



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

DUCK SOUP

October 2014



"All the News That Fits"



North Mountain Drive
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10502



Upcoming Events

Boospiel (Open)

October 24 - 26

Ardsley Curling Club

PCC Founders' (Open)

October 30 - November 2

Plainfield Curling Club

Cool Duck (5 and Under-Open)

November 7 - 9

Ardsley Curling Club

Turkey Trot (Open)

November 28 - 30

Ardsley Curling Club

**A complete calendar of GNCC events
is available at gncc.org**

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New Ice, New Curlers, New League and New Rocks



The 2014-2015 curling season at Ardsley has begun. We have new faces on the ice, a new Saturday evening league, and brand spanking new curling stones!

We bought our new rocks from Canada Curling Stone Co. and they are the top of line modern curling stones. The new stones are made from blue/gray Trefor granite and have Ailsa Craig Blue Hone granite inserts on top and bottom. The new Trefor granite is better for striking bands and will be more durable over the years. Recent technical innovations have also improved the design of curling stones. Our old stones are being sold to Steve's Curling Supplies.

A big thanks to Martin Sather and a hardworking group of volunteers who spent many hours in September to get the club out

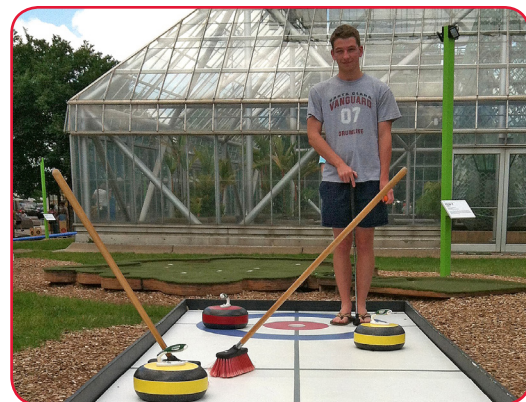
of "summer mothballs" and put the ice back in place. Martin: "I want to thank all of you for your help this year with getting the ice installed. I am really happy with our new stones and with the performance of the ice so far. I feel as the weather changes it will only get better. Thank you all for your time and effort, I couldn't have done it without you!" Thank you to: Jeff Klein, Dan Tufaro, Joe Panella, Tim Klein, Dave Schrull, Dave Wagenheim, Matt Gallegos, Sharon Gallegos, Jon Schuster, John Salmon, and Lynn Salmon. Plus a special thank you to Jeff Paul for his work on the dehumidifier and starting up the chiller.



Summertime and the Curling is Easy

Barbara Gabhart

He just can't stay away from curling. While visiting the University of Minneapolis Twin Cities campus for orientation in July, Will Pryor just had to find some way to curl. The Walker Art Center features a mini golf course. Will shot par on the Par 2 first hole, designed by artist Paul Hedlund. No sweeping necessary!



Greetings from the President

Jeff Casper

Welcome to the 2014-15 season! This season sees some changes on and off the ice. On ice, you'll notice right away that we have new rocks and handles. The old rocks were showing some serious wear and tear on the striking bands and runners, so it was time to invest in new ones. Martin Sather, in addition to readying the ice, has done a superb job in getting us through this process, and Alice Yeh has administered the handles program. Thanks to you both.

Off the ice, we have seen quite a few changes. We should thank Tom Doherty for his service as president. He has left the club in very good shape. I am fortunate to inherit this role at this time, with an enthusiastic and engaged Board of Directors. Thanks, Tom. There are a lot of familiar faces in new places. New board members are Gert Messing, Dan Tufaro, Joe Panella, Jeff Lesuk, Bill Stopera, Leeza Furman, and Laura Hill. We have new member chairs in Leeza Furman and Ray Ullmer. We have a new webmaster in Dave Wagenheim, and a new Duck Soup editor in Lynn Salmon. Curt Pader and Judith Kelson have volunteered to help out with the corporate events program. Gert Messing is the league coordinator. Matt

Scheiner is the bonspiel coordinator. Tom Doherty will be this year's McKay Douglas Chair. Barb Gabhart and Matt Scheiner will take on larger roles preparing food for the events this year. Nancy Clancy will be our Chair for the Empire State Bonspiel that Ardsley hosts this year. Most of the league chairs return this year, but Dennis Mellerup takes over Monday night. Robin Gestring becomes the club's Head Trainer, and she has already hosted a successful Instructors Level 1 Clinic, sponsored by the USCA, this season. Thank you Robin.

Our summer has been spent filling all of these and other positions, and getting used to them. Leeza, Ray, and Dave have worked extraordinarily hard learning their positions, and, with the Everetts' guidance, getting us through a successful registration. Leeza, Ray, Robin, and all their volunteers have also done a great job with the Open House and Learn To Curls, providing a lot of early season enthusiasm.

Bob Kennedy, Dave Wagenheim, and Jon Shuster have installed a state of the art video system at your club. Thanks to a generous donation from Kay Sugahara,

Ardsley now possesses a video system any curling club would be proud of. Thank you Kay, and thanks to our volunteers for purchasing and installing. We will be profiling this wonderful enhancement in a future edition of the newsletter.

Now that the initial rush of preparing for the start of the season is behind us, the Board will be focused on three main, and interrelated, areas. They are in no order of importance:

- Volunteerism
- Revenue vs. Cost
- Lease Negotiations

All of our efforts this season and throughout this term will be related to improving these three areas.

Please if you would go out of your way to thank your volunteers, particularly those who have taken on new roles and more responsibility this off-season. You are in their debt. And please remember to answer the bell when you are called to do your part. Your dues pay the bills, but the club runs on volunteers. I know we can count on you to do your part. Here's to a great season!

See You at the Beach

Lynn Salmon



The Cape Cod Curling Club's 45th Annual Summerspiel was a great place to cool off on the ice during the dog days of summer. In July, Ardsley was well represented, fielding 4 of the 36 teams at the mixed



spiel. Ardsley I skipped by Jim McGinnis with Ina Obernesser, James Weeks and Satsuki Miyamoto and Ardsley III skipped by Walter Baggett with Lillie Shortridge-Baggett and two Cape Cod curlers included members who make the Cape Summerspiel a regular part of their summer plans. Ardsley II skipped by John Salmon, with Leeza Furman, Ray

Ullmer and Lynn Salmon included a team of newcomers to the cape who now know why this spiel is such a hot summer ticket. Great food, fantastic organization, and time for kayaking. The fourth Ardsley Team had New York Caledonians: George Austin, Nancy Clancy, Ken Krug, and Julie Krug.

PCC Bonsqueal 2014

Mike Spensieri



Bonsqueal champs: Mike, Matt, Jesse, and Nicole

While many clubs had packed it in for the season by mid-April there was still one event left on the calendar at the Plainfield Curling Club - the legendary Bonsqueal! It was a full field of 32 teams as well as a succulent pig roast for Saturday dinner to boot! Ardsley was represented by two teams there (with some of our friends from the Long Island Curling Club mixed in) and both can attest to what a great end of season party they throw down at Plainfield!

The Luckey rink (Karen Luckey, Lynn Salmon, Christine Buquichio and Adrienne Rondinelli) played some tough teams and ground out a 1-2 record. They also sported some fabulous circus themed costumes for the show on Saturday night! Meanwhile the Spensieri rink (Mike Spensieri, Matt Scheiner, Jesse Sneddon and Nicole Mikoleski) wound up going 5-0 and running the table to win the A event! There was no letup of good times or good curling at all that weekend and everybody involved had an absolutely glorious time!



Lucky rink in costume: curling sheet, clown fish, and big top

DUCK OF THE month



Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*)

This dabbling duck has a long thin neck with a white patch at the base of the head, much like the duck depicted in the Ardsley Curling Club emblem.

congratulations!



**Congratulations to
Jon & Kathryn Peter and Jeff & Amber Klein!
Both couples are expecting future little rockers.**

Show Me the Money!

Mike Spensieri



Team Gallegos (Matt Gallegos, Jordan Becker, Mike Spensieri and Joe Panella) got their season started off in fine fashion last weekend in Canada. They attended a 5-and-under cash-spiel on the OVCA COLTS circuit at the Royal Canadian Navy Club in Ottawa and came home with a nice cash prize! The team went 4-1 over the course of the weekend and won the C event. They even managed to get revenge on their 1 loss by beating that same team in the C final. The boys had a hell of a great time north of the border and look forward to returning for the next circuit event in Cornwall in November!

Upon returning stateside, the City of Yonkers lit up the City Hall clocktower that Tuesday evening (dark blue & light blue) in honor of team Gallegos success in Ottawa. Thanks Yonkers!



CZECH IT OUT

Late May found 32 international teams competing for the SAVONA CUP in Prague, including a team from Kazakhstan. Ardsley fielded 3 of the 4 teams from the USA. Beer was plentiful with time to soak in the suds at the nearby beer spa.

Teams from Ardsley were:

**Geoff & Pippa Broadhurst,
Jim McGinnis, Suki Miyamoto**

**James Weeks, Ina Obernesser,
Jan & Nicole Zahour**

**Matt & Sharon Gallegos,
Nick Beaton, Erin Durba**





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Level 1 Instructor Clinic

Jeff Lesuk

Sept 27, 2014 the USCA conducted a clinic at Ardsley which would begin the process for those attending to get officially certified as Level 1 instructors. To qualify for the Level 1, instructors, besides this course, will need to also complete a first aid course, and 5 hours of practical on ice instruction. Robin Gestring

was one of the USCA course conductors, and will be holding another in November at the Evergreen Curling Club in Portland, Oregon. Thanks to all our members who volunteered to help set-up prior, thanks to Andrew who saved us with his golf cart and thanks to course conductors Ed and Barb Klug from Plainfield Curling Club.

Fish Soup

Lynn Salmon

When Jeff Casper asked me to take over as editor of the club newsletter, I told him we'd need to change the name from Duck Soup to Fish Soup :-). In the month that I've spent in this new role, I have learned a great deal about the history of ACC and I am getting better acquainted with our current members. I need continued help from all of you to share stories and photos and give me feedback with ideas for what you would like to see included in future issues of this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who has provided me with material to start with.



IN MEMORIAM



Hon. Peter A. Peyser
(1921-2014)

Former mayor of Irvington and active member of the Ardsley Country Club died Oct 9. He is shown skipping his Ardsley Curling team at the Dykes Bonspiel January 13, 1967.

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League Roundup

Curling action began in most leagues during the week of October 6. It's not too late to join a new league or just show up for one of the drop-in leagues when you have room in your schedule. The brand new Saturday evening league is looking for more players! Most other leagues would welcome additional subs and some have spots to fill on existing teams. Contact the league chairpersons for more info.

The drop-in leagues are a great place for both new and experienced curlers to play a variety of positions. No regular commitment required. Teams vary each week based on curler availability. Current drop-in leagues open to anyone include: the new Saturday Night 7:30pm; Sunday Morning 10am; Sunday Evening 5pm; and Saturday Morning 9:30am.



LEARN TO CURL CLINICS

Judith Kelson

In March 2014, 78 new curlers participated in Learn to Curl. Many were inspired by (and some obsessed with) the extensive curling coverage at Sochi. As the 2014-15 season begins, 38 of the Sochi class have returned for a Learn to Curl refresher. The recent fall Open Houses encouraged an additional 19 new members to join.

We now have 213 current paid members of the club! Thanks to all the hard work by many, many volunteers at open houses and the learn to curl clinics, plus tireless instruction provided by Robin Gestring.



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