

DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club



UPCOMING:

Oct 13-15

Olympic Celebration

Oct 20-22

Boospiel

Nov 10-12

Cool Duck



1973 Headless Horseman
Irving Curlers skipped by
Bob Hill (center) - see pg. 3

Welcome to another year of Ardsley Curling! With the warm fall temperatures, it feels great to be back on the ice. All leagues are running; away bonspiels are happening; and those membership dues need to be paid.

The club has already hosted a series of successful open houses, held a Level 1 Instructor Clinic, and is participating in the upcoming WCF Olympic Celebration Tour with Kaitlyn Lawes.



Olympic Celebration Tour
with 2014 Olympic Medallist
Kaitlyn Lawes
13 - 15 October 2017



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President's Column

-- **Mike Shalhoub**

It is an Olympic year! There will be lots of attention to the sport in the months leading up to the Games with the Olympic Trials and Curling Night in America.

Opportunities abound to help your club fulfill its mission of growing participation in the sport of curling.

Membership and volunteerism: Increasing our membership is one of the keys for this year, and for years to come. You can help by introducing your friends and relatives. You can help by volunteering to learn to curls and open houses. Don't wait for an open house for friends and family. Get in touch with a Board member and we will figure out a time and place to get them on the ice and introduce them to our fellowship. Also, the club is going to be part of the Westchester County park's Winter Wonderland at the Kensico Dam between Thanksgiving and New Years. We will need help staffing that event.

Fundraising: The Board has approved a fundraising plan which is being reviewed by an attorney. Regardless of the form of the plan ultimately approved, we welcome unrestricted donations to the club -- they are tax deductible (we are a 501c3). You can make those now, and they are particularly valuable if your employer matches charitable contributions. Every member of your board has committed to make a financial contribution to our fundraising efforts. We are going to be asking each of you for voluntary contributions as well.

Ardasley 2020: The Board continues to evaluate all options. If you have knowledge of specific opportunities, please let me or Scott Silverman, who chairs our Steering Committee know. We may ask that you do some more homework about the property, but, hey, we all need to chip in in this effort.

Communications: We are going to try and have a monthly Duck Soup. I know Lynn will welcome articles contributed and sent to her. We had a Town All meeting in September for our members and we will have another in January. If you have a question, comment or suggestion -- ask it, provide it, or make it. I do not want a single member feeling like they had no opportunity to communicate with the Board, or that the Board has not communicated with them.

Corporate events: Crucial to our budget is revenue from corporate events. Curt Pader manages the logistics. If you can volunteer to help, that is something very important to the club. We ask that each of you try to sell corporate events for birthday parties, bar mitzvahs, communions, businesses, girl scouts, etc. Talk to your friends and employers and see what you can do.

This is a time of high visibility for the sport and our club. Together, we can take advantage of it and help create an even brighter future for us. Good curling all.



Bob Hill died August 22, 2017 at age 89. He was tall, handsome and had a very friendly personality. Much of his social life was with curling friends. His father and mother were curlers at St. Andrew's and Bob curled there until Ardsley built their own club house in 1967.

Bob curled in local and out of town men's bonspiels, but when arthritis became a problem in his knees, he and his wife Jinny enjoyed easier mixed curling. When Bob's knees gave out in 1993, he had them both replaced at the same time -- brave lad! At that time, the curling push stick was invented and sanctioned, so Bob was the first Ardsley Curling Club member to use a push stick, which extended his curling career through the 2007-2008 season!

Fortunately for the Ardsley Curling Club, Bob loved to write and enjoyed being the Duck Soup editor for decades between 1983 and 2006.

Back then, Bob hand wrote each issue and Jinny edited and typed them up onto ditto sheets and mimeographed the copies up at the Ardsley Country Club's office. Bob's youngest daughter, Liz, remembers circling the family's dining room table with Jinny and Bob, collating the pages and stuffing envelopes for each issue



A memorial service for Bob will be held at the Irvington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 14th at 12 noon. All are welcome.

Bob was a super person and it was very fortunate for those of us who knew him well.

Some have meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we have meat and we can eat,
She let the Lord be Thanket!

In Memoriam - Bob Hill

Duck Soup
for Ardsley Curlers



of Duck Soup. (All of Bob's issues have been digitized and can be enjoyed on our ACC website.) Bob held many other positions with the curling club including serving on its board as director, treasurer, and president.

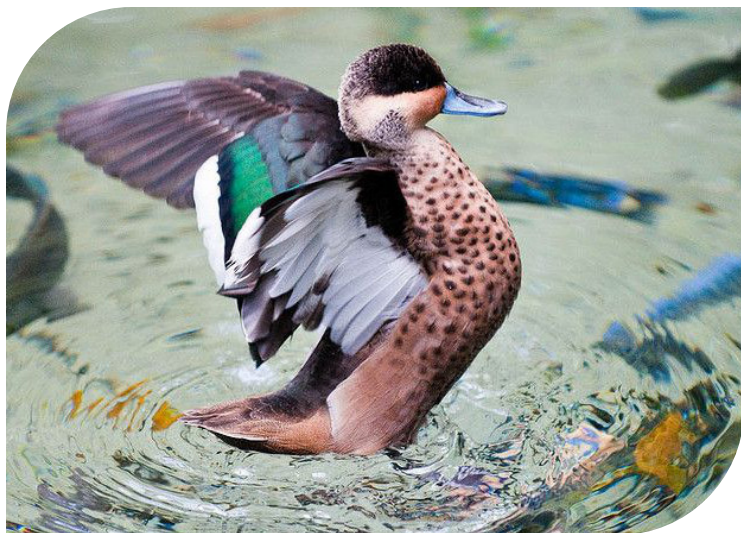
His most lasting contribution to the Ardsley Curling Club is the creation of the Headless Horseman bonspiel. Every February, St Andrew's held their famous international men's bonspiel - the Douglas. The two top Ardsley men's teams were gone all weekend while other ACC weekend curlers did nothing. So, Bob created the Headless Horseman, which was open to all ACC curlers (but he banned "ringer rinks")!!! He created the winning team pins: WASHINGTON (1st), IRVING (2nd), and KATRINA (3rd).



Duck of the Month

Hottentot Teal (*Spatula hottentota*)

This dabbling duck from South Africa can be found in small groups and prefers smaller bodies of water. This one is fanning the flames for Seth Altman's warrior dash.



Nancy Clancy, Kelly Stephens, Kate Clough, and Pam Speer are rockin' the Ardsley Curling pants at the Cape Cod Summerspiel in July.



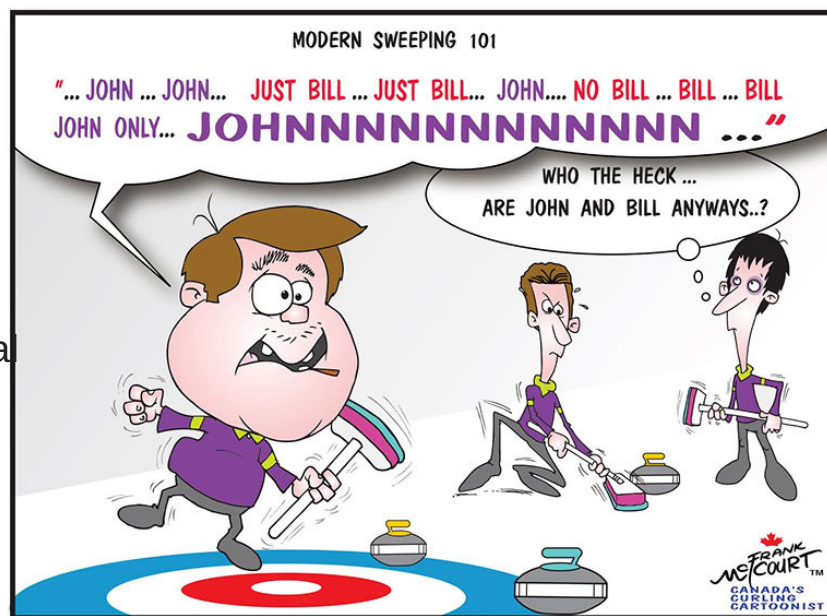
Two Ardsley teams feasting on lobster at the Cape Cod Mixed Summerspiel. Jim and Diane Borgia attended for the first time, teaming up with James Weeks and Ina Obernesser.

Leeza Furman skipped a team joined by Barry, Sylvie, and Matthew Rosenbloom who enjoyed the 'spiel as a family prior to Matthew heading off to the University of Rochester.



ARDSLEY PRO SHOP

Time for a new gripper, or timer, or brush pads to practice your directional sweeping? The Ardsley Pro Shop is under new management, thanks to Steve Agostinho. All proceeds go directly to our Building Club Fund.



Directional sweeping



*Baby Fenton smiles
Soon she will be curling too
The rocks await her*

League Roundup

Jeff Greenberg has stepped in to run the fun Sunday 5pm drop-in league which would love to see new members. Likewise, the Saturday AM drop-in league is hankering for some fresh faces. Feel free to contact any league chair for more info and tell them you want to play on their night/day. And, don't forget to thank them for all their hard work.

Stay tuned for a possible (un)mixed doubles tournament/league.



Monday - Dan Turfaro

Tuesday - Karen Luckey

Wednesday - Matt Scheiner

Thursday AM - Pauline Davies

Thursday PM - Bob Kennedy

Friday AM - Geoff Broadhurst

Friday PM - Jan & Nicole Zahour

Saturday AM - Steve Hess

Saturday PM - Doug & Laura Hill

Sunday AM - Jim Borgia

Sunday PM - Jeff Greenberg



A big THANK YOU to Travis Spokes and Vicky Vron plus all the volunteers that made open house week a success!



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