



DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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UPCOMING:

Mar 14

St. Patricks Parade

Mar 14, 28

Curling Samplers

Mar 19-22

Big Apple



The All American was held on Saturday, February 1st. It was a one day event with two draws and a potluck lunch. Proceeds were used to make a donation to Hope's Door Shelter against domestic violence. Pauline Davies skipped the winning team.

Pauline Davies, Erin Durba, Kitty Larocque,
 Dolores Redding, Judith Kelson



DANNY CASPER ROCKS MIXED

Ardsley Curling Club will be part of the 2020 Mixed Nationals to be held in Chaska, MN Mar 28 to Apr 4. Team Casper ran the table in the round robin and held off Team Pulli from Rochester CC to win the GNCC Regional Playdown. Danny Casper played with his friends from junior curling across several clubs: Susan Dudt from Philadelphia CC, Sydney Mullaney from Broomstones, and Eli Clawson from Potomac.





Team Tufaro, representing Ardsley/St. Andrews, edged out last year's winner, the Messing Rink from Schenectady/Ardsley to win the Douglas Medal in the A event at the 84th McKay-Douglas.

In addition to the challenging competition from numerous curling clubs, so many games were sooooo close, the Ardsley McKay Douglas is noted for it's hospitality and food. No one was disappointed with a weekend of amazing menu items that included spiral-baked ham, shepherds pie, Ardsley's secret recipe Mac & Cheese, a NY Italian feast dinner and the ultimate surf and turf Saturday eve dinner. During the course of the weekend, no less than 20-30 curlers came to the kitchen to thank us and ask for recipes.

A: Douglas Medal

Winner: *Ardsley/St.Andrews* - Tufaro

Runner-up: *Schenectady/Ardsley* - Messing

B: New York Caledonian Medal

Winner: *Ardsley Park Kids* - Heffner

Runner-up: *Ardsley* - Platt

C: Ardsley Medal

Winner: *Norfolk* - Zwick

Runner-up: *Long Island* - Kasprowicz

D: Williamson Medal

Winner: *Plainfield* - Coburn

Runner-up: *Long Island* - Greene



Dan Tufaro, Dave Schrull, Jeff Klein, Dave Wagenheim



Gert Messing, Dannie Steski, Dennis Mellerup,
(Greg Poole not pictured)

E: Mahopac Medal

Winner: *Ardsley* - Chebetar

Runner-up: *Ardsley/St.Andrews* - Spokes

F: St. Andrews Medal

Winner: *Potomac/Plainfield* - Grek

Runner-up: *Ardsley* - Duke



CURLING SAMPLERS

The Curling Sampler program is now in full swing. With the wonderful open houses and learn to curl classes, the number of sampler opportunities decreased at the beginning of the season. We sold out the last four samplers and have sold out the next four through March 28.

I would like to thank Jon Schuster, Jon Leung, Joe Hodgkinson, Jeff Greenberg, Jim Bilodeau, Jason Thoms, Curt Pader, Joe Sablow, Diane Borgia, Judith Kelson, Kitty Larocque, Amy Costantino, Barry Rosenbloom, Joan Fei, and our junior curler, Kavi, for helping out on and off the ice. I apologize if I missed you.

UPCOMING SAMPLERS

March 9 - 3:00pm

March 14 - 7:30pm

March 28 - 7:30pm

April 4 - 7:30pm

April 5 - 3:00pm

-- *Jim Borgia*



We have 5 more samplers ahead of us and need a lot of volunteers (5x6=30) to help.

Please contact me at: jfxborgia@yahoo.com and let me know when you can help.

WE NEED YOU! Sold out samplers generate more than \$1,000 for the club and help keep our dues down.



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14 has been cancelled due to concerns over the spread of coronavirus in Westchester County.

While curling continues, we ask you to stay home if you feel sick, refrain from hand shakes, wash your hands, wipe down stone handles, be safe rather than sorry.



Duck of the Month

Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*)

The genus name is derived from the Ancient Greek boukephalos, a reference to the bulbous head shape - which look like ancient Greek curling stones.



Nutmeg Neon

Presidents' day weekend, 5 Ardsley juniors competed in this years Neon Junior Bonspiel at Nutmeg Curling Club. The Nutty Ducks, a mixed Ardsley and Nutmeg team were runners-up in the second event. Ardsley junior, Nate Burris was the lead for the Nutty Ducks. The Ardsley team of Molly Goodwin (skip), Stevie Gristina (vice), Annie Goodwin (second) and Kate Kim (lead) won the third event.



Our own Vinay Goenka (Team Raju India) was honored with the Jim "Dex" Dexter Sportmanship Award at the 88th St. Paul Curling Men's International Bonspiel!



KAYSER 5-AND-UNDER MIXED



Team Rogala (Matt Rogala, Karina Lizzi-Ansok, Zach Saska, and Sara Barker) made the trek to Triangle CC for the Kayser this year. They held all their opponents to close games and represented Ardsley Curling Club well. The team had a lot of fun both on the ice and playing crokinole.

GNCC SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

This year the GNCC Senior Men's Bonspiel was held at the Nashua Country Club in New Hampshire, January 31 – February 1. The field was comprised of 26 teams from throughout the GNCC. Ardsley was represented by two teams: 3rd place runners up: Mike Shalhoub, Joe Sablow, Chris Banino, and Tim Klein and the team of Greg Poole-Dayon, Dannie Steski, Tom Vespo, and Scott Silverman.



Nicole, Sharon, Jan, and Matt at Schenectady Open

CURLER ON THE SHEET INTERVIEW

First in a series -- by rsk

How I discovered curling (and the result!)?



Well, cooking and being a chef has been a major part of my life. So any desire to play sports was overshadowed by hectic work schedules. The demands of being a Sous Chef and Catering Chef at venues like the Philadelphia Museum of Art where menus

changed with the exhibits and the food needed to be as exciting as the artwork was challenging. All this, while serving anywhere from 2 to 5,000 people, left little room for sports. Yet, at the end of the day, it certainly felt like I had played a double in curling with serious sweeping in every end.

In 2008, my wife's job moved us to Orlando. This provided a great opportunity to do something else since cooking jobs in the area were either nights or weekends and paid very little. I decided to retire and took up the other Scottish sport, golf. In Orlando, golf courses are a stone's throw in any direction and I played with some retired neighbors. A couple of years later, my wife's job moved us up north to Stamford. Since golf is only played during the summer here, we were looking for something to do in the winter. We would watch the curling events in the Winter Olympics and thought that it looked like fun! Sure, it looks easy, anyone can sling a rock, right? But we knew that it was much more complicated. Very subtle changes in anything could drastically change the shot! Why play an easily mastered sport? That would get boring quickly.

We found the Ardsley website in October 2019 and learned about an Open House. We attended the open house and had a blast. We then signed up for the Curling Sampler. At the end of the sampler, we joined the club. I saw that there was a retired men's group that played on Friday mornings which was perfect for me since I have free time during the day. I am retired, right? And who better to help me learn the game than a group of people that have played the sport for a long time! They are a wonderful group who were very welcoming and have helped me tremendously. The Saturday Night Dinner league is also fun, full of great people and combined my new-found sport with food. What could be better.

Mike DeWalt



Curling offers me a good cardio workout sweeping the ice, meeting a lot of wonderful people and just having fun! That is why I love curling. It is fun. I do not get super competitive. Sure, I like to win, but it is supposed to be fun. I appreciate the other teams great shots just as much as the great shots that my team makes. And the very occasionally great shot that I make. (LOL) Since, for me, curling is a social sport, it has changed my life through the people that I have met. Learning about their lives, their families, their past. And oh, some of the stories! I am now happily involved in some of the food aspects of the Club such as the Big Apple Bonspiel and adding to the cuisine at the Saturday Evening League.

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Second in a series -- by rsk

Jim Duke



As long as I can remember I have always belonged to a sports club of one variety or another. As a kid it was boxing or soccer until I went to public school, private in this country, (on scholarship), where soccer was not allowed and rugby and cricket were the main sports so I started playing them. I continued playing and running track at college and upon coming to the USA in 1963 continued playing rugby and running track and started playing tennis and squash. So as you can see I had belonged to good sports clubs all my life. In my late 50's a serious knee injury meant I had to quit serious sport and I was for the first time in my life without a club and I'm much too impatient for golf.

I have lived in Ardsley since 1975 and had never once heard of our curling club and it was only on walking the Dobbs Ferry Street Fair in 2006 at the then ripe old age of 63 that I met Mark Bussy and his wife Sue manning a booth for the Club. They invited me to an open house, and upon entering the club I saw the bar and a fireplace before I saw the ice and knew I'd found another club even though I had no idea how to curl and having met Bob Kennedy, also on his first day, the rest is history and I still don't have a blind clue, after 13 years, how to curl.



Good friends, good company, good conversation and good competition what else could a person ask for.

Long May We Reign.

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