



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

# DUCK SOUP

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"All the News That Fits"



North Mountain Drive  
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10502



## Upcoming Events

**Kayser (Mixed 5 & Under)**  
Thurs. Feb 11 - Sun. Feb 14  
Potomac Curling Club

**PCC Juniors (Juniors)**  
Friday Feb. 12 - Sunday Feb 14  
Plainfield Curling Club

**Marie Cobb (Mixed)**  
Thurs. Feb. 18 - Sun Feb. 21  
Utica Curling Club

**Francis Dykes (Mens 5 & Under)**  
Wed. Feb 24 - Sun. Feb 28  
Rochester Curling Club

**McKay-Douglas International (Mens)**  
Thurs. Feb 25 - Sun. Feb 28  
Ardsley Curling Club

**A complete calendar of GNCC events is available at [gncc.org](http://gncc.org)**

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## 2015-16 GNCC PLAYDOWNS

men & women's club championship  
at Ardsley Curling Club

Lynn Salmon

## Congratulations to the 2015-16 GNCC Club Champions

MEN's	WOMEN's
<b>Ardsley Curling Club</b>	<b>Potomac Curling Club</b>
Gert Messing - Skip	Elizabeth Demers - Skip
Dan Tufaro - Vice	Courtney Shaw - Vice
Greg Poole-Dayana - Second	Stephanie Erstad - Second
Sam Williams - Lead	Laura Yee - Lead



From December 9 to 13, Ardsley Curling Club hosted the 2015-16 GNCC Men's and Women's Club Championship and Playdown for Nationals. There are 10 regional playdowns to qualify for this event with the winners of each region meeting at nationals. All four members of each team must be full dues paying members of the same curling club.

GNCC (our region) and Wisconsin have completed their playdowns. The remaining regions will each hold competitions in January. They are: Mountain Pacific (MOPAC),

Minnesota, North Dakota, Alaska, Washington, Illinois, Great Lakes, and Mid America.

The winning teams will be competing at the 2016 USA Curling Club National Championships March 5th-12th hosted by the Capital Curling Club in Bismarck, North Dakota.

GNCC women fielded 3 teams, one from Cape Cod and two from Potomac. They competed in a double round robin format with the Demers rink emerging victorious.

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## Bucket Friendly

The coveted Silver Bucket is back at Ardsley after a fun-filled day of curling in the annual interclub bonspiel with Plainfield on December 20. Joseph "Peanut Butter" Angelli ran the event and had the honor of presenting the bucket to himself as representative of both clubs.

## GNCC Playdowns

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The 18 men's teams faced a grueling 5 days of competition using a triple knockout format with four draws each day at 8am, 12pm, 4pm, and 8pm. After securing the A event win, the Messing rink continued to win the B and C events eliminating any need for tie-breakers or playoffs that would have required a 6th day of competition. There were 4 Ardsley men's team's in the mix, and a Long Island team was skipped by our own Michael Greene.

Barbara Gabhart put in countless hours as Host Chair for the event. Thanks to her efforts and support from many in the club, the playdowns operated flawlessly.

## GNCC Senior's Mixed

Ardsley had two teams in the finals of the GNCC Senior Mixed Bonspiel at Norfolk Curling Club, January 8-10.

Team Ullmer: Skip Raymond Massey, Vice Nancy Clancy, Second John Dorff and Lead Majik Jones (from Potomac) came back from a 4 point deficit to beat Utica in the semis, and won the A event final 9-2 against Petersham. The Cooper Cup will spend the next year at Ardsley.

Team Shalhoub: Skip Mike Shalhoub, Vice Gail Boggio, Second Joe Sablow, Lead Gudrun Sablow lost to Jeff Hannon in the 8th end and were 2nd event runners up.



## 2016 Nashua Junior Bonspiel

Juniors Danny Casper (skip), Seré Politano, Matthew Rosenbloom, and Josh Shaked were the A event winners at Junior Bonspiel held in Nashua Jan 8-10.



## ARDSLEY CURLING PRO SHOP

*A selection of curling supplies are available for purchase and all profits go to the curling club.*



# Teachers and Curlers: Like Duck and Water!

## Part 2 of 2

Vinay Goenka

Do you need to take up teaching to improve your curling? Teachers at the club, what is the secret formula?

Our curling teachers were asked:

- ***Please give us a 2-3 line brief on your teaching background***
- ***What made you take up curling?***
- ***What skills or characteristics do you bring from your classroom when you curl?***
- ***Your advice to a 5 and under curler?***



### Karen Casper

I have spent the last 23 years (I know, sounds crazy!) teaching Mathematics at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY. I did some coaching in my earlier years there (tennis, golf, lacrosse, and basketball), and have been running a class for PE credit in curling for the last three years at the Ardsley Curling Club.

My husband comes from a long line of curlers back in Green Bay, Wisconsin, but grew up on the NJ shore where there was no opportunity to curl. Being curlers their whole lives, they pretty much insisted that he FINALLY take up the sport once he and I met and were living in Westchester. I agreed to give it a try with him, and now my son Danny has become the true curler of the family.

I often have my students work on problem sets in groups, or teams. This sharing of ideas and group support reminds me of the collaborative nature I see on a team of curlers. Although the groups/teams often vary throughout the curling season and school year, people adjust to the new circumstances in ways that continue the learning process. My advice to new curlers is to dive in head first and enter as many 5 and under events as possible. Looking back, I wish that I had taken advantage of more of these opportunities.

### Jim Borgia

I started teaching as a second career 12 years ago. I am a former accountant turned physical education teacher and I just love it. I am certified to teach K-12, which means five year olds to 18 year olds.

Canadian friends of ours (the Everetts) introduced us to the Ardsley curling club seven years ago. However, the 2006 Winter Olympics showed curling in the early morning and I introduced it to some of my K-3 students with homemade stones and multi-colored tape houses. I've been teaching K-5 for the last six years and have taught a small unit on curling every year. The past two year's teachings have resulted in field trips for fifth graders to the curling club.

As I'm currently teaching 5-10 year olds, I have to be positive and encouraging. This seems to work for all my teammates; who doesn't like positive reinforcement and encouragement? My advice for five and under curlers is to come to Sunday morning curling and practice. Throw as many stones as you can and listen to the advice you get. Everyone is different, so some advice may work better for you than others. But most importantly you must remember, it is just a game.

### Susan Petersen

I am a new teacher. I studied biology as an undergrad and received my masters in science education. I currently teach Science and English on Long Island.

I have wanted to try curling since 2010, but as a college student on the east end of Long Island there was no close facility at the time. When 2014 came around I wanted to try. I went to an open house at the Long Island Curling Club and fell in love with the game. I thoroughly enjoyed the strategy and the team work aspect of the game.

As a teacher you need to be patient, calm, and you need to be able to change a lesson at the drop of a hat. I think the ability to change and adapt to different situations quickly is a great characteristic for a curler. If the weight or line of a shot is off I can quickly communicate this information and make a suggestion as to what we can do.

As a five and under curler I think the best advice I can give is to find someone more experienced and learn from them. Be willing to take advice and find what works best for you. Ask questions, there is always someone that is willing to answer them.

### Curt Pader

I started teaching after a 20 year stint as an accountant. I taught math and accounting in high school. I played hockey for about 20 years and it got a little too strenuous. I wanted a winter sport and curling is perfect.

Curling needs practice and patience. If you don't practice and work hard you will never be a good curler. And, you won't get good overnight. It takes time. It took me probably 3 years to getting the speed right. I threw everything too hard in the beginning. But have fun. Keep at it. You will get the hang of it eventually.

# Wedding Congratulations



## Yushi Yang and Misty Zhou

December 22, 2015



# LEAGUE ROUNDUP

## MONDAY

The second 7-week session of the Monday Thorndike Competitive League ends with Bill Stopera's team narrowly in first place by one point over the team skipped by Gert Messing. Team Sather and Team Hess each move up from B league and will compete in A league for the third and final session of this season.



## TUESDAY

Holiday photo of the Tuesday night league, some wearing their Yankee Trader gifts.

## WEDNESDAY

### BLANTON FINAL RESULTS

**GOLD: Team Yang:** Yushi Yang, Gert Messing, Dino Ness, Pete Westrell, Jerry McCarty

**SILVER: Team Donaldson:** Darren Donaldson, Mike Spensieri, Vinay Goenka, Pete McCuen, Tom Vespo

## THURSDAY

The first half of the Thursday Open League ended with a party in December. Final team standings:

**1st place:** Matt Gallegos (skip), Doug Hill, Chris Fenton, Joe Sablow

**2nd place:** Dave Schrull (skip), Barbara Gabhart, Suki Miyamoto, Laura Hill

**3rd place:** James Weeks (skip), Jim Borgia, Sharon Gallegos, Roz Edelstein

## McKay-Douglas International Bonspiel



*The McKay Douglas Bonspiel is right around the corner! February 25th to the 28th.*

*This is the major fund raising opportunity for our club, so please volunteer.*

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## DUCK OF THE month



### Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

These small, compact ducks often hold their tails cocked upward and beat their bills against the water hard enough to create a swirl of bubbles. This should bring out maximum performance when skipping a curling game.