



DUCK SOUP

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What's more important than curling?

-- *Michael Shalhoub*

COVID changed our lives in many ways. It turns out that for me, the "club" part of the Ardsley Curling Club is as important, if not more, to me as the "curling" part. And, pre-COVID, I thought it was the other way around. For years now, I could count on Monday and Thursday, and sometimes Wednesday and Friday or Saturday, as days that I would be at the "club" to do some "curling." Come April, like many of you, I was ready for the break.

But I knew that come August, I could count on getting ready for "curling" again. This year, we can curl, albeit with modified rules. The game may be different, but it is still curling. And, I love being able to be out there.

Still, for me, it turns out "curling" is not as much fun without the "club" part. Whether travelling to spiels with friends from our club, or seeing you all regularly at our club, I miss the camaraderie and friendship!

I did not expect to miss the "club". But I do. A lot. Gail too. Gail and I enjoy seeing our friends this year, but miss the "club." Rushed hellos and goodbyes in the parking lot and while lacing shoes and pretending to stretch is not the same as real visits, chats, hugs, handshakes and pecks on the cheek. I even miss buying drinks after games, since I seem to do that more than getting bought for.



I knew curling was a big part of our lives, but as much as curling, it is getting to visit with each of you and know you a little better every year that makes the "curling club" wonderful.

Let's mask up and stay safe.

So, far, we have proved this sport can be played safely. Let's keep it up and one day soon – I hope – we can get back to the club that we enjoy so much.

As a postscript,
Garth misses
you all too!





In Memoriam Jean Glus

April 24, 1927 - February 27, 2020

Jean curled at Ardsley into her 80s, and we had the pleasure of curling with her as new curlers in 2008. Jean loved to tell jokes, and was great fun for broomstacking.

Jean was very active in the club. She was Treasurer of the Ardwick's for many years, and chaired the Empire State Bonspiel when hosted by Ardsley.

Jean lived in Ardsley and worked for the County Trust Bank for many years. She was very involved with the community as treasurer of the Woman's Club in Hastings, a member of the Quad Village Rotary, and the Hastings Historical Society. Jean loved working on volunteer projects and hosted the Beaux Arts Exhibition for many years. She was a member of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce since its inception and they honored her as the 1998 Hastings Citizen of the Year. Jean was also past president of the Sprain Brook Golf Club and the Ardsley Rollers Bowling Team.

Jean (2nd from right) receiving a medal at the 1994 Ardsley Halloween Boospiel.

Also shown are:
Don McKay, Shoji Takiguchi, and Dave Horton.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Greetings all,

I can't believe that we are heading into the holiday season already. This year has been difficult for us all. As for myself, I can't wait to put 2020 behind me and look forward to better times.

I'm happy to report that so far everything has been going smoothly. I want to thank everyone for doing their best to make our return to curling a safe experience for all. Keep up the great work. It was a little difficult at first, getting used to the revised rules, the social distancing, and no broomstacking. I hope that we will be able to return to some of the social aspect of the sport sooner than later.

As we head into the holidays I can't stress enough, for everyone to stay vigilant in staying safe. Please wear a mask, wash your hands, keep social distancing. If you don't feel good stay home. If you travel for the holidays, follow the state guidelines and get tested. We can make it through this difficult time if we all pull together as a group. It's the new spirit of curling.

New sessions will be starting up after the first of the year, so if you want to sign up, contact membership and they will help you out.

I really want to thank those members that have payed their dues even though they are not playing. I especially want to thank those of you who have gone the extra mile and have given additional donations. If you haven't already, please consider giving a donation to the club. There is still time for your 2020 taxes.

Remember this is your club, we can't survive with out everyone's help.

Have a great holiday season.

Stay safe and good curling!

Duck of the Month



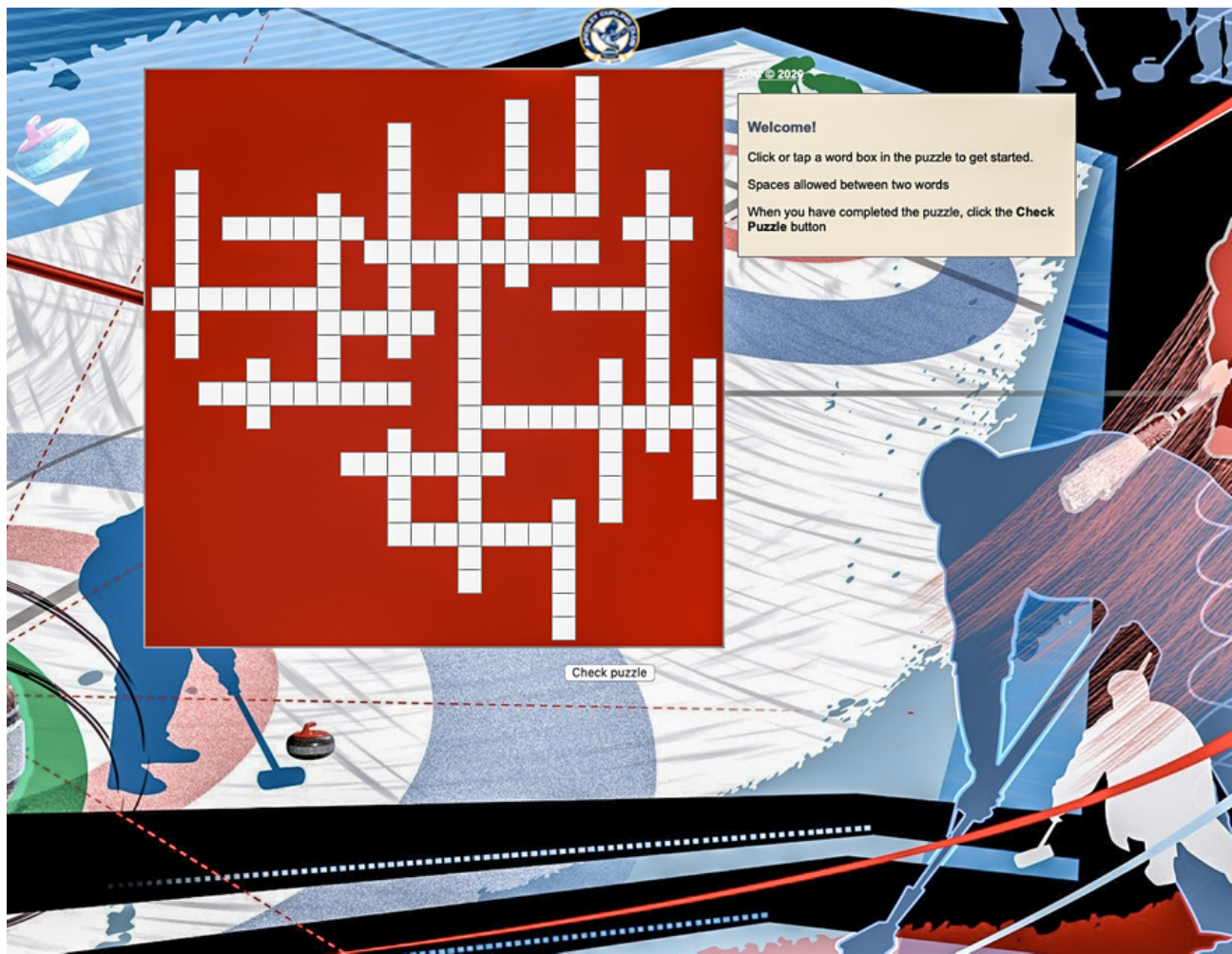
Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)

These sea ducks breed far to the North in Canada and Alaska, but are common winter visitors in our neck of the woods. The distinctive spot on the bill looks like the valve on an N95 mask, but he wouldn't wear that at the club!

ACC 2020 Covid Curling Crossword

<http://rsknyc.com/curlingstuff/puzzles/cccross.html>

-- by **rsk**



The Ardsley Bocce Club

-- by **Bill Langley**

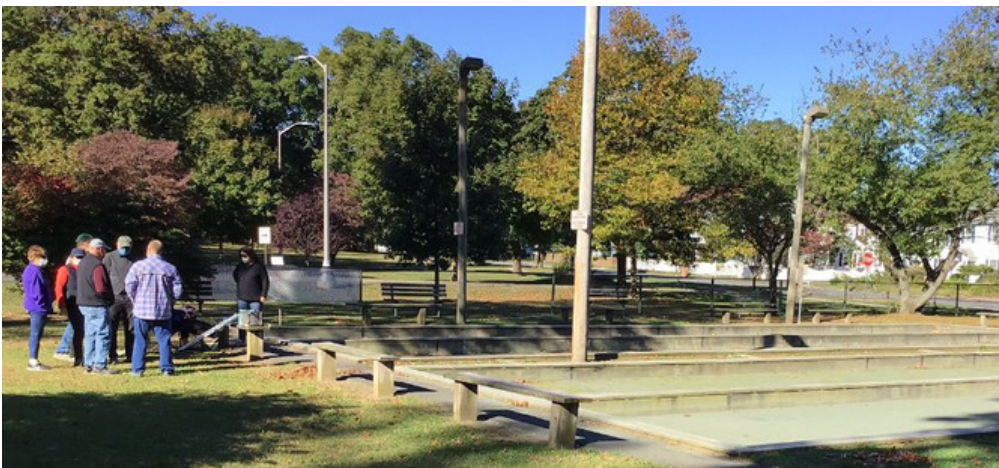
The Ice House Gang for the summer. Wee sheets of dirt. Why not? Of course - what else?

Bocce for the Ardsley Curling Club's summer enjoyment began as Pete McCuen's disc golf games at the Franklin D. Roosevelt state park in Yorktown Heights around about 2006 or 2007. When it was determined that the trees really got in the way of the discs, which didn't always curve and curl as they were supposed to, and hiking through the trees and tall grasses, up and down hills in hot, sticky weather was sometimes less than total fun, open and flat was the next up choice.

Bocce was suggested as an interesting alternative - no trees, hills, tall grasses and about the same distances to hike as on the curling rink - and Heinz Gruettner found a newly constructed bocce court in Mount Pleasant, NY. While the court was not on a grassy hillside, it was an early work in progress - we hoped - for the just newly plowed furrows made for "dirty ice" and there was no scraper nor any broom to help the situation.



Bill Langley, Fran and Mike Infranco, Annette and Bill Borowitz, Sarah and Heinz Gruettner, Madelene and Mike Knaggs.



Then we found and turned to the 8 well maintained bocce courts at Scalzi Park in Stamford, hosted by Bill Langley as our token resident. These quite beautiful courts became the "official" and current site for weekly bocce, followed by lunch of course, and the continuation of the curling fellowship of the Ice House Gang - providing a wee summer rink of the Ardsley Curling Club.

So Ardsley's summer "curling" and bocce, of course, began as disc golf! Why not?



League Roundup



Monday

The Monday Night Competitive League is well into its first session!

With 10 teams currently competing, the league decided to drop the usual divisional format and go with a single tournament approach with the top four teams meeting in a page playoff for the Thorndike championship. This adds some diversity by ensuring that every team will get to face every other team in the league. The playoff teams will be set on December 21st, with the playoffs set to commence in early January. Be sure to tune in to watch the action!



Johnny Lusardi

Another advantage of the tournament approach is that it allows the league to start fresh again in mid-January. Registration for the second session will be open to any competitive team, including teams that did not play in the current session. Announcements will go out to membership when that registration nears.

-- **Ray Ullmer**

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Frank Buquicchio &
Keith Wisbauer



League Roundup



Thursday

Since we have "tiptoed our way" into a curling season, we have managed to carefully curl when so many other clubs in the US and Canada have not. We hope to keep this going and hope to expand our numbers if the curling gods keep us safe.



In that spirit we will start **zoomstacking** sessions while our Thursday teams are playing - 7:30 to 9:30pm. We have the ability to watch a live stream while we can see and talk to each other. Join us, you don't have to stay for a whole game, but stop in and say hello.

First rockin' zoomstack this Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30. More on Dec. 17 if interested.

Contact Bob Kennedy for more details.

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Friday -- **Jeff Greenberg**
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The Friday Night league has been very successful. We have five teams and continue to have a lot of fun both on the ice and in the very limited amount of time we spend in the warm room. We, of course look forward to doing what we do best: Broomstacking!

Congratulations to the winners of our first session: Greg Poole-Dayana, Stefan Benkowski, Billy Nauman, and Julia Nauman. Our league sends a special shout out to Billy Nauman, and hopes to see him back on his feet soon!

Saturday -- **Wade Leon**
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The Saturday morning league is up and running as close to usual as it can be! We're having good showings every weekend, our games have been especially competitive, and everyone is keeping in high spirits. We started the season with the goal of keeping our players safe, and with their cooperation, we're proud to say that we've accomplished that goal.



League Roundup



Wednesday

The Wednesday Night Men's League has reached the halfway point of the Blanton competition. So far, Nate O'Reilly's team is leading the field with a perfect 6-0 record during the first half of the double round-robin format. Teams skipped by Frank Buquicchio and Tom Vespo are in second and third place respectively, with only 2 games separating the top three teams. A lot can happen over the next seven weeks. We look forward to more good curling and fun on Wednesday nights.

Signups for the Wells competition, the traditional second half of the Wednesday Night Men's League, will begin in early January, so stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions, contact either of the league chairs

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Tuesday Doubles

-- **Lynn Salmon** ***lynn@thesalmons.org***

Tuesday Doubles has room for more players. With flexible scheduling, why not try out this exciting 2-on-2 game where every shot matters.

Sign up individually or as a pair.



Sunday

-- **Mike Knaggs**

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Sunday Morning's League is a "Sign-Up In Advance Drop In League." Sign-Up during the week to play on the following Sunday. Contact Mike to be added to the email distribution.

There are new teams and different players every week!

Traditionally, Sunday mornings has been a learn to Skip opportunity and continues to be so. Anyone can request to Skip (or request to play at any position).

Congratulations Tom & Catie





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WREP SHEET

News from the USWCA September 2020 Meeting and Committee Highlights

VIBRANT VIRTUAL MEETING

The USWCA held its Fall Board Meeting virtually this year. Faced with more "firsts" than they could count, the leadership team from Madison Curling Club under President Beth Lepping put together a virtual event that defied all expectations. All our committees met over the course of two weeks using Zoom. The final weekend saw an Executive Council Meeting, a Representatives Meeting and a full Board of Directors Meeting with more than 80 women in attendance! This format allowed women to attend from 5 time zones. Many attended their first USWCA meeting. There was even a cocktail party! The energy and enthusiasm from the Representatives and volunteers was amazing to see. Special thanks go out to Meeting Coordinator Vietta Kampen. You rock!

We hope you enjoy this issue and share it with your club members. If you were not able to join us in September, mark your calendar for February 2021 and plan to get in on the action. The latest information on dates is available on <http://www.uswca.org>, in the right hand column. See you in February!

THE BLANK END

Blank end: An end in which no points are scored; in regular play the team that has the hammer retains it for the next end.

The USWCA has declared the 2020-2021 season to be a blank end. The USWCA voted at its virtual Board meeting in September to suspend all events that we run or sponsor for the full 2020-2021 season. This includes the National Women's Bonspiel in Madison, Wisconsin; the Senior Women's Bonspiel and Super Senior Fun Day in Columbus, Ohio; the junior bonspiels, the 5 and Under bonspiels, the USWCA Circuit, the Gifts and Grants program, and the All-American Events.

Also on Sunday, September 27, 2020, the Board voted to waive all dues payments for this season. This was done to ease one part of our member clubs' financial stress due to the pandemic. We want our clubs to know we are in this together with you. We want you to be able to focus on staying strong!

As in the game of curling, an end is blanked with the intention to score two in the next end. Plans are already underway for a 2021-2022 season that will be second to none. Check out the details in this WRep Sheet. For updates as they become available, visit <http://www.uswca.org> and be sure to check out the Winter WRep Sheet.

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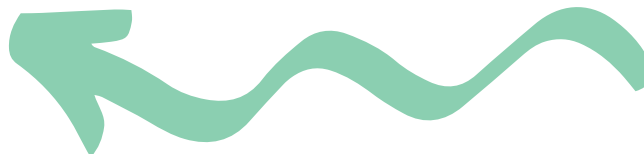
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JACK	3	1	4	7							

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Amy Costantino is running the new and improved ACC store this year. Contact her about the new ACC masks and other items.

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Blast from the past - Ardsley 1969.

Note the ashtray placement!



Message from the ACC Covid Committee

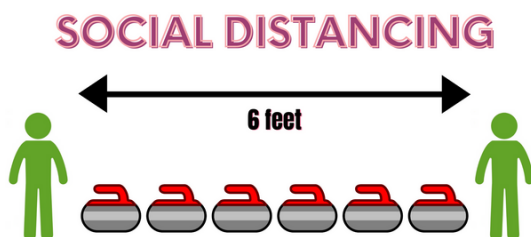
At Ardsley, we are attempting something that not many are trying - and that is to continue curling safely amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we have been successful so far in keeping our club open and keeping our members safe.

With the holidays coming up, we just want to remind everyone to stay safe and to stay aware of the public health guidelines. We know that the details of the travel restrictions in the Covid Declarations we all signed at the beginning of the season no longer reflect the travel restrictions that are now in place. What's important is that for anyone who is traveling out of the area to strictly follow the New York guidelines before they return to curl. Here's the NYS website with the travel advisory:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Please continue to be vigilant, to always wear a mask when at the curling club and to never come to the club if you are sick in any way. Thank you for your efforts in doing so.

Happy Holidays and Good Curling



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