

# DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club  
www.ardsleycurling.com



## Ardsley Curling Club Renovation

On behalf of the Renovation Committee, Derek, Vinay, and Amy, we want to thank all 40 volunteers who worked tirelessly over the last four months to improve the warm room, changing area, and bathrooms. Projects like these are important to keep everyone excited about the curling club and shows how much we all care about the club and the image we project to our visitors. It would not have been possible without all of our volunteers! Because of their hard work and dedication we were able to finish on time and on budget!



As a small token of our appreciation the Committee will be sharing a patch, designed by our very own Joe Panella, with all the volunteers. We hope this will be a nice reminder of all your hard work over the summer of '21!!



**Thank you again to all our volunteers:**

Alan Peterson  
Alana Jacoby  
Amy Costantino  
Annie Goodwin  
Chris Banino  
Curt Pader  
Dan Tufaro  
Danny Casper  
Dave Schrull  
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Sara Barker  
Scott Druskin  
Steve Hess  
Tim Klein  
Tomer Poole-Dayn  
Travis Spokes  
Vinay Goenka  
Walter Michalski

# In Memoriam Marion Cowles

**January 29, 1936 - August 13, 2021**

Marion joined Ardsley Curling in 1982 and quickly became involved, helping to organize bonspiels, serving as league chair, and holding various offices with the Ardwick's over the next 35+ years.

Marion graduated from Midwood High School and the Fashion Institute of Technology. She was a proud New Yorker who loved a good pastrami on rye and read the New York Times religiously. In 1962, she married George Cowles.



Marion was one of 10 Ardsley ladies that sallied forth to Schenectady for the annual Empire State bonspiel in 1988.

USWCA All American 2016: Pauline Davies, Marion Cowles, Mary Lockhart, Chris Duncan



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## Opening Dinner Reception:

As a way of reconnecting, the curling club will be hosting a casual opening social/dinner on Friday, October 1, 2021 from 6-8 pm. There will be a food truck on the premises and a bartender at the bar. This will be a great opportunity to see your curling friends and admire the newly renovated club.

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**-- Joe Sablow**  
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Greetings all,

The start of the 2021–2022 curling season is just a few weeks away. If you haven't registered yet please do so. Many of you didn't curl last year, and I'm sure you are really looking forward to getting back out on the ice. The Covid Committee has been carefully monitoring, and will continue to monitor and revise our Covid rules when necessary. Our main goal is keeping the membership safe and having a fun curling season.

There has been lots of activity in the warm room and the downstairs. Much needed upgrades and improvements have been made. The renovation committee and all the volunteers have given new life to the club. We can't thank them enough and we can't wait to show it off to you.

We are heading in to the Olympic Cycle. This hopefully means an increased interest in curling. We will be hosting open houses , learn to curl classes, and corporate and private events. This means we will need lots and lots of volunteers to work the events. There is a real need to increase membership and our revenue stream. You will notice we have obtained some sponsorships. You will see their names in the ice, on the scoreboards, and on our web site. This is just the start of this program, we can always use more support.

Two of our younger members are making great strides in competitive curling. Danny Casper took gold in the USCA Junior Nationals and will be heading to the Junior Worlds. Andrew Stopera along with Madison Bear have qualified for the Olympic Trials in Mixed Doubles and with Team Ruohonen for the men's Olympic trails. Way to go!

I look forward seeing everyone again. Don't forget to come to the opening social/dinner on October 1. Come join us to celebrate the new season. Please RSVP to Pauline Davies at [pjrmdavies@gmail.com](mailto:pjrmdavies@gmail.com)

# Congratulations Danny Casper!

Our own Danny Casper skipped his rink to a perfect 10-0, earning a gold medal at the postponed 2021 Junior Nationals held in Chaska, MN August 9-14. This marks the third Ardsley junior curler in the last 7 years to earn gold at this prestigious event. Will Pryor's team won in 2015, and Andrew Stopera skipped three winning teams from 2017 to 2019.

The Casper rink is a mash up of other juniors that are currently part of USA Curling's junior program. Casper is privileged to skip Coleman Thurston at Lead (Poynette CC, WI), Vice Ethan Sampson (Lake Region CC, Devil's Lake, SD), Second Sam Strouse (Greater Midland CC, MI), and Fifth Marius Kleinas (Cape Cod Curling Club, Falmouth, MA). Their coach is Amy Hamden.



The Gold Medal team becomes Team USA and will compete at the World Championships held March 2022 in Jonkoping, Sweden against 9 other countries. They will also compete extensively together at several bonspiels this Fall, leading up to Worlds.

A lot went right for our young curler to rise to the top of the junior ranks. Danny got an early start accompanying his parents to Thursday night curling and sleeping on the big red couch. Our members made him feel comfortable immediately, but he was nervous about getting involved. It was then that Greg Poole-Daylan got him to try out the Junior Program at Ardsley. He met Andrew and Sere along with other juniors. He met Will Pryor and his mom, Barb Gabhart. It was Will and Barb who pushed him to attend his first curling camp at Mark Mooney's Bucks County summer camp. It was at this camp that Danny caught the bug and returned with the drive to do better the following season.

Will Pryor, and later Andrew Stopera, showed young Danny that it was possible to have success curling competitively. Upon Andrew winning extensively, it became a goal for Danny to win Juniors. Danny was once again blessed to have some great competitive curlers at Ardsley to practice with, and of course a huge assist from Bill Stopera, showing him the ropes.

All of us at Ardsley have memories of curling with and against Danny and we all had a part in helping him grow, and now we can all celebrate our third junior curling champion in the last seven years.



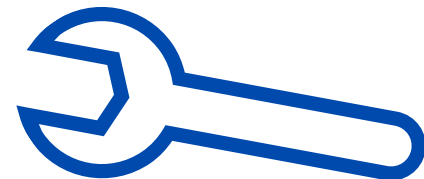
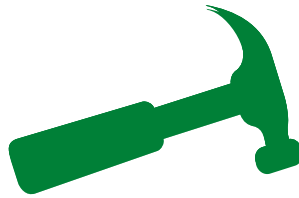
# Not one, but two Olympic Trials Coming Up this fall



Andrew Stopera and mixed doubles partner, Madison Bear won silver at the US Mixed Doubles Curling Championship this year. This earned them a spot at the Mixed Doubles Olympic Trials, October 25-31 at Great Park Ice and Five Point Arena.

Andrew, vice for team Ruuhonen. has also earned a berth at the Men's US Olympic trials coming up November 12-21 at Baxter Arena in Omaha.

## Finishing touches on the club renovation





# Duck of the Month

**Common merganser**  
(*Mergus merganser*)

These common winter visitors can be found up and down the Hudson River. This male and female pair arrived early to practice mixed doubles.



## League Roundup



2021-22 League Chairs and contact email

**Monday-Thorndike**

Ray Ullmer  
ullmer.raymond@gmail.com

**Tuesday-7pm Ladies**

Karen Luckey  
artbiz@optonline.net

**Tuesday-9pm Doubles**

Lynn & John Salmon  
lynn@thesalmons.org

**Wednesday-Mens**

Seth Altman  
sethaltman1973@gmail.com

**Thursday-10am**

TBD

**Thursday-Night**

Matt Rogala  
matticmath@gmail.com

**Friday-10am Romeos**

Bill Borowitz  
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**Friday-Night**

Jeff Greenberg  
jeffgreenberg@nyc.rr.com

**Saturday-9:30am**

Steve Hess  
hess@legalimages.com

**Saturday-4:30pm**

Mike Infranco  
fminf@optonline.net

**Sunday-10am**

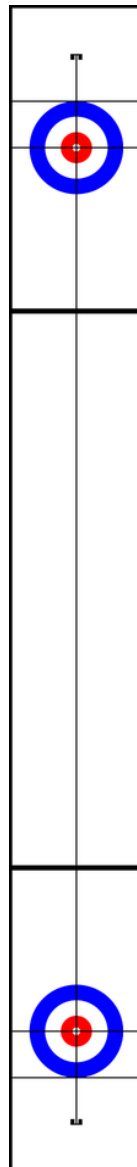
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**Sunday-Juniors**

Rich Goodwin  
rgoodwin@us.ibm.com

**Sunday-5:00pm**

Mike Knaggs  
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## NEW MEMBERS OF THE ACC BOARD:

I have been a member of the Club since 2013, and this is my first year on the Board. Away from the club, I head Institutional Equity Sales for North America geography for India's largest broker dealer. I saw curling for the first time in the 2010 Olympics and it was love at first sight! It still took me 3 years to muster the courage and attend an Open House. I am forever indebted to my instructor, Robin Gestring, for making sure I stuck around the game. Over the years I have received lots of support from the Club and I hope I will be able to live up to the expectations that come along with the new responsibility.



**-- Vinay Goenka**  
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**-- Mike Infranco**  
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I started curling at Ardsley 17 years ago when I retired from a career working for the City of New York in various positions including as a Deputy Commissioner.

For several years now I have run the Saturday Dinner League. Curling has meant a lot to me in my retirement. By joining the Board I hope to be able to give a little more back to the club and to the sport.

## 2021-2022 Registration is Open

On-line registration for the 2021-22 season is on the ACC Website. Please register as soon as possible to allow leagues to put together teams, hold drafts, and create schedules.

We are still looking for some help running Sunday mornings and a possible Women's league on Thursday morning. If you are interested, please contact the League Coordinator, [sethaltman1973@gmail.com](mailto:sethaltman1973@gmail.com)

Dues payment instructions are also on the website. Please note that paying by check or Zelle will save us on Paypal or credit card processing fees.

You can also deposit payments (for dues or donations) in the Mail Box on the wall in the Warm Room.

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