



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

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"All the News That Fits"



Greetings from the Board

Jeff Casper

Hello everybody and welcome to the 2013-14 curling season at the Ardsley Curling Club! The Board of Directors has been busy. Since last spring a number of changes have taken place:

We have a new dehumidifier. Look up over the far side of sheet B and you will see the new dehumidifier successfully installed by Jeff Paul. This is the end product of a long process. Ed Andrews, through the Board of Directors, has managed this long and winding project to fruition and should be congratulated on completion. Jeff Paul worked long and hard to get the install done, and many others assisted with developing plans, getting approvals, and the like. This was a major financial undertaking by our club, and we look forward to improved curling conditions.

Martin Sather is the new Ice Man. Taking over for Dave Schrull, Martin and his Ice Committee worked through the first install. Thanks to a seasoned committee, assists from prior ice men, and Martin's own diligence the process is seamless for the rest of us. A short note from Martin follows below.

Our Website continues to improve. Mark and Julie Everett have put in lots of time maximizing its impact. You can now pay dues, schedule practice time, find and sign up for subs, catch up on new events, sign up for spiels, and read

up on our past. It looks great, too! Please make sure you are leveraging the website to its full capacity.

Our club has decided to follow the lead of many other clubs by selling ad space at the club. A brochure describing the program has been forwarded to you. Money earned from this effort will be used to keep dues down. We encourage you to approach your favorite local businesses and help them become involved in our sport. Any questions, please contact Jeff Casper.

We have new curling supplies for sale. In addition to apparel items, we have replenished our stock of curling supplies thanks to the efforts of Gert Messing. You'll find items in the glass casing for your review.

The Board also would like to remind everyone that the Country Club's dining room is open to all curlers to use during curling season. The food is excellent, and it is a nice night (or day) out for you, friends, and family. Let's take advantage of this benefit.

This is an Olympic year for our club. As such, we should expect interest to spike. Please make sure you are available to volunteer at every opportunity. This is a particularly important year to stay close!



**North Mountain Drive
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY 10502**

calendar notes

Upcoming events:

**Ardsley Turkey Trot
Friday Nov. 29 – Sunday Dec. 1**

**U.S. Olympic Trials
on NBC Television
Friday Nov. 15 - Sunday Nov. 17**

**Achilles Invitational (men's)
Thurs. Nov. 14 - Sat. Nov. 16
Schenectady Curling Club**

**USWCA Senior Bonspiel
(women's)
Grand Rapids, MN
Wed. Nov. 20 - Sun. Nov. 24**

**Harvest (mixed)
Philadelphia Curling Club
Thurs. Nov. 21 - Sun. Nov. 24**

**Broomstones Juniors (junior's)
Broomstones Curling Club
Fri. Nov. 22 - Sun. Nov. 24**

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

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A MESSAGE FROM NEW ICE MAN MARTIN SATHER ★ SET-UP THANKS!

Martin Sather

This year I have the pleasure of taking the reins as head ice man for the first time. The ice crew volunteers came together and did an incredible job helping with the install and made this year a smooth transition. Thanks to Tom Doherty, Gert Messing, Jordan Becker, Tim Klein, Jon Peter, Joe Panella, Melissa Dominguez, Dave Wagenheim, Ed Andrews, Matt & Sharon Gallegos, John & Lynn Salmon, John Dorff, and anyone else I may have missed! My own curling schedule forced

me to be absent for parts of the install, but I was lucky to have Jeff Klein and Dave Schrull to pick up the slack and keep the process moving along. Huge Thanks to you guys! Another special acknowledgement to Jeff Paul who worked tirelessly on the new dehumidifier system and keeps all our machinery running smoothly. Good curling to everyone this year and I look forward to making Ardsley the best ice in the east!

TEAM USA CURLING

This Month: U.S. Olympic Curling Trials

Please cheer on fellow club members Bill Stopera and Martin Sather along with Heath McCormick, and Dean Gemmell as they compete in the Men's Curling Olympic Trials in Fargo, ND.

NBCSN COVERAGE OF THE U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS

Date - Time (EST)	Game
Fri., Nov. 15 - 3:30 p.m.	Men's & Women's Curling Trials - Match 1
Sat., Nov. 16 - 3:30 p.m.	Men's Curling Trials - Match 2
Sat., Nov. 16 - 8 p.m.	Women's Curling Trials - Match 2
Sun., Nov. 17 - Noon	Men's Curling Trials - Match 3* Women's Curling Trials - Match 3*

*If no Match 3, Match 2 from Saturday will re-air

In addition, USA Curling, in partnership with the U.S. Olympic Committee and the 12th End Sports Network, will produce a live webstream of the round robin and any tiebreaker games, which will stream at www.usacurl.org.

NBCSN will provide 15 hours of Trials coverage of the curling finals from Fargo, N.D. Coverage begins on Friday, November 15 at 3:30 p.m. ET with Match 1 of both men's and women's Trials. Coverage of Match 2 of the men's Trials on NBCSN on Saturday, November 16 will start at 3:30 p.m. ET, followed by Match 2 of the women's Trials from 8-11 p.m. ET. Match 3 of both Trials, if necessary, will air on Sunday, November 17 starting at noon. The U.S. men's curling team will have to qualify for the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics following the Trials.



ARDSLEY ON THE ROAD

Iceland's Akureyri Cup

Matt Scheiner



The Ardsley Curling Club sent two teams to the Akureyri Ice Cup in Akureyri, Iceland on May 2nd-4th, 2013. The two teams were the Fish Tacos, consisting of skip Matt Gallegos, vice John Salmon, second Sharon Gallegos, and lead Lynn Salmon and the NY Rock-ettes, consisting of skip Matt Scheiner, vice Erin Durba, second Will Pryor and lead Barbara Gabhart. Going into the last day, the NY Rock-ettes found themselves at the top of the standings with a 3-0 record, which were determined by the Schenkel system. Coming off a tough loss to a very talented Danish-led team on Saturday morning, the two Ardsley teams ultimately met each other in the bronze medal match. Congratulations go to the Fish Tacos for bringing home the bronze!

In addition to attending a very fun and unique bonspiel, they had the opportunity to explore the beautiful country of Iceland.

They experienced some of the local delicacies including rotten shark meat, whale meat and blubber, dried cod fish, sheep's testicles, reindeer, and Brennivin (a liquor nicknamed "Black Death"). The countryside is littered with photogenic locations, such as waterfalls, rivers, mountains, geysers, and glaciers. None of this was able to outshine the lovely hospitality of the Icelandic people, though. In addition to the fact that they all spoke fluent English, they were so welcoming and happy to have foreigners who were interested in their country.

This was a unique and exciting bonspiel. All the participants recommend that you put a team together for next year's Akureyri Ice Cup!





Gallegos Rink at Ottawa Cashspiel

Mike Spensieri

Matt Gallegos and his men's 5-and-under team (Jordan Becker, Joe Panella, and Mike Spensieri) got the curling season started off in style by heading to Ottawa for a 5-and under cashspiel. They packed a ton of exciting experiences into their weekend. From crashing at the house of Canadian legend Earle Morris, to wearing game-worn John Morris jerseys during their matches (Earle Morris-inspired PSYOPs!) to getting to meet Rachel Homan's current women's team Canada rink, they got quite a lot done during their two and a half days there.

On the ice they hit the ground running, arriving in form and dispatching their first opponent by a wide margin. Beyond that however, they lost a close one to the team that would go on to win the A event and then an even closer one in their final match to finish the weekend 1-2. A great time was had by all and the whole trip was a thoroughly unforgettable experience!



Nancy Clancy & John Dorff Home and Abroad!

Nancy Clancy



In August, a limping Nancy Clancy curled in the Grits 'n Granite Bonspiel in Charlotte, NC, the home club of Lindsey McKee's parents, Carol and Steve. When Lindsey had to bail, Carol got three great guys to curl with Nancy. BJ Checket from Charlotte, Tony Jacobs from Coastal Carolina, and Stephen Martin, an American teaching in British Columbia were willing to wear the team shirts provided by Nancy. Southern hospitality, curling camaraderie, and a pub crawl of Charlotte – not to be missed!

Messing Rink Takes Blazing Leaves Gold

Matt Scheiner



It was a fairly tight game. Messing took 2 in the first and then Fry made a nice draw to count 1 in the second. Messing followed with another 2 and Fry countered with a single in the fourth. Messing got one in the fifth but gave back a deuce in the sixth, so they were up 5-4 with hammer and scored 2 in the seventh. They were up 7-4 without the hammer playing the eighth and ran Fry out of rocks. Fry really had good draw weight and Gert made some nice finesse shots. Congratulations, Gert, Dennis, Dannie and Bill.

The Ardsley Curling Club sent two teams to the Blazing Leaves Bonspiel at the Nutmeg Curling Club in Bridgeport, CT on October 10-14, 2013. The two teams were the Messing Rink, consisting of skip Gert Messing, vice Dennis Mellerup, second Dannie Steski (of the Long Island Curling Club), and lead Bill Peskoff (of the Plainfield Curling Club) and the Scheiner Rink, consisting of skip Matt Scheiner, vice Barbara Gabhart, second Mike Spensieri and lead Nicole Mikoleski. The Messing Rink took home the first event gold, taking down a tough rink led by Michael Fry of the Potomac Curling Club.

Not to be outdone by Messing's performance on the ice, two members of the Scheiner rink (Barbara Gabhart and Matt Scheiner) teamed up off the ice to win the Play-Doh sculpture contest with their interpretation of a "Curl-a-copia"!



BOOSPIEL 2013

Thanks to 2012-2013 Rookie-of-the-Year Nick Beaton for organizing this year's October Boospiel! As usual it was spooky fun, and a ghoulishly good time.



First Event Winner:

"Skeleton Crew"

Matt Gallegos (s), Sharon Gallegos, Jan Zahour, Nicole Zahour

First Event Runner Up:

"IT"

Andy Eaton (s), Leeza Furman, Leslie Eaton, Ivy Hornyak



Second Event Winner:

"The Monster In The Closet"

Ken Hsu (s), Barry Rosenbloom, Sylvie Rosenbloom, Mathew Rosenbloom

Second Event Runner Up:

"Salem's Lot"

Dave Schrull (s), Susan Lapham, Nick Beaton, Jen Stein



Third Event Winner:

"The Rock And Roll Dead Zone"

Jim McGuinness (s), Jim Duke, Suki Miyamoto, Bob Kennedy, Dolores Redding

Third Event Runner Up:

"The Shining"

Jeff Lesuk (s), Jim Infranco, Curt Pader, Jim Borgia



Former Editor's Note

Jeff Casper

Starting with this issue, Ray Ullmer is your new editor. Compared to past editors my time in this role is short, but I have to pay attention to our marketing committee now and next year begins my two year turn as president. I didn't feel I could perform this role as well as I would like moving forward. Ray is ready to make the issue better than before, and Joe Panella is still in charge of design. With your continued support, Ray will undoubtedly succeed.

It is with regret that I have to move off of this role because I have enjoyed writing and editing for you all these last 4 or 5 years. I

knew I would. I knew that doing this would bring me closer to the club, and it has been my goal to see that the newsletter does everything it can to bring you closer as well. My thanks go to Jeff Lesuk for handing me this role, and to Joe Panella for bailing me out of jams at, well, just about every issue. Thanks Joe for telling me my newsletter sucked and for backing it up. Also, thanks to all of the contributors, too many to name here, for your articles, pictures, and criticisms. It's all good.

So, please help out Ray and forgive him as you have done for me the occasional lapses in grammar and spelling. Ray, it's actually a fun job. I promise.

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