



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

# DUCK SOUP

March 2017

"All the News That Fits"



North Mountain Drive  
Ardsley, NY 10502

## calendar notes

*Crooked Billet (open)*  
**Bucks County Curling Club**  
Thur May 4 - Sun May 7

**GNCC Arena Club Championships**  
(Open)  
**Curling Club of Virginia**  
Fri May 19- Sun May 21

**Cape Cod Summerspiel (mixed)**  
**Cape Cod Curling Club**  
Thur July 6 - Sun July 9

**Ardsley Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, April 9

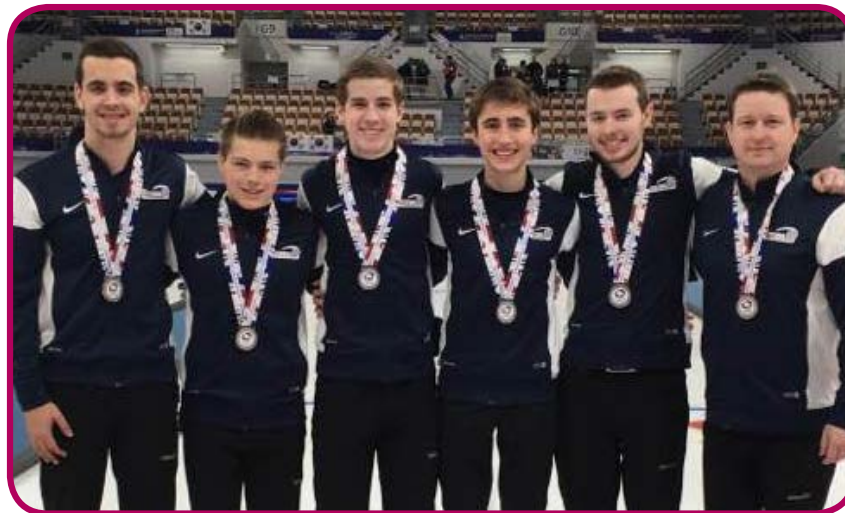
**Closing Dinner**  
Friday, May 5

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

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## World Junior Curling Championships



TEAM USA

Team USA: Andrew Stopera (Skip), Luc Violette (Vice), Benjamin Richardson (Second), Graem Fenson (Lead), Nicholas Connolly (Alternate), Mark Lazar (Coach)

Congratulations to Andrew Stopera and Team USA for winning Junior Nationals and going on to win Silver Medals this year at Junior Worlds!

Teams from Canada, China, Italy, Korea, Norway, Scotland, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, and the USA competed February 16-26 in Gangneung, Republic of Korea.

The final Gold-Silver match at Worlds was a nail-biter coming down to the last shot. The game featured four blank ends and a single-point steal in the eighth putting Korea up 4-2. The USA came right back and tied the score at 4-4 in the ninth end. With the hammer shot in the 10th, Korean skip Ki Jeong Lee played a hit which stayed in position to score one and give his team and his country the 2017 title.



## In Memoriam: Harry Quinn

It with great sadness that we report the passing of a beloved former member of the ACC. Harry Quinn passed away on March 19, 2017. Harry was a wonderful addition to the cast of characters on Thursdays and Saturdays. He enjoyed being the oldest member of the group and used his curling stick like a magic wand to direct his shots. He was funny, charming, always had a joke or story to tell. He will be missed.



# USA Curling Club Nationals



The top 10 mens and 10 womens teams competed for the club national title this year at the Fairbanks Curling Club in Alaska, March 4-11. Ardsley's Team Furman (skip - Leeza Furman, vice - Christi Freeman-Kirchner, 2nd - Alice Yeh, lead - Lynn Salmon) won the silver medal at nationals this year.

The road to Alaska for these ladies began in Schenectady last December where team Furman finished with a 6-0 record at the GNCC playdowns. The GNCC is one of 10 regions sending winners to this event. Other regions are: Mountain Pacific (MOPAC), Minnesota, North Dakota, Alaska, Washington, Illinois, Great Lakes, Wisconsin, and Mid America.

In Alaska, Team Furman competed in round robin play against 9 other teams. Their 7-2 record took them directly into the playoffs where they faced off against hometown favorites from Alaska in the semi-finals. After brilliant final shots from skips on each team, Team Furman triumphed and continued on to face North Dakota's Team Podoll in the Gold-Silver medal match.

## LEAGUE ROUNDUP

### MONDAY - THORNDIKE

Team Stopera (Bill Stopera, Martin Sather, George Austin, Pete Austin, Bill Malgieri) is the year's regular season champion narrowly edging out Team Messing (Gert Messing, Mike Murphy, Greg Poole, Chris Banino). Each finished the season with 25 points.

### TUESDAY - WOMENS

The All American was the final event in the Tuesday evening league.

**FIRST PLACE:** Gudrun Sablow, Dolores Redding, Valeria Barretta and Judith Kelson

**SECOND PLACE:** Pauline Davies, Barbara Gabhart, Sylvie Rosenbloom, Pippa Broadhurst

### WEDNESDAY - MENS

#### BLANTON RESULTS

**#1** Steve Agostinho, Dan Tufaro, Keith Wisbauer, George Austin

**#2** Jon Horowitz, Gert Messing, Dino Ness, Jeff Greenberg, Geoff Broadhurst

#### WELLS FINAL STANDINGS

**GOLD MEDAL:** Dan Tufaro with Keith Wisbauer, Seth Altman, and Heinz Gruettner

**SILVER MEDAL:** Brian Stewart with Jamey Gelardi, Joe Panella, Giuseppe Giannella and Jim McGinnis

### THURSDAY NIGHT:

John Salmon made a clean sweep of the Thursday night league, skipping the winning team in each session.

#### SESSION 1 WINNERS

**FIRST:** John Salmon (skip), Marty Levy, Lynn Salmon, Lorraine Kuhn

**SECOND:** Darrel Seife (skip), Pam Politano, Kate Clough, Bob Kennedy

**THIRD:** Doug Hill (skip), Nancy Clancy, Gail Boggio, Megan Fenton

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# BIG APPLE BONSPIEL



Ardsley hosted its first open format Big Apple Bonspiel March 23-26 to standing room only capacity of 24 teams. Fun was had on and off the ice and everything from food to entertainment was big!

## First Event Winners

**4 Thin Inches**  
**Bucks County Curling Club**  
 Matthew Pring, Paul Gibson,  
 Dan Pearson, Kevin Brady

## First Event Runners-Up

**Barb Makes the Best Cookies**  
**Long Island Curling Club**  
 Yushi Yang, Susan Petersen,  
 Dan Gerlach, Misty Zhou

## Second Event Winners

**No Sweep Til Brooklyn**  
**Schenectady Curling Club**  
 Brian Stewart, Joe Perrotto,  
 Megan Boyak, David Dial

## Second Event Runners-Up

**Granny Smiths**  
**Ardsley Curling Club**  
 Nancy Clancy, Mike Courts,  
 Matthew Rosenbloom,  
 Marc Hoppe, John Dorff

## Third Event Winners

**Applesauce with Some Nutmeg**  
**Nutmeg Curling Club**  
 Diane Muldowney, Maura Cockey,  
 Karen Shane, Elizabeth Falsetti

## Third Event Runners-Up

**Single Ladies 4 Scheiner - Bucks County**  
**Curling Club**  
 Greg Danks, Tim Wood,  
 Matt Gartner, Michelle Sheffer

## Fourth Event Winners

**Johnny Appleseeds**  
**Ardsley Curling Club**  
 John Noble, Dan Tufaro,  
 Joe Panella, David Wagenheim

## Fourth Event Runners-Up

**The South Will Rise Again!**  
**Atlanta CC/Ardsley CC**  
 Matt Gallegos, Sharon Gallegos,  
 Dan O'Toole, Lou Urban



# GNCC U-18 Qualifiers at Ardsley

Ardsley under-18 curlers Matthew Rosenbloom and Danny Casper both competed at the first ever U-18 national championship held at Milwaukee Curling Club March 9-12. They qualified right here at Ardsley Curling Club the last weekend in January. Casper's rink won the event and takes home the GNCC Junior Champion Trophy as part of Team Sinnett. Team Sinnett went on to win the bronze medal at the National Championship.



Rosenbloom skipped his own rink and qualified as the second team by way of a nail biter of a playoff against Team Mancuso from Broomstones. Team Rosenbloom were down four at the midpoint of their 8 end finishing match. After the break, they came roaring back to tie late. Rosenbloom had to make a draw to the four foot around cover. He did so, eking out the win by an inch. It was one of several shots Team Rosenbloom had to make during a very well played match.



On the girls' side it was Teams Cousins from Broomstones winning the top spot, and Team Rogers, also based in Broomstones, earning the second qualifier.

Last Spring the USCA decided to add U-18 to the list of their championships in an effort to get younger curlers to be

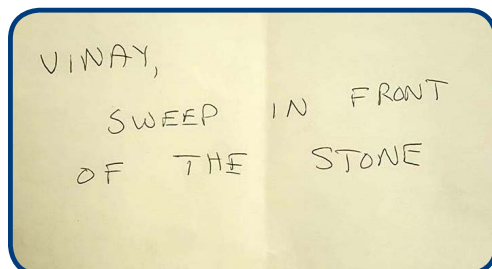
competitive and have some success earlier. The regular Juniors championship (U-21) remains as is. This first year of the GNCC playdown saw lots of scheduling snafus. The GNCC asked for and was still looking for a host site well into October, after calendars were set. Ardsley stepped into

the breach as a last resort, with the competition being held around league play. It was a hardship for all of Ardsley weekend curlers to be sure. Leagues sometimes were asked to change draw times to accommodate the competition's strict rules on practice time as well as ice maintenance needs.

Ardsley membership stepped up to the plate and made this happen. Special thanks go to Martin Sather with an assist from Bill Borowitz to maintain the ice. Timers Sharon Gallegos, Matt Gallegos, John Noble, Seth Altman, Lynn Salmon, Barb Gabhart, Curt Pader, Jeff Greenberg, Mike Knaggs, Pauline Davies, and Richard Goodwin. League chairs were instrumental in their help, as was Pete Westrell with the Special Needs kids draw. Also thanks go to the organizers of the Robbie Burns, particularly Bob Kennedy, for moving this event a week earlier.

Thanks also go to Chris Banino, Doug Hill, John Salmon, Pam Politano, Nancy Clancy, Diane Borgia, and in particular Karen Casper for taking care snacks and dinner items, supplies, training, making the nervous parents feel welcome, and talking me down from a tree.

## The Ghajini Effect



## Ardsley Doubles Tournament

This year, Martin Sather organized an in-house doubles tournament that ran for the entire curling season. For those of you that don't know, doubles, known as "Mixed Doubles" in competition play, is a curling format where only two players are on each team, 5 stones are thrown per end, and two stones are already in play when each end begins.

Ten teams of two participated in this year's tournament which was set up as a double-elimination bracket. It was an enjoyable undertaking for all those who played, and we hope to see it return next year.



## Corporate Events Thanks

We wish to extend a big thank you to Curt Pader for his tireless efforts to run the corporate events program at the club. This past season we had 16 corporate events which brought in around \$10,500. Approximately 16 people volunteered to assist Curt, and many volunteered for more than 5 events!



## Nutmeg Neon

The Nutmeg Neon was held in February and Ardsley had several juniors in attendance. What sets the Neon apart is that they shut all the lights off Saturday night and let the juniors play in the dark with glow in the dark houses and lights placed on the brooms and stones. Michael Joffe, Dillon Richardson, Chloe Banino, Matthew Rosenbloom, and Caroline Richardson all participated for Ardsley. It was Dillon, Chloe, Caroline's first bonspiel. Matthew was on a separate team (his GNCC playdown team) and they took first runner up to Team Rogers from Cape Cod.



## Bucket with Plainfield

Ardsley brought home the Bucket from the friendly held at Plainfield this year. Four teams were made up of (from L-R) Yushi Yang, Misty Zhou, Joe Sablow, Christine Buquicchio, Joe Angelli (organizer), Matt Scheiner, Gudrun Sablow, Jon Horowitz, Jeff Greenberg, Dan Gerlach, Sara Perle, Vinay Goenka, Susan Petersen, Amy Constantino, Keith Wisbauer, Joe Hodgkinson (not pictured), and Rachel Walkden (not pictured).

## LEAGUE ROUNDUP

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### SESSION 2 WINNERS

**FIRST:** John Salmon (skip), Pam Politano, Dolores Redding, Joe Redding, Jean Moss

**SECOND:** Joseph Sablow (skip), Barbara Gabhart, Dave Schrull, Suki Miyamoto

**THIRD:** Darrel Seife (skip), Sharon Gallegos, Jim O'Connor, Gudrun Sablow

### FRIDAY NIGHT

**SESSION 1:** Dan Gerlach (skip), Erin Durba, Wade Leon, Susan Petersen

**SESSION 2:** Rich Goodwin (skip), Jan Zahour, Alana Jacoby, Scott Druskin

**SESSION 3:** Jan Zahour (skip), Nicole Zahour, Bob Shwalb, Matt Rogala

**JUNIOR SKIP:** The winner is: Undefeated and Unbeatable Bob Shwalb Team: Bob Shwalb, Erin Durba, Mike Knaggs, Rachel Walkden, Jan Zahour

## DUCK OF THE month

### Spectacled eider (*Somateria fischeri*)



These ducks have markings that resemble huge pale goggles around their eyes. They spend most of the winter far out in the Bering Sea coming ashore to breed on Arctic tundra in Western Alaska. They hang out around pack ice at other times, looking to find a pick-up curling game.

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