



DUCK SOUP

Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club
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Olympic Team Trials Nov 11-16

Olympic Team trials begin in Sioux Falls, SD on November 11. There are four teams on each of the men's and women's sides. Teams will play each other twice, and the two best teams will have a best-of-three playoff on November 14, 15, 16.

On the men's side: Teams Dropkin (Andrew's team), Casper (Danny's team), and Shuster are all ranked within 5 spots of each other in the world rankings. The fourth team, Team Hebert, is also highly ranked. It's anyone's game!!

The women's side includes Team Strouse, Team Cousins, Team Peterson, and Team Johnson.

Finals will be on the USA Network.



Games on Nov 11-13 will be streamed on Peacock with a special USA curling watch party for the Shuster/Dropkin game on Nov 13.

Save the Date:

Cool Duck: Nov 6-9

Olympic Trials: Nov 11-16

Doubles Spiel: Dec 11-13

Skins Game: Dec 27

Schedule:

U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC TEAM TRIALS CURLING			
presented by <i>Levy</i>			
11 NOV JOHNSON VS. STROUSE 12:30p Hebert vs. Shuster Casper vs. Dropkin Cousins vs. Peterson	12 NOV SHUSTER VS. CASPER 7:00p Strouse vs. Cousins Peterson vs. Johnson Dropkin vs. Hebert	14 NOV TIEBREAKER (IF NEEDED) 8:00a WHEELCHAIR FINAL #1 8:00a Game time 5:30p Delayed broadcast	15 NOV WOMEN'S FINAL #2 2:00p MEN'S FINAL #2 6:00p
11 NOV HEBERT VS. DROPKIN 7:00p Johnson vs. Peterson Cousins vs. Strouse Casper vs. Shuster	13 NOV PETERSON VS. COUSINS 12:00p Dropkin vs. Casper Shuster vs. Hebert Strouse vs. Johnson	14 NOV WOMEN'S FINAL #1 2:00p MEN'S FINAL #1 7:00p	16 NOV WHEELCHAIR FINAL #3 9:00a Game time 6:00p Delayed broadcast • if necessary
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peacock ALL TIMES LISTED IN CENTRAL TIME
GAMES STREAMED TO PEACOCK
SEMIFINALS AND FINALS ON USA NETWORK



IN MEMORIUM

GEORGE COWLES

1934 - August 12, 2025

George passed away one week short of his 91st birthday and nearly four years to the day after the passing of his wife Marion Cowles. As members of the Ardsley Curling Club, George and Marion got a kick out of participating in bonspiels in the Northeast, Canada, and Europe.

George served as Treasurer of ACC and filled numerous volunteer roles. Many will remember curling with them when they ran the Sunday evening drop-in curling league and/or the Saturday Dinner League.



Summer Bocce League



The summer bocce league organized by Heinz Gruettner looks to be fun and well attended. They play somewhere in Connecticut, but you have to get on the invite list to know when and where.



Margarita Time



Joe and Gudrun Sablow, Mike Shalhoub, and Gail Boggio were just south of Paris for the Margarita International Bonspiel, Oct 2-5. They curled with 71 other teams from around the world at the Viry-Chatillion Ice Rink in France



Duck of the Month

Eastern spot-billed Duck (*Anas zonorhyncha*)

These dabbling ducks are widespread in Southeast Asia. This one was spotted (pun intended) by a couple of Ardsley members this summer in Japan.

IN MEMORIAM GARTH

Prior to the start of the 2025 season curling lost one of its most loyal fans. Garth was a major presence at the club where he mingled with curlers at all levels. He had crossed paws with gold medalists and Olympic hopefuls. He also traveled to other clubs and attended many bonspiels. Wherever he went he truly represented the spirit of curling.

--Gudron Sablow



The Iceman Curleth - and he has this to say:

Attention Members: Please remember to broom sweep behind the hacks and around and under the stones at each end of the sheet after a game.

Join the ice crew and help keep our ice clean!



Windy City Curling

In May, Ardsley won the 3rd event at the Windy City Open "Untouchables" 1920's gangster themed open 'spiel. Colin Kasprovicz, Carl Biltz (Triangle CC), Frank Buquicchio, Jack Glanzer.



In August, things heated up in Chicago for the Windy City 2025 Food Truck Open Bonspiel. Matt lost his shirt, but made it to the finals with Sharon Gallegos.



Summer Bonspieling



In August, Ardsley won the 2nd event at the Nashville Summer Open. Keith Wisbauer, Colin Kasprovicz, Nora Mongardi, and Patti Engel (Long Island CC).



Empire State 2026

Rochester Curling Club is proud to host The Empire State Bonspiel this season! This 'spiel rotates between Ardsley, Schenectady, Utica, and Rochester and is open to women curlers from any club.



Important info:

January 15-18, 2026

\$450/team limit 24 teams

Boospiel 2025

This past weekend, ACC held our annual in-house Boospiel! There were a bunch of death-defying draws, terrifying takeouts, ghoulish guards, a few tricks, and many pieces of candy consumed!

In the end, the horrific Gummi Gears (Keith, Jonathan, Miles, Stacey, and subs Stefan and Kavi) were the last team standing and managed to walk out with most of their limbs intact...





The Cool Duck needs raffle donations and volunteers!!



Please put raffle donations for the Cool Duck on the table downstairs by Nov 3. And, Mike Horowitz needs more help – so VOLUNTEER to help. Sign up on the [google doc](#) or talk to Mike or just show up to watch the games and lend a hand where needed.

The Year Ahead

It's going to be a busy 2026 at Ardsley. The Winter Olympics February 6-22 will bring the spotlight back to curling. Looking forward to lots of potential new members checking it out. Watch with your friends and tell them how you can make that gold medal draw, too!

Meanwhile, if you still have room for more curling in your schedule, check out some of our drop-in leagues on the weekends. New curlers finishing up learn-to-curl are welcome!

 FRANCIS DYKES BONSPIEL	MENS 5 & UNDER CO-HOSTED WITH NUTMEG CURLING CLUB FEB. 26-MAR. 1
 ARDSLEY BIG APPLE BONSPIEL	 OPEN MARCH 19-22
 ARDSLEY JUNIOR SPIEL	JUNIORS APRIL 10-12



*I was walking past a farm
and saw a sign that said,
"Duck, eggs."*

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*I thought: "That's an
unnecessary comma -
and then it hit me."*



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