

## THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

November 19, 1943

Dear Curler:

The Ardsley Curling Club is going to open its twelfth successful year any day now. I thought you'd be interested to have a preview of the coming season.

There will be ice at St. Andrews on the weekend of November 27th.

Ardsley will again have the exclusive privilege of the entire rink for one night a week. Weekends will be reserved for scheduled matches, and we are hopeful that there will be one sheet of ice both Saturday and Sunday afternoons for the Ardsley curlers.

We are enclosing a card which will give us two important bits of information. Please check this and drop it in the mail to Cuyler Stevens when you finish reading this letter.

Question #1 concerns our regular Curling Night. St. Andrews will give us our choice; for years it has been Tuesday nights, last year we changed it to Wednesday. So check the night you prefer and be sure to note it, if there is any night which is impossible for you as a regular curling evening.

Also tell us on the card the names of likely curling prospects. We will be able to take on about a dozen new men this year. We should be unselfish and let some of our friends know the fun of curling. We intend to send the new man an invitation in the name of the man who sponsors him, and we hope that you can bring him over yourself the first night of curling. In that connection, we intend to have a preliminary curling session on November 30th or December 1st to introduce the new curlers to the game. There will be a talk which will attempt to give the new men some basic information about the game before they ever throw a stone or try to follow a skip's vague broom-signal. The Curling Committee feels that this will shorten the learning period of the new men and greatly increase their enjoyment of the sport. Naturally we'll want the old-timers to show up on this opening night. They'll get a bit of curling but, more important, they can work with the new members in answering their questions and showing them a few tricks of the trade.

Regarding dues, this depends chiefly on the new men we sign up. I am certain that the dues won't be more than \$25.00 plus tax.

I have appointed Albert Shaw Jr. as chairman of the Curling Committee, and I can promise you one thing about the 1943-44 season -- there is going to be plenty of active competition for everyone, and every man who wants to go on an out-of-town trip will be encouraged to do so.

The annual Opening Dinner will be held on December 7th or 8th at St. Andrews.

Here's hoping all your stones are lying stones and that the Ardsley Curling Club has the most successful and active season ever! Hope to see you opening night -

Very sincerely,

Edwin J. Fiske, Jr.  
President

P.S. Please mail your card in promptly.

Your Curling Committee is:-

Albert Shaw, Jr., Chairman  
Edwin J. Fiske, Jr., President  
D. D. Sutohen, Jr., Vice President

Cuyler Stevens, Secretary  
George Williams, Treasurer  
A. B. Hasting, Past President

Mr. Stevens.

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

December 17, 1943

Well - we got started anyhow!

The annual opening dinner of the St. Andrews Club got the Twelfth Ardsley Curling Season under way in traditional style. Tugboat Eddie Fiske and Chairman Henry Kelley of the St. Andrews Curling Committee staged a spirited insult bout, which was marked by devoutness of the remarks -- the Deity being mentioned in practically every sentence. Mr. Kelley's generous filling of the Windeler Cup had a slight, adverse effect on the quality of the curling that followed. However, it was a swell party.

I would like to repeat in this letter George Williams' appeal that the members take matters into their own hands and send their dues checks to him without waiting for a bill. It will be very helpful to George to receive a check before January 1. Please make it payable to the Ardsley Curling Club and mail it to G. W. Williams, Jr., 14 River Glen, Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Serious curling is under way with the Wilds matches having completed the second round. The Utica-Playland Bonspiel starts Friday night and continues through the week-end. Ardsley has three rinks in this competition. Teams will probably be announced the middle of the week. Eddison, Hastings and Peile are the Ardsley skips.

Ad Hastings is working out an idea on his Wilds rink which we heartily recommend to the other skips. Ad is making up a schedule of the men who will curl with him in each of the matches and notice will go out to the participants in plenty of time so that the newer curlers will know in advance when Ad expects them to curl with him. This also guarantees that everyone on Ad's roster gets a chance to curl in competition during this season.

Nothing else to report except that the new curlers are coming along nicely and we hope that they will all decide to join us for the full season. Curling will start Tuesday night just as soon as there are enough men there to make up two rinks. In other words, be on the ice at eight o'clock sharp so that we can have a full evening of it.

CUYLER STEVENS  
Secretary

P. S. LATE FLASH: - Letter from Dick Davis, Grand National Secretary, says - "No Dykes competition ('Junior Bonspiel') has been planned for this season!" - and we had such plans!

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## ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

Dear Curler:

The Ardsley Curling Club officially opens the 1943-44 season with its annual dinner at the St. Andrews Club. It will be Tuesday evening, December 7th, and we hope you plan to be there. The festivities start at 6:30.

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The new curlers got an advance look at the game on Tuesday. Eight new men came over - Messrs. Valentine, Owen, Young, Woodard, Koch, Lagercrantz, Stevenson and Bickford.

The game was explained to them by a couple of Monday morning quarterbacks - and three-man rinks were made up, skipped by Hastings, Fiske, Shaw and Stevens. On the center ice, Dick Weiley's team nosed out the Consolidated Eddisons 18 - 6. (The boys ought to learn to kick those points-after-touchdown.)

Wilds Cup Matches start on Sunday, with Ardsley having three rinks entered in the competition. The skips for this series are Eddison, Hastings and Weiley; they face three St. Andrews' teams on Sunday.

At this point, we should call your attention to the fact that Ardsley had two rinks entered in the Gordon International Matches at Montreal last March. Barton Eddison's rink ran into some tough opposition and were beaten by two Thistle teams. We are proud to state that Hastings' Royal International Funks made the best record of any U. S. team, knocking off the Montreal Caledonians and the Three Rivers Curling Club by identical scores of 16 - 8.

Al Shaw, chairman of the Curling Committee, says that it's going to be their policy to make certain that everyone who deserves to go on a curling trip will get the chance for some outside competition. There are a number of fellows with several years of experience who have never made a trip. These men are going to be urged to enter out-of-town Bonspiels. You will have a chance to indicate your choice as soon as we have the Grand National schedule. Your Curling Committee is going to bring back some winning medals this year!

See you at the dinner Tuesday - St. Andrews Club - 6:30.

Sincerely,

Cuyler Stevens  
Secy.

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



December 27, 1943

This letter will introduce Donald, the Ardsley duck ... I hope that the Christmas mails have subsided so that everyone receives this letter on Tuesday as per schedule.

Every club officer has his own particular cross to bear. Mine -- and I share it with most secretaries of recent years -- is that the old members get a faraway look in their eyes when they think of the days when Stu Peabody was secretary of the Ardsley Curling Club, and the weekly letter was read with the avidity of Winchell's column. Anyhow, Stu was so fond of referring to his friend, the Ardsley duck, that we thought you'd like to have a look at him. Here he is -- feeling very proud for having won the Utica trophy.

Last Tuesday suffered from the pre-Christmas slump and we had four 3-man rinks. Alec Blanton committed hara-kiri on his last shot, blew all of his stones out of the rink and handed an exciting match to Add Hastings. On the center ice, Messrs. Shaw and Stevens tangled, with the better team losing.

Tonight it's Hastings vs. Neiley in a Wilds Cup Match. Will the skips make an effort to have teams on the ice despite the holidays. We had to pass up last week's Wilds Match due to the total defection of all Eddisons.

Alby Shaw has an announcement of an interesting Bonspiel at Quebec City, January 26th through the 29th. All teams are guaranteed a minimum number of five matches. There are six trophies curled for during this competition. It sounds like a swell party for anyone who can take a few days off.

## Windeler Matches Begin

Don't forget that next week we begin the Windeler competition! We hope all skips will let their men know in good time when they are expected to curl. The Windeler Matches are the high spot of our Ardsley season, and we hope everyone will get into this competition.

Cuyler Stevens  
Secretary



## ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

December 20, 1943

Congratulations to Barton Eddison and George Williams, Dunc Sutphen and Ed Lockett! They came through in the Utica Cup competition, beating Jimmy Inghram's tough St. Andrews' rink 15 to 9 in the finals Sunday afternoon. Barton beat three extremely rugged St. Andrews' teams to put Ardsley on top for the first Bonspiel of the season.

Dick Neiley signalized his first time out as an Ardsley skip by going through to the finals of the Playland competition where he was beaten by the incomparable Willy Cuthbertson and his Caledonians by the score of 15 - 10.

### The Windeler Cup Matches

Ardsley's own competition, the Windeler Cup Matches, will start right after the holidays. Here are the teams and schedules:

<u>Fiske</u> , skip	<u>James</u> , skip	<u>Stevens</u> , skip	<u>Blanton</u> , skip	<u>Williams</u> , skip
Neiley	Ogden	Shaw	Hastings	Eddison
Gould	Finn	Upjohn	Wurster	Townsend
Warner	Weston	Dean	Lagercrantz	Young
Stevenson	Hendershot	Valentine	Bickford	Koch
	Cluett			

January 4	James vs. Fiske	Stevens vs. Williams
" 11	Blanton vs. Stevens	Fiske vs. Williams
" 18	Blanton vs. Fiske	James vs. Williams
" 25	Blanton vs. James	Fiske vs. Stevens
February 1	Blanton vs. Williams	James vs. Stevens
" 8	OOO Cup Match; play off for winners if necessary	

### Note to New Curlers

Dick Koch came over early last week for a half-hour's secret practice, and he certainly was pouring the stones into the circle in the session that followed. If any of the new men want to do this any Tuesday evening, I am certain that any of the old curlers will be delighted to come over early and give them a few pointers.

Wilds Matches - Teams 1 and 2 will curl Tuesday, December 21st, and teams 2 and 3 will play their match on the 28th. Nos. 1 and 3 will get together, subject to further negotiations.

Cuyler Stevens  
Secretary

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# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 3rd, 1944

Enclosed with this week's letter is the official roster of the Ardsley Curling Club for the current season. Due to your secretary's extreme modesty, his name was omitted and this means all of you now have a personally autographed copy of this list -- no extra charge.

We point with pride to the thirty men now on our membership list. This is our biggest active membership in a number of years, and your officers sincerely hope that everyone listed here will enjoy a pleasant season full of good curling.

It will be rather surprising if there are no errors on this list. If you find any mistake on your own name, I'd appreciate it if you'd give me a ring or drop me a postcard because some day you may get a chance to curl in the Royal Caledonian Matches, and if we have your name, address or phone number wrong, you'll have to stay at home.

## Notes on Windeler Matches

Tonight - January 3rd - the first round of the Windeler competition begins.

Sherman Baker's name should be added to George William's rink. Please make this correction on your list.

The Curling Committee has established the following rules for this competition:-

1. All matches will be played as scheduled. There will be no postponements - 3-man teams will play if necessary.
2. To even things up it has been decided that our three senior skips - Messrs. Hastings, Eddison and Weiley - cannot play #3 in these matches, although exception may be made tonight due to George William's illness.
3. All men shall have a chance to curl in at least two Windeler matches. Practically speaking, this means that the skips should make up a list beforehand of the team which they intend to put on the ice for each of the matches on the schedule. If a man is asked to curl, and cannot, an effort should be made to work him into subsequent matches so he still has an opportunity to participate in the two games he is entitled to.



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George Williams says that the pain of his recent infection (a curling blister which really has him laid up) will be greatly eased by the receipt of more checks for the \$28.00 dues! Make them out to the Ardsley Curling Club and send them to River Glen, Hastings-on-Hudson, attention of George Williams.

New Brooms on Way

Dick Neiley has been in touch with some of his operatives across the border and has contracted for twenty new Canadian brooms. Dick personally guarantees these as being completely free from the falling-hair ailment which characterizes the present crop of St. Andrews' brooms. The price will be in the neighborhood of \$1.35 and you should place your order promptly. However, don't place it with me.

Ardsley will have three rinks entered in the Douglas Bonspiel scheduled for January 14-15-16. More details on this later.

The official Grand National schedule should have been in our hands last week. I hope to mail them out with the next letter, at which time I'll also give you a revised Wilds Cup line-up.

Happy New Year!

Cuyler Stevens  
Secy.



# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 7th, 1944

## Windeler Results - First Round

Fiske 8 - James 7  
Stevens 9 - Williams 6

	<u>Standing</u>	
	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Fiske	1	0
Stevens	1	0
Blanton	0	0
James	0	1
Williams	0	1

There will be a change in the Windeler schedule in order to give George Williams an idle week with the hope that he can take over on January 18th. The corrected schedule for the balance of the matches is as follows:-

January 11	Blanton vs. James; Fiske vs. Stevens
" 18	Blanton vs. Fiske; James vs. Williams
" 25	Blanton vs. Stevens; Fiske vs. Williams
February 1	Blanton vs. Williams; James vs. Stevens
" 8	OOO Cup Match; play off for winners if necessary

Another change relates to the prohibition on our senior skips to play #3. Since Jug Ogden has consented, to our great joy, to skip a team in the Douglas matches and since it doesn't make much difference anyhow -- it's been decided that anybody can play #3. The only rule as to position is that Barton, Add, Dick Keiley and Jug cannot act as skips except by the most special dispensation, which your Curling Committee earnestly hopes will never have to be invoked.

## Grand National Schedule

Unless things go absolutely haywire -- the official schedule of the Grand National Curling Club of America will be enclosed with this week's letter. The Curling Committee will shortly ask each member if there are any out-of-town matches which he would like to attend. Even if you've only been curling for a few weeks, don't hesitate to let us know your preferences. It may not be possible to accommodate everyone's wishes but Alby Shaw says the Curling Committee will do its best to see that no man who wants to make a trip is prevented from doing so.

To the Grand National schedule should be added the Detroit Curling Club of America Bonspiel - which will be held the same week-end as the Gordon-Emmett-Mohawk Matches in Schenectady - February 11 and 12. Three games are guaranteed

to every rink. Russ Weston has some ideas about the Detroit trip which he will be glad to discuss at the drop of a hat.

Although this is not definitely assured, we expect there will be a photographer from Pic Magazine at the rink on Tuesday, January 18. I have told him that he should not interfere with the superlative curling of the Windeler matches so he will probably arrive early in order to get some work done before the serious curling starts.

Last Tuesday night the Windeler matches ran well beyond 11 o'clock, which gummed up the games considerably, since two of the curlers had to leave to catch a New York train. This is not completely fair to the teams on which Jug Ogden, Charlie Townsend and Charlie Upjohn are playing. We strongly urge that all matches start promptly at 8 o'clock and your secretary recommends that the opposing skips agree on making any match 10 ends instead of 11 if, as the match progresses, it becomes evident that its lateness will mean that any competitor has to leave the ice to get the 11:03.

#### Wilds Cup Teams

As the final bit of statistics, here are the complete line-ups for Ardsley's three Wilds Cup aggregations. I still have hopes of getting a schedule in the next letter.

#1	#2	#3
Eddison, skip	Hastings, skip	Neiley, skip
Luckett	Stevens	Shaw
Sutphen	Blanton	Fiske
James	Williams	Peabody
Townsend	Finn	Weston
Gould	Dean	Upjohn
Wurster	Ogden	Warner
Baker	Bickford	Cluett
Hendershot	Koch	Lagercrantz
Stevenson	Valentine	Young

Cuyler Stevens  
Secy.

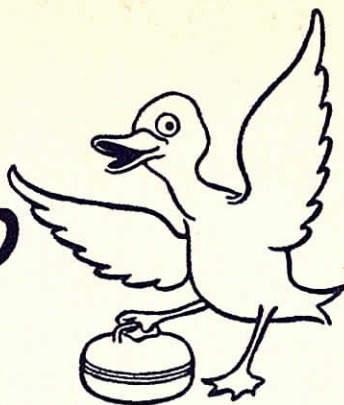
P.S. Don't forget the Douglas Bonspiel at St. Andrews this coming weekend. The Curling Committee will announce its selection of rinks shortly.

C.S.



# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 14, 1944

Albert Shaw suggests that it will be preferable to have the curling letter arrive on Monday instead of Tuesday, and, beginning next week, that's the way it will be. The only disadvantage is that it won't be possible to include week-end curling news. If anyone has any further suggestions on this point, please let me know.

## Windeler Results - Second Round

Blanton 13	James 5
Fiske 11	Stevens 10

## Standings

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Fiske	2	0
Blanton	1	0
Stevens	1	1
Williams	0	1
James	0	2

This letter should reach you Saturday morning and we want to urge that as many men as possible come over and watch the curling for the Douglas-Griffith medals. There are nineteen teams entered in this competition -- the pick of the Grand National. So if you want to see the game played by experts, make it a point to see the matches Saturday (when there will also be evening matches) and Sunday, when the semi-finals are in the morning, and the finals in the afternoon.

Certain purists have pointed out that Eric Lagercrantz's and Stuart Peabody's names are on the list backwards. We can understand that there could possibly be somebody named Peabody Stuart, but Lagercrantz Eric is too good to believe. Incidentally, "Townsend C. C." does not refer to some new country club, but it is our way of writing Charlie's name.

The new curlers are missing a trick, by not coming around for Saturday and Sunday curling. We should like to explain how it works. Call the St. Andrews Club (the number is Hastings 674) and ask for Bob MacGregor. Bob always makes up a list of curlers who will be available for scrub matches on Saturday and Sunday. Ask Bob if he will add your name to the list. He will put you down and you will be assured of some curling. It is best to call as late as you can -- preferably between 1:30 and 2:00. This will give MacGregor a chance to tell you if there are only a few curlers or if he will have two complete rinks.

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Most folks have the idea that it's hard to edge into the week-end curling at the club. This is not true. Line up a couple of friends, make your arrangements and go on over. You'll enjoy it.

Cuyler Stevens  
Secy.

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## for Ardsley Curlers



January 17, 1944

FLASH! SPECIAL EXTRA EDITION

### Ardsley Rink Wins Archie-Douglas Medal

By beating John MacFarlane's Mahopac rink by 16 to 15 in the 17-end final on Sunday afternoon, Barton Eddison brought the Douglas medal to the Ardsley Curling Club. This team included Ed Luckett, vice skip, Al Shaw, number two, with Bill Gould leading.

This was a notable win for Barton on two counts: first, this is the only time that an Ardsley team has won the competition; moreover, in the entire history of the event, this marked the second occasion when it has been won by a rink from the New York district.

Barton started off by walloping Cary Harris of St. Andrews, 20 to 4; he eased up a bit, trimming Jim Spring's Boston team 13 to 6. The Ardsley crowd turned on the heat on Dick Hallowell's Country Club (Brookline) team, beating them 14 to 5.

Do not be misled by the closeness of the score. Barton had the match in the bag half way through the final end and although Mahopac got a fistful of counters to pull up to within one point of the Ardsley's total, Barton played the end so it was impossible for MacFarlane to come up with a tie.

For the record, it should be stated that Jug Ogden's and Dick Neiley's rinks reached the quarter final. Jug had the unhappy experience of winning 9 ends to his opponent's 5 ends, losing 11 to 9 to Hallowell's Country Club team. Dick Neiley ran up against Mahopac in a particularly hot mood, losing 14 to 11.

Having won the Utica in December, Barton Eddison and Ed Luckett have pulled off the metropolitan district's "grand slam."

Al Shaw and Bill Gould joined the rink for the Douglas combination, taking the place of George Williams and Dunc Sutphen, who were on the winning Utica Cup competition. Al was his usual dependable self. Bill Gould in his first major Bonspiel poured them in like a veteran. Barton was particularly generous in giving a major share of the credit to Ed Luckett's consistently fine curling, and it is unnecessary to say that Barton's shot-making was magnificent.

When the Eddison team walked off the ice, having brought the Douglas medal to the Ardsley Club, it had particular significance to every single member of the Ardsley group. It was said more than once during the Bonspiel that Ardsley's curling this year has shown amazing improvement. We have enjoyed the hospitality of the

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St. Andrews Club, too much to complain about Ardsley's being considered a St. Andrews satellite. This year we are definitely a club to beat in these major competitions. It is interesting to note that we have more curling members than the St. Andrews Club has. Competition makes greatness in any sport, and Ardsley should have no false modesty about our proud feeling that we are in the top shelf of curling. We now know that Ardsley will certainly win its full share of the Grand National matches from now on.

When interviewed after winning his match, Barton simply said "Duck Soup."

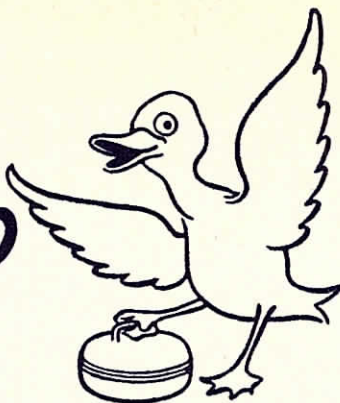
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# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 21, 1944

## Windeler Results - Third Round

Fiske 13	Blanton 7
James 15	Williams 5

## Standings

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Fiske	3	0
Blanton	1	1
Stevens	1	1
James	1	2
Williams	0	2

A "stop-Fiske" movement is in full flower. Eddie's Windeler rink is the only undefeated group in the club. George Williams had better call out the guard for Tuesday night's match if he hopes to beat Eddie, who has been going extremely well in all of his matches.

## Dinner Scheduled for February 8th

We have tentatively planned an Ardsley Curlers dinner on Tuesday, February 8th, on which we will give you more details later. We are hoping to get Willie Cuthbertson to come up and give us a talk on curling. Also, another special feature will be presented by one of our own members but we can't release any facts right now since this is a military secret.

Within a few days the curling committee will try to organize the rinks for our out of town competitions. Therefore, please study the Grand National schedules and check off the trips you would like to make -- and let's not have any false modesty about this. The practice in the past has been to sent out postcards. This year Albie Shaw prefers to talk to each member individually, so think this over. We will be in touch with you any minute now.

Your secretary has a letter from Dick Davis saying that "because of war time restrictions there will be a delay" in delivering winners pins for Grand National events. Up to now this dispatch is of interest only to Barton Eddison's Utica and Douglas rinks. However, we hope that it will soon be a matter of concern to Messrs. Hastings, Neiley, Odgen and their associates.

Cuyler Stevens  
Secy.

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 29, 1944

## Windeler Results - Third Round

Williams 12	Fiske 10
Stevens 8	Blanton 6

## Standings

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Fiske	3	1
Stevens	2	1
Blanton	1	2
Williams	1	2
James	1	2

The New York Central Railroad ran special trains to the rink-side on last Tuesday to see the two most exciting matches of the Windeler competition to date. George Williams arose from his bed of pain and came to St. Andrews flanked by two nurses and Admiral Grayson, his personal physician. Once on the ice, however, the Williams aggregation leaped into the pink of health and proceeded to down Eddie Fiske's unbeaten rink in a tough match that was tied on a final end. The Fiske team made a beautiful fight of it making up a big deficit in the first few ends and missing the final shot by a matter of inches.

On the adjoining ice, the Blanton - Stevens combinations met head on in the most interesting match your correspondent has played in this year -- virtue triumphed!

While Ed Fiske still has a lead for the winners share, the triple-zero trophy is, as you will see, a Mexican stand-off.

## The Wilds Cup

Since this is going to be a long letter anyhow, it's about time that something was said about the Wilds Cup competition. Over the past-week-end, both Dick Neiley's and Ad Hastings' rink had to go to extra ends to win. Dick made Duck Soup headlines by drawing the button on the last shot to pull his match out of the fire. Barton Eddison split two matches last week.



Wilds Cup Standing - as of January 23

<u>Club</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
St. Andrews	Thorndike	5	1
Caledonian	Cuthbertson	3	1
St. Andrews	Blake	4	2
Ardsley	Eddison	3	2
St. Andrews	Ingraham	4	3
Ardsley	Neiley	3	2
St. Andrews	Halliday	3	4
Ardsley	Hastings	2	4
St. Andrews	Hahn	2	4
Mahopac	MacFarlane	2	5
St. Andrews	Carl	2	5

Curling Dinner

President Fiske has decided that it will be preferable to hold the Curling Dinner Tuesday, February 15th, instead of February 8th. Please note this change.

Foreign Correspondence

The following was slipped into your Secretary's mailbox by one of his agents:

Editor, Duck Soup

Sir:

Your correspondent has just completed a tour of inspection of the Canadian front, without laying a stone.

At the Granite Club in Toronto, (9 sheets of ice) a city tournament was on, and ice was crowded from 4 PM till midnight. The same was true at the other three Toronto clubs, and all the burgers who weren't at the hockey game were watching the curling. Your correspondent, therefore, sat behind the glass, with rubbers in lap, and criticized the skip's tactics.

There are two remarkable features about the Granite Club. First is that there are no private stones---er, that is, you understand, the club provides all curling stones, half black ivory handles, half white, and all curlers take whatever the local Jim Stanley sets out for them. Second feature: Buffalo beef in the grill---and good, too.

In Ottawa, your correspondent dropped in at the Rideau Club and also Ottawa Curling. Irons are used exclusively in both places. When the ice was clear, this reporter essayed a trial of these quaint old fashioned devices.. He could barely lift, much less lay them. They weigh 50 odd pounds. Irons

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move down the ice slower than granites, bend much more. Locals seem to enjoy them. They have only one complete layout of granites at Ottawa and members regard them as new-fangled novelties---somewhat as regular bowlers regard duck pins. For them the irons have come to stay.

Note to Trader Fiske and other swappers. Button situation in the Dominion is tighter than here---no exchanges.

(Signed) Canuck Duck

The mysterious web-footed "ernie pyle" who sent in this item can only be identified by the fact that he gets back at your Secretary by addressing him at River Glen (a second rate apartment house located close to Hastings House) and by the fact that his name appears on our rolls as "Peabody Stuart." Thanks "Canuck."

Utica Bonspiel

Ardsley will be represented in the Mitchell and Allen competitions at Utica this coming week-end. Jug Ogden will "skip" and Messrs. Fiske, Blanton and Hastings will play for him in that order.

Cuyler Stevens  
Secy.

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# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 5, 1944

## Windeler Results - 4th Round

Blanton 17	Williams 4
Stevens 12	James 7

	<u>Standing</u>	
	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Fiske	3	1
Stevens	3	1
Blanton	2	2
Williams	1	3
James	1	3

In other words everything is all tied up. Williams and James will play off for the triple-zero trophy on Tuesday night, and Fiske and Stevens will play for the Windeler Cup.

Your secretary can't tell you much about the Blanton-Williams match but every time he looked up somebody was trying to throw a rock right through the end boards. It looked as if the Ardsley Club was going all out for the western game. After a ragged start, the Stevens team was pulled together by some amazing curling on the part of Jack Ballantine and Charlie Upjohn, to the extent that Al Shaw and the skip had nothing to do but to try and lay guards. It didn't make much difference that the skip missed most of his shots. Buck James made the match much closer than the score of 12 - 7 indicates.

## Ardsley Buttons

President Eddie Fiske has had a few Ardsley buttons made up in sterling silver. Members who would like a few of these for Bonspiel purposes should get in touch with Eddie.

Last week George Williams reported that all but two of the members had paid their dues. The income from House Bills was not quite so good. While we are not in danger of any attention from the sheriff, George would appreciate checks.

## Dinner - February 15

Make it a particular point to be at the dinner a week from Tuesday. It will probably be the final dinner of the year. The nominating committee will present its slate of new officers and Stu Peabody will join Willie Outhbertson as a featured speaker by repeating his now famous talk on curling which he gave several years

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ago (and which he had forgotten to the extent that some of the old timers had to rewrite his speech for him).

New Competition

The curling committee hopes to announce at the dinner an entirely new curling event to continue during the remainder of the season. All we can say at the moment is that it looks as if it will be a handicap affair, based on 4-man teams. Come to the dinner for details!

Cayler Stevens  
Secy.

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# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 10, 1944

## Curling Dinner - Tuesday, February 15

This letter is reaching you a little ahead of the usual schedule so that everyone will make it a point to plan to be at the Final Curling Dinner.

This coming Tuesday, February 15, the program goes as announced, and a curling session will follow as usual. If you can't make it, please give me a ring at Ashland 4-4900. We want to be sure that there is enough beefsteak for everyone!

## Final Windeler Results

### Playoffs

Stevens 7 Windeler Cup

Fiske 6

Williams 7 OOO Trophy

James 13

In a match that wasn't over until the last stone was laid, the Windeler Cup was won by the squad of Bill Dean, Jack Valentine, Charley Upjohn, Al Shaw and your Sec'y.

It was an airtight match from start to finish. Eddie Fiske went into the last end two stones down and came within a gnat's eyelash of pulling the match out.

The famous fur-lined "whatyoumaycallit" will repose in an upstairs bedroom at 14 River Glen. Buck James forced this trophy on George Williams by a 13 to 7 margin.

## Grand National Notes

Jug Ogden's Ardsley rink reached the second round in both the Mitchell and Allen competitions at Utica last week-end, but were knocked out in their second matches. Incidentally, Schenectady, skipped by Lydgate, won both events, duplicating Ben Ames Williams' feat of last year.

This week-end at Schenectady, Ardsley will be represented by Messrs. Weston, Shaw, Stevens and Luckett in the Gordon and Emmett medals.

## Infirmity Notes

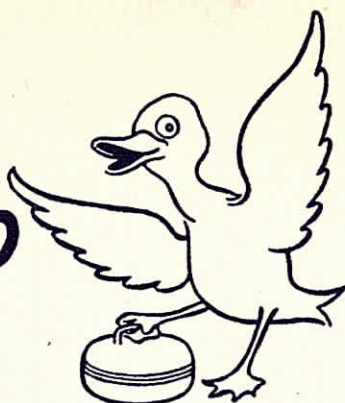
Jim Stevenson's three-point landing on the ice a few weeks ago, which resulted from a peculiar accident when his broom became entangled in a stone-handle, wound up with Jim's painfully pulling a cartilage. He discovered this several days later -- just after he had gotten through explaining to his wife about the black eye he received in the fall. We hope we will see Jim at the Dinner.

Be sure you show up yourself!

Cuyler Stevens  
Sec'y

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2/18/44

## Luckett's Team Wins Emmett Medal

Ardsley knocked off another one last week-end at Schenectady. Ed Luckett, skipping his second major bonspiel, brought home the Emmett Memorial Medal by beating Vaughan Ferguson's Schenectady rink 13-12 in the final. Both finals were Ardsley-Schenectady affairs. Unfortunately for us, 13 points wasn't enough to win both competitions, for Ted Lydgate repeated his previous week-end's win in Utica by taking Ardsley 22-13 in the Gordon final.

Luckett's rink was made up of Shaw, Weston and Stevens. It is too bad that we can't give you the end-by-end score, for in each match Eddie overcame big leads to win.

## District Medal This Week-end

Eddison, Luckett, Blanton and Shaw will comprise one Ardsley rink in the District Medal contests this week-end; the other team has Hastings at skip, with Neiley, Stevens and Fiske. Winner of this contest represents the Metropolitan district in the Royal Caledonian Trophy matches in Montreal on March 17 and 18.

## Announcing ... THE ARDSLEY MEDAL

Here are the teams - skips named first

Hastings	Eddison	Neiley	Ogden	Shaw
Weston	Gould	Peabody	Weld	Williams
Hendershot	Valentine	Cluett	Wurster	Townsend
Dean	Bickford	Koch	Stevenson	Baker
	Fiske		Stevens	
	Blanton		James	
	Finn		Upjohn	
	Lagercrantz		Warner	



Schedule for February 22: Shaw vs. Eddison, Hastings vs Ogden, Fiske  
vs Stevens

The Rules: All matches 10 ends, except for finals which will be 12 ends. Substitutes will be penalized as follows: 2 stones for using any of the seven skips, 1 stone for using any other curler. Exceptions: Neiley may substitute for Cluett and Ogden for Stevenson, without penalty, unless a skip is used as substitute (penalty 1 stone). All first match losers eligible for Consolation competition.

The skips are responsible for their teams. If your full teams don't show up, you will be penalized, so check your team in advance. If you'll be a man short, get in touch with members of teams not scheduled for play. For example, Dick Neiley's team gets a first-round bye on Tuesday. These men are the logical substitutes, in case one of your men goes dead on you. Give them a ring and show up with a full team.

Medals will be presented to winners of the main event and of the Consolation.

#### Final Curling Dinner

The Sin Tandreus Club did itself proud with beef for the curlers dinner on Tuesday and the steamroller put through the following officers to serve for the 1944-45 season:

President - Edwin W. Fiske, Jr.  
Vice-President (notice underlining) - Albert Shaw, Jr.  
Treasurer - Charles H. James  
Secretary - Cuyler Stevens

Your secretary left immediately after the dinner, due to a light case of fallen armpits. So he cannot give a first-hand report on the curling which followed. However, reliable operatives state that an indication of the sterling caliber of the curling may be inferred from the fact that the old slide-rule-curler Barton Eddison played his final shot when his team lay five to the good, and tossed up a delicate promote on the only opposing stone remaining in the environs of Mount Hope. This rock spun neatly to the button for a minus-one score for the old maestro. Tsk..tsk...Bart!

Cuyler Stevens  
Sec'y

February 18, 1944

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



## Ardsley Medal Results

Eddison - - 11	Hastings - - 10	Fiske - - 11
Shaw - - 7	Ogden - - 5	Stevens - - 8

On Tuesday, February 29th, Fiske plays Hastings, and Eddison plays Neiley, and Shaw and Stevens meet in the consolation. Jug Ogden draws a bye in the consolation, and if Dick Neiley loses Tuesday, he and Dick meet in the consolation. If Dick wins, Jug draws a bye to the finals.

Barton says he may not be able to curl Tuesday. Rather than default his team, its been agreed that Jug can skip for Barton (penalty - 2 rocks) if Mr. Eddison can't be present. The only alternative was to default Barton's team out of the tournament, which no one would want to see happen.

Proud Ardsley got it's come-uppance in the District Medal matches last week-end, Ad Hastings and Barton Eddison being bounced out in the second round. Jimmy Ingraham's St. Andrews team is representing the district in the Royal Caledonian Medal Competition.

## Stockton Cup

Ardsley is sending a rink and a half to the Stockton Cup matches at the Country Club, Brookline, this week-end. Barton Eddison curls with Messrs. Upjohn, Williams and Stevens. Dick Neiley has Stu Peabody as his vice skip, and at the time of going to press, the rest of his team is undecided due to illness and last minute conflicts. Buck James, "Pop" Sedgwick, of Brookline, and Professor Thorndyke of St. Andrews are leading candidates for the honors.

Cuyler Stevens  
Sec'y



# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



March 3, 1944

## Ardsley Medal Results

Fiske- 12	Neiley- 8	Consolation - Stevens 16
Hastings- 6	Eddison- 5	Shaw 3

Finals of both divisions will be played on Tuesday, with Neiley vs Fiske in the main event and Ogden and Stevens playing for the consolation.

We strongly urge that any member of the four rinks which will play in the finals get in immediate touch with his skip and let him know if he'll be absent. Quite frankly, it has been a disappointment to the Curling Committee to see the large number of absentees from the Ardsley Medal matches. Each instance costs your team a handicap which can easily affect the outcome of the scheduled match. And, despite all that we say, the skip can not take complete responsibility, especially in view of the fact that the schedules for each week are in Duck Soup so that you know when you're expected to curl.

In other words, don't penalize your team by absence, unless it's unavoidable; in that case 'phone your skip. Another thing ... we'll have ice for a scrub match on Tuesday. So plan to come, even if you're not scheduled.

## Bonspiel At Boston

The Granites of Toronto won the Stockton Cup and The Country Club took the Clyde Park. Dick Neiley beat the great Ben Ames Williams and Barton Eddison beat Boston in the consolation. Unfortunately, those victories were in the opening rounds; the boys all got early trains back to N. Y.

Ardsley will send two teams to Montreal to compete in the International Gordon Medal event on March 19th. Further details later.

## Uncompleted Wilds Matches

This note is for skips. The Wilds competition is almost over and there are a few postponed matches which have a bearing in the final result. Make every effort to play these off, so that the competition will be decided strictly on its merits.

Cuyler Stevens  
Sec'y

DUCK SOUP  
Wartime Edition

March 10, 1944

We seem to have used up all of the official DUCK SOUP letterheads and there's no sense in buying more at this late date. Hence the ersatz stationery.

Ardsley Medal Results

Fiske 15  
Neiley 9

The diplomatic corps was out in full force for the negotiations which preceded the final round of the Ardsley. After emerging from the smoke-filled room the consultants announced that both parties had agreed to play the big match on Sunday. Captain Fiske's team kept the pressure on all through the match. That cloud no bigger than a man's hand which many of us noticed in the Sunday evening sky was Eddie Fiske up there ... walking on air. When he came down to earth again he simply said, "Fifteen to nine! Axel was terrific! Russ was fine! Eric curled very nicely!" And Eddie must have been pretty good himself.

As a matter of fact, our president has done himself proud in the club competitions this year, reaching the finals in both the Windeler and Ardsley competitions. In each case virtue triumphed.

The Consolation

People who have gone through life thinking crime does not pay should have seen the Ogden-Stevens match in the consolation. Jug mentioned the other day that the best way to report a curling match was to show the end-by-end score. That way the reader could follow the match. So, without further ado, we give it to you the way it happened:

Ends													Extra	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	End	Final
Ogden	2	0	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	11
Stevens	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	2	13

Your secretary can only report that he'd like to enter Messrs. Blanton, Upjohn and James in the Royal Caledonian. They jammed the house so full of granite in the last three ends that it was really breath-taking. Out of their final 18 stones I don't believe that they missed three shots. It was superb!



Sharing the Wealth

A nice bit of sportsmanship by Jim Finn should be reported. Since he was able to play in only one of his team's matches, he suggested that his medal go to another man who had substituted for him on Fiske's rink. Eddie agreed to toss a coin and Russ Weston copped the medal which he'd helped to win by his timely substitution in the final round. The Club joins Russ in appreciation of Jim's thoughtful act.

Last Competitions

Quite unexpectedly, the St. Andrews Club has invited two Ardsley rinks to join them in the Kitchell-Williamson Medal competition this weekend - the 11th and 12th. This is another generous gesture, since these medals are St. Andrews' own competitions, equivalent to our own Windeler or Ardsley. We shall enter Eddison, Lockett, Neiley and Stevens with Hastings, Blanton, Fiske and Shaw. Because they are such nice people, your sec'y hopes Sin Tandreus wins, but we'll try our best to see that they don't.

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This is the last of DUCK SOUP till next November. Next Tuesday will be our last curling night, ending the finest curling season that the Ardsley Club has ever enjoyed. Two obvious facts will prove that last statement. First, we won two Grand National medals and one Metropolitan trophy. Second - and most important - there has been a sustained interest in curling straight through the season, with the new men showing an interest and aptitude that beats any new crop of curlers the Club has yet seen ... and the records will bear that one out, too!

Anyhow, there will be curling on Tuesday. Be there. Let's end the season on the up-beat!

President Fiske will write you next week.

Cuyler Stevens  
Sec'y (with a tear in his eye)

March 27, 1944

DUCK SOUP  
ERSATZ WARTIME EDITION

News letters being entirely out of your President's line, he begs your indulgence for this final one of the 1943-44 season, which your Secretary, in some sleight of hand trick, talked him into writing.

Before I talk about the two final events of the season, I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Cuyler Stevens again for the really wonderful job he did this past year. I can truthfully say that a great deal of our success and the interest shown this season was due to his excellent and interesting weekly letter. Our Cuyler has almost out-Peabodied Peabody. While I am handing out bouquets, I think a great big vote of thanks should go to George Williams, our very efficient Treasurer. George's job is not the most pleasant one in the Club but it is one that he has done beautifully. Incidentally, I hope that before very long George will drop me a note and say that all house account charges for the year have been paid. Another gentleman entitled to a big vote of thanks is Albert Shaw for his grand job as Chairman of the Curling Committee. Maybe we should not waste too much time in applauding Albert tho', for in case you don't know it, he has broken some sort of a record in the past year in putting himself on winning rinks. He was on the rinks that won the Utica Cup, the Douglas Medal, the Emmett Medal, the Windeler Medal and the Kitchell Medal. That should be enough applause for any individual and whatever I say is simply superfluous. As a matter of fact, I want to say a big thank you to all the Club's officers, the Curling Committee, skips, and to all members for a grand year of very successful and pleasant curling.

KITCHELL - WILLIAMSON MEDALS

This competition was held on the week-end of March 11 and 12 with two entries from Ardsley. Eddison's packed rink, consisting of those semi-pros Luckett, Neiley, and Stevens, beat Jim Ingram's St. Andrews rink in the first round but were defeated Sunday morning in the semi-finals by St. Andrews wonder boy, Pit Carl. Ad Hastings, with three palookas, namely, Blanton, Fiske and Shaw, nosed out St. Andrews Pappy Blake's rink on Saturday afternoon. Incidentally, this rink had St. Andrews well known international curler, Henry Kelley, at No. 3. Sunday morning they just barely beat the famous Ted Hahn of St. Andrews and Sunday afternoon they went on to win a really outstanding and unlooked for victory over Pit Carl. Skip Hastings was terrific in all three matches and we are glad to report he laid down only one cannon ball. Although this is only the second time outside rinks have been invited to play in the St. Andrews Club championship, it is the first time an outside rink has won this very much prized championship trophy. Jim Ingram beat out Willie Cuthbertson Sunday afternoon for the Williamson Consolation Medal.

MONTREAL

Canada again won the Gordon International Medal. The combined scores of their 30 rinks was 21 points more than the total of the 15 American rinks. (Each American rink played 2 matches).



Ad Hastings took his "Royal Montreal Punks" rink to Montreal for the Gordon International Competition on March 18. This year he had two substitutes. Ogden played No. 3 in place of Blanton, Fiske moved up to Stevens' spot at No. 2 and the old cup hunter, Al Shaw, took over the lead. They played at Montreal West in the morning and beat St. George 10 to 8. After a wonderful St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the St. George Club, they played Wilson's Royal Montreal rink at Royal Montreal in the afternoon. Sorry to report Royal Montreal won 12 to 9 and it marked the first time in six matches over the last three years that Hastings as skip has been beaten in Montreal. There was a delightful dinner in the evening at Royal Montreal, after which the Ardsley rink went to bed early, got up late the next morning, and took the train back home. The vote was unanimous that it was without question one of the greatest curling parties anybody could possibly attend. You might be interested to know that Jim Ingram's St. Andrews rink, which won our District Medal Competition got to the semi-finals of the Royal Caledonia Trophy before being eliminated. Someday soon we hope Ardsley will again have a rink in that competition.

Sorry the curling scheduled for March 14, which our Secretary announced in the March 10 DUCK SOUP, had to be called off. St. Andrews decided because of the warm spell about that time to let the ice down right after the March 12 matches. Here's hoping to see you all on the ice next November and that you will always draw your stone to the button, never go through the house, nor ever hog one.

A grand summer to everyone.

Edwin W. Fiske, Jr.  
President


43-44 Financial  
Statement

# McCALL CORPORATION

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McCALL'S MAGAZINE

September 18, 1944

  
Mr. Edwin W. Fiske, Jr.  
Ardsley-on-Hudson  
New York

Dear Ed:

Here is a statement of the Ardsley Curling Club of which you will be proud.

Never has the club been in a better financial condition to my knowledge. However, I want to sound a note of caution even though it may not be necessary.

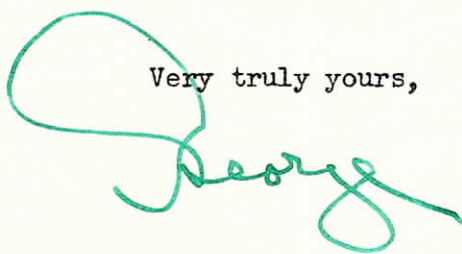
There is a general idea in the Club that we should always end the season with about \$10.00 in the treasury. If there is more, some one always has ideas on how we should spend it. I do not subscribe to this theory.

It is my recommendation that we hold on to this money and increase it if possible. Not only will it provide a reserve for any serious contingency but will supply some much needed working capital for operating the Club. The lack of working capital has always been a source of embarrassment, as you know.

I shall turn the books over to Buck James at the Iceless Bonspeil. From then on it is his party.

This season I am going to try to avoid illness and Bond Drives, so be prepared for great improvement in my curling.

Very truly yours,



JA

Enclosure



Ardsley Curling Club  
Statement  
1943 - 1944 Season

Income

Balance from previous season	\$ 32.51
28 Members at 28.00	784.00
1 Member at 5.00	5.00
Profit on sale of 50 buttons	2.64
Profit on sale of 18 brooms	2.16
Advance payment on dues	<u>.30</u>
	\$826.61

Expenses

St. Andrews Ice Rental	\$500.00
Federal Tax on above 11%	55.00
Grand National Dues	25.00
Emmett Medal Insurance	12.50
Gratuities	55.00
Medals (Windler etc.) including tax	19.74
Secretary Expense	14.54
Treas. Expense	4.36
Miscellaneous Exp.	2.80
Balance (cash in bank)	<u>137.67</u>
	\$826.61

Notes: - St. Andrews House Charges totaled \$879.13 and Brookline totaled \$109.53, all of which has been paid.

There are no debts of any kind. There are no unpaid accounts of any current members.

There is one unpaid account of former member totaling \$112.11. This is not included in above statement.

Sept. 18, 1944

. W. Williams Jr., Treas.