



DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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UPCOMING:

Mar 24, 4:00p

Board Meeting

Mar 30

Nutty Duck

Apr 28, 2:00p

Annual Meeting



There was sweeping in the streets at the 22nd annual White Plains St. Patrick's Day parade on March 9. Great weather and enthusiastic spectators greeted Ardsley curling club members who marched along Mamaroneck Avenue.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

The Tuesday night women's league celebrated St. Patrick's day a little early, and a leprechaun showed up!



IN MEMORIAM - PETER DECKER

(SEPTEMBER 19, 1947 - MARCH 4, 2019)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of former Ardsley curler, Peter Decker. Peter loved to curl on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Peter grew up in Sparta and also lived in Mount Olive and Mendham before his final years in Hawthorne. He graduated from Pope John High School, Syracuse University, and Long Island University with a Masters Degree in Biology. He worked in Medical Laboratories. He also worked in computer activities and the USPS. Peter was in Vietnam for a year during his three-year military service in the U.S Army. In addition to curling, Peter enjoyed skiing, motorcycling and vacationing on Long Beach Island.



USWCA ALL-AMERICAN

Karen Luckey's team is the winner of this year's All American. Misty Zhou's team is the runner up. The intra-club event was held Tuesday evenings for 4 weeks with 20 participants.



Karen Luckey, Gudrun Sablow, Dolores Redding, Aysha Williams, and Linda Nasshan (above)

Gail Boggio, Nora Mongardi, Michelle Schleibaum, Misty Zhou, and Lucky (right)



MY ADVENTURES IN CURLING QUEBEC -- *Jim Mantia*



I want to start off by thanking the Montreal West Curling Club for allowing the crazy, traveling, first year curler from America to sub in not one, but two league games. It was an overwhelming experience, one I will never forget and I had an absolute blast. Now I can say I'm an international curling phenom. LOL.

Everyone's hospitality was second to none. The club welcomed me with open arms and made me feel just like one of the members. The facility is a beautiful dedicated rink and the ice surface was pristine. I tell my curling friends at Ardsley that I felt like I was curling on glass.

The warm room and upstairs were a real treat. I felt like I was being spoiled by having my own comfy chair to sit in. Last but not least, I am so happy with the new friends I have made and would especially like to thank Robert Lemesurier for making my request to curl a reality and making me feel welcome. I also like the hog statues on the hog lines, it is a nice touch. Would love to see if I could talk my club into doing something like that.

Anyway thank you all again. It goes with out saying that if I can ever return the favor if anyone is the new York city area, would be happy to return the favor. Also you'll be seeing me again, next time I'm in town, assuming you want the crazy American Vice back.

CURLING SAMPLERS

-- *Jim Borgia*

The 90 minute Curling Samplers had a great month in March. We had two more sell outs on March 2 and 10. Our last sampler of the year is on March 30 and is sold out.

We need one more volunteer for March 30 at 7:45pm. Could it be you?

Feedback is still very positive. In fact, several past participants had such a good time that they came back to do it again!

Continued thanks go to Jon Schuster and Judith Kelson for handling the registration, changes, and tons of correspondence with our participants and new members. Thanks to Jon Schuster, Andy Ness, Dolores Redding Joe Janos, Mike Villanova, Fiona Crisp, Nancy Clancy, Jon Leung, Joe Hodgkinson, Melissa Prew, and Diane Borgia for being volunteer instructors at our samplers this month.

Thank you all and good curling.

Duck of the Month

American wigeon (*Mareca americana*)

These dabbling ducks sport a green eye patch and a white head stripe. These ducks are highly gregarious and always bring some pizzazz to the curling sheet.



Green Junior Bonspiel

-- Rich Goodwin

Ardsley Juniors win first and second events at the Green Junior Bonspiel hosted by the Schenectady Curling Club, March 8-10.

Team Ardsley (Skip Danny Casper, Vice Marius Kleinas, Second Brice Sinnett, Lead Ben Grady) won the first event and Team Katz, (Skip Lara Katz, Vice Molly Goodwin, Second Mitchell Treonze, Lead Sean O'Reilly) won the second event.

Danny Casper and Molly Goodwin curl at Ardsley.



GORDON INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL

The Gordon International Bonspiel was held in eight host clubs of Quebec Province's Eastern Township region. A total of 555 points were scored between the 20 teams of the GNCC and the 40 teams of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Quebec Province. The final score was Canada 307 and the US 248.

The Schenectady and Albany Curling Clubs will host the event in 2020.

USA CURLING

2019 Senior Men's Championship

-- **Dennis Mellerup**

The Senior Nationals was hosted at 2 curling clubs southwest of Minneapolis, the Mapleton and Mankato Curling Clubs, from Tuesday, Feb. 26 to Sunday, March 3.

Our team consisted of:

Skip - Gert Messing - Schenectady CC
Vice - Dennis Mellerup - Ardsley/Plainfield CCs
Second - Greg Poole-Dayan - Ardsley CC
Lead - Dannie Steski - Long Island CC

29 teams from around the country participated in a triple knock out format.



Barry Rosenbloom, Joe Sablow, Tim Klein,
Mike Shalhoub



Our team had a good deep run and made it to the final 6 teams, playing a final game on the Saturday night.

The eventual winner was Team Goodland. A well deserved victory especially since they went undefeated. They are a great team and will represent the USA well at the World Seniors in Norway in April.

PCC STONE



Dan Tufaro, Matt Scheiner, Mike Spensieri, and Joe Panella went 5-1 to win the C Event at the PCC Stone at Plainfield, Mar 14-17.

JERSEY CURLZ

Sharon, Erin, Barb, and Nicole took time between draws at Plainfield's Jersey Curlz bonspiel to play some indoor miniature golf. Although Erin won the round, Nicole won a free game for being the high scorer!

Back on the ice, Misty Zhou and Amy Costantino were joined by Erika Omundson and Lauren LaMotta. The team finished strong playing 5 games in total and won the 4th event.



Rachel Waldken, Cristin Keegan,
Amy Costantino, Jean Moss

ELISABETH CHILDS

"Queens of Rock" took center stage at Bucks County CC Mar 14-17. The Ardsley team, "Our House in the Middle of Our Sheet" was skipped by Amy Costantino, while Misty Zhou helmed the Ardsley/LI "Tina InTurner".



Mariann McDonnell, Liz Harmon,
Misty Zhou, Nora Mongardi

FRANCIS DYKES

Ardsley Curling Club was represented by 3 teams in Schenectady and Albany for the 80th Annual Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel, Feb 28-Mar 2.



Ardsley Stonecutters: Matt Rogala, Mike Knaggs (not pictured), Jim Bilodeau, and Jonathan Leung



Ardsley What the Ducks:
Jeff Greenberg, Mike Horowitz, Scott Druskin, and Nathan O'Reilly

Nathan delivers for What the Ducks



Stonecutters made the quarterfinals in the A event, while What the Ducks went 2-2 with both losses by one point on final rocks.

Dan Gerlach, Keith Wisbauer, Tom Daly, and Tom Vespo rounded out the Ardsley teams.

OPEN HOUSE -- *rsk*

(Dedicated to Judith and Jon, Trevor and Vicki
and all the volunteers at ACC open houses, learn
to curls and curling samplers)

There are greetings and meetings, open houses today
It's all about ice and stones, you say?

We never get tired of showing our stuff

And hope that our pitch is just good enough

To introduce you to a sport that lives on the ice

That first time you see it, it makes you think twice.

No it's not hockey or skating or luge

And recently it's interest and impact is huge

We just call it curling and most don't know why

And only after you give it a try

Does it really make sense, or at least.. almost so

You try it and like it, you give it a go.

The seduction is there and this game really works

When your body can figure delivery quirks

And the language is different, with buttons and draws

This chess game on ice inspires our cause

To win as a team is the ultimate goal

The strategy here, just never gets old

So watch and listen, and learn what you see

And integrate all of the things that can be

Fun curling is easy, good curling is tough

For most of us, we still can't get enough

So now is the time, do I curl, do I wait?

I've tried it, I love it, I guess this is my fate.



BRONZE FOR CASPER

Team Casper: Danny Casper,
Marius Kleinas, Brice Sinnett,
and Benjamin Grady won the
Bronze Medal at the U18
Nationals held in Chaska,
March 12-17.

*Ardasley Curling Club's
Adopt a Chair*

Be a part of the history of our club by sponsoring the renovation of one of the
Ardasley Curling Club warm-room chairs



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