



Official Newsletter of the Ardsley Curling Club

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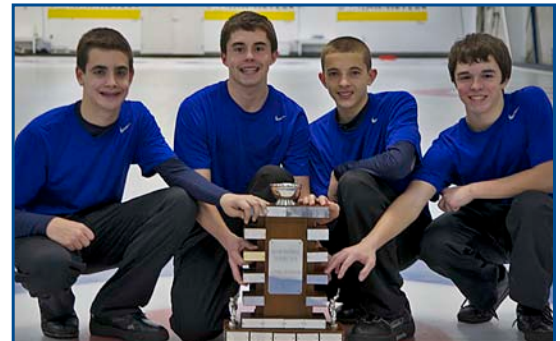
"All the News That Fits"



Andrew Stopera is Heading to Junior Nationals

Bill Stopera and Jeff Casper

Andrew Stopera, and his team, Team Dunnam won the GNCC Junior Championship last week at the Potomac Curling Club, and are headed to the US Junior National Championships at Broomstones from Jan 26-Feb 2. The other members of his team are Scott Dunnam (Skip - Philadelphia), second Steven Szemple (Plainfield), and lead Andy Dunnam (Philadelphia).

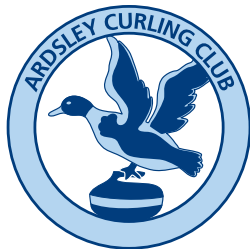


(From left to right) Andrew Stopera, Scott Dunnam, Steven Szemple, Andy Dunnam

Team Dunnam went undefeated in Potomac competing against 9 teams from all over the northeast. In the final they beat Team McMakin 12-5. Team Dunnam got a great start by scoring 3 in the first end. After giving up 1 in the 2nd they put the game away, scoring 6 in the third end to go up 9-1. Stopera set up the big end with a take out through a small port to lie 4 behind cover. Stopera said "They tried to put up a guard but it just didn't curl enough and they left us an opening. Fortunately I was able to get the rock through the port."

After the game Stopera said "it feels great, I didn't really think I would be going to Nationals this soon, but I am really excited."

Will Pryor played second with Team Suslavich. Their skip is from Nutmeg, with representation from Schenectady and Nashua, They ended the round robin in a three way tie for the last spot in the playoffs. The Suslavich Rink was forced to play three matches in the same day to qualify, but dropped the last of three to fall just short of the playoff round.



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Ardsley, NY 10502**

calendar notes

Upcoming GNCC events:

**USCA Senior Men's Nationals
USCA Senior Women's Nationals
Fairbanks Alaska
Wed. Jan. 23 - Sun. Jan. 27**

**GNCC Senior Men's
Championship
Nashua Country Club
Thur. Jan. 24 - Sun. Jan. 27**

**GNCC Women's Club
Championship
Petersham Curling Club
Thur. Jan. 24 - Sun. Jan. 27**

**Governor's Bowl (men's)
Albany Curling Club
Thu Jan 24 - Sun Jan 27**

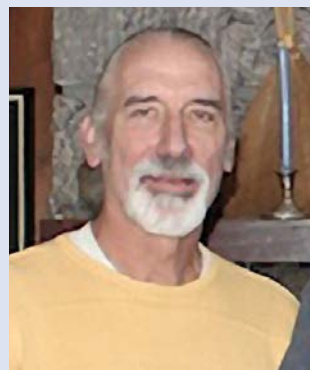
**Schenectady Open Bonsel
Schenectady Curling Club
Fri. Feb. 01 - Sun. Feb. 03**

**A complete calendar of events is
available at www.gncc.org**

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Club Reopens after Hurricane Sandy Iceman to Retire



The hurricane and the ensuing power outage and surrounding damage caused our club to be closed for several weeks. As reported in the last Duck Soup, the day after damage was palpable. Suffice it to say, Dave Schrull and the ice team really had a tall order to get the club back on its feet. Countless hours were spent clearing the mess, removing the remnants of the old ice, repainting, and trying to make new ice. There were a few false starts. A saving grace came in the form of special sheets that come ready made and can be rolled out and laid on the floor. This new product was

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purchased by ACC and arranged and cut by Mark and Julie Everett. This new floor will save a lot of time in the future by us no longer having to paint the rings, and if cared for properly could last a few years.

Dave and his crew were able to get us all up and running. The Board has voted that the season will continue an extra two weeks, with the Pull the Plug happening mid-April.

We owe Dave, the Everetts, Tom Doherty, Geoff Broadhurst and the House Committee, the ice crew, and countless others a debt of gratitude for pulling together and getting our season back in order.

On a sad note, Dave has informed us that he would like to retire from Iceman duties and wants to hand off the reins as quickly as possible. It would be ideal if we could find our next Iceman or Icewoman by the February flood. Dave, I think I speak for all of us by saying thank you and well done.

Women's Challenge Round is Set to Begin Jan. 17th

Jeff Casper



Ardsley Curlers are asked to root for Team Cucchiarelli as Joyance Meechai is the Vice. Her team is part of the draw for the Women's Challenge Round, held at Seattle's Granite Curling Club January 17th-21st. Six out of the fourteen teams entered will move on to Nationals. It sure would be nice to have Joyance join Bill Stopera and Martin Sather at USA Curling's biggest events this year.

Schenectady 10 and Under

Matt Gallegos and Mike Spensieri

Ardsley sent a men's 10-and-under team to compete in the Knights of Curling Bonspiel at the Schenectady Curling Club. Held on December 7-9 the team of Matt Gallegos (s), Mike Spensieri (V), Joe Panella (2nd) and Nick Beaton (Lead)



took the runner up in the D event. They made the A Event semi finals before falling to a Schenectady team on skips rocks. They next fell to an Albany team in the D Finals in a very close match.

77th McKay-Douglas

The McKay Douglas Bonspiel is right around the corner! February 21st to the 24th. This is the major fundraising opportunity for our club, so please volunteer. Contact Jeff Lesuk at jeffnrob1@juno.com



**Tuesday Night Rocks.
Tuesday hopes we all had a great Holiday Season!**

The New Satellite Is Here

Geoff Broadhurst

The new SHAW satellite dish and receiver has been installed and is operating very well. The TV curling schedule is shown on www.curling.ca/championships/television-and-webcast-schedule/ and can be seen on TSN HD or TSN2 HD (SHAW Channel 310 or 311). The next TV coverage of curling is The Continental Cup (North America VS Europe) starting January 10 which will feature Team McCormick (Heath McCormick, Bill Stopera-ACC, Martin Sather-ACC and Dean Gemmell – Plainfield).

COOL DUCK 2012



5-and-Under Bonspiel

Matt Scheiner

After Hurricane Sandy-related delays in early November, the Cool Duck 5-and-Under Bonspiel finally came together on December 28-30, 2012. Thirteen teams of curlers with five years' curling experience or less from as far south as Bucks County, PA and as far north as Boston, MA made the trek to Ardsley to play in a fun and competitive event. Fun was

had by all, including some great competition, delectable food, and unrivaled camaraderie.

Some of the highlights of the weekend included some riveting matches, seeing the audience seating full with spectators for a 5-and-under event, a raffle with more than just alcohol in it, and all of our dice money leaving for Rhode Island.

Congratulations go out to Yushi Yang (Skip), Ken Hsu (vice), Joe Panella (second), Barry Rosenbloom (lead) and Sylvie Rosenbloom (alternate) for winning the coveted Cool Duck Trophy. Other results follow:

First Event Runners Up:

John Salmon (skip)
Jim Borgia (vice)
Joe Hodgkinson (second)
Lynn Salmon (lead)

Second Event Winners:

South Shore Curling Club
Rob Costa (skip)
MaryBeth Cordeiro (vice)
Greg Costa (second)
Chris Koska (lead)

Second Event Runners Up:

Ray Ullmer (skip)
Leeza Furman (vice)
Darrel Seife (second)
Erin Durba (lead)

Third Event Winners:

Cape Cod/LICC/Ardsley
Shay Austin-Leary (skip)
Alison Piatt (vice)
Seth Altman (second)
Matthew Leary (lead)

Third Event Runners Up:

Ellen Schoder (skip)
Suki Miyamoto (vice)
Rich Windisch (second)
Robert O'Boyle (lead)

Fourth Event Winners:

Long Island Curling Club
Matt Scheiner (skip)
Mike Spensieri (vice)
Nicole Mikoleski (second)
Demetri Muna (lead)

Fourth Event Runners Up:

Jim Duke (skip)
Jon Schuster (vice)
Doug Hill (second)
Laura Hill (lead)
Jeff Klein (alternate)

This is the first time the Cool Duck has welcomed teams from other clubs and it was very successful overall netting over \$1000 for the club. We hope to continue the Cool Duck in this new tradition every November. This way it can be ideally positioned as a practice spiel for other well-known 5 and under events like the Kayser and the Dykes.

Editors Note: Special thanks goes to Matt Scheiner for organizing and hosting this great event



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1st Event Winner

Yushi Yang (skip),
Ken Hsu, Joe Panella,
Barry Rosenbloom and
Sylvie Rosenbloom (alternate)



SOUTH SHORE – 1

2nd Event Winner

Rob Costa (skip),
MaryBeth Cordeiro, Greg Costa,
and Chris Koska

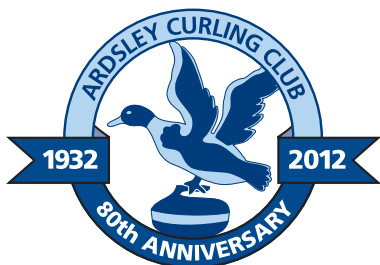


MIXED – 1

3rd Event Winner

Shay Austin-Leary (skip),
Alison Piatt, Seth Altman
and Matthew Leary

Please take some time to read our revised History of the Ardsley Curling Club 1932-1973. Special thanks to Mark Everett, Sue Ferrenti, and Geoff Broadhurst for making this available to the club.



New Apparel

The special edition 80th anniversary Ardsley Curling Club apparel has arrived. Hats and T-Shirts both long and short sleeves. Hats and long sleeve Ts retail for \$25 while the short sleeve Ts go for \$20. All of the old inventory is still 50% off.

Happy New Year with Bloodies and Brooms

Dave Wagenheim

2013 was rung in by 33 curlers this New Year's Day at the Ardsley Curling Club. This year's Bloodies and Brooms like previous years brought people together for what we hoped would be a good balance of curling and socializing. The format was 4-end games with 4 events and the optional Toronto "Shorty". Four-end games can be tough if your opponent has a big end but even when that happened, there was still cheer and camaraderie to be found. The 1st Event was won by a score of 4-2 by Team Baggett with Judith Kelson at lead, Peter Decker, 2nd, Lillie Shortridge-Baggett, vice and Walter at skip. Runner-up in the first event was the current incarnation of The "Ungrateful Undead": Suki Miyamoto at lead, Bob Kennedy, 2nd, Jim McGinnis, vice, and Jim Duke at skip.

The Toronto Shorty fielded 9 two-person teams throwing stones from the hack to the near house,

thus the name Shorty. For anyone who hasn't played, the strategy is similar to playing the full sheet, but, each team throws only 4 stones per end in a 4 end game, stones have to be in the house to be in play and you cannot knock stones out of the house. The Shorty was a single-elimination, winner-take-all event won by Lynn and John Salmon over Barb and Tom Wilk on a tie-breaking shot where each skip throws a single stone attempting to come closest to the near hog line without going over.

Much like any event that takes place at the club, it wouldn't happen without the volunteers who give their time. Whether prepping the ice before matches, baking cookies, setting out food, cleaning up, setting up the draws, live streaming matches, the volunteers made this a fun event. I would like to thank Bob Kennedy for helping with pretty much



First Event Winners: Walter Baggett (skip), Lillie Shortridge-Baggett (vice), Peter Decker (second) and Judith Kelson (lead)

everything, Jeff Klein for setting up the teams and draw, John Shuster for helping wherever he was needed, Seth Altman for setting up the Shorty draw, Barbara Gabhart whose leftover cookies from the Cool Duck were enjoyed all day long at the Bloodies and Brooms, Laura Hill and Judith Kelson for selling raffle tickets, Tom Wilk for

donating raffle prizes. Hopefully, I haven't forgotten anyone, but, I'll issue a global thank you to everyone who was there that day. You all made it another fun event at ACC.

Editors Note: A special thanks goes to Dave Wagenheim for organizing this event.

The Monctonian

Jerry McCarty

Jerry McCarty, Bruce Huffine, Tom Jackson from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Bill Harper and Peter McCrady from Prince Edward Island competed in the 53rd Monctonian Bonspiel from November 14th to 18th, 2012.

The New York Caledonian team played a total of four games and made friends in each. The international team somehow managed to have a great time in spite of the rigors of curling in the 38 team competition.

Jerry was honored as the American Representative at the Banquet on Friday.

A good time was had by all!



THE NEW YORKER

GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN



The New Yorker wanted to run a photo of people 'doing something seasonal.' Despite taking hundreds of photos of our Saturday morning league in action, photographer Gus Powell settled on Danny Casper practicing. "Our readers respond better to kids in action," said Gus.

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