

# Arlington Boys & Girls Club

## Winter Newsletter

### 2022



## \$10,000 Raffle

On Friday, February 25 at 7pm you could be the lucky winner of \$10,000! 250 tickets were sold in a flash and everyone is eagerly awaiting the drawing at the end of the month. Once again, the 2022 raffle pull will be virtual. Grab a snack and a beverage and log on to our Facebook page ([@ArlingtonBGC](#)) or click the link on the Club's website to view the livestream results.

During the week leading up to the \$10,000 Raffle pull, the Club will be drawing daily prizes for the \$10,000 Raffle ticket holders. That means you have multiple chances to win prizes! Each \$10,000 Raffle number will be entered into each daily drawing. Watch the Club's daily Facebook and Instagram feeds that week to see if you are a winner!

The \$10,000 Raffle is generously sponsored by [Arbella Insurance](#) and [Jamgochian Insurance Agency Inc.](#)

### 50/50 Raffles & Raffle Baskets

In addition to the famous \$10,000 Raffle, the Club is also hosting a 50/50 Raffle and a Raffle for two fabulous baskets which will also be drawn at the virtual raffle pull on February 25th.

#### 50/50 Raffle

For \$10 you buy an entry and, if your name is called, you split the pot with the Club. The more 50/50 Raffles we sell, the higher the pot and the more money in YOUR pocket! Last year, at the time of the drawing, the pot exceeded \$5,000! Currently, the pot is over \$2,300. Let's keep this pot climbing!

#### Raffle Basket Drawings

For \$10 you will be entered to win one of two baskets:

- 1) Family Pizza Night (\$540 value)\*
  - Ooni Koda 16 Gas Powered Pizza Oven (partially donated by

- The Bar-B-Que Barn in Arlington)
- Ooni 12" pizza peel
- Ooni pizza turning peel
- Infrared Thermometer

2) Scratch Ticket Basket (\$500 value)\*

*(\*You will be unable to choose which basket you win.)*

[Learn More](#)

Buy Raffle  
Tickets

## \$30,000 Donation from the JoAnn DeNapoli Foundation

Our games room now has a spectacular view! Thanks to a \$30,000 grant from the JoAnn DeNapoli Foundation the Club upgraded four windows and installed new flooring. The natural light from the expanded windows is phenomenal and, together with the new light gray flooring, makes the room look so much bigger and brighter. Our members enjoy the breezes off of the pond and the view of all of the wildlife in and around the pond. **We are so grateful to our friends at the JoAnn DeNapoli Foundation for their continued partnership with the Club.**



Games room  
floor!



Windows before...

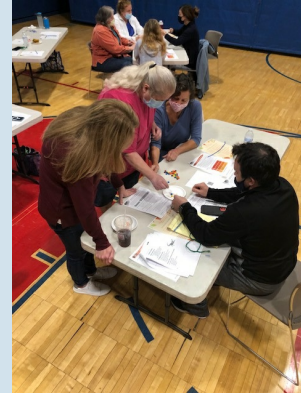
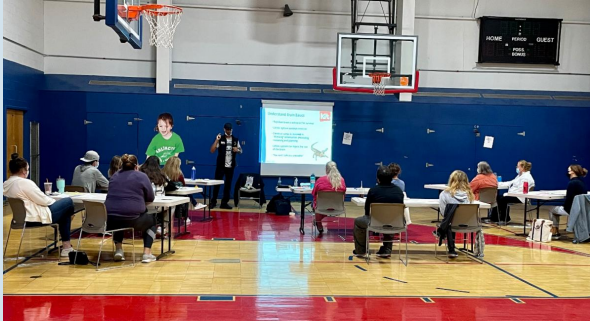


Windows after!



## Club Staff Attend Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Training

In October all of the Club's staff (ABC Preschool teachers, After School teachers, program staff, etc.) attended on-site Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training. The Club hired Kids Included Together (KIT) to facilitate the training which included topics such as 'Planning Successful Transitions' and 'Turning Down the Heat on Behavior'. The goal of the training is to help the Club create a safe, positive and inclusive environment for all youth and to help ensure a high quality Club experience for youth with disabilities and other complex needs.



## Christmas Tree Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased a tree and/or a wreath at the Club's annual Christmas Tree Sale. All of the trees were sold by December 14th indicating another successful fundraiser. A huge thanks to the **Arlington High School football and basketball teams** who arose at well before sunrise to unload trees and to our army of volunteers who braved the cold and wind to make sure that the Club's tree lot was well stocked and that buyers had a friendly face to assist with transporting the trees home. **Thank you to all those who baked or cooked** to make sure that our volunteers were well fed. **Thank you to Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Mass. Ave. in Cambridge** for supplying many dozens of donuts and Boxes of Joe!



## Record Breaking Season for Dolphin Swim Team

It has been an exciting season to be a member of the Arlington Boys & Girls Club (ABGC) Dolphin's swim team. Many longtime records have been shattered. On December 11, 2021, Arlington High School

senior Conor Sweeney crushed the 18 & Under 100 yard breaststroke record that had been held for 14 years! Sweeney finished with a time of 1:10.34 beating the previous record set by Robert St. Laurence in 2007 by more than one second. Sweeney has been a member of the Dolphins since 2011 and his record breaking streak didn't stop there.

A month later on January 12, 2022, on Dolphin Senior Night, Sweeney broke his own 100 yard breaststroke record with a phenomenal finish of 1:10.29. And what a Senior Night it was. Minutes later Sweeney played a key role in breaking another record!

The 18 & Under 200 yard Medley Relay team of Cian Chambers, Sweeney, Robert Hackley and Sylvie Racicot finished with a phenomenal time of 1:57.20 beating the previous record of 1:57.90 set in 2014. Each teammate swam 50 yards of the following strokes - backstroke for Chambers, breaststroke for Sweeney, butterfly for Hackley and free style for Racicot. Not only do these Dolphins swim for ABGC but also they swim for their high school teams. Sweeney, Chambers and Racicot swim for Arlington High School while Hackley swims for Malden Catholic High School. All four teens learned how to swim at the ABGC and are long time Club members.

Racicot broke a record and also broke through a gender barrier as there had not previously been any female record holders in the 15-18 year age group. As Racicot is only a junior we look forward to seeing more of her name on the record board!

The record setting continued on to the last in-house Ribbon Meet on February 10th. To top off his Dolphin swim career, Sweeney broke his own record and swam the 100 yard Breaststroke in 1:09.10. What a spectacular senior year for Conor!

Joe Piacitelli also had an outstanding swim at the Ribbon Meet. He swam the 200 yard free in 2:01.98, crushing a record set by Andrew Baldwin in 1998 by two seconds. Congratulations to Joe and all of the Dolphins! What an incredible finish! See you next year.





## Holiday Help

Thanks to the generosity of our extremely supportive community, over 150 local families awoke full of joy on Christmas morning. The assistance that the Club provides make all the difference to these very grateful families. The Club also sends a huge thank you to [Henry Bear's Park](#) for collecting toys in their Arlington store and also for including the Club in its 'It Takes a Village' holiday program. The Club was able to use the proceeds from this program to shop for over \$2,200 worth of toys.

## Summer Program Preview

Registration for the Club's Summer Programs opens at 10am on **Tuesday, March 8th**. Not only will the Club offer our very popular Kids Zone for ages 5-9 and our half day Boating Exploration program but also returning are the week long Creative Explorer (ages 3-5) and Extreme Adventure (ages 10-12) programs! Together with week-long sports clinics, swim lessons, STEM programs, open boating and our drop-in Club Kids program, the Club will be a hub of activity this summer. We are so excited to expand our offerings to serve as many children as possible. Look to the Club's website for a preview of all of the offerings.

On **Sunday, March 6th from 9-11am**, the Club invites adults to attend a **Stroll Through**. Come meet Lauren Duddy, program director, take a tour of the facility, ask questions and learn more about the Club's summer programs.

## Mark Your Calendars! **Alumni & Friends Golf Outing** **Wayland Country Club** **Monday, June 6th!**

Join staff, ABGC Board Members and community members at this popular golf outing. Last year more than 90 golfers enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at Wayland Country Club. A continental breakfast and grill lunch are included. Prizes for top teams. Raffles and fun for all! More details to follow.

## George P. Faulkner Citizen of the Year & Youth Service Award Nominations **March 25th Deadline**

Do you know someone who volunteers their time to the betterment of youth in our community? Please nominate an adult and/or a child/teen/young adult in our community who has made a difference in the lives of others. These are two separate awards, one for an adult and one for a community member under 21 years of age. A committee will review the nominations and the awards will be presented at the Club's Annual Celebration this Spring. More details to follow. ***The deadline to submit a nomination is March 25, 2022.***

Faulkner Award  
Application

Youth Service Award  
Application

## Used Vehicle Donation

Do you have a used car, truck, boat, motorcycle, or RV sitting in your driveway? Even one that doesn't run? If yes, please consider donating your vehicle to the Arlington Boys & Girls Club. Your vehicle will be towed at no expense to you. Donating your vehicle to charity can result in significant tax savings if you include it in your charitable contribution deduction. The amount that is tax deductible is the sale price of the vehicle.

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