



DUCK SOUP

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2022 Big Apple is in the books!

-- **Vinay Goenka**

First, let me thank all the volunteers for an amazing effort! I can fill out an entire edition of Duck Soup just talking about them!

The Ice Team: Dave, Tim, Joe, Dave, Jeff, Bill - We had great ice throughout the season and BA weekend was no different.

The Food Team: This was a special set of people - Mike Dewalt is already making plans for next year before the bonspiel is over. The energy of the Saturday dinner league (James, Ina, Judith, Diane, Jim) had to be seen to be believed!

The Decorating Team: I was again fortunate to work with Pam and Mike who not only did amazing work with the warm room decorations but came up with the idea of the spa lounge.

The Organizing Team: Jeff Greenberg, Amy, Jon Leung, Tracy, Jim Mantia, Mike Dewalt - Once they took up a responsibility I never had to check back even once with them. Whether it was Amy's creativity with the t-shirts or Tracy's talent with the sportsmanship mugs, I was just wowed! We had an issue with the garbage and Jim went above and beyond to clean up the mess - No work was small enough and no idea was crazy enough for these people!



2022 Big Apple (cont'd)

The Raffle Team: This was one of the best raffle sales and a big thanks to Lynn, Pauline, and Karen for their efforts in organizing everything and to Spensieri and Nicole for conducting the raffle.

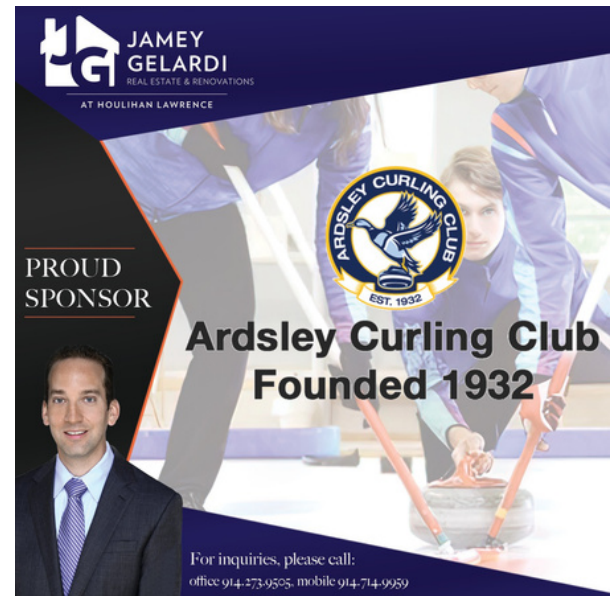
The Volunteers – I had goosebumps when Mike Knaggs told me to pick a date and time and he will be there! So did Matt Rogala, Chris Lalonde, Mike Joffe, Curt, Scott Druskin, Liz Harmon, Astrid, Morris, Molly, Kavi, Nora, Andrew, Madelene, Dawn, Erin, Alana, Ilya, Nancy – You people were amazing and made sure the warm room was buzzing at all times! Whether it was Nick Beaton, Jon Schuster, Spensieri, Bilodeau, Sam, Shalhoub, Colin – It just took one message and I never had to follow up. You people really made everything look so easy. My apologies if I haven't named you here!

Big Apple Winners:

- A Event:** Massholes from Broomstones
- B Event:** St Andrews Curling Club
- C Event:** Chesapeake 1
- D Event:** Luzern Blue Sox from Switzerland



Finally a big thanks to Jamey Gelardi for sponsoring the bonspiel and to all the members who donated so generously for the raffle.



President's Letter

-- **Joe Sablow**

As we come to the end of another curling season, we are also coming to the end of my extended term as club president. The past four years have been a “little bumpy” to say the least. Our lease had come to an end and we didn’t know if there would be a “next season”. We were able to negotiate a new lease, which would allow us to continue to curl. There was no time for celebration as we had to close early due to the global pandemic. The lock down eased slightly and we were able to open and curl. Even under extremely restricted conductions, being able to curl helped many of us get through a very difficult time. Along with the vaccinations came a relaxation of many of the Covid restrictions. We made some much need renovations. And we headed into the Olympic cycle with a renewed enthusiasm.

I want to thank everyone that worked extremely hard under some very difficult conditions over the past four years. I want to thank everyone who put in the long hours planning and the many hours volunteering. Those that put together the protocols that kept us safe and able to curl when most clubs didn’t open. Those that put in the sweat equity to make all the improvements. Those that planned and volunteered for the open houses, learn to curls, and events that brought us new members and much needed revenue. Thank you to our sponsors and donors for helping out to ease our financial obligations. And thank you to everyone that helped out in so many different ways dealing with the day to day efforts of running the club. But most of all I want to thank my wife for putting up with me and helping to keep things in perspective.

We need to continue to keep the momentum moving forward. It’s been said before, it takes an effort from everyone to make it happen. So please, don’t wait to be asked to volunteer, step up and get involved. Everyone has something they can contribute to the effort. I am honored to have served as the club president over the past four years. Even though I am leaving the board, I will continue to do what I can for benefit of the club.

See everyone at the Annual Meeting.



April 24:

ACC Annual Meeting in the warm room 3-4:30pm following the Pull-the-Plug.



Duck of the Month

Black Scoter

(Melanitta americana)

These sea ducks form large winter flocks along both Atlantic and Pacific coastlines. They may migrate southward in search of happening bonspiels like the Big Apple.



Skins Game Action

Let it be known that lots of fun was had and some money changed hands on March 31. If you're not in the picture - you missed out, big time!



Highlanders

Mike Shalhoub, Joe Sablow, Gudrun Sablow, and Gail Boggio participated in Highland Week of International Curling in Inverness, Scotland, March 5-12, 2022.

I guess there can be more than one!





Tuesday Doubles Champs

The 2021-22 season marked the 5th year of doubles curling at Ardsley on Tuesday nights. With 20 players participating, the dynamic duo of Sere Politano and Jim Bilodeau triumphed to earn the coveted doubles championship pins.

USA Mixed Doubles National Championship



MARCH 12 | 3:00 PM CST
WATCH AT [YOUTUBE.COM/USACURLINGTV](https://www.youtube.com/usacurlingtv)



TEAM
WALKER/STOPERA

The 2022 Mixed Doubles National Championship took place in Middleton, WI Mar 8-13.

Ardsley's Andrew Stopera and Danny Casper with their respective partners, Monica Walker and Delaney Strouse advanced to the finals finishing 2nd and 4th.



The sibling duo of Becca and Matt Hamilton won the event and will represent the USA at Worlds Mixed Doubles April 23-30.

Francis Dykes

The GNCC Francis Dykes 5-and-under bonspiel was held in Pittsburgh, Feb 24-27. Congrats to the team of Nate O'Reilly (skip), Mike Horowitz, Stefan Benkowski, and Jim Bilodeau for bringing home the trophy from the second event for the second time in a row.



Wednesday Wells

The Wells League finished a very successful season in mid-March. Congratulations to Team Wisbauer for winning the Gold Medal. Keith's team included John Lusardi, Vinay Goenka, and Brian Kaufman. Winning the Silver Medal was the team skipped by Frank Buquicchio. Members of Frank's team were Chris Banino, Jeff Greenberg, and Billy Naumann. Unfortunately, there also has to be a winner of the Coveted Furline Award, and this season, that "honor" goes to Team Vespo (Tom Vespo, Bob Welch, Greg McCarron, and Jim Borgia).

Junior Friendly

On Saturday March 19th, the Ardsley Junior Curlers traveled to Plainfield for a friendly. We played a 4-end game with mixed teams of Ardsley and Plainfield curlers that ended in a tie. Before we could start the second game, Ardsley Juniors noticed that the Plainfield little Rockers were doing Curling Limbo and all plans were off. Everyone spent the rest of the session seeing "how low could they go". In the end, everyone had a great time. Next year the Plainfield Juniors will visit Ardsley for our second annual friendly. Also, be on the lookout for Curling Limbo at Ardsley next season.



Over/Under Bonspiel

ACC held its first ever “Over/Under” Bonspiel on Feb 26. Newer curlers (less than 4 years) were teamed up with veteran curlers for 2 six-end games as part of a pointspiel. We had 15 “unders” play, including one junior, for whom many this bonspiel was their first competitive curling experience. Our veteran curlers did a great job encouraging our newer members and a lot of fun was had by everyone. At the end of the day, the winning team, by $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point, was Team Hess: Steve Hess, Dolores Redding, Dawn Kranzo, and Astrid Mel.



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