

DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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Everything You Need to Know About Curling for the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Once the Winter Olympics gets underway in PyeongChang, CNBC will go from picking stocks to sweeping rocks. Mixed-doubles curling will debut with round robin games beginning Feb. 8 and the gold medal match on Feb. 13. Men's and women's competition will follow ending with gold medal matches on Feb. 24-25.

As Olympic fever heats up, our club is enjoying increased interest from the news media including:



Martin Sather makes it sound easy. - Time.com

- Martin Sather gave Time.com the low down for a Jan 12 feature.
- ABC Eyewitness News sports anchor, Ryan Field made a field trip to Ardsley on the Jan 25 broadcast.

Ardsley will be hosting a series of open houses and continued curling samplers during the remainder of the season. Volunteers are needed!!! For more details visit: www.ardsleycurling.com



Tim Struby (2nd from left), host of NBC's official Olympic podcast, "The Podium," visited Ardsley in January.

Experience the Olympic Sport of Curling!
You've seen it on TV, now try it for yourself!

**ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB
OPEN HOUSE**

Spend 30 minutes on the ice with an experienced instructor learning the basics of the game.
No experience necessary
\$20 per person ages 12 & up

Saturday February 17, 2018 @ 11-3 PM
Sunday February 18, 2018 @ 12-3 & 5-8 PM
Tuesday February 20, 2018 @ 7-9 PM
Wednesday February 21, 2018 @ 7-9 PM
Monday February 26, 2018 @ 7-9 PM

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UPCOMING:

Feb 17-26

Open Houses

Feb 22-25

McKay-Douglas

Feb 27

USWCA All American begins

WHO IS DOUGLAS IN THE MCKAY-DOUGLAS BONSPIEL?

-- Geoffrey Broadhurst

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB 1937 WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., Mar. 16.—Members of St. Andrew's Golf Club, Mount Hope, are serving on committees for a three-day invitation bonspiel, which will be played at Playland Rink, Rye, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Ardsley Club, Apawamis and Huron River Country Clubs and Caledonian Curling Club are assisting St. Andrew's.

Alexander B. Halliday, of Yonkers, is chairman of the general committee. Franklin Coe, of Yonkers, also a St. Andrew's member, is secretary. William A. Kimbel, of Ardsley, is treasurer. Henry E. Dodge and Edward A. Fitch are other members of the general committee.

William Lloyd Kitchel, of Bronxville, president of St. Andrew's, and W. Cary Harris, of Yonkers, and George H. Hazen and John B. Carse, of New York, also St. Andrew's members, are in charge of prizes. The Messrs. John C. Ten Eyck, of Yonkers, and Frederick W. Longfellow, Archibald Douglas and Peter Fletcher, of New York, St. Andrew's members, are on the entertainment committee. Guests may stay at the Westchester Country Club, Rye. Frederick V. D. Longacre, of Yonkers, is chairman of the transportation committee and Francis Boardman, of Riverdale, heads the rink and draw committee.

The trap shooting season at St. Andrew's ended Saturday. Edward E. Wyman, of Bronxville, is chairman of the committee for this sport. Golf will soon bring many members here for week ends.



Reading Left to Right

*1 Prof. Lynn Thorndike 5 Franklin Coe
2 Lawrence Griffith 6 W. Cary Harris
3 Archibald Douglas 7 Frederic Van D. Longacre
4 A. B. Halliday 8 Peter Fletcher*

**WESTCHESTER PLAYS THE
GAME OF ANCIENT
SCOTIA: MEMBERS**
of the St. Andrews Golf Club, Mount Hope, Turn to the Equally Scottish Sport of Curling, at Playland, Rye. In the Group Are Lawrence Griffith, Archibald Douglas, Alexander B. Halliday, Franklin Coe, Professor Lynn Thorndike, W. Cary Harris, F. V. D. Longacre and Peter Fletcher.

Recent McKay-Douglas Journals have reminded us what Don McKay did for curling in the USA and worldwide. But, who is Archibald Douglas? The curator of St. Andrew's Golf Club helped me dig through boxes of curling history at St. Andrew's to unearth this clipping.

St. Andrew's is the oldest golf club in the USA – founded in Yonkers in 1888. The club moved to its present location about 1900 and in 1904, the club president “bought all the curling stones that Spaulding had in stock” and curling began on the club pond below the 17th tee. The ice was subject to the sun. For better ice, they floodlit the pond and curled in the evening. Eventually, St Andrew's rented artificial ice at Playland Amusement Park in Rye, NY. The Country Club in Brookline MA built their own artificial ice curling rink in 1922; so St. Andrew's curlers voted to build their own rink in 1931. Since St. Andrew's only had 30 men curlers (women were banned for another 25 years), vacant ice time was rented to Ardsley CC, NY Caledonian CC and Mahopac CC.

Archibald Douglas was a golfer, curler, lyricist and lawyer. The book “St. Andrew's Golf Club” stated “Archie's golf swing left something to be desired --- his curling skill was outstanding”. He was club president from 1926 to 1928 and “he was among the first to conceive of the indoor curling rink and was a driving force behind its construction. In 1935 he donated the Douglas Medal which is one of the most prized trophies in international curling.”

Ode to the Ardsley Curling Club Hill

History has shown us that Robbie Burns was a curler. His writings often describe and celebrate curlers. Scotland also has highlands, so having a curling club with a steep hill is not a novel idea. This could well be an undiscovered Robert Burns poem about a curling club in the highlands.

*Tis quite a hill that challenges our game
'Though up and down aren't quite the same
It's easy coming, but winding and steep
That sets the stage for the games we seek
The walk is easy with gravity behind
To focus our thoughts on the competition in mind*

*Once at the club we play and talk
Of shots made and missed and chances we took
Enjoy our colleagues in sporting play
And celebrate another curling day*

*But when games are done and toasts behind
There's one more challenge on our mind
So now it comes to CLIMB the hill
And so reluctant is our will*

*Our body sore from competition
And the steep climb seems a repetition
Our legs are aching, bodies tired
But we make it as our skill admired*

*Our hill, you see, is more than land
It's part of what our builders planned
The quick walk down to motivate our game
And slow walk up, on this terrain
It's changing landscapes that fool our brain
To focus on a better curling game
New strategies and different plays
Will make for better curling days*

*Now at the top, we feel success
Our wins are better wins
Our losses not so bad
The hill made us reflect on the curling
game we had*



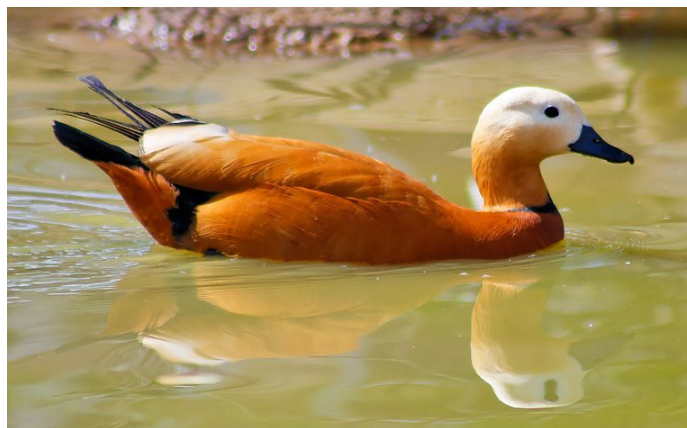
*So, when other curlers come to spiel
It's not the hill they dread
Nor is it the ice or games, they've said
But one more challenge tasks their will
And it's called the bloody bar bill*



Duck of the Month

Ruddy shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*)

This migratory bird normally winters on the Indian subcontinent, but this year it's heading to South Korea to show off its golden plumage during the Olympics.



Erin Durba, Amy Costantino, Misty Zhou, Rachel Walkden

Dolores Redding, Gudrun Sablow, Judith Kelson, Jean Moss



GO for the GOLD

Three Ardsley rinks were among the 20 teams that competed for the Empire State Medal Jan 18-21. The Utica Curling Club hosted this year's bonspiel which rotates between Utica, Ardsley, Rochester, and Schenectady. Rumor has it that Misty's English vocabulary expanded thanks to "Cards Against Humanity."

Mary Lockhart, Marylou Banino,
Pauline Davies, Nancy Clancy





53rd Governor's Bowl

-- Matt Scheiner

Ardasley members Matt Scheiner, Matt Gallegos, and Joe Panella, teamed up with former Ardsley member and current Schenectady CC member Brian Stewart to compete in the Albany Governor's Bowl Bonspiel on Jan. 25-28. The team was put together to have a fun weekend away with old friends, and it turns out that having fun as a priority does very well for team dynamics. The Ardsley rink came out victorious in all games and were crowned tournament champions. In an effort to match their on-ice performance, Matt, Matt, and Joe decided to be champions off the ice, as well, closing the bar both Friday and Saturday nights! To add to the laughter, the Governor's Bowl trophy was locked away in a display case that nobody could find the key to, so they had to pose for a picture with some other random bowl-shaped trophy.



Gert Messing, Dennis Mellerup, Greg Poole,
Dan Steski, Bill Peskoff

Go team Messing

In the same spirit, former Ardsley member, Gert Messing (now at Schenectady), was joined by Ardsley and Plainfield mates at the USA Senior Mens National Championship at the Duluth Curling Club, Jan 25-28. The 2013 US Senior champions advanced to the playoffs, but were eliminated in the quarter-finals on Sunday morning.

The gang's been hitting the bonspiel trail together all season. Pictured left with the A event trophy from the Schenectady Achilles Bonspiel. They also found time for fun at the Mitchell Invitational at Utica CC Jan. 11-14.

Freeze it in Fargo: Early in January, Martin Sather qualified for USA Men's Nationals to be held at Scheels Arena in Fargo, ND on March 3-10. He'll be playing vice for team Leichter. Speaking of freezing, Ardsley will be represented by two teams at USCA Curling Club Nationals in Brainerd, MN, Feb. 9-18. Men: Bill Stopera, Martin Sather, Peter and George Austin. Women: Christi Kirchner, Leeza Furman, Chrissy Hall, and Lynn Salmon.

2018 Archie Bruce Memorial Friendly



This two day friendly alternates between Ardsley and Cape Cod each year. It is held in memory of Archibald McTavish Bruce, a beloved past-president of the Cape Cod Curling Club and former treasurer of the Ardsley Curling Club.

After the first day of curling at the Cape, Ardsley led by 2 points. On day two, Cape Cod was able to sweep ahead and reclaim the Archie Bruce Memorial Stone with a 2 point victory.



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