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ACC's first Olympian

There was a big turnout at the club on Boxing Day to congratulate and celebrate our first Olympian: Danny Casper!

The Olympics in Italy are less than a month away, but there is still time to show your support and get a Team Casper Rally Chain designed and printed by Joe Panella. (See link above)

Save the Date:

Winter Olympics: Feb 6-22
 Dykes Bonspiel: Feb 26-Mar 1
 Big Apple Bonspiel: Mar 19-22

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Archie-Bruce Friendly

Jan 17-18 2026



A hearty group of curlers from Cape Cod and Ardsley braved the winter storm to have a great time curling in this year's Archie-Bruce Friendly. After 6 games (3 on Saturday + 3 more on Sunday) total points were tallied and the final result was: **----A TIE----**

Good news for all, since the heavy trophy (yes that's a real curling stone on top) carried down the hill by Cape Cod was left at Ardsley this year.



Where can you find a Bonspiel?



Coming directly from a suggestion made at our January town hall meeting, there is a new page on the website for those people who are looking to find bonspiels to attend and don't know where else to look, as well as people looking to find teams or teammates to go to bonspiels. Simply log in to your account and click on the "Find a Bonspiel" link in the members menu on the right. If there is a bonspiel you think should be listed and isn't, send the info or a link to the bonspiel's page to info@ardsleycurling.com. Let's get more Ardsley folks out there bon-spieling and promoting our own bonspiels. NOTE: Our own bonspiels will not be listed on this new page, Those can be found in the Bonspiels link under "Event Registration."



Duck of the Month

Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*)

These are one of the 26 types of ducks regularly found in Italy. All of them will be rooting for Team Casper next month at the Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium.

Colin Kasprowicz travelled to Minnesota for the Big Spiel, Jan 8-11. His GNCC rink included Mike Glessner and Pat Capella (Philadelphia), and John Gephart (Plainfield). They finished 8th out of 96 teams competing and curled at St. Paul, Four Seasons, and Frogtown Curling Clubs during the course of the 'spiel. That really is a BIG Spiel!



The Big Spiel

Danny and Team Casper were on hand Sunday to award the winners medals to all the event finalists.





Golden Handle turns 60

The 60th anniversary for Nutmeg's Golden Handle Mixed Spiel was January 14-17. Congratulations to the A event winners: Matt & Sharon Gallegos with Catie & Tom Daly. These guys have won this a few times in the past.



Crystal Snowflake

More Ardsley action at Nutmeg December 12-14. Winning that was Judith Kelson, Gudrun Sablow, Julie Everett, and Erin Durba. A job well done, ladies.



Senior 3-pete

Congratulations to Mike Farbelow, Bill Stopera, Rich Ruohonen, and Darren Lehto for thier third time win at the Senior Nationals in Wisconsin. They'll be heading to Switzerland for the World Championships in April.





Empire State

Team Costantino played Team Banino at the Empire State, Jan 15-18, at Rochester Curling Club. They had a great game that went to an extra end and Team Costantino won.

Team Costantino: Katy Hodgdon, Judith Kelson, Cristin Keegan, and Amy Costantino

Team Banino: Dawn Kranzo, Julia Fu, Dolores Reading, and Marylou Banino

Cindy Brown, new to Ardsley this year, but not new to curling, skipped her Utica mates to the A-event finals which came down to skip's rocks in the 8th end.

The team of Cindy Brown, Carol Jones, Barb Felice, and Kathy Palazzoli have been curling together in the Empire for the last 26 years. Since Ardsley's symbol is a duck and Utica's a phoenix, they may call themselves "The Old Birds" at future events.



Life is Crab

Remember the crab? Rumour has it that it's been revived at the Thursday Holiday party. Perhaps we'll see more next year.



League Roundup

MONDAY

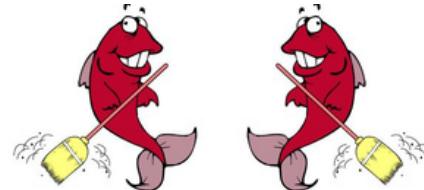


The Austin Competitive league's First Session featured round-robin play with 12 teams. Teams Stopera and Gallegos were neck-and-neck all session. Second Session has been split into A and B Divisions. Gallegos and Stopera remain at the top of A Division, with Kasprowicz and Schuster leading B Division with a couple more games to go before Third Session.

Team	W	L	T	RP	TP	EW	GP	GS	WP
2. Lusardi/Gallant/McNally	5	1	0	10	10	0	6	7	83.33%
3. Hyman/Clements	5	1	0	10	10	0	6	7	83.33%
5. Miller/Anderson	4	3	0	8	8	0	7	7	57.14%
8. Angelli/Bouchard	3	3	0	6	6	0	6	7	50%
1. Benkowski/Tao	3	1	0	6	6	0	4	7	75%
7. Tufaro/Wagenheim/Klein/Panella	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	7	0%
6. Petropoulos/McDonnell	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	7	0%
4. Klares/Klares	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	7	0%

TUESDAY

The Salmon Doubles league continues with 8 teams this year.



Wednesday

Wednesday Mens league first half had 9 teams competing in the Blanton. Tim Klein skipped the winning team with Jim Bildeau, Dylan Provencher, and Scott Sykes. Looks like a three-way tie for 2nd place in the standings with tie-breaker rules to sort out the winner.

Team	W	L	T	RP	TP	EW	GP	GS	WP
Klein, Timothy	7	1	0	14	14	0	8	8	87.5%
Angelli, Joseph	5	3	0	10	10	0	8	8	62.5%
Gelardi, Jamey	5	3	0	10	10	0	8	8	62.5%
Doherty, Tom	5	3	0	10	10	0	8	8	62.5%
Horowitz, Michael	4	4	0	8	8	0	8	8	50%
Hodgkinson, Joseph	4	4	0	8	8	0	8	8	50%
Rosenbloom, Barry	3	5	0	6	6	0	8	8	37.5%
Glanzer, Jack	3	5	0	6	6	0	8	8	37.5%
Gruettner, Heinz	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	8	0%

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In a battle that has been fought many times in the curling world, Team Schuster edged out Team Casper to take the Thursday night first half title (of course, we are all very happy those results were reversed at the Olympic trials!).

Team Schuster was comprised of: Jon Schuster, Chris & Marylou Banino, and Cindy & George Brown.

FRIDAY

The winner of the Friday Night League first session was Team Wisbauer, featuring Skip: Keith Wisbauer, Vice: Dave Ruckdeschel, Second: Jason Bouchard, Lead: Kristen LeFebvre.

The Silver Medalists were Team Daly with Skip: Tom Daly, Vice: Amy Glanzer, Second: Kirk Petropoulos, Lead: Susan Petersen, and Fifth: David Schonborg. The Bronze Medalists were Team Spokes with Skip: Travis Spokes, Vice: Jeff Greenberg, Second: Vicky Vron, Lead: Sarah Whittleton, Fifth: Ellen Ceresko. And yes...there will be medals of some sort this season, though all Medals will be made of plastic and 3D printed.



Dinner League is the place to be on Saturday evening. This fun social league is “drop-in” with signups by Thursday to let the cooks know how many are staying for dinner.

SATURDAY

To date, 38 people have participated. At the half-way mark, Lynn Salmon tops the leader board with 15 pts, followed closely by Jim Duke, Judith Kelson, and Jon Schuster with 14 pts each. Join the party, contact the Borgias to be added.

Remaining dates: February 14, March 14, March 28 and April 4.

Photos From the ACC Archives:

After reconnecting with Bob Kennedy at the December memorial for Geoff Broadhurst he sent a zip file with hundreds of ACC photos from 2009-2012. These have been added to the online Historical Archives. Take a trip down memory lane: <https://ardsleycurling.club/archives/bobkennedy/bobindex.html>



The ice crew was hard at work over the holiday break.

Also note that registration is now open for both the Big Apple and Ardsley Junior Bonspiels. Get the word out or sign up.

Plus the final weekend of curling will be the Pull-the-Plug, April 17-19.



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