

# DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club  
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## Volunteer of the Year Nominations



Please nominate your choice with a short explanation by email to Jim Duke:

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It's time for the annual Volunteer of the Year Nominations! One of the most important awards given out by the curling club. This award recognizes someone at the club who's gone above and beyond – whose efforts have had a significant impact on the club community -- someone always willing to step up whenever needed -- often without being asked. The winners names are engraved on the Jesse Wang memorial plaque hanging prominently in the warm room.

Past winners include: Geoff Broadhurst, Alison Bankes, David Schrull, Bob Kennedy, Julie Everett, Curt Pader, Matt Scheiner, Joe Sablow, Jim Borgia, Tim Klein, Derek Kayser, Travis Spokes, Victoria Vron, and Jeff Greenberg.

Make your nominations for the person or persons you feel deserve this honor. The final decision will be made by the "Ice House Committee" under the leadership of Bill Borowitz and awarded at the club closing dinner on May 9



# Juniors make strong showing at ACC



The 2025 Ardsley Junior Bonspiel, April 4-6, included 10 teams representing Broomstones, Peachtree, Cape Cod, Plainfield Potomac, Delaware, Philadelphia, Bucks County, Utica, Nutmeg, and Ardsley. Juniors raging in age from 11-19, including kids with months of experience to a decade, had an opportunity to compete against each other in a 'spiel that saw many games decided on the last rock.

This year's overall winning team consisted of a trio of boys from Cape Cod (Team Gartner) who defeated 2-time defending winners from Broomstones/Peachtree/Ardsley/Cape Cod (Team Konitzer)

This year's bonspiel included a Saturday night skills competition for all participants and ice cream sundae bar. Juniors walked away from ACC with heavy pockets with medals for all events, 'spiel patches, and trophies for the winners of the A event and skills competition.

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# Junior Bonspiel Event Finals:

**A Event Winner:** Cape Cod - Silas Gartner, Nathan Gartner, and Will Thrasher

**A Event Runner-up:** Ardsley/Broomstones/Peachtree/Cape Cod - Dillan Konitzer, Emma Betteridge, Maggie Fitzgerald, and Rachel Barbagallo

**B Event Winner:** Ardsley/Bucks - Jessica Lassoﬀ, Aanya Goenka, Jon Lassoﬀ

**B Event Runner-up:** Ardsley - Kavi Manchanda, Julian Sethna, Will Knickerbocker, Jonah Sethna

**C Event Winner:** Ardsley/Nutmeg - Nate Burris, Alex Aulet, Maddox Merizalde, Emma Tufaro

**C Event Runner-up:** Philadelphia Curling Club - Team Cooney

**D Event Winner:** Plainfield/Potomac/Philadelphia/Diamond State - Team Lapert

**D Event Runner-up:** Utica Curling Club - Team Stone

**E Event Winner:** Ardsley - Haley Druskin, Sabrina McMullen, Larissa Druskin, Cassie Banino

**E Event Runner-up:** Ardsley - Josh Benalt, Cooper Spokes, Oliver Spokes, Lily Kornfeind



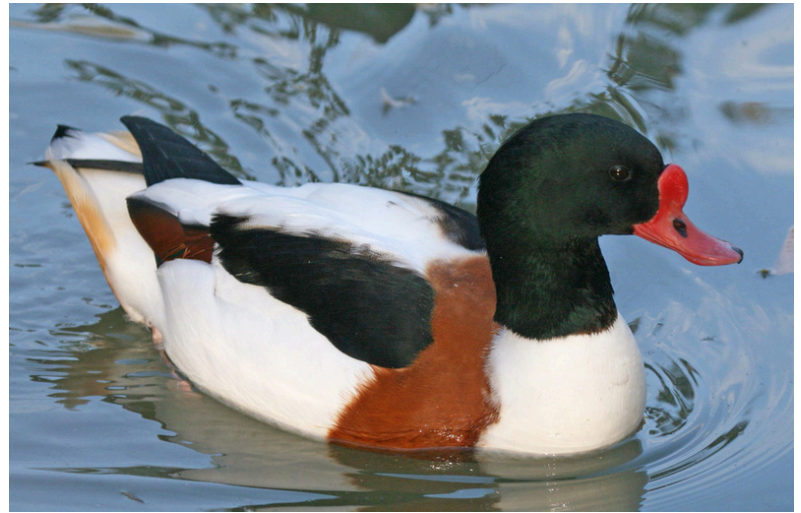
Special thanks to all the named and unnamed volunteers and contributors who helped make this event a big success, including those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes on the ice and meals over the weekend!! Thank you to Jim Bilodeau and Bob Welch (and team) for prepping great ice. Thank you to Jon Shuster, Travis Spokes, Jonathan Leung, and Jeff Greenberg for facilitating our audio and video systems. Thank you to Joe Panella and Dan Gerlach for artwork and scheduling guidance. Thank you to the Casper, Rosenbloom, and Stopera families for their ongoing support of the Ardsley Junior Bonspiel this year. The bonspiel would not be what it was without all of you! Kudos to Dan Tufaro & Scott Druskin - great job!



# Duck of the Month

## Common Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)

These striking, goose-like ducks are widespread around the Scottish coast where they could be found cheering for Team Mouat at Men's Worlds.



## Buffleheads Rock

The "Ardsley Buffleheads" got 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 32 teams down at the Rocket City Space Race 5U bonspiel April 4-6. Lead: Miles Luo, Second: Kellen McNally, Vice: Kevin Gallant, and Skip: Chase Hodgdon.



## GNCC Open

Congratulations to the three Ardsley teams who made it to the Sunday event finals at the GNCC Open Championship held at Nutmeg Curling Club, Feb 28 - Mar 2. Ardsley had a team on every sheet in the finals including Team Banino, Team Gallegos (see pic on page 5), and Team Tufaro.





# League Roundup



## Monday - Competitive

This was the first season the Monday competitive league was renamed in honor of George Austin. Twelve teams competed over twenty-one weeks. Team Gallegos finished in first with a 17-3-1 record.

Coming in second and third were Team Stopera (Bill Stopera, Martin Sather, Peter Austin, George Austin, Seré Politano) and Team Tufaro (Dan Tufaro, Jeff Klein, Joe Panella, Dave Wagenheim, John Lusardi).



**Gold:** Erin Durba, Sharon Gallegos, Keith Wisbauer, and Matt Gallegos



## Wednesday - Men

Team Kasprovicz (Colin, Vinay, Robert, and Tom) took Silver this year in the Wednesday night Wells.

This year had 9 teams including the Gold Medal winners: Team Courts. Rounding out the competition were teams skipped by Scott Druskin, Bob Welch, Frank Buquicchio, Tom Daly, Mike Horowitz, Jim Bilodeau, and Joe Hodgkinson.





# The All American

This year's All American in-house bonspiel was held on March 10 and March 17. It had 6 teams participate



## Gold Medal:

Alice Yeh,  
Diane Borgia,  
Christin Keegan,  
Julia Fu, and  
Amy Glanzer



## Silver Medal:

Alison Merkel,  
Julie Everett,  
Nora Mongardi,  
Katharine Ashworth,  
Erin Durba





# Big Apple 2025

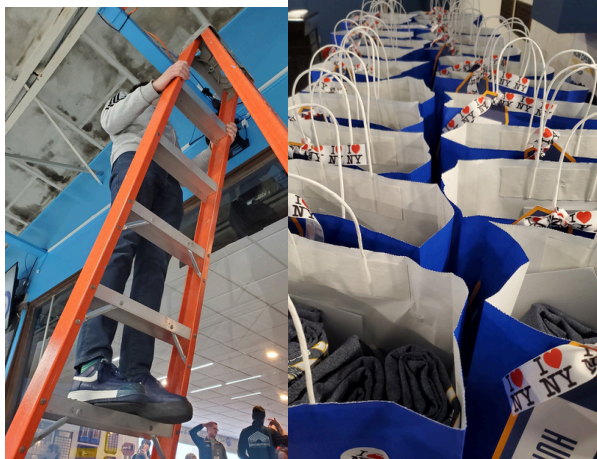
Known for its high level of competition, fantastic camaraderie, and vibrant energy, the Big Apple Bonspiel was held once again, March 20-23.

A Event Winners: Brooklyn Lakeside (Clouser)

B Event Winners: Charlotte Curling (Klein)

C Event Winners: Long Island Curling Club (Hecken)

D Event Winners: Ardsley Curling Club (Tufaro)



It takes a club, and maybe a village, to make sure a bonspiel runs smoothly. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made the Big Apple such a success! Special shout outs to the bonspiel committee led by Amy, Ryan, Diane, Judith and others, the kitchen people, the ice crew, host Holly for trivia night, plus unforgettable commentary from Erin and Holly on Saturday night – we need to know what are you wearing.

**Save the Date:**

Ardsley Closing Dinner  
Friday, May 9

Clean-up Day, May 10, 9am  
Annual Meeting, May 10, 11:30am

## Post Season Ice

Members can book ice time after the Pull-the-plug for a suggested donation of \$75 per hour per sheet or unlimited use for a suggested donation of \$500. This will help off-set the cost of keeping the compressor and ice equipment on for an additional 12 days.

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