

DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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Olympic year proves golden for club membership

-- *Judith Kelson*

- 10 Open Houses
- 2 Power Outages
- 21 Curling Samplers
- 88 Learn-to-Curlers
- Dozens of Volunteers
- Many New Members !!!

Every 4 years the Winter Olympics brings renewed interest to our favorite pastime. We'd like to thank the many members who gave countless hours to make it work. It truly takes a village.

Vicky Vron and Travis Spokes ran several open houses which brought more than 700 people to the club. A slew of volunteers on hand made these a success.

Jim Borgia, with help from a loyal crew, taught 90-minute curling samplers that provided a curling overview to more than 150 participants.



Kay Sugahara with Olympic gold medalists, Tyler George, John Shuster, and Matt Hamilton

Matt Scheiner and Barbara Gabhart were lead instructors for our Learn-to-curl classes. Julie Everett and Joe Sablow are board liaisons and have stepped in where needed.

Welcome new members!!!!

UPCOMING:

Apr 13-15

Headless
Horseman

Apr 15

Annual Meeting
3pm

Apr 27

Closing Dinner



BRYANT PARK MINI-BONSPIEL

-- Nick Beaton



Dave Waggenheim, Travis Spokes, Nick Beaton, and George Austin played for St. Andrews

Curl NYC hosted a mini-bonspiel at Bryant Park on March 1 to help showcase the sport in the middle of Manhattan. It was an actual bonspiel with 12 teams including the St. Andrews rink which won the 2nd event.



Derek Kayser was part of the hard-working ice crew. They battled direct sunlight melting the ice, and needed to redraw the houses often.

Team USA posed for tons of pictures and threw a few stones on the ice before heading to their official Cheetos photo-op stand. While most of us struggled to get the stones to the house, the Olympic curlers all threw past the house on their first tries. However, they quickly adjusted to making some button shots. They wore only the slip-on sliders that the newbies use.



In Memoriam

Burt Reminick

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Ardsley Curling Club member, Burt Reminick, 71. He died January 31 after a battle with colon cancer. Burt was a man with many interests, a Renaissance Man. A former engineer and system analyst, he played baseball into his 50s. He also played banjo, listened to bluegrass, fell hard for the sport of curling, and was an accomplished wildlife and scenic photographer.



USWCA Winter Meeting

-- *Gudrun Sablow*

On February 12, 2018, I traveled to Durham, NC to attend the USWCA Winter meeting as your club representative. The three days were spent on committee work, conversations, and great connections. There are many committees to join and I chose the All American, Junior Bonspiel, and Five Year & Under. We discussed and figured out the bonspiel schedule for the next 2-3 years, discussed how to promote 5 & Under women's bonspiels, and got updates from each area.

I have enjoyed being the All American coordinator for the past 2 years and chose that committee for that reason. It was fun to listen to other reps and to find out how other clubs run that event. I also want to thank the women who have made it possible for us to play on three sheets for this event.

Men are now allowed to join the USWCA and I am very happy to inform you that we have our first male member, John Salmon, and hope that more will follow.

The USWCA is an important part of every club and with our incoming new curlers, I hope that our more experienced curlers will help Develop, Nurture, and Promote their love of curling.



Duck of the Month

Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)

The smallest dabbling duck in North America relies on its fine sense of weight to always draw the button.

ANATIDAEPHOBIA - THE FEAR THAT SOMEWHERE, SOMEHOW, A DUCK IS WATCHING YOU.

5-and-Unders Sweep ALL the Things!

Skip Dan Gerlach and his team won the B event at the 79th Annual Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel, held at the Potomac curling club, March 1-4. There were 34 teams total. Ardsley member, Matt Rogala played lead for Albany's team Oettinger making it to the C event finals.



Sara Perle, Amy Costantino, Misty Zhou, and Jen Marco



Tom Vespo, Keith Wisbauer, Steve Agostinho and Dan Gerlach

Sara Perle and her team swept all the things into the D event finals this year at the Elisabeth Childs Challenge, Mar 8-11. The bonspiel featured 27 teams and was held at the Rochester Curling Club.



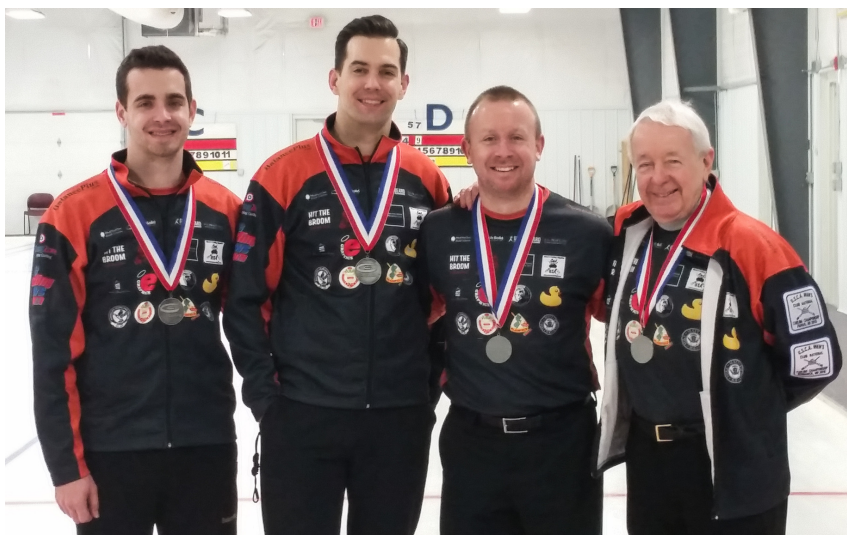


Club National Championships

The top 10 men's and 10 women's club teams competed for club national titles in Brainerd, MN February 10-17. This year Ardsley was well represented with two teams (one mens and one womens) each representing the GNCC region.

Andrew Stopera stepped in for dad, Bill, and skipped the men to a silver medal win this year. This completes the medal set for Ardsley men having picked up gold in 2016 and bronze in 2015.

The Ardsley women, Christi Kirchner (skip), Leeza Furman, Chrissy Hall, and Lynn Salmon made a strong showing, finishing 5th this year in a strong field of competitors. The Wisconsin rink skipped by Debbie McCormick won the gold.



Andrew Stopera, Martin Sather, Peter Austin, and George Austin



Both teams shown above getting ready to march with the NY flag during the opening ceremonies.





Nutty Duck Friendly -- Jeff Greenberg

This year's Nutty Duck went much better for the Nutties than it did for the Ducks. Of the six games played, an Ardsley team only won one. The Ardsley team that got the win was the team skipped by Misty Zhou, with me at Vice, Rich Goodwin at second, and Yushi at lead.

In that game we were tied at 6 with hammer after 7 ends. The end wasn't looking good for us as when it got to Vice rocks as we had one stone in the 8' on the wing and Nutmeg was lying one in the top 4' buried behind 2 staggered center guards. With my first shot I was able to throw a double peel that opened up the shot rock. They then hogged their attempt to replace a guard and I had a wide open takeout of the shot rock with my second stone but lost the shooter. They came up a bit short on a draw attempt with their first skip rock, and Misty made a nice draw to the top 4' with her first shot. With Nutmeg's final shot they made the takeout on the rock in the 4' but rolled too far leaving our rock in the side 8' as the winning stone.



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Fundraising Message from the Board

Dear Fellow Members,

This letter announces the start of the Ardsley Curling Club's fundraising program.

As most of you know, the Ardsley Country Club has officially informed us that they will not be renewing our lease, which expires in June 2020. The board and members of various committees have been diligently looking for a replacement facility. As of yet, we have not found a perfect situation, although we have identified at least one viable location, and are working on other possibilities.

From our site search, we have learned how much rental properties and land cost. Therefore, even though we have not been able to identify an ideal location at this point, we have been able to develop financing plans for potential sites. All of these financing plans require that we increase club revenues, from increased dues (ideally through increased membership) and corporate events. Concerted efforts are underway on both of those fronts.

However, realistic revenue increases will not be sufficient to pay for a new facility. We will need an initial amount of at least \$1 million in contributions in order to pay for any new facility. We have been advised by experienced fundraisers that most of this amount must come from the 200 members of the club. We ask that every member make a contribution to help us reach our initial \$1 million target.

Particularly significant gifts will be recognized on a plaque in our new home: contributions of \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 will be recognized as Gold-Level, Silver-Level, and Bronze-Level gifts respectively. In addition, we will sell naming rights for certain areas of the new club. The first gift of over \$500,000 will allow the donor to name the facility. Gifts of \$75,000 and over will secure naming rights to one of the curling sheets. The first gift of over \$100,000 will allow the right to name the bar. The names will be subject to Board approval, and can be the names of individuals, or corporations if we are fortunate enough to secure a large corporate donation.

To make it easier for non-members to contribute, we have set up a crowdfunding webpage at <https://fundly.com/ardsley-curling-club>. Please forward this webpage link to all of your family and friends who may be interested in making a contribution, and ask them to forward it on to their friends and family. Please note, however, that the website (and others like it) take a 6.9% fee from the proceeds of the gift, so the best way to contribute is still to write a check directly to the club.

We will also be developing an outreach letter to other curling clubs asking their members for contributions. We welcome any other fundraising ideas that you might have.

The Ardsley Curling Club is a 501(c)3 organization, which means that all contributions are tax-deductible. We have also established a legal structure, through board resolutions and gift contracts, which will allow us to return unspent gift proceeds to the donors in the event that we are unable to complete the relocation project. The gift contracts are available from the Fundraising Committee.

You will be hearing more about our fundraising over the next few weeks and months. We have no expectations about how much money we will receive from any member. We are grateful for the generosity of members who have already donated to the Building Fund and look forward to many more donations in order to reach our targets.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact anybody on the Fundraising Committee. The board members of the committee are Geoff Domm (geoffrey.domm@gmail.com) and Barry Rosenbloom (brosenbloom@gmail.com). Other members of the Fundraising Committee are Gail Boggio, Bill Langley and Alice Yeh.

Good Curling,
The Board of the Ardsley Curling Club