

DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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UPCOMING:

Nov 10-12

Cool Duck

Nov 11-18

US Olympic Trials

Nov 24-26

Turkey Trot



Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett declares it to be "Kaitlyn Lawes Appreciation Day"

We think Jeff gave the medal back.



2014 Olympic Gold Medalist Kaitlyn Lawes and Darrell Ell of the World Curling Federation made Ardsley the first stop on the WCF Olympic Celebration Tour. The weekend was packed with events to promote the sport and will hopefully turn into increased membership in our club. Activities included meeting 800 students at Scarsdale Middle School, holding training sessions with junior curlers and 5-and-under curlers, hosting a special press reception, and letting everyone hold the gold medal!

Steering Committee

-- **Scott Silverman**

Since we received formal notification from the Ardsley Country Club at the beginning of the summer that they would not renew our lease after the 2020 season, the Building Steering Committee has been working hard to find options.

The Steering Committee is currently made up of Jeff Casper, Geoff Domm, Derek Kayser, Joe Sablow, Mike Shalhoub, Bill Stopera and Scott Silverman. The committee has been scouring Westchester County looking for potential Curling Club locations. There are basically three types of locations that we are looking for: buying land and building a building, getting a long term lease in an appropriate building and fitting it out for curling, or finding a community to partner with and get inexpensive land on which to build.

We are also planning to explore any possibility with the Country Club to extend our lease, despite their notification that they intend to end the arrangement in 2020.

As we all know living in this area, land prices are not cheap, and finding a location with a combination of favorable zoning rules and affordable prices is difficult. Buying land and building a new club would take about two years. We have had many favorable meetings with local governments including Westchester County, Yonkers, Mount Pleasant, and Harrison. We can bring the exciting aspect of curling to a local project, and get favorable land prices, but we are not in control of the timelines of these projects.



There are also many buildings that have enough room that we can build a curling club inside them. We have been exploring options with landlords for long term leases, and this sort of option would likely take close to one year to lease and build-out our club. At the moment, we have a firm proposal from one landlord in Mt. Kisco, which is our most viable option currently on the table.

As you may have heard, the Mt. Kisco option would be in the old Grand Union warehouse on New Bedford Road adjacent to the Grand Prix go-kart racing facility. We are discussing details such as the length and cost of a lease, how we would access the curling club, and what sorts of food and beverage services we could get from the existing business. While this appears to be a workable option, we need to continue to look for other possibilities.

In the mean time, the Finance Committee is putting together the legal structure to allow us to maximize our ability to raise funds. You are welcome to donate to the Building Fund now, and you will hear more as that committee finalizes the formal fund raising effort.



NEW MEMBERS

We currently have 165 registered curlers including 18 Associates and 11 LTCs. We'd like to welcome our new members to date:

- 3 regular curlers (Greg Dooley, Jeff Cao, Chrissy Hall)
- 3 new Associated from LICC (Tom Ryan, Zachary Ryan, John Paccione)
- 2 new Associates (Sherryanne Porter, Morgan Porter)
- 1 new Junior (Nikki Christy)

The Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Feb 9-25, 2018, are rapidly approaching. This winter, membership chair, Pauline Davies, will need all hands on deck as we host additional open houses, a winter wonderland, and more events that will attract new members to the club. Diane Borgia is developing a series of LTC gift certificates that members will be able to give away.

Five-and-unders prepare for a clean sweep

Kaitlyn Lawes and Darrell Ell worked with approximately 20 of our 5-and-under curlers on Sunday morning, Oct 15.

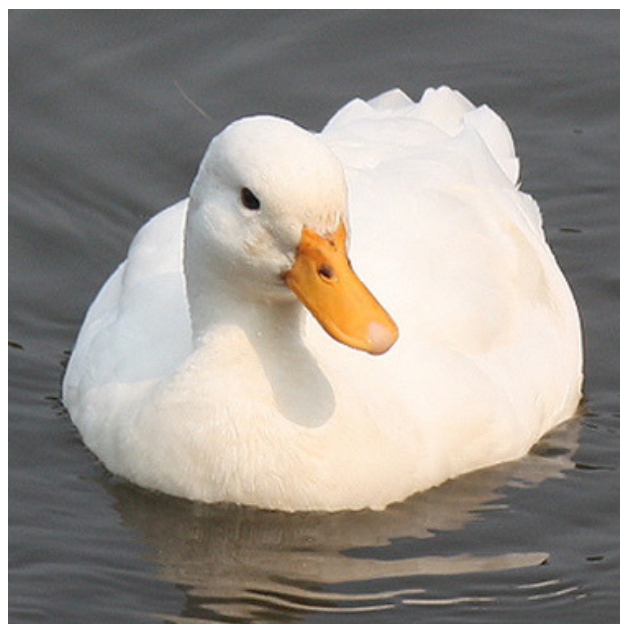
They also had a training session with approximately 15 juniors from our club plus other nearby clubs (Plainfield Curling Club, Nutmeg Curling Club, and Potomac CC).



Duck of the Month

Flanders Big Duck (aka Peking Duck)

This large solidly built duck derives from 15 birds hatched in China in 1872, 5 years after the GNCC was established. Nine survived the voyage to the US, 5 were subsequently eaten, and the remaining 4 birds became the foundation stock of the American Peking.



Duck, duck, vamoose

The Big Duck on Long Island was constructed in the 1930s as a retail poultry store when there were about 90 duck farms in Suffolk County. Today there are more curlers than duck farmers on LI.

Empire State Bonspiel

History: The first Empire State Bonspiel was held in January, 1955. This women's spiel rotates between the NY curling clubs of Ardsley, Rochester, Schenectady, and Utica and will next be in Utica on January 18-21, 2018.

Ardsley's sponsor status at risk: The sponsoring clubs are obliged to send two teams to the spiel each year. However, Ardsley has not sent teams for a couple of years. The other clubs are questioning our commitment and are giving us two years to demonstrate our willingness to participate. If successful, we will host the Empire State in 2020.

Sign-up: Register by Dec 1 to be part of this rich history and tradition of women's curling in NY state. You can sign-up as an individual or a team. For more info talk to Nancy Clancy, Pauline Davies, or Karen Luckey.



January 18-21, 2018

Utica Curling Club
8305 Clark Mills Rd
Whitesboro, NY 13492

Thursday Welcome Reception
Friday Evening Banquet
Saturday Buffet Dinner
Daily Continental Breakfast

\$340 per team
Five event bonspiel
Four game guarantee
Finals Sunday 11:00 AM

Deadline to register:
December 1st

Please visit www.uticacurlingclub.org for more information on lodging.

Contact empirestate@uticacurlingclub.org with any questions.



Mid-Atlantic

Curling the Cosmos was the theme of this year's bonspiel, held Oct 4-8 at the Philadelphia Curling Club. Ardsley ladies skipped by Christi Kirchner brought home the first event trophy among a field of 20 teams. The team: Christi Kirchner, Leeza Furman, Chrissy Hall, and Lynn Salmon (r-l).



Margarita Time



Mike Shalhoub, Gail Boggio, Gudron Sablow, and Joe Sablow in Dumfries.



Two Ardsley teams were among 62 teams from all over North America and Europe curling at the Margarita (October 26-29, 2017) in Dumfries, Scotland. Dumfries is the home of Robbie Burns.

Tim Klein, delivering a stone below, played on Team Clancy, with Nancy Clancy and John Dorff.



Boospiel: Our 2017 Rookie of the Year, Misty Zhou, ran a spirited first bonspiel of the year and won it to boot!



- **A event winner:** Team Princess Iron Fan - Misty Zhou, Yushi Yang, Joe Hodgkinson, Sara Perle, Rachel Walkden
- **A event runner up:** Team Monkey King - Travis Spokes, Julie Everett, Greg Dooley, Vicky Vron
- **B event winner:** Team Tripitaka - Jim Duke, Jim McGinnis, Bob Kennedy, Susan Lapham, Jon Schuster
- **B event runner up:** Team Four Heavenly Kings - Martin Webb, Seth Altman, Jeff Cao, Scott Druskin, Jennifer Marco
- **C event winner:** Team Jade Rabbit Spirit - Erin Durba, Barry Rosenbloom, Curt Pader, Amy Costantino, Pippa Broadhurst
- **C event runner up:** Team Tathagata Buddha - Geoff Broadhurst, Derek Kayser, Morgan Porter, Sherryanne Porter

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