



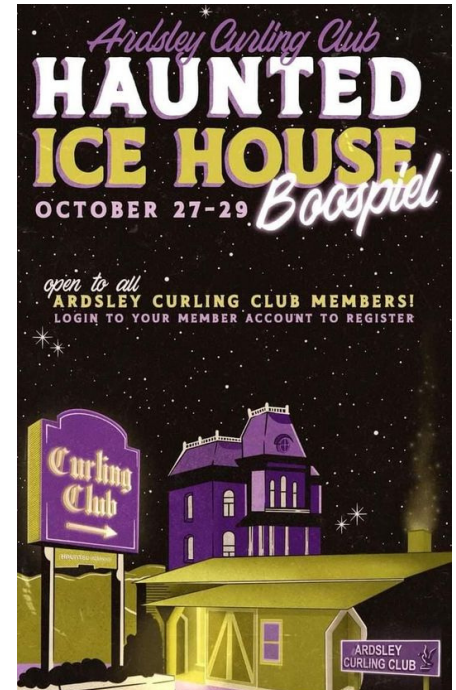
# DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club  
[www.ardsleycurling.com](http://www.ardsleycurling.com)

# Boo!

The 2023-24 season got off to a great start with new leagues and our first in house Boospiel. Eight teams had a scary good time at the Haunted Ice House run by Katy Hodgdon.

Each team played in a 4 team pool round robin to determine seeding for Sunday's finals. Winners were the team skipped by Yushi Yang with Jim and Diane Borgia and John Wu. Runners up were Joe Sablow, Eric Symbouras, Jack Glanzer, and Tess Belmont.



## Save the Date:

Cool Duck: Nov 2-5

Nutty Duck at Nutmeg: Nov 19

The Bucket at Ardsley: Dec 16

Empire State: Jan 18-21



## Volunteers of the year!

Travis Spokes and Victoria Vron won the Volunteer of the Year Award at last year's closing dinner. Travis is still tirelessly working to run our events, open houses, and learn-to-curls this season.

We'd like to acknowledge the hard work of numerous volunteers during the offseason including Travis, Kellen, Jon, Jeff, Jim, Mike, and Derek who worked to install our new technology upgrades. More details on page 8.



Our ice crew of Dave and Tim, with help from Derek get special props for the work they did to get us up and running after some unforeseen problems with the ice making equipment in September.

## Lights, Camera, Action!



Please turn off the on ice TV's when not in use.

There are two remotes, one at each end of the ice.

**New technology upgrades generously funded by Kay Sugahara**



October 9th was the official start of the 2023-24 season. Members, if for some reason you haven't registered yet, log in to your account and click the **Membership & League Sign-Up** link in the members menu. You will also need to complete waivers online this year. Need help - email Jeff Greenberg at [jeffgreenberg@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jeffgreenberg@nyc.rr.com)

There's still room to join most leagues.  
League chairs are listed here



Monday: Keith Wisbauer  
Tuesday Ladies: Karen Luckey  
Tuesday Doubles: Jim Bilodeau  
Wednesday: Stefan Benkowski  
Thursday: Mike Horowitz  
Friday Morning: Bill Borowitz  
Friday Evening: Jeff Greenberg  
Saturday Morning: Steve Hess  
Sunday Morning: Joe Sablow  
Sunday Juniors: Rich Goodwin  
Sunday Doubles: Yoram Miller

## New Sunday Doubles at 5pm

With doubles curling growing in popularity, the club has started a new weekly Sunday doubles league to complement Tuesday night's established Salmon Doubles League. The new league is a “[sign up](#)” league giving ACC members the opportunity to try doubles for one week or to hone their skills every week. Members wanting to play on a Sunday can sign-up by the preceding Tuesday as individuals, two-person teams, or four-person games. Teams are then announced for the week.

In the first three weeks, 18 different curlers participated. With the league moving its start time to 5pm, it is hoped even more curlers will try the fast-paced doubles game.

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5	3	Robert Goldbloom		3	
6	4	Kate Clough		4	
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# In Memoriam

## Anthony "Toni" Ficalora

### 1922 -- 2023

From left: Toni Ficalora, Jean MacIntosh,  
Vanda Ficalora, Herb MacIntosh



In August, we lost a longtime curler, volunteer, and financial contributor to the curling club.

After serving in the US Navy during WWII, Toni established a photography studio in 1948 and later transitioned to directing and producing TV commercials in 1968. His work won many awards include several Clio Awards.

He and his wife, Vanda both curled at Ardsley, and are pictured above in a photo from the Golden Handle in 1989.



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## Maxine Duke

Jim and Maureen Duke would like to extend their gratitude to all of those members of the Ardsley Curling Club who attended the service, or forwarded their condolences, on the sudden demise of their daughter Maxine.





## Duck of the Month

### White-winged Scoter

*(Melanitta deglandi)*

These large, stocky sea ducks have a sloping forehead and a bulge at the base of the bill. Perhaps hit in the head by an errant curling stone while foraging among underwater rocks.

## Ardsley Juniors

Kavi Manchanda attended the USJrCA's 4-day camp at Coyotes Curling Club in Arizona this summer. The kids definitely beat the triple-digit heat in one of the coolest places in town! Kavi enjoyed meeting other juniors, and had fun polishing his skills and playing lots of games. He's looking forward to using what he learned in the new season.



The **Paramount Theater in Peekskill** will host a free reading of *Throwing Stones*, a new play about love, betrayal, Shakespeare, and curling on Sunday, November 19 at 2:00pm.

Reserve your tickets today by emailing your name and the number of tickets requested to:

[ThrowingStonesThePlay@gmail.com](mailto:ThrowingStonesThePlay@gmail.com)



## Over the Rainbow

Back in May, Jeff Greenberg traveled to Seattle where he teamed up with former Ardsley Curlers Ken Hsu, Stephanie Lee, and Meg O'Reilly for the Over the Rainbow Spiel, benefitting The Lambert House for Seattle based LGBTQ+ youth. In the field of 32 teams, they finished with an overall record of 4-1, coming in 4th place overall and winning the C event. (A tough loss in game 1 put them in the C event where they would win all the rest of their games.)



## Moncton Centre for Curling Excellence



Michael Young, Eli, and Jeff Greenberg at the Centre For Curling Excellence in Moncton, NB Canada this summer. The coaches came to Ardsley a few years ago. They mentioned they would enjoy coming back next year. The training was Olympic quality. And, Mike scored a Czech National team jacket plus the foot placement mats at the back of sheet C.



## Cape Cod SummerSpiel

Chris Banino and Michael Young subbing for Team Windy City at the Cape Cod SummerSpiel.



## USWCA Notes

The Senior Friendship Tour will take place next year, Nov 3-14, 2024. Online applications are available on the USWCA website, closing on Dec 15.

Ladies, please visit the [uswca.org](http://uswca.org) home page or talk to our USWCA rep, Gudrun Sablow, for more information about this year's events.

Entry forms for the USWCA National Woman's Bonspiel taking place in February are due to Club Reps for approval by Nov 28.



## Empire State 2024

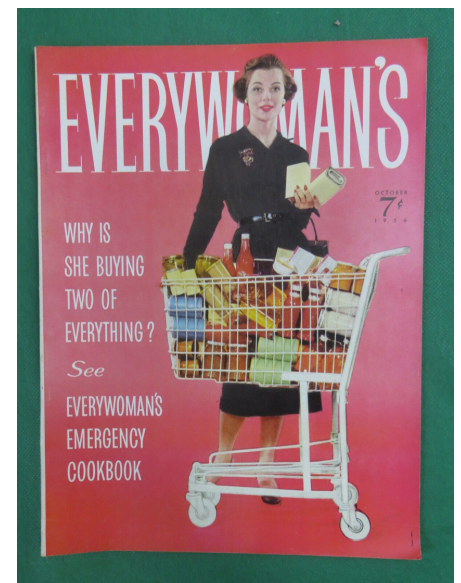
The Empire State Bonspiel, which rotates between Ardsley, Schenectady, Utica, and Rochester, will once again be hosted by Ardsley this year January 18-21.

Registration is open to any team of all women from anywhere in the world. Spread the word and prepare to help Gudrun and Amy make this year one for the decades.



The World's largest rubber duck visited Playland this summer. Can't we get a bigger one for Cool Duck?

Everywoman's Magazine October 1956 Cover Photo by Toni Ficalora



# Ardsley Technology Upgrades

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By now you have noticed the club's new technology upgrades, generously funded by Kay Sugahra. Here are some key features, additional instructions are posted in the warm room.

## League Game Feeds: [www.youtube.com/ardsleycurling](http://www.youtube.com/ardsleycurling)

Weeknight leagues will be streamed live on YouTube. Each sheet will have its own video stream recorded and saved in a playlist for each league. Similar streams will be recorded for draws during bonspiels. These videos will have audio and be open to the public - please conduct yourselves accordingly.

## Warm Room Monitors:

There are five new TVs above the glass in the warm room, as well as one new TV near the bar. Three of the screens above the glass show improved overhead views of the houses. Use the five Roku remote controls to operate the TVs.

## Ice House Monitors:

There are six new TVs in the ice house (three in the scoreboards, and three above the glass). These show the overhead view of the opposite end's house for reference by the front-end players during play. Two remote controls in the ice house operate the TVs (one on the side of the Sheet B scoreboard, and one between Sheets B and C at the warm room end of the ice).

The club's internet and Wi-Fi have also been upgraded and the Ardsley iPhone app is currently being redeveloped.

Please turn off the monitors when not in use!







Before paper and scissors

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