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Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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World Junior Curling Championships 2022

15 May - 22 May 2022 | Jönköping, Sweden



Our own Danny Casper is skipping team USA at the World Junior Curling Championships in Sweden. He and team mates, Ethan Sampson, Samuel Strouse, Coleman Thurston, and Marus Kleinas are competing against teams from Canada, Germany, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, and Switzerland.



Danny's Mixed Doubles partner, Delaney Strouse, is skipping the Team USA women, who qualified for the finals in 1st place. More info can be found at:

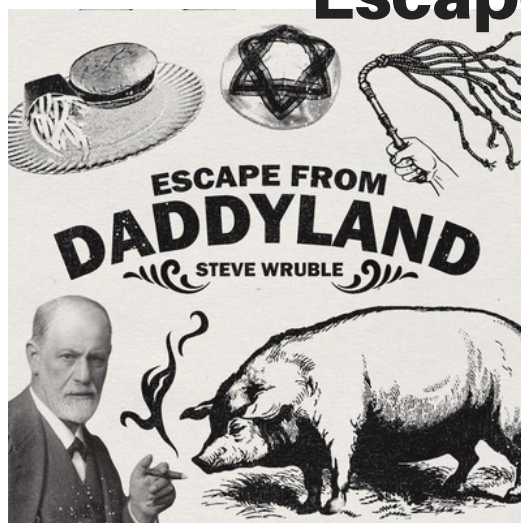
<https://worldcurling.org/events/wjcc2022>



Save the Date:

**May 21
Club Cleanup
Day 9am**

Warm Room



Escape from Daddyland

Steve Wruble's off-Broadway show, *Escape from Daddyland*, has a couple more shows.

Final performances at the Cherry Lane Theatre, May 21 & 22.
See: TrueStoriesplay.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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I hope everyone has had a good season. I would like to thank Joe Sablow for his efforts guiding us through these difficult past few years.

I'm very excited to take on the challenge of being the new president of the Ardsley Curling Club. I've been playing this game of ours since the early 1970's and I truly love it. Even when I stepped away for a time, it always was close to my heart.

I believe we've put together an excellent team to navigate the next few years, but by itself the board can't make our club all that it can be. We need everyone to pitch in. It takes a whole community to achieve great things. Our club is a volunteer based organization, so I ask that you pitch in and help in any capacity you can, as I know you all love this sport as much as I do and want to see it succeed in our community. Everyone of us has a talent in us that can help better the club in some way. No matter what it is, each one of us can use our own special talent to help make our club the best it can be.

As all of you have noticed last summer we did a renovation to update the warm room and locker area . This summer we have plans for phase two, which will include refurbishing the scoreboards, painting the ice house, organizing the summer rock storage and rock maintenance area, and hopefully much more. We'd love to hear from you if you have an idea that could contribute to this effort and a vision to make it happen.

Another objective we are focusing on is strengthening our relationship with the country club. It's our hope that this results in increased membership and contributes to the sustainability of the club overall.

I am looking forward to working with each and everyone of you in the coming years to strengthen our community. Thank you all very much, have a good summer and good curling.

PULL THE PLUG!



April 22-24

We officially closed the doors on the season this past weekend with the Pull the Plug Bonspiel. This year's theme was The Olympics, for obvious reasons. Thanks to all the club members, led by Amy, who organized the Pull the Plug to make it a fun way to end the season!



Results:

- A - Gold Medalists: Team Canada
(Erin, Mike, Walter, Carter)
- B - Silver Medalists: Team Italy (Matt, Billy, Nora, Liz)
- C - Bronze Medalists: Team Norway
(Tom, Catie, Curt, Brennan)

USWCA All American

The All American Bonspiel was held on March 29 and April 5, 2022. Big thanks to all six teams that participated, and congratulations to the winning team.

Nutty Duck



We visited our pals at Nutmeg on April 3 for the annual Nutty Duck friendly. We came with the famous Nutty Duck plaque, by virtue of winning the last friendly. Unfortunately, the plaque now resides in Connecticut as the final score was 55-49 in favor of Nutmeg. Regardless, there was a lot of good times and vibes. See you next year on our turf, Nutmeg!



Sere Politano skip, Dolores Redding vice, Ina Obernesser 2nd, and Diane Borgia lead



Duck of the Month

Mottled Duck
(*Anas fulvigula*)

These dabbling ducks are typically found along the Gulf of Mexico Coast. This NY visitor, came up to visit the pull-the-plug where it won the pose-like-a-curling stone contest.

(photo: Steve Rappaport)

Ardasley Junior Bonspiel

-- **Rich Goodwin & Colin Kasprovicz**

April 8-10, ACC held its first Junior Bonspiel in many years. The event, sponsored by USWCA had 8 teams coming from as far away as the Peachtree curling club in Atlanta.

We want to thank all who helped make this a successful event - the ice crew, the parents, and especially Gudrun Sablow who was the driving force behind the bonspiel. Special thanks to Howie Kunzinger who provided the questions for a most popular trivia night.

Congratulations to our first event winners, team Philanta: Skip Ivy Neil (Philadelphia), Vice Emma Betteridge (Peachtree), 2nd Sara Bassiri (Philadelphia) and lead Caden Lynch (Peachtree).



League Roundup

Monday-Thorndike

The Monday competitive league had 11 teams this year. After double round-robin play, and a playoff series for the top 4 teams, Team Stopera came out on top.

Gold: Bill Stopera, Martin Sather, Peter Austin, George Austin

Tuesday-Womens

The Tuesday Evening Womens' League was pleased to return to our medal events this year. The MacIntosh Junior Skips event was followed by the Wells Wick and the USWCA All-American event.

Amber Will successfully skipped her MacIntosh team to the gold win and followed that with another gold win in the Wells Wick.

Congratulations to all!

Wednesday-Mens



Tuesday Doubles



Sere Politano and Jim Bilodeau triumphed over a field of 20 players to win this years doubles championship pins.

Macintosh Junior Skip Gold: Amber Will, Melissa Dominguez, Judith Kelson, Astrid Mel, Nancy Clancy

Macintosh Junior Skip Silver: Cristin Keegan, Amy Costantino, Karen Luckey, Nora Mongardi, Ina Obernesser

Wells Wick Gold: Amber Will, Amy Costantino, Alana Jacoby, Astrid Mel, Ina Obernesser

Wells Wick Silver: Gudrun Sablow, Nancy Clancy, Cristin Keegan, Nora Mongardi, Tracy Curtiss

Congratulations to Team Wisbauer for winning the Wells Gold Medal. Keith's team included John Lusardi, Vinay Goenka, and Brian Kaufman.

Friday-Morning

The very last game of the Friday Morning League, played on Earth Day, ended in a tie. The Perfect way to end the season.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE ACC BOARD

So, about me... I have been curling since I was a kid and joined the Club with my wife Vicky after the 2014 Olympics. I have served as Events Coordinator for the last year and was running our Open Houses prior to that. This will be my first year on the Board and I'm looking forward to continuing the success of those programs to increase membership and generate revenue for the Club.

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I have just finished my 8th year of curling, 7 of them at Ardsley. I started on arena ice on Long Island, but once I curled on dedicated ice at Ardsley, I was hooked. It's a long drive for me, but I make the trip because there is no comparison between arena ice and dedicated ice. I love curling at Ardsley, and the people are the best. During COVID I really enjoyed getting out of the house a couple of times a week to curl and see and talk to friends. The members of that board did an outstanding job during a difficult time. Now that I am on the board I hope I can be as creative and innovative.

The ACC Board also welcomes Sere Politano, Jim Bilodeau, and Mike Murphy.

The Year of the Volunteer -- *Vinay Goenka*

As we pull the plug on an amazing season of curling I must say that this year belonged to our army of volunteers !! It all started last summer when Derek and Amy took on the challenging renovation work, supported by a team of 40 volunteers throughout the process. The picture of Danny working at the Club a week after winning the National Championship probably sums up the spirit that we encountered throughout the 4 months. The renovation team has more plans for the summer and I hope to see some of you then.

We had great feedback from travelling teams for our ice and it was thanks to the effort and dedication of our ice crew led by Dave Schrull. I am sure they can use a few more helping hands and if you are interested please reach out to them.

Jon Leung took charge of our social media platforms and the numbers speak for themselves. If you know a potential sponsor pls highlight our social media reach! Jon also arranged a promo video shoot recently that should create more buzz in the offseason. Watch out for that video!

This was an Olympic year, and Travis and Vicky ran the process like a well oiled machine. We ended the year with 199 members including 60 new members! We held 40 Open Houses that saw 950 people walk through our doors and try the magic of curling for the first time. At the same time we had 48 private events attended by 460 people. Kudos to Vicky, Travis and Jim Mantia for making sure the Olympic momentum was well captured.

Matt Scheiner took up the difficult task of helping us improve our curling skills through clinics. We are so used to Lynn Salmon and Jon Schuster getting stuff done efficiently that we don't even realize how good and kind they have been with their time and skills.

There were a lot of familiar faces that dedicated their time through all these events – Tim, Joe, Matt Rogala, Mike Knaggs, Mike Dewalt, Jeff Greenberg, Jim Bilodeau, Greg Poole, Pam.

The list is endless! Volunteers are the soul of any curling club and our army of volunteers make Ardsley Curling Club extra special !!!

Wish you all a wonderful summer !



New ACC Warm Room Chair Drive



As many of you know the chairs in our warm room were donated by the original members of Ardsley Curling Club over 60 years ago. They all bought a chair from their alma mater, which would explain all the different logos on them. The chairs are all over 60 years old - they have all been fixed numerous times and are dried out and extremely fragile. Even the ones that have been recently totally rebuilt are breaking down. So it's time to get new chairs.

If you were to buy one of these beautiful captain chairs they would cost between 500 and 600 dollars. The renovation committee has reached out to the manufacturer, and we can acquire these chairs with the club logo laser engraved for \$375 each. This includes a 30 year warranty.

We are starting a new chair drive.

If you would like to sponsor a new chair please coordinate with Amy Costantino who will be accepting all donations. For each chair you donate, there will be a plaque with your name on the back. Our goal is to acquire a minimum of 24 chairs so players coming off the ice will have a comfortable, safe place to sit.





Stay tuned for summer work projects to spruce up the club.

This season is officially over.

Next year begins with the Douglas International Bonspiel, Sept. 22-25. Registration is open, spread the word!

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