Huffine died suddenly on November 29th. Bruce's good nature was a natural match for curling and was experienced by the many people he encountered in the curling community. He will be missed.

He was on the New York Caledonian team that curled at the Monctonian (16 years), Quebec International (12 years), and many other Bongspiels in the US and Canada.



Bruce (on the right) at the 2015 Quebec International Bongspiel. Also shown are: John Wilson, Jerry McCarty, and Sam Rimthong.

Obituary and memory wall:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/stanford-ct/bruce-huffine-9923555>

# In Memoriam Carl Honzak

December 1, 1918 - January 16, 2021

An avid curler, Carl began curling at St. Andrews CC in 1968. He was a WWII veteran, a singer, and an actor. Carl launched his acting career in NY in 1951 appearing on Sid Ceasar's *Show of Shows*, *The Perry Como Show*, the *Colgate Comedy Hour*, *Uncle Miltie*, and *The Martha Raye Show*. He also had a command performance at the White House for President Eisenhower in June, 1957. He founded his electrical consulting company in 1961 where he stayed until he retired at 91.



Below is Carl (on left) with Bruce Huffine enjoying the Ardsley Bocce Club during the summer of 2016.



Carl (2nd from the right with dark wig and mustache) from a skit on the *Martha Raye Show*. The woman in the photo is Margaret Truman, the president's daughter.



# Duck of the Month

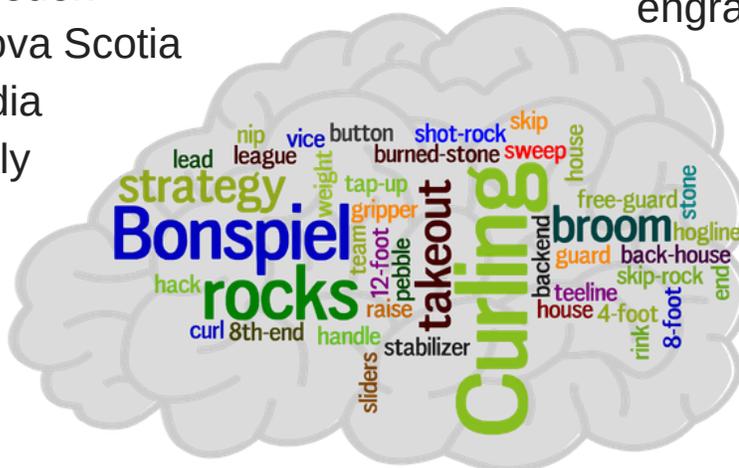


## King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*)

These sea ducks nest in the high Arctic during the summer, but prefer to winter at the southern edge of the sea ice and can sometimes be spotted near us. They are ready to skip at a moment's notice with a super warm eider down jacket.

# ACC Memory Quiz -- by rsk

1. What is the newest country flag on the walls of the icehouse?
  - a. Sweden
  - b. Nova Scotia
  - c. India
  - d. Italy



3. What object is on the Volunteer of the Year plaque above the engraved name plates?
  - a. Marble block
  - b. Wooden dowel
  - c. Rubber mallet
  - d. Rubber Ducky

2. Kay Sugahara and which other ACC member have pictures in the warmroom for being elected to the USCA Hall of Fame?
  - a. Archibald Douglas
  - b. Donald McKay
  - c. Jesse Wang
  - d. Steve Smith

4. How many TV screens are in the warmroom?
  - a. One
  - b. Five
  - c. Seven
  - d. Nine

# League Roundup

## Monday

The Monday Night Competitive League completed its first ever tournament-style session, culminating in a page playoff of the top 4 teams. Teams were: Stopera, Tufaro, Wisbauer, and Furman.



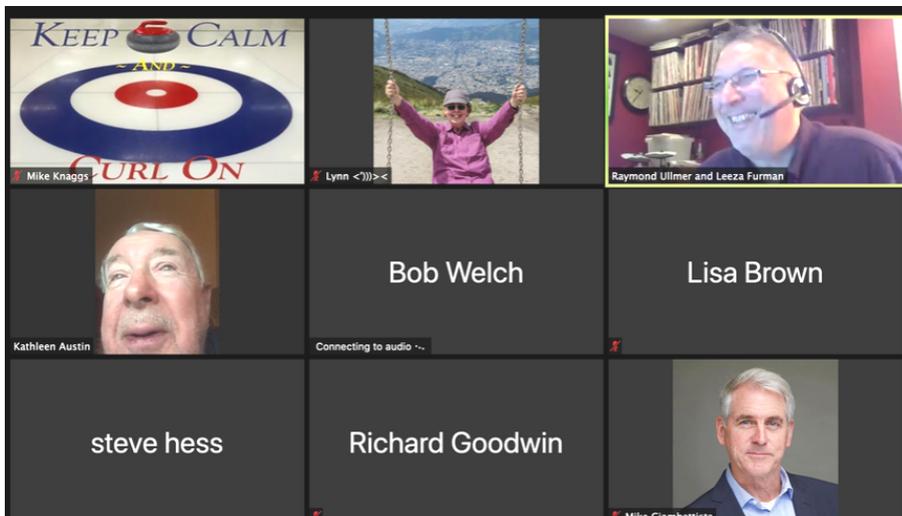
The championship game was played on January 11th, pitting Stopera vs. Furman. The league ran a Zoom meeting in parallel to the club live stream that was a lot of fun. It was a highly competitive game that came down to the very last stone of the 8th end. Congratulations to Team Stopera for their victory as Session 1 Champions!

On sheet A for the championship game:

- Bill Stopera
- Andrew Stopera
- Peter Austin
- Mike Murphy
- VS
- Leeza Furman
- Chris Banino
- Tom Vespo
- Sere Politano

A second session game, Spokes vs Zaken played on sheet C.

The league has started its second session. We'll be back to the next round of playoffs in mid/late March. We hope to "see" you again on the next Zoom meeting to watch it!



-- Ray Ullmer  
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## Wednesday

The Wednesday Night Men's League finished the first half with a flourish. Congratulations to Team O'Reilly for winning The Blanton with a 9-2 record in double round-robin play. Nate's team included Dan Tufaro, Joe Sablow, and Jeff Greenberg. Finishing in second place was the team skipped by Frank Buquicchio, who ended up with an 8-3 record. Members of Frank's team were Chris Banino, Ryan Heide, and Greg McCarron.



The second half of the Wednesday Night league, The Wells, kicks off on Jan 27 with all new teams. If there are any men who would like to join us on Wednesday nights, please get in touch with one of the league chairs.

-- **Seth Altman**

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-- **Nate O'Reilly**

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## Sunday is Funday

Sunday Morning's curling continues to get strong responses. But there is room for more!

It's a drop in league, however, current Covid based guidelines require players to sign up in advance to play each Sunday.

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Sunday mornings are a great opportunity to practice and try new positions. New and inexperienced Skips are encouraged to learn and hone their skills in a relaxed and no pressure atmosphere.

Also depending on player numbers, there are opportunities to play Doubles.



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-- **Bob Kennedy**  
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## Thursday

We had a good first half season and survived to play another half. The games were interesting, and the amazing Team Horowitz lost only one game. This was Mike H's first Thursday eve team as skip and also included a first year curler Walter M. Congrats to them and the rest of the team. The standings of the other teams were close and good curling prevailed.



The games were fun to watch online and we did a couple of zoomstacking sessions to give us the feel of being interactive spectators again - and say hello to each other. I hope we can continue those into the next half.

The second half season began on January 7. Those curling in the first half have returned with the addition of a few more curlers giving us 5 all new teams. The game times remain at 7:30pm but we have changed the format a bit. In this half, the first two-thirds of the games are regular play and the last third will be play-off games. Good curling to all and stay safe.

## Friday

-- **Jeff Greenberg**  
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Congratulations to the Friday night league second session winning team: Travis Spokes, Jeff Greenberg, Alana Jacoby, and Sam Kusnetz.



# News Flash

WPIX Channel 11 visited the club on Jan 27. Air date will be Feb 9 between 9-11am.



Upcoming major curling competitions include:

Scottie's Tournament of Hearts: Feb 19-28

Tim Horton's Brier: March 6-14

Men's World Championship: April 2-11

All 3 of these will take place in a "bubble" at the Markin MacPhail Centre in Calgary

The Women's World Championship will be held in Switzerland, March 20-28 and the World Mixed Doubles will take place April 24 - May 1, venue TBD.

USA curling is planning a bubble environment for the 2021 championship events. These are expected to take place in May, after Worlds. The 2020 champs will represent the USA at World's this year.

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