



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

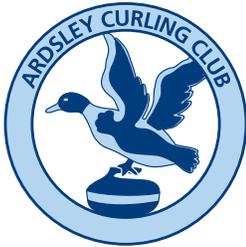
# DUCK SOUP

November 2012



"All the News That Fits"

## ACC on the Road to Recovery



North Mountain Drive  
Ardsley, NY 10502

### calendar notes

#### Upcoming events:

**Senior Women's Bonspiel**  
Albany Curling Club  
Thurs. Nov. 15 - Sun. Nov. 18

**Harvest (mixed)**  
Philadelphia Curling Club  
Thurs. Nov. 15 - Sun. Nov. 18

**Pursuit of Happiness (open)**  
Plainfield Curling Club  
Fri. Nov. 30 - Sun. Dec. 2

**Norfolk Calder (men's)**  
Nutmeg Curling Club  
Fri. Nov. 30 - Sun. Dec. 2

**GNCC Men's Club  
Championship**  
The Country Club  
Thurs. Dec. 6 - Sun. Dec. 9

**A complete calendar of GNCC  
events is available at [gncc.org](http://gncc.org)**

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November 7th was the date when power is restored to the curling club. Storm damage to the building was surprisingly small. Sandy knocked down three trees that somehow did not do damage to the building. The trees mostly fell the right way. We also lost part of our satellite feed thanks to the high wind. Dave Schrull and the ice crew have been working hard to clean up. Thanks also to Jeff Paul for all the work done trying to restore the compressor. We are now working on getting things up and

running as soon as possible. Several decisions need to be made. It looks likely that the season will be extended one to two weeks, that the Cool Duck will be rescheduled for later in the year (not cancelled), and that in order to speed up the ice making we will be purchasing a pre-fab sheet with the houses already printed.

Pictures were taken "The Day After" We hope you all fared well enough with this storm.

## Hot Shots Curling Camp visits Ardsley



ACC was privileged to play host to the Hot Shots Curling Camp in early October. Many of our curlers signed up for expert training on everything from delivery and sweeping to managing team comradie. Dave Gravelle, president of Hot Shots, tells us that their organization is independently run and specializes in adult club curling instruction. Dave was especially grateful for the expert organization of Jeff Lesuk and Robin Gestring along with several volunteers who did everything from providing three meals per day to housing the instructors.

The camp ran for three days and was exhaustive in its detail. At \$700 per curler, the fee was not little, but many curlers tell us that it was more than worth it. Particularly helpful to our curlers was the video instruction.

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# BOOSPIEL 2012 WAS SCARILY GOOD

By Judith Kelson

Boospiel 2012 kicked off the season on October 27th. Thanks to last year's Rookie of the Year, Ivelisse Hornyak for organizing a wonderful event. The club was fully decked out in Halloween finery.

### First Event Winner:

#### Little Dead Riding Hood

Matt Gallegos (S), Sharon Gallegos, Jan Zahour, Nicole Zahour

### First Event Runner Up:

#### Hansel & Goblin

Walter Baggett (S), Jim Borgia, Stephen Devaney, Nick Beaton

### Second Event Winner:

#### Wizard of Odds

George Austin (S), Yushi Yang, Curt Pader, Margaret Huang

### Second Event Runner Up:

#### Sinderella

Ed Andrews (S), Will Pryor, Barbara Gabhart, Jennifer Stein

### Third Event Winner:

#### Jack and the Meanstalk

Matt Scheiner (S), Mike Spensieri, Nicole Mikoleski, Bruce Huffine

### Third Event Runner Up:

#### Malice in Wonderland

Jim McGinnis (S), Jim Duke, Bob Kennedy, Suki Miyamoto

Other teams included:

**Rumples-Kill-Skin** (Mike Shalhoub, Norman Laird, Peter Decker, Susan Lapham)

**Ghouldilocks** (Pete McCuen, Michael Infranco, Jon Schuster, Valeria Barreto)

**Snow Fright** (Andy Eaton, Leslie Avendano, Alex Zic, Ivelisse Hornyak)

**Peter Peter Pumpkin Beater** (Dave Schrull, Seth Altman, Sharon Jacquet, TC Yeh)

**Creeping Beauty** (Pam Politano, James Weeks, Chelsea Allen, Ina Obernesser)



## Changes to Our Board of Directors



Many have noticed that Bill Pekowitz has not been around. Bill has been given a job opportunity in the Boston area. He and his family are now living near Broomstones. Perhaps we will see him on the ice when things settle down. Taking over his duties as Board Vice President is Jeff Casper and taking over as lead instructor for the Learn to Curl group is Robin Gestring. Jon Schuster has been elected to the Board to replace Bill. Bill and Karen will certainly be missed.



Thanks go to Will and Lauren for watching Danny at the Bucks County Curling Camp this past Summer.



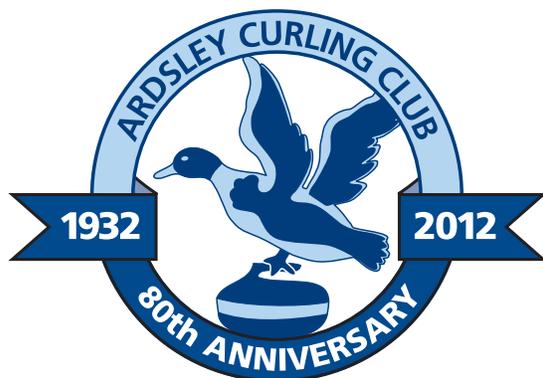
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Laptops and video cameras were set up to film each delivery, and instructors pointed out areas to improve. Specialized motion analysis software and a laser level were used to track and analyze deliveries. Instructors would shine a laser toward the hack. If the beam was on the stone, you were aimed correctly. The software filmed the entire delivery, and instructors could draw on the screen to point out areas to improve. Further, the instructors were able to leave behind many tips where curlers can continue to improve by employing sound practice strategies. They also gave everyone all the materials they went over, including a copy of the individual training video.

The instructors all had long experience as trainers and coaches. As examples Earle Morris is the inventor of the stabilizer and is also coaching Team USA. Scott Arnold, in addition to being a Level 4 coach and is also the CCA national coach. Cindy Bishop was the national coach for Austria, and the Netherlands. Also present was Sandra McMakin, the former coach of the U.S Junior Men's team.

Curlers from up and down the east coast participated, including Plainfield, Nutmeg, Broomstones, and Chicago. In all over 40 curlers attended the camp. Jeff and Robin as well as many helpers did a great job pulling this together.



## A New is Look is Emerging

Before Sandy you've all noticed a new design on the ice this year. The nifty logos in the ice will be seen elsewhere as Ardsley celebrates its 80th anniversary. Stay tuned for more announcements marking this milestone. We are also celebrating our new and improved website. Headed by Julie and Mark Everett, our new site will have many new features including PayPal, updated membership rolls, and a cleaner look. It will be on both [ardsleycurling.org](http://ardsleycurling.org) as well as [ardsleycurling.com](http://ardsleycurling.com). Our website will have all the normal password protections and will be fully online shortly. We will require an administrator for the new site, so those having particular skill in this area, please volunteer. Our website will continue to evolve, so please have suggestions ready.



## Set up Team

Geoff Broadhurst, Chair of the House Committee, wants to thank the legions of volunteers who set up the club for the 2012-13. All done before noon! Great job Geoff and Team! The volunteers were:

Julie Everett  
Pippa Broadhurst  
Mark Bussy  
George Cowles  
Peter Decker  
Tom Doherty

Jim Duke  
Mark Everett  
Doug Hill  
Sue Lapham  
Tim Klein  
Jeff Klein

Norm Laird  
Jim McGinnis  
Jon Schuster  
Ray Ullmer  
Seth Altman

## Membership Notes

**Total Membership: 203**  
**Regular Members: 167**  
**Returning March LTCers: 8**  
**Juniors: 6 (playing in one adult league)**  
**Youth/Little Rockers: 7**  
**Associate Members: 19**

We have 4 new members to our club and 15 Fall Learn to Curlers. In addition, we have 10 members from last year who are taking half or full year sabbaticals. Open House events saw a total of 68 attendees.

*Due to the storm, the last 2 Learn to Curl classes have not yet been re-scheduled.*

Thank you to each of the 30 Open House volunteers, and to Alison Bankes and Matt Scheiner who ran the Sunday event that netted 13 of the 15 New LTCers.



### Congratulations James!

Congratulations to former ACC curler James Skoufis for winning election to the NY State Assembly, representing the 99th assembly district comprising much of Rockland and Orange Counties. As they say, it's nice to have friends in Albany!

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