

DUCK SOUP

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U18 Gold!!

Megan Stopera and Team Pekowitz recently won Gold at the U18 National Championship at Rock Creek Curling Club in Denver CO. In addition to Megan, the team was comprised of Addison Neill, Julia Pekowitz, and Alexa Pekowitz from Broomstones Curling Club.

The team finished the round robin with a 4-1 record. In the semifinals, they beat Team Wending 9-0, and in the final, they beat Team Hollands 6-2.

Ardsley Women on Fire

Congratulations to our own Team Politano (Seré Politano, Catie Daly, Amber Will, and Liz Harmon) for winning the USA Curling Club Nationals Playdowns at Plainfield Curling Club!

They'll move on to the 2024 Club National Championships in Fargo ND this April. You betcha!





Upcoming Events

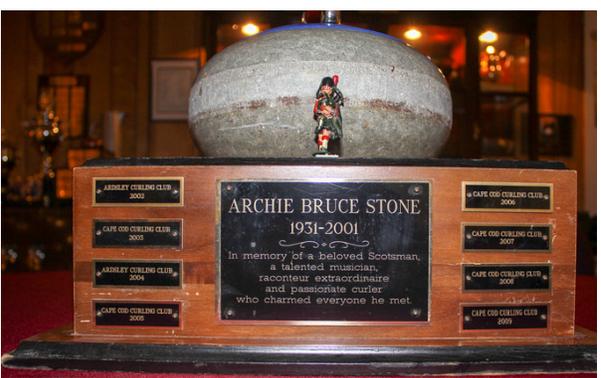
Save the Date:
Nationals: Jan 29-Feb 4
Curling & Cocktails: Jan 27 & Feb 10
Over/Under: Feb 17
Women's All American: Feb 24
Big Apple: Mar 21-24



The Curling Men's and Women's National Championship is being held at the American Dream Mall at the Meadowlands this year. Jan 29 - Feb 4. There is a round robin during the week and the playoffs are over the weekend. Tickets as low as \$10. This photo is of last year's championship game, where our own Danny Casper was in the final against Olympic Gold Medalist Team Shuster. Go cheer on Danny and Andrew and catch some curling at the mall.

Ardsley went to Cape Cod for the Archie Bruce Jan 13-14. Unfortunately, we were not victorious and the stone will remain at Cape Cod. The final score was 48 to 40 stones.

Archie Bruce Friendly





Duck of the Month

Common Eider

(*Somateria mollissima*)

A bird of the cold north with a warm reputation is famous for its down insulation which keeps a lot of curling skips warm in their jackets.

Boxing Day Skins

After the holidays with noses runny
 We played that sport others find so funny
 The stones went a whirling
 On Boxing Day curling
 Thankfully we normally don't play for
 money



Icebox Open

The lads after 6 games including the C-event final. Mike Horowitz, Jonathan Leung, Vinay Goenka, and Tom Vespo (skip) did the club proud at Norfolk Curling Club.

They were at the Norfolk Icebox Open Bonsel, January 18-21.

Saturday Events benefit the club

After a long and demanding corporate event, Travis Spokes cleans up by himself with a big smile. Travis and other club rock stars, like Tim Klein and Jeff Greenberg have been clocking many hours of volunteer time at our club's many private events.



The hard work is paying off. To date, all of the popular Saturday evening Curling and Cocktails events have sold out, and Saturday afternoon is proving to be a popular time for other private events and open houses. We expect to see more than \$27,000 in revenue from the Saturday events alone, and something like \$65,000-70,000 total annual income from all event time slots.

As the year is winding down, we have more events than ever on the books with a couple of very large groups coming in February. Please help Travis so he doesn't have to run them all alone! [[Click to Volunteer](#)]



Icemen Cometh

More tireless volunteers include the hardworking ice crew. Dave Schrull and Tim Klein making our ice beautiful over the holiday break.

Empire State

Ardsley hosted the 69th Empire State Bonspiel, January 18-21, 2024. Expertly organized by Amy Costantino and Gudrun Sablow.



Ardsley Sugarplums: Sere Politano, Pauline Davies, Pam Giambattista, and Liz Harmon

Final Results: (Winner listed first)

- 1st Event:** Sugarplums vs. The Nutty Neighbors
- 2nd Event:** Team Brown vs. Team Navratil
- 3rd Event:** Team Shaffer-Williams vs. Team McDonnell
- 4th Event:** Team Whiston vs. Rochester 2



Derek, sliding toward safety at the vaccine clinic.



League Roundup



The Monday Night competitive league is business as usual with Team Stopera topping the leader board. Teams Gallegos and Daly are hot on their heels and will make them work to stay there.

Friday Night League first session winners are skip John Lusardi with Liz Harmon, Scott Klares, Monique Klares, and Mikey Young. Second place was an indistinguishable tie between the teams of Gudrun Sablow, Travis Spokes, and Tom Daly. For second session this league will have a draw to the button to decide ties in the standings that are unsolvable based on head to head records.

Thursday Night action included a visit from Santa. It remains to be seen whether teams were naughty or nice.

I'm sure great stuff is happening in other leagues, but if you don't take photos or tell me about it, we'll never know!



Friday Morning curling, expertly run by Bill Borowitz, has seen some close games, and is the place to be on Friday mornings.

The drop-in league is open to all members. Plan to arrive by 9:30am to form teams and be ready to play by 9:45am. Plus, there's always an option to have lunch following the games.

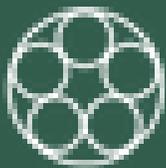
Mentorship Idea

The club is looking into creating a mentorship program to help new curlers “break the ice” and more easily get up to speed on curling etiquette.

If you have any other ideas and want to get more involved with the club, the ACC Board would love to hear from you.



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