



DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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Count Rockula

Travis Spokes
Richard Goodwin
Victoria Vron
Annie Goodwin

We're Gonna Need a Bigger House!

Erin Durba
Nathan O'Reilly
Chase Ansok
Karina Lizzi-Ansok

Skeletons Rock

Timothy Klein
Ruth Loomis
Michael Goldstein
Jonathan Goldstein

Raise the Dead

Joseph Sablow
Meg Ocampo
Jonathan Leung

Rocky Horror

Jeff Greenberg
Mike Knaggs
Jim Mantia
Madelene Knaggs

Follow the Yellow Stone Road

Jim Borgia
Seth Altman
Dolores Redding
Diane Borgia

Skip's Rock

Jim Duke
Michael Horowitz
Zach Saska
Sara Barker

Dead End

Dave Schrull
Simon Pack
Scott Anstett
Michael Higgins

Full of Sheet

Michael Villanova
Jonathan Colorusso
Fiona Crisp
Jonathan Wu

The Three Broomsticks

Tom Daly
Catie Daly
Nora Mongardi

Frankenstone

Matt Rogala
Vinay Goenka
Steve Wruble
Bob Kennedy

I Got a Rock

Jan Zahour
Nicole Zahour
Joan Fei
Colin St Albin

UPCOMING:

Oct 31-Nov 3

Cool Duck

Nov 10 & 16

Open House

Nov 29-Dec 1

Turkey Trot

A weekend of scary fun was had by all at the 2019 ACC Boospiel hosted by Rookie-of-the-Year, Nate O'Reilly and Meg O'Reilly. The theme was House of Horrors with 12 teams of curling monsters competing in 4 events.

With team names like Frankenstone, Dead End, Skip's Rock, and Count Rockula, the Boospiel brought all the horrors to the ice. In addition, each team was tasked with the ultimate horror of designing and decorating a Boospiel pumpkin, and the results were scary good.

Team We're Gonna Need a Bigger House won both the A event and pumpkin design contest. While John Wu took top honors for his Full of Sheet costume. (more on page 10)



A event : Nathan O'Reilly, Erin Durba, Chase & Karina Lizzi Ansok

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Greetings fellow curlers

On October 20, 2019, the board of the Ardsley Curling Club held an open meeting to address the future of the club and answer questions. For those of you that were not in attendance, I would like to fill you in.

At the present time, we are working on extending the lease with the country club. Vicky Vron, Derek Kayser, Mike Shalhoub, and I have been meeting with the president of the country club over the past 10 months and are very close to reaching a final agreement which will allow us to continue curling at our present facility.

Over the past 53 years, the curling club has been fortunate in having a VERY, VERY sweet deal when it came to rent. I am emphasizing this because moving forward things are going to change. What was once easily affordable will become more difficult. One thing is certain. If we are able to extend our lease, next season our rent will see a significant increase. Then over a period of time, the rent will increase to the amount that the country club feels is fair market value for the building. We are looking for this to happen over the span of 10 years.

What does this mean for us?

FIRST, we will be able to continue curling without interruption.

SECOND, and most important, we will need to grow.

We need to gain new members and retain current members.

We need to increase our revenue from outside sources: corporate events, bonspiels, samplers, sponsorships, advertising, and donations.

We will need to, and I don't enjoy saying it, restructure our dues schedule.



THIRD, this calls for a massive effort by EVERYONE. AND I MEAN EVERYONE!!!

A handful of people can not do this alone. You have all heard this before. We are a volunteer organization. That does not mean that it can be left to a few hard working volunteers. That means EVERYONE HAS TO PARTICIPATE.

If you have volunteered in the past, thank you. You know what it takes to get the job done. Your experience is invaluable, and your help is needed once again.

If you have never stepped up, now is your time to shine.

THERE CAN BE NO EXCUSES. MAKE THE TIME, MAKE THE EFFORT!!

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In addition, we are continuing to search for a new location. This task has proven to be a long and difficult one. The prospect of a new 3-4 sheet facility in a more visible location is something I think we can all agree would be great. It would reenergize and breathe new life into the club. At the present time, we are exploring a couple of possibilities. If and when we have more information, we will pass it along to you.

The original members built the club for their love of the game. Over the years, the sport has grown and evolved. The responsibility of growing the sport for future generations is in our hands. There is a long history of curling in our area. It is important that this continues.

There are those who have been playing for a long time, those that have just thrown your first rocks, and everyone else, somewhere in between. We are all in this for the future of our club and the future of curling.

It is not an easy road we face. There will be many ups and downs. It will take a lot of hard work from everyone. Curlers are a very special breed. I have the utmost confidence in our abilities.

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Thank you and Good Curling.



DOBBS FERRY FESTA

Seth Altman mans the booth at a local street fair this fall. The Club is always looking to expand our presence and our volunteer list, so be on the lookout for more opportunities to share the sport of curling.

"Did you know that Ardsley Curling has an Amazon Smile account? The next time you go shopping online, remember the Club - we get a small percentage of all purchases made through the Ardsley Curling Club Amazon Smile portal."

Duck of the Month

White-cheeked Pintail

(*Anas bahamensis*)

These dabbling ducks typically form a monogamous mating pair. We spotted a pair in the Galapagos getting ready to play mixed doubles.



Thanksgiving Parade

The club will be marching in the New Rochelle Thanksgiving parade on Saturday, November 23. A few of our members are making a large curling stone to lead us down the parade route. Support your club and have some fun at the same time. All participants will receive a free Ardsley curling club hat to wear and keep. There is also a free pancake breakfast for all participants.

Contact Derek Kayser
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more details.



Congrats to the lovebirds:
Nathan O'Reilly and Meg
Ocampo (now O'Reilly)
married in June.



Summerspiel

--Seth Altman

In July, three teams of Ardsley Curlers headed up to Falmouth, MA to compete in the Cape Cod Curling Club's Mixed Summerspiel. Over the four day bonspiel, we all enjoyed some sightseeing on the Cape (no swimming due to shark infestation), fantastic hospitality by the host club, wonderful broomstacking with the other teams, and even some curling.

One off-ice highlight that needs to be mentioned was the visit to Chatham, where there is a store entirely devoted to rubber ducks. If you are ever in the fine town of Chatham, MA, definitely pay a visit to "Ducks in the Window."

Team Shaloub (Mike Shaloub, Gudrun Sablow, Joe Sablow, Gail Boggio), Team Clancy (Nancy Clancy, Glen Amaral, Jean Moss, John Dorff),



and Team Altman (Seth Altman, Erin Durba, Nate O'Reilly, Meg O'Reilly) all had competitive and spirited matches against teams from Canada, Madison, South Shore, Broomstones, Nutmeg, and Detroit. Sporting a variety of outfits, we held our own and did Ardsley proud.

Definitely check out the Summerspiels on the Cape for some curling during the summer.





World Mixed Curling

Former Ardsley members Ken Hsu and Stephanie Lee played second and lead for the Chinese Taipei team at the 2019 World Mixed Curling Championship in Aberdeen Scotland Oct 12-19.

Canada took home the gold from the 40 countries participating: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kosovo, Latvia, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA, and Wales.



Happy 100!



Long time curler Jean MacIntosh will turn 100 this year. Jean curled at Saint Andrews before Ardsley had its own ice. She continued curling at Ardsley well into her 90s and retired from the sport only a few years ago.

Go Team India!

On September 7, Team India officially became part of the World Curling Federation and became the first ever Indian team to compete in a World Curling Tour event. The four members, including our own Vinay Goenka (pictured, far right) played at the Kalamazoo Curling Club Classic in October.



Excellent Skills

Ardsey kicked off the curling season this year by hosting the Centre for Curling Excellence Skills Camp Sept 27-29. The 40 students were coached by 7 instructors including 2010 Olympic Silver Medalist Christoffer Svae of team Norway along with our own Matt Scheiner and Barbara Gabhart. Many volunteers helped out, but none more important than Barb's daughter, Katherine Pryor, who isn't even a curler, but spent the entire weekend helping.



Ardsey Curling Club honored Tim Klein with the Jesse Wang Volunteer of the Year Award at last year's closing dinner. We are so fortunate to not only have Tim in our Ardsey family, but a long line of volunteers alongside him.



Volunteer of the Year

As the 2019-2020 curling season begins, remember to take the time to ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club. Only together do we keep our club up and running, bring new curlers into this great sport, and keep the spirit of curling alive.



Margarita Time

Nancy Clancy, John Dorff, and Tim Klein curled with Jay Davies in the Margarita Bonspiel in Corina, Italy. Clan C was one of 72 teams in the event. In the picture, Nancy is visiting the table of new and old Margarita friends. We were all having dinner at the Hotel Menardi, celebrating camaraderie!! Oct 3-6.



HALLOWEEN SPIEL

Yuko Kashiwado, Chrissy Hall, and Andrea Warr from Schenectady Curling Club were joined by Lynn Salmon from ACC for a hauntingly good time at the Madison Curling Club's Halloween Spiel Invitational. Oct 24-27.



Ahoy, Mateys

B event winners at the Bog at Cape Cod. Matt & Sharon Gallegos reunited with Johanna Shaw & Dawn Ostendorff Hebert from Mariner Curling Club. Oct 18-20.





Tuesday Doubles

Want to try playing doubles? Join last year's Doubles Rookie Champs, Michael Villanova and Fiona Crisp plus curlers of all skill levels on Tuesday nights. Doubles curling is an exciting 2-on-2 game where every shot matters. The league has very flexible scheduling. We have room for a few more players, and can accommodate individuals wanting to give the game a brief trial.

Talk to Lynn or John Salmon for more details.



Sunday Morning Drop-ins Welcome

Sunday Mornings at 10am is "Drop-in Curling". The atmosphere is relaxed and fun. Teams are organized each week based on how many curlers show up, who wants to play what position, and assembled to allow balanced/fair competition. It's an excellent opportunity to develop your skills and play new positions -- like skipping if you would like to.

Talk to Mike Knaggs for more info - or just show up on Sundays.





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