

# DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club  
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## BOOOOSPIEL 2018

### UPCOMING:

**Nov 2-4**

Cool Duck

**Nov 8-10**

Ross Tarlton

**Nov 23-25**

Turkey Trot

#### IT

Yushi Yang  
Misty Zhou  
Kenneth Romanello  
Harry Perez

#### Ghostbusters

Matthew Scheiner  
Michelle Schleibaum  
Scott Druskin  
John Wu

#### Jaws

Matthew Rogala  
Simon Pack  
Geovanny Cordova  
Ivan Loor

#### Alien

Nancy Clancy  
John Avallone  
Nate O'Reilly  
Meg Ocampo

#### Halloween

James Duke  
Derek Kayser  
Stefan Benkowski  
Scott Anstett

#### Blair Witch Project

Sara Perle  
Mike Knaggs  
Madelene Knaggs  
Steve Wruble

#### Nosferatu

Timothy Klein  
Michael Horowitz  
Jonathan Leung  
Jacob Platt

#### Frankenstein

Joe Sablow  
Seth Altman  
James Bilodeau  
Joan Fei

#### Young Frankenstein

Bob Kennedy  
Zach Saska  
Sara Barker  
Aysha Williams

#### Chain Saw

Vinay Goenka  
C or M Banino  
Andrew Bona  
Meghan Lima-Bona



A: Matt Scheiner, Michelle Schleibaum, Scott Druskin, John Wu

On October 19-21, ACC paid tribute to some classic horror movies during the Boospiel. This year's event was chaired by Mike Horowitz and over 40 curlers took part in the first in-house bonspiel of the new season.

### WINNERS

A event: Team Ghostbusters

B event: Team Frankenstein

C event: Team Alien

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-- **Joe Sablow**

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Greetings fellow curlers

I can't believe that we are well into curling season already. We started out a little rough, or should I say frosty. But, with the fine work of Martin and the ice crew and help from our guardian angel, Jeff Paul, the ice is back to normal.

We are hosting two major events in November, the Cool Duck and the Ross Tarlton. The Cool Duck has grown to be one of the most popular 5 and under bonspiels. This year it sold out within 8 minutes of opening registration. The Ross Tarlton is a friendly between the GNCC and Teams from Canada. This year we are hosting jointly with Nutmeg Curling Club. There will be a call going out for volunteers if it hasn't already. Please pitch in and lend a hand.

I would also like to keep everyone up to date on the progress of a new curling facility. As you may or may not know, we have been talking to another country club in the area. The prospects were looking very good. Unfortunately, some members of their board want to look into additional options for the space we were discussing. This process could take some time, something we don't have the luxury of. Therefore, we are once again taking up the search. In addition, we are exploring options that would allow us to continue curling after the current lease runs out.



I am also always interested in your feedback. As members of the club, your opinions and ideas are extremely important. I am generally around the club most evenings and weekends. Please don't hesitate to come up and talk to me or any other board member. Finding a new facility is not a one person job. It takes us all working together for a common goal.

Thank you and good curling.



## WCT Victory

Congratulations to Team Stopera for winning the St. Paul Let's Cure Lupus Cash Spiel. This is Andrew's first World Curling Tour event win! Andrew Stopera and his teammates Luc Violette, Ben Richardson, and Graem Fenson defeated Team Birr, 9-7 in the semifinals, then went on to beat Team Fenner, 6-1 in the finals. The event featured 20 teams, and was held October 5-7 at the St. Paul Culing Club in Minnesota.



## Happy 100!



Ice House Gang member, Carl Honzak will turn 100 on December 1. He'll be in the warm room for the Friday morning ROMEO's on November 30th followed by a celebratory lunch at the Ardsley Country Club.

## Team India a mile high

Congratulations to Raju, Girithar, Vinay and Kishan (Team Raju) on winning the C Event at the 2018 Rocky Mountain Curling Invitational, September 20-23 (with a 5-3 record for the weekend)! Thank you to the Denver Curling Club for their wonderful hospitality and we hope to be (invited) back next year!

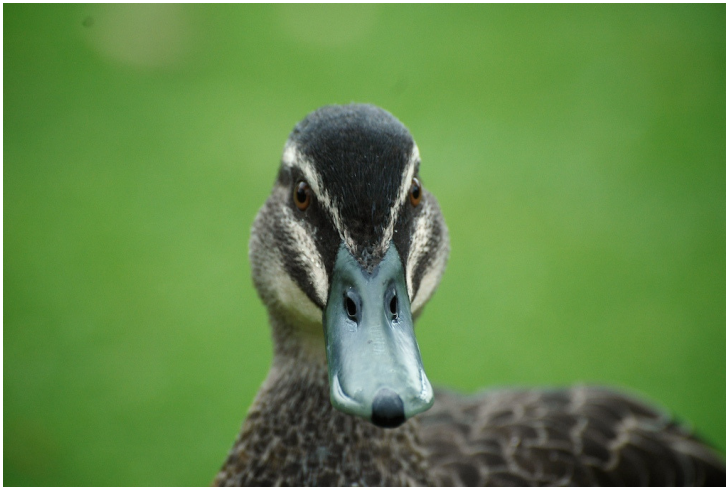




# Duck of the Month

## Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)

This sociable dabbling duck is mostly brown, but some claim that it looks black when seen at a distance.



If you want to see a truly "black duck" visit Tony Smith's sculpture at PepsiCo World Headquarters in Purchase, NY.

# Adopted Chair of the Month

This special chair is a true link to the history of Ardsley Curling Club. Ashley Thorndike who was a charter member of the club and the namesake of our Thorndike medal originally donated this chair representing his alma-mater, Yale. His grandson Ashley (who could really swing a corn broom) and Derek Kayser used to curl together as juniors and then in mens. Ashley adopted his grandfather's chair, now restored by Derek and this is the result. Talk to Derek Kayser to adopt your own chair.



Congrats to new curlers Jessica Panicucci and Christopher Miras newly married in October.





# Margarita Time

Margarita-ville graced the prairies of Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 4-7. Two Ardsley teams were among 64 teams curling across 9 sheets at the Granite Curling Club.



Gail Boggio, Gudron Sablow, Joe Sablow, and skip, Mike Shalhoub.



John Dorff, Tim Klein, Rick Van Cuyck, skipped by Nancy Clancy finished in the middle of the pack.



# Ahoy, Mateys



John Wu found his sea legs in his first bonspiel since joining Ardsley at the Pirates of the Curlibbean event in Orlando. He was skipped by ACC's Nancy Clancy, and joined by local Ed Arose, and Cathy Jones from Chesapeake.



# Members' Assembly

-- **Madelene Knaggs**

The 2018 USA Curling Members' Assembly, which was the fifth annual meeting, was held in the Albany NY area from Thursday, October 11 through Sunday, October 14, 2018. The meetings, reception and seminars were held at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham while the on ice instruction was held at Albany Curling Club. The Mini-Bonspiel and dinner social was held at Schenectady Curling Club.

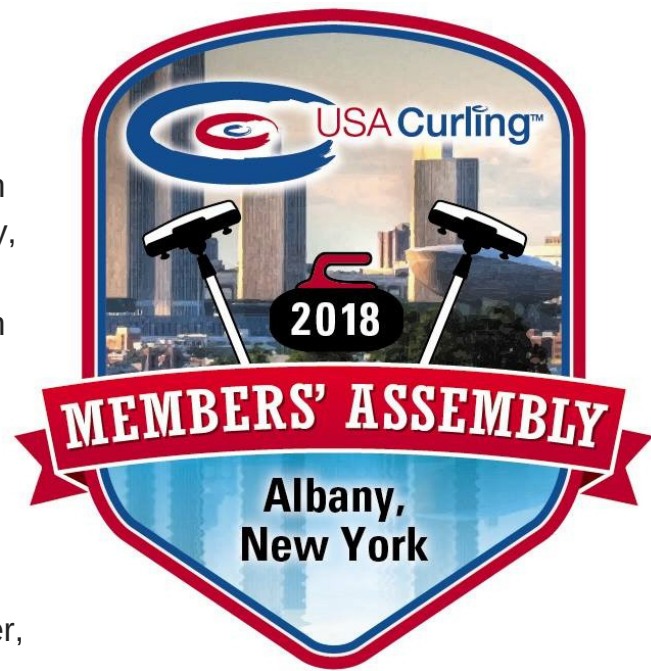
There were approximately 200 USA Curling members from all over the country in attendance. Our club was represented by several members: Joe Sablow, Frank Buquicchio, Derek Kayser, Mike Knaggs and Madelene Knaggs.

The general meeting covered many subjects such as the High Performance Program, Operations, Competitions, Member Services, Growth & Development, Communications, highlights of the organization's achievements over the past season, and a look toward future possibilities. New member clubs were welcomed into the organization.

Seminar subjects, which were all free to attend, included curling stones, using technology to enhance club management, USCA directorship opportunities, transforming an existing building to a dedicated curling club, and many other interesting and useful topics. A special guest, Tyler George, Olympic Gold Medalist, lead a seminar on curling strategy as well as one on the Gold Medal experience. National Champion Bill Stopera from the Athletes Advisory Council led Tips from the Top. Other seminars were about skipping, developing college curling, junior curler development and retaining Olympic recruits.

A highlight of the weekend was a Mini-Bonspiel hosted by the Schenectady Curling Club. Twenty-four teams vied to have their names inscribed on the tall trophy. Winners were Paul Valle, Laurie Northup, Jack Stopera, and Doug Potter. On Ice instruction was held at the Albany Curling Club. All of the classes sold out quickly. The sessions included: Level II Instruction, Brush Like a Badass, and Delivery Analysis.

A very enjoyable weekend to increase curling knowledge and skills, curl in a fun bonspiel and to meet and socialize with curlers from clubs from Alaska to Florida.





# Ardsey Curling Hits the Streets

-- Seth Altman

In an effort to raise awareness and interest in our club, the Club had a presence at three local street fairs during September and October. We made two appearances at the Irvington Farmers' Market and had a booth at the Dobbs Ferry Festa on October 6. At each of these events, we met people who were curious about curling and interested in our Open Houses and Curling Samplers. Special thanks to Karen Casper, Joe and Gudrun Sablow, Pam Politano, Judith Kelson, Bob Shwalb, Joan Fei, Derek Kayser, and Matt and Sharon Gallegos who volunteered their time. The Club is always looking to expand our presence and our volunteer list, so be on the lookout for more opportunities to share the sport of curling next Fall.



## Behind the Hack

-- *by rsk*

When curlers meet to play on ice  
The games' intense indeed  
With brooms and stones, eight ends suffice  
Fulfill the curling need

Then games are done, time to review  
And drink as friends and snack  
And analyze shots old and new  
All behind the hack

The focus seems to be the play  
And strategies we enact  
But after, there's so much to say  
All behind the hack

So much takes place behind the hack  
The conversations flow  
The players toast and then buy back  
Reviewing what we know

We all learn things from every game  
With moves we should redact  
Hindsight never stays the same  
All behind the hack

So here's to curling and all it can be  
The game and after the fact  
There's so much more than what you see  
All behind the hack







## All smiles at the Open house



## Thank you Volunteers

Thanks again to Travis Spokes and Vicky Vron and the many who helped with 4 successful open houses at the start of our curling season.

Pauline Davies, Pam Speer, and Mary Lockhart spent a fair bit of time pulling together our club's opening dinner.

Jim Borgia has been running curling sampler experiences almost every other week. These continue throughout the year and more help is always needed.

Matt Scheiner and Barb Gabhart will be running Intermediate Skills Clinics.

These are just a small sample of what makes the club a success. There's always room to pitch in.

Another successful curling sampler.







**BOO!**

**BOOSPIEL PHOTOS**  
— MEG OCAMPO



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