



DUCK SOUP



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Gold, Silver and the Kaytaro Sugahara Cup

Call it fate, destiny, or a Cinderella story for the Gold/Silver matchup at the first National Championship held after USA Curling commissioned former Ardsley president, Derek Kayser, to rebuild the Men's National Championship trophy. The new trophy was renamed the Kaytaro Sugahara Cup after long time Ardsley member Kay Sugahara in honor of his lifetime contributions to the sport of curling not only in the United States, but world wide. Kay was a key proponent in getting curling reinstated as an Olympic event in Nagano in 1998. It was magical that the first ever Kaytaro Sugahara Cup was won by an Ardsley curler.



Kay and Derek with the Trophy

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Gold and Silver

Danny and Andrew both grew up in the same town in Westchester County, both grew up curling at Ardsley Curling Club, and both are now two of America's best curlers. Danny Casper is the Skip of Team Casper, while Andrew Stopera plays second for Team Dropkin. They finished in first and second place at the 2025 U.S. National Championship with team Dropkin winning the Gold and Team Casper winning the Silver in a nail biter of a game that took an extra end to decide.



Danny Casper, Kay Sugahara, Andrew Stopera

As with everything both do during the season, our membership was watching and following online, talking about it at the club during broomstacking, and through group chats.

To say that we're proud of both teams is a huge understatement. A lot of members have seen Andrew and Danny grow up in front of their eyes, from starting out in juniors to competing against them in league play and now in their current forms. There's a sense of pride whenever either Andrew or Danny do well on a national or world level.



Save the Date:

Big Apple: Mar 20-23
Pull the Plug : Apr 11-13

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM COREY LANGLEY

October 10, 1938 - January 15, 2025

In keeping with his engaging nature, Bill had an active retirement. Together with his wife Pat, he travelled widely, volunteered at, and supported several local charities. He dedicated tremendous amounts of time to FISH of Stamford, ensuring that people without transportation reached their medical appointments.

Later in life, Bill grew to love bocce and curling. He would gather with friends at the Ardsley Curling Club or Scalzi Park to enjoy a quick game, lunch, and good company. Bill was also an avid Mets and N.Y. Giants fan, loved reading history, and enjoyed occasional trips to battlefields.



Curling at the Archie Bruce



Two Bill Langley's at the Archie Bruce in 2011.



Stockton at TCC

New York Caledonian CC, skipped by George Austin curling with the three Secor brothers (Dave, Peter, and John) from Broomstones CC, won the 2nd Event, the Clyde Park Medal, at the 104th Stockton at The Country Club in Brookline, MA in early February.



They lost their first match to the eventual 1st Event Champion, Glenmore CC from Montreal but went on to win their next four matches, upsetting the favored USCA Team in the 2nd Event Final, 7 to 4 in 10 ends --- The USCA Team was comprised of Mike Farbelow (reigning Senior Men's National Champion skip), Ken Starkey, Dean Gemmell (CEO of USCA and 2012 Men's National Champion with Bill Stopera and Martin Sather), and Jeff Annis (George's 2001 Scots Tour teammate). John Secor's son Ben will curl in the USCA College National Championships in early March, representing Bowdoin College, where he is a Senior.





Duck of the Month

Red Shoveler
(Spatula platalea)

This dabbling duck is native to South America and can be found in Tierra del Fuego. Despite its name, this guy prefers curling with the yellow rocks!

Empire State

Diane Borgia, Katie Hodgdon, Ina Obernesser, Judith Kelson, Susan Lapham, Alison Merkel, Julie Everett, Amy Costantino



Two Ardsley teams: Beauty School Dropouts and MacAttack (named for Jean MacIntosh). competed at the 70th Empire State Bonspiel in Schenectady, January 16-19, 2025.

The MacAttack team continued to Sunday and won the "C" event final.

The highlight of the weekend for both Ardsley teams was on Saturday afternoon when the draw found the Ardsley ladies competing against one another. We dropped our brooms for a five-minute stop in play after the 4th end and proceeded to the bar to conduct some broomstacking where we toasted Jean MacIntosh and Nancy Clancy.



Andrew Stopera, along with his mixed doubles partner Sarah Anderson won the silver medal in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Mixed Doubles. Streamed on Peacock this month.



Men's and Women's Olympic Curling Team Trials will be held this Fall in Sioux Falls, SD, Nov 11-16.

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