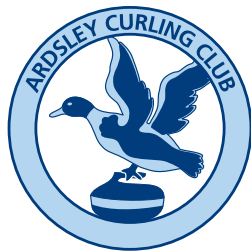




Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

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North Mountain Drive
Ardsley, NY 10502

calendar notes

Upcoming events:

Founders (open)
Plainfield Curling Club
Thur. Nov. 3 - Sun. Nov. 6

Potomac Juniors (juniors)
Potomac Curling Club
Fri. Nov. 4 - Sun. Nov. 6

Simply Curling (open)
Nashua Country Club
Fri. Nov. 4 - Sun. Nov. 6

Carosella (women's)
Schenectady Curling Club
Fri. Nov. 4 - Sun. Nov. 6

Ross Tarlton International (men's)
Canada
Thur. Nov. 10 - Sat. Nov. 12

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

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Kim Nawyn Takes Job with USA Curling

Jeff Casper & Terry Kolesar



Kim Nawyn, Growth & Development Manager, USA Curling

Former Ardsley curler and Ardsley Curling Club Board member Kim Nawyn has been hired as USA Curling's growth and development manager at the national office in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

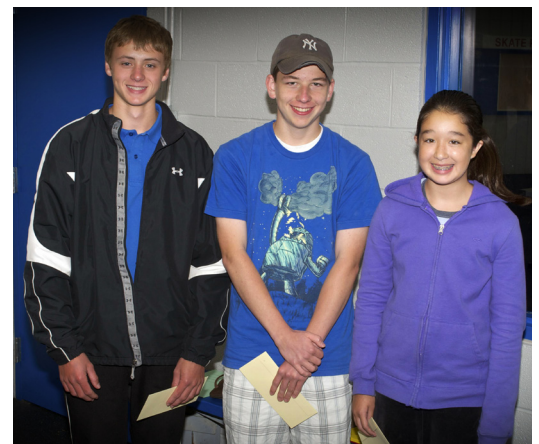
Kim relocated to Stevens Point in early October. As growth and development manager, Kim will be responsible for developing, implementing and servicing benefit programs for USA Curling members at all levels, from regions to clubs to individuals. These programs are the frontline efforts to demonstrate value to the members of the USCA. This position also leads and manages efforts to drive the growth of the sport nationally.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to work for USA Curling as part of the organization's commitment to the growth of the sport," Kim told The Curling News. "I look forward to learning from the experience of curlers around the country and partnering with them to incorporate these ideas into practice."

You can contact Kim and wish her well at kim.nawyn@usacurl.org.

Congratulations to Will Pryor

Our own Will Pryor received a Katie Beck Memorial Gift Certificate while attending Junior Curling Camp in Bucks County Curling Club last August. Will, pictured center, won the certificate awarded for "sportsmanship" and "coachability." The certificate honors Katie Beck, who was a 2002 World Junior Curling Champion as a second for Team USA. Cancer took her life shortly thereafter at 24 years old. There is a Katie Beck Memorial Award, given by the USCA to the best junior curler in the second position. The annual winner is posted on usacurl.org.



Will Pryor (center) represents ACC well

Open House and Learn to Curl



Adam Chebetar – “wax on, wax off”



Yushi Yang – “No falling on the ice, please”

Julie Everett and Bill Pekowitz are once again spearheading our open house and learn to curl initiatives this Fall. Thanks to their efforts and the many volunteers our membership and club training continue to be healthy. As of this publication date, Ardsley has 222 total members

and 204 who are active curlers. One important item to note is that we now have 22 curlers under 18 who are active. While we were not expecting to hit the record numbers generated after the Olympics our latest Open House still did its part to contribute to the Fall Learn to Curl program.

Bill's team continues to do good work transitioning new members into regular curlers. We have 11 active returning Learn To Curl members and nearly that many that are new LTC members this Fall. Thanks to all those volunteers who provided our newest curlers with a positive first impression.



Julie Everett and Laura Hill “Getting it done”



Mark Bussy – “Like This”

BOOSPIEL

Andy Eaton

It was a good start to the season, nice to see so many curlers involved and helping, and I think over 50 people participated in some way, the winning team was “Skoufis’ Chainsaw Massacre” who narrowly beat “Catie of the Corn.”

The winning team was Mike Shaloub, James Skoufis, Laura Hill and Doug Hill.

Summer Fun :)

Jeff Casper

The offseason as every year provides a few opportunities for curlers to catch a little extra ice time in the form of summerspiels and fun time in the form of the picnic and golf outing. The most popular Summer Spiel around is certainly Cape Cod. They annually hold a Ladies, Mixed, Men's, and Wheelchair Bonspiels throughout July. The men's event saw perennial favorite Austin Rink sail through the first few games before being upended late by eventual 1st Event Winner Canadian Club. Team Austin went on to victory in the 4th Event. George Austin, speaking on behalf of his team Peter Austin, Adam Chebetar, and Boston area curler Joe Parsons, lauded the consistently wonderful atmosphere provided by our friends at Cape Cod. He thanked them for this wonderful tradition that his family over the years has grown to enjoy so much. George's first order of business at Cape Cod however was to defend the title from the mixed spiel. This year's Caledonian entry once again

consisted of George, Nancy Clancy, and Julie Everett. Paul Sofoulis filled in for an injured John Dorff. Sadly, this years event saw the Caledonian rink fall prior to the final draws.

Some Ardsley members also hit the road to compete in the Green Bay Curling Clubs' Tailgating Open summer spiel. John Noble, Joyance Meechai and Dennis Mellerup made the trip along with teammate Mike Calcagno from Seattle. Together they finished out of the final draws but had a great time, particularly touring Lambeau Field (it does have that effect).

We also have an annual tradition of sending a team to Pittsburgh to participate in another party-themed spiel, the TropiCurl. Together the team of John Noble, Joyance Meechai, Jeff Klein, and Matt Gallegos performed admirably and made sure they had a good time.

Welcome back everyone to the 2011-12 curling season!

Our Volunteers are the Best

Pippa Broadhurst

Clean up day Was Saturday, September 24th. Because our volunteers came out in full force, we were done in two hours! So many of the group were new curlers, which was wonderful, but Geoff and I would like to thank everyone. They certainly proved the saying, "many hands make light work." Here is the list (in no particular order):

Joe Panella, Nathan Van Auken, Bob Kennedy, Tim Klein, Walter Baggett, Iveliesse (brand new curler, and I apologize for not

knowing your last name), Laurie Frees, Jan & Nicole Zahour, Mark & Julie Everett, Joe & Dolores Redding, Norm Laird, George Cowles, Adam Chebetar, Sue Bussy, James Murray, & Jim Holderman. There were at least four others whose names I never did get (again apologies). We zipped along and everyone was out by 11 am (some before). Thank you everyone for giving up your time on Saturday morning. I look forward to seeing you on the ice!



Summer Curling Club "Fixer-Uppers"

Pippa Broadhurst

Over the summer, Alison Bankes and Barbara Gabhart did a beautiful refurbishment of the ladies' room which desperately needed it. These "ministering angels" repainted the washroom, including the cabinet, towel rack and they dismembered a really ugly plastic cabinet above the toilet. They polished the lovely teak cabinet, recaulked the sink, and hung a really nice picture above the toilet (this picture has the insignias of several clubs). They purchased new door handles for the white cabinet and provided some new items to decorate the room. Barbara and Alison probably did other things in the room that I don't know about, so, please when you see them, thank them. P. S. Is the 'caulker' for hire?



Bunky Harmon with his wife Anne

Bunky Harmon Wins Award and is Ordered Back to Work

Geoff Broadhurst & Dick Macartney

Bunky Harmon's long service to the GNCC has been recognized. Congratulations Bunkie and Anne for their wonderful support to curling at Ardsley and to a distinguished record of service to the Grand National Curling Club.

At the Spring GNCC annual meeting President Carl Thomas cooked up a ruse to get long time GNCC Treasurer Howard "Bunkie" Harmon out of the room and the organization accorded a unanimous vote to recognize Howard Harmon a "Lifetime Member" of the GNCC. He and his wife Anne were called forward to receive the award and a beautiful bouquet as pictured below.

Shortly thereafter with election of officers for 2011-2012, Bunkie was reelected treasurer to start his second 25 years in the job - nice.

League Report

Tom Doherty, head league runner, reports that the Saturday 7:30pm drop in league can use more curlers. All other leagues can use subs. Included the league chairpersons for all the leagues.

Sunday AM League

Matt Scheiner - matthewscheiner@gmail.com

Sunday Junior/Little Rockers League

Greg Poole-Dayan - greg@poole-dayan.com

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Sunday PM League

Sharon Gallegos - sharongallegos@gmail.com

Matt Gallegos - mexican.matt@gmail.com

Monday PM Competitive League

Bill Stopera - bstopera@pgmgroup.com

Tuesday PM Women's League

Nancy Clancy - curlnancy@aol.com

Wednesday PM Men's league

Peter Austin - paustin@rosenthalinc.com

Thursday AM Women's league

Louise Corry - wezie125@aol.com

Thursday AM Women's League

Ann Macmillan (amacmillan46@netzero.net)

Thursday PM league

Robert Kennedy - rsk@springmail.com

Friday AM Men's League (Romeo's)

Bunkie Harmon - aehh@msn.com

Friday PM Mixed League

Robin Gestring - jeffnrob1@juno.com

Saturday AM League

Steve Hess - hess@legalimages.com

Saturday 4:30 PM League

George Cowles - geocowles@aol.com

Saturday 7:30 pm League

Lynn Salmon - lynn@thesalmons.org

"The Boss" Debuts at Ardsley Curling Club

Jeff Casper

Apologies to Bruce Springsteen, but ACC now has its own Boss. Our more observant curlers will have noticed that we have traded in our old ice scraper for a top of the line model. The Board approved the purchase of a new scraper, called "The Boss", for Dave Schrull and the Ice Committee to recognize their major contribution to our club and help them do their job. This is the same model used for all major championship ice making. Fred Veale from Canada Curling Stone delivered the machine a few weeks ago and trained Dave and a few other curlers on its use. With its hydraulic controls and smooth gliding action, it looks and sounds like one tough machine. By the way, Fred also checked our rocks and found no problems.

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