



# DUCK SOUP

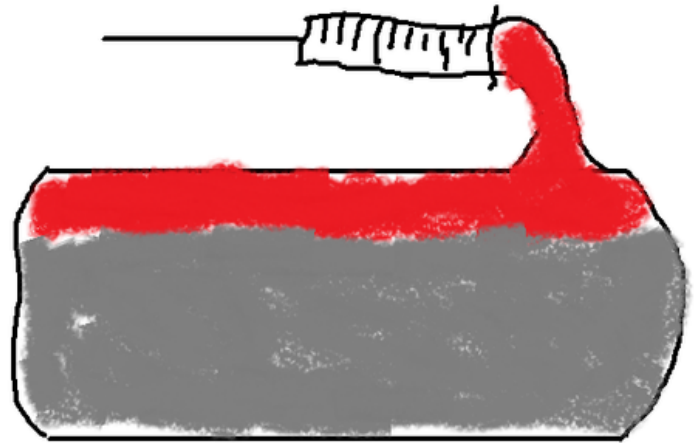
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## Curling Resumes this Fall

Based on current conditions, Ardsley Curling Club anticipates that we will return to "curling as normal" in the upcoming season. This means we will again use all three sheets, permit two sweepers, allow full access to the warm room and downstairs changing area, have a bar, broomstack, etc. The club will continue to provide hand sanitizer, and strongly discourage people from curling when sick.

To help minimize the possibility of COVID infection, the club strongly encourages all members who are eligible to be fully vaccinated by the start of the curling season. The board is considering whether to require vaccinations for all entering the building.



At the moment, anyone who is not fully vaccinated is asked to wear a mask at all times when in the building.

Covid continues to be a potential threat. Rest assured, that the ACC Covid Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will advise the Board in the event that modifications may be needed to keep our members safe.

### Save the Date:

Sept 24:	Opening Dinner
Oct 2:	Level 1 Instructor Course
Oct 3-6:	Open Houses
Oct 7:	League curling begins

Please spread the word  
about October Open  
Houses!!!!

We also need volunteers.

# Summer Renovation

Big things are happening at the club. The warm room has been painted, and looks amazing! New LED lights have been installed; chairs are being refinished; a new floor is planned; and the changing area will be improved.

Work is on hold during July summer camp, but there will be more to do in August and we can use your help.

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## Duck of the Month

### Eastern Spot-billed Duck (*Anas zonorhyncha*)

These ducks are common in lakes, ponds and estuaries in Japan. While happy about the Tokyo summer Olympics, they are more excited about the winter Olympics in Beijing where they can strut their curling expertise.

## Pittsburgh: Revenge of Tropicurl July 1-4

-- **Colin Kasprowicz**

ACC sent two rinks to their first post-pandemic bonspiel at Pittsburgh Curling Club's new dedicated ice facility. The quality of their new barn and ice shed was matched only by their hospitality as hosts, as they managed 32 teams from across the country (including the Mexican Curling Federation!) smoothly and with plenty of smiles. Team Kasprowicz and Team Wisbauer played on Sunday, losing competitive semifinals in the A & B events respectively, with the A semifinal coming down to skip's draws to the button to break a 5-5 tie. Some of the teams playing hadn't thrown a rock in 16 months.



Two notable things: first, every curler was asked about their vaccination status before first draw. Unvaccinated curlers were asked to mask up while inside the facility, but those of us with our shots were welcome to curl, broomstack and socialize without the hottest (literally) facial accessory of the past year. Sweepers in particular were thrilled about this. Speaking of sweepers, the other big change was that "regular" curling rules were in effect, which meant the return of two sweepers per rock, skips sweeping behind the tee, and defensive sweeping by the opposing skips. After a year of curling at Ardsley under COVID rules, we have to admit that one or two rocks that could've been swept were stared at because we forgot about this. Oops!

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# Revenge of Tropicurl

-- **Colin Kasprowicz** (continued)

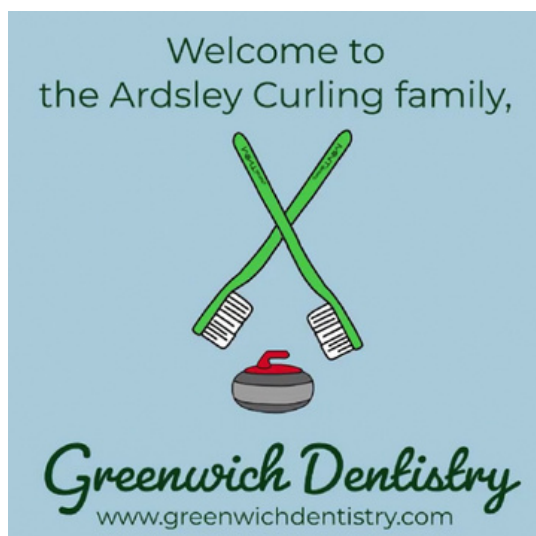
I'm proud of my team for winning our pool and quarterfinal, and almost squeaking by the eventual bonspiel champs in the A semifinal: Erin Durba, Jonathan Leung, and Tim Klein, we did great. Congrats to Keith Wisbauer, Johnny Lusardi, Sere Politano, and Frank Buquicchio for making the B semifinal as well. It was fun to represent ACC. I look forward to visiting the Pittsburgh club again in August to curl with some good friends from across the GNCC in their next bonspiel.



## Welcome to our first corporate sponsor



The Ardsley Curling Club would like to welcome our first corporate sponsor, Greenwich Dentistry! Dr. Mark Sutton has been practicing dentistry in Greenwich for the last 35 years. Recently, his son Dr. Sean Sutton has joined the practice. While Dr. Sutton the elder brings experience and a gentle touch, Dr. Sean Sutton, graduate of U. Michigan and NYU College of dentistry has brought new cutting-edge technologies and procedures to the practice. Together they are a dream team. Let's all welcome Greenwich Dentistry into the family, and remember to support those who support us.



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# How should we pay for curling?

-- Lynn Salmon

We have a new lease, and we're all looking forward to a great new season and many more years of curling. What does that mean for the budget? Curling is going to cost more, plain and simple. The annual rent (and taxes) are now approximately \$50,000 higher per year than before. This was inevitable, we live in an expensive real estate market. We benefited from well below market rates that kept our rent super-low for years.

## Where are we going to get this extra money?

What about reducing costs? The sad fact is that we don't have anything close to \$50,000 that can be cut. For example, our next biggest recurring annual expenses after rent are roughly: electric \$28,000, propane \$22,000 and cleaning service \$20,000. The next few highest costs are: GNCC/USCA dues, NY state sales tax, and insurance (totalling \$25,000). There is little wiggle room for savings here.

## We need to increase income, which must include some combination of the following:

- increase corporate sponsorships - we now have 3. Getting 14 more gold medal sponsors would close the gap. This is time critical so logos can go down before the ice freezes. Do you know a local business with an advertising budget? Call them!
- bring in more members - adding, **and keeping**, 70 more full price regular members would also close the gap. The first week of October will have multiple open houses. Spread the word!
- increase revenues from corporate events, curling samplers, etc. This won't close the gap, but will help. It requires many more volunteers. You can be one of them!
- do you have another idea - the board welcomes your input!

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**The bottom line**

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If we don't fully raise \$50,000 new dollars every year with the methods above, the only alternative is to raise dues to cover the shortfall. If we do nothing at all, each of us will have to pay about \$250 more per year or the club will not be able to pay its bills.



# Ardasley Committees need you!

Ardasley's Fundraising committee needs more members and a chairperson! We are also in need of a Bonspiel chair. Other committees will always welcome fresh ideas. Contact the chair or any board member to help.

Committee	Chair	Number of other members
Fundraising	needed	1 - more needed!!!
Bonspiel	needed	2 - more needed
Events	Vicky Vron & Travis Spokes	3
Membership	Jim Mantia	6
New Building	Joe Sablow & Mike Infranco	3
Capital Improvement	Derek Kayser	3
COVID	Lynn Salmon	5
Leagues	Seth Altman	TBD
Social Media	Seth Altman	4

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