



DUCK SOUP

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SMRA loved trying to curl!

ACC hosted one of its corporate sponsors for a team building event on January 9. Saw Mill River Audubon board members had a great time, and all agree that curling is harder than it looks.

We have more events, open houses, and learn-to-curls slated for the rest of the season. Volunteers for these are essential. Please contact Travis Spokes and help out your club.



Upcoming Events:

March 12:

March with ACC in the White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade.
 Ask Seth Altman for details.



April 3:

Nutty Duck friendly bonspiel at Nutmeg this year - room for 12-24 players for the two sets of games.

April 24:

ACC Annual Meeting in the warm room 3-4:30pm following the Pull-the-Plug.



Skins Game Action

After a full 8-end game the two teams ended up tying. With \$200 wagered the game came down to skip rocks with ACC President Joe Sablow coming within 6" of the button.

Wine provided by Tim Klein capped a fun night.



Golden Handle at Nutmeg



Jan 7-9: Congrats to A Event Finalists: Matt Gallegos, Sharon Gallegos, Dmitriy Ryback, and Erin Durba at Nutmeg's Golden Handle. Matt also earned his 10-year patch. This had been Matt's very first bonspiel!

B event Finalists: Colin Kasprovicz, Liz Harmon, Tim Klein, and Nora Mongardi.

Empire State at Rochester

Two Ardsley teams went to this year's Empire State.
1- Nancy Clancy, Julie Everett, Gudrun Sablow, and Susan Lapham (now curling in Detroit).
2 - Karen Luckey, Amy Costantino, Amber Wills, and Judith Kelson.

Team Clancy got to the A Event Finals and came away with the runner-up Silver Thistle Trophy.



SOB: Schenectady Open Bonspiel



Two teams containing Ardsley members made their way to the Schenectady Open Bonspiel, Jan 27-30. Matt Scheiner, Nick Beaton, Jeff Greenberg, and Joe Panella competed as team "The Rolling Stones", and our very own Duck Soup Editor-in-Chief, Lynn Salmon, played with a team from Albany skipped by her former Club National's teammate and Ardsley member, Chrissy Hall. The highlight of the weekend was the way in which The Rolling Stone team secured their 4th event win. As it turns out, their opponent went to an indoor lacrosse game in downtown Albany on Saturday night, and their car was secured inside of a locked parking garage with all of their curling gear inside it. While the final was scheduled to begin at 12:30pm on Sunday, the garage didn't open until later that afternoon, meaning that the team from Charlotte was left with no choice but to forfeit. Not how we wanted to win, but happy to get home early and start shoveling ourselves out after the snow storm! Good curling to all participants.

News 12

News 12's Greg Thompson went looking for the answer of what exactly is curling and found some local experts at ACC on Feb 8.



Duck of the Month

Greater or Lesser Scaup

(Aythya marilla/affinis)

These diving ducks got their name from feeding on scalp - the Scottish word for clams, oysters, and mussels. When not eating, they enjoy the Scottish game of curling.



Note to fellow club members

-- *Jeff Casper*

I'm writing to ask you a simple yet meaningful favor. Thank your board members. These past few years have been a real challenge, and our board has risen to the occasion. They've shown real leadership, cooperation, organization, and the ability to get things moving forward. We all know what has been accomplished. First, a new lease with the country club. Second, a near flawless pathway through the depths of COVID-19 when just about everyone else threw in the towel. Third, a renovation of our club over the summer. That's just the top line.

Simply put, our Board is crushing it! I think you know this. I see and hear hope and optimism. I see a renewed spirit to put in meaningful work to better our club and by extension our community. I see more people committing their time feeling satisfied that they are making a difference.

We know there is more work to be done, but we cannot deny the positive momentum. This starts at the top. I urge you to find your board members and thank them, volunteer, and remind them that their hard work is noticed. Good curling. I'll see you on the "volunteer circuit."

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ARCHIE BRUCE BONSPIEL 2022

Ardsley vs Cape Cod

-- **Geoff Broadhurst**

The Archie Bruce Bonspiel honors ARCHIE who gave so much to keep St. Andrew's and Cape Cod curling clubs alive. He was also known as a wonderful entertainer. Most of us have enjoyed videos of Archie entertaining us.

My wife, Pippa and I met Archie and Shirley Bruce when they joined St. Andrew's CC in 1973. They retired to Falmouth MA in 1997.

Curling was good at St. Andrew's until 1984 when Jack Nicklaus bought St. Andrew's and planned to upgrade this oldest golf course in the USA and build luxury condos around the course. Jack asked the curling club to shut down temporarily during construction, but after 2 years of problems with the NY construction unions, Jack Nicklaus decided to exit his St. Andrew's project and St. Andrew's directors decided not to allow the curlers back into their rink for reasons unknown to me.

Archie and his best curling pal, Don McKay, formed a task force to build a new curling rink somewhere in Westchester County NY. I was glad to be an active member of the committee. We met often at Don's house and searched and lobbied for a new site for curling for three years without success. Eventually St. Andrew's curling members gave up hope and assimilated into Ardsley and integrated their famous Douglas men's bonspiel into the Ardsley bonspiel schedule along with other St. Andrew's curling traditions. Don created the Archie Bruce Bonspiel which alternates between our clubs.



This year, 2022, the club winner was Cape Cod CC with a stone score of 49 to 20. The team that had the biggest margin of 16 stones was Russ Lemcke, Phil Bruce, Gabe Bruce and George Bagley. Despite COVID, Ardsley participants were Jim McGinnis, Tim Klein, Chase Hodgdon, and Suki Miyamoto plus James Weeks, Jim Borgia, Ina Obernesser, and Diane Borgia. Liz Abeltin managed the spiel very well. Cape Cod opponents totaled 16 fine curlers.

-- **Russ Lemcke**

Cape Cod CC was in difficult shape when Archie and Shirley arrived and he was immediately asked by our founder, Dave Dewees, to take over, which he did. His charm and positive attitude quickly kicked in. The club had 35 members in 1998, but within a very short period, we expanded dramatically. We did some things which the conservative board considered out of order, but we survived and as a result, began growth programs which continue today.

New Ardsley Swag

Check out the new Ardsley items for sale at the club along with an assortment of curling supplies in the display cases.

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| Scarf: \$20 |
| T-shirts: \$20 |
| Shot Glasses: \$10 |
| Car magnets: \$10 |
| Pins: \$5 |
| Stickers: \$2 |

Big Apple

The upcoming Big Apple is sold out!!! We will host teams from 16 different clubs and 4 different countries. Please leave raffle items downstairs and talk to Vinay about helping out with the 'spiel.



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