

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



CURLING SEASON STARTS

Opening Dinner - Tuesday, December 5th

With becoming pride and ill-concealed anticipation, Donald, the Ardsley duck, announces the opening of the Thirteenth Curling Season.

The opening dinner will be Tuesday, December 5th; try to arrive by 6:45 PM - dinner, 7:15 PM at the St. Andrews Club.

Bill Kimbel, founder of the Ardsley Curling Club, has promised to do everything in his power to be there and to talk to us. As usual, we will go on the ice immediately after the dinner for some informal curling dedicated to the new curlers of whom there are seven - all sterling characters.

For the aficionados we should announce that St. Andrews expects to have ice on Saturday, December 2. Call Bob and maybe he'll let you play. Anyway, take your calendar and cross out all the Tuesday evenings from now till Spring thaw. Kiss your wife goodbye and explain that you expect her to be reasonable. Tell her about the fortitude and pluck of such curlers' widows as Kay Shaw, Jessie Fiske, Marg Hastings and Edie Stevens. Do it now!

Meet the New Curlers

Victor Hockmeyer lives way the hell up on the hill behind Ardsley Park. He plays a really good game of tennis and was converted to curling by Bill Kimbel, the *deux ex machina* of Ardsley Curling. Now that you know Vic, watch your language on the 15th hole at Ardsley. Mrs. Hockmeyer can hear you from her upstairs window.

Al Koehl (pronounced "Kale") votes from Dobbs Ferry. He lives a few feet from the 8th tee at Ardsley and Eddie Fiske says he is sort of a competitor of Bob Warner's and as such we welcome him heartily.

Angus Robertson was a pushover for your Sec'y from the moment he moved into Hastings House and unveiled his first name which suggests that he was born with a granite in both hands and his father yelling "Soop!" down the hospital corridors. If the rest of the Hastings House softball team did as well at their positions as Robbie does at first base, we'd beat those sheep pasture bums from Irvington more often!

Joe Simmons lives in Hudson House because the Ardsley Club doesn't rent apartments. Joe was runner-up in the Club Championship this Spring in a fine 36-hole final. As a matter of cold fact, Joe Simmons has a habit of excelling at any sport he plays and I hope we can woo him away this winter from his bowling, of which he was **Committee** Chairman last year.

Harold Southern's home is bounded on the West by Bob Warner, on the Southeast by the Weston children, and by Bart Eddison's machine shop, and on the East by the Fiske mortgage. So he was a pushover, too! If you call Harold's home early Sunday

morning, don't believe his young son when he tells you Daddy can come to the phone. It seems the boy just likes to wake the old man up!

Ed Smith lives in Riverglen, having returned there after a brief absence in Boston. Ed is a salesman with TIME Magazine where, due to the paper shortage, he has been on what amounts to a vacation with pay for the last couple of years.

Dick Wells gets on the train at Irvington where he has to be polite to such characters as Hastings and James. Buck and Add tell everybody right off the bat that Dick went to Harvard, so I guess he is a good guy. My scouts tell me that Dick is a really hot softball player, who singlehanded has accounted for the most recent lucky wins over the Hastings House group.

Concerning the Attached Documents

This year we realized that we've handled the "breaking in" of new curlers in more or less hit-or-miss fashion. So an explanation of the game was written up and has been mailed to each of the men who are being introduced to curling for the first time this year.

Your officers thought that all the members might like to have a copy for their own use. We are sending one along with this letter.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Eddie Luckett has moved to Wilmington with his family but he is generously keeping his membership in the Club and hopes to curl with us a few times during the season.

Dick Neiley has pulled up stakes and gone to Boston. We will probably meet him in Boston wearing the regalia of the Winchester Curling Club. We'll certainly miss Dick.

The Utica-Playland competitions will take place on the 15th, 16th and 17th of December. Axel Blanton has been appointed Chairman of the Curling Committee this year and will announce to a breathless world his selection of rinks in the very near future.

Cuyler Stevens
Secretary

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Curling Etiquette

1. Don't forget to clean your stone before every shot.
- *2. Don't delay the game. Be ready to play the moment your turn arrives.
- *3. Don't ekip from the hack. The person in charge of the "house" will attend to the skipping.
- *4. Don't argue with your skip. He may be wrong and probably knows much less about the game than you do. Still he is your skip, and as such, must be obeyed. (If a shot is being discussed and you see another possibility which has evidently not occurred to your skip, this "don't" does not mean that you shouldn't call your skip's attention to this shot. However -- and this applies to vice-skips more than anyone else -- after you have pointed out this possible shot to your skip, don't quarrel with his decision not to play it. He may prefer to try another shot simply because he has more confidence in his ability to bring that shot off. If you talk him into attempting a shot in which he has no confidence, you are certainly not in roving your team's chances. When your skip has made up his mind, agree heartily -- even though you yourself have strong doubts about the shot.)
5. Don't crab about a bad shot. Don't be unduly elated at a fluke.
6. Don't cross the rink without making certain that there is not a player in the hack. And stay close to the side boards, so that you don't interfere with the player's clear view of his skip's broom.
- *7. Don't sweep in the direction the stone is running; all sweeping must be done across the course of the stone.
- *8. Don't touch a moving stone with a broom or your body. Any infraction of this rule may be punished by your adversaries, who have the privilege of removing the touched stone from the ice and replacing a new stone which it may strike. This applies to the case where the player has touched with his broom, or kicked, a stone belonging to his own side. If he touched the stone of an adversary while in motion, the skip to whom it belongs may place it wherever he chooses. If you have touched a stone and nobody has noticed it, call your skip's attention to the fact that you have done this.
9. Don't stand watching the stones of your own side go by; be ready to sweep from hog line to tee.
- *10. DON'T STAND IN THE HOUSE UNLESS YOU ARE SKIPPING. SWEEPERS SHOULD REMAIN BETWEEN THE HOG LINES.
- 11/ Don't when skipping, let a wild stone which passes through the house smash into other stones or the curb.
12. Don't drop tobacco ash, matches or anything else on the ice.
- *13. Don't speak to your opponent when he is set ready to play. Let him concentrate on his shot. And don't stand beside him on the ice. Stand on the boards, at the side or behind the curler, out of his range of vision.
- *14. Don't kid a player about a bad shot; he feels much worse about it than you do.

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These are called "don'ts." But these which are marked with a * are also rules of the Grand National Curling Club. Thus, if you violate these rules of etiquette, you are also breaking the rules of curling!

Of all the rules, the most important are those which refer to your position on the ice. Stay between the hog lines. Stay out of the "house." As a matter of fact, skips often violate this rule when the vice-skip has taken charge while the skip is curling. The rules clearly state that "Skips only shall be entitled to stand within the outer circles." And a later clarification of the rule makes it plain that only the vice-skip is allowed to stand in the house during play. I have actually seen both skip and vice-skip in the house and both of them sweeping different stones simultaneously during a pleasant evening with the Ardsley Curlers! The rules say that the skip has no right in the house under such conditions.

In re: Sweeping. - In any long list of "don'ts" for curlers you will usually read, "Don't sweep until your skip tells you to." However, don't take this as gospel. Many skips would rather the sweepers would take the initiative. The idea is that the sweepers are right on top of the stone and are better able to gauge its speed during the first few feet when the stone is too far down the rink for the skip to see its pace clearly.

So Donald Duck says "Find out how your skip feels about sweeping and do likewise. (Most Ardsley skips seem to prefer to take their early cue from their sweepers.)"

Another rule for skips is - keep your broom horizontal, while the other team is delivering their stones. This is a little thing, but remember that opposing curlers are aiming at a broom held vertically by their skip. It's confusing to have two vertical brooms at the other end of the rink.

It should be superfluous to remind skips to keep still, without moving, when the other team is delivering its stones. The fact remains that this rule is violated ... and there isn't any excuse.

It is the duty of the lead curler on each team to take charge of placing the curling stones of his team at the side of the rink after each end is scored. Other men of the team will usually help him, but it's primarily the Number One's job. However, this duty is not an excuse for not being ready to curl when your turn comes. If your skip is waiting for you to play your stone, get the stones off - out of the way - and curl your shot without delaying the game. Best way to arrange stones is with your skip's stones next to the end-boards, #3's next, then the #2's, with your own on the outside.

A synonym for curling etiquette is "ice manners." Be certain that your manners are perfect.

12/8/44

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December 8, 1944

13th (or is it the 14th?) Curling Season Gets Going

How do you suppose Barton figures this is the 14th year of Ardsley curling? I had to take off one shoe in order to count past ten, but, nevertheless, it still looks to me like this is the thirteenth one, if we began in 1932. Anyway, Donald Duck officially declares that this is the 13th and let's hear no more about it!

And it looks like a lucky 13th, from the way we got off to a flying start on Tuesday night. When Bill Kimbel walked in, having come all the way from Washington for no other purpose than to bid us Godspeed, we all knew the evening would be a big one. Bill told, better than anyone else can, of the real affection that curling inspires. Most of us would come up from Washington ourselves - just to hear Bill again!

Most important of all -- the comments seem to be unanimous that all of the new men showed unusual promise. This is not idle flattery; it is a fact that your secretary heard this from many different sources both during and after the curling session. It is a good sign! If the 1944-45 crowd takes to the game like the bunch that joined us last year, we couldn't be more pleased with ourselves.

Utica Bonspiel -- December 15, 16, 17

Axel Blanton, chairman of the curling committee, will announce the rink selections for the Utica Bonspiel in the next curling letter. As a matter of fact, we will get Duck Soup out early next week in order to announce the teams on time and give you the final dope on the curling dinner which accompanies this Bonspiel and which we urge that all Ardsley members attend.

Next week's issue will be our "STATISTICAL" number, in which we will announce the teams for the Utica, the Wilds and the Windeler competitions. (Won't it be pleasant to settle back to the good, old, one-page curling letter some day soon?)

In re: the attached

Included with this week's letter is a complete roster of the Ardsley Curling Club for the coming season, with all necessary vital statistics. If there is any error in connection with your name, let me know and I'll see that a correction goes out.

I am also attaching some pointers on curling etiquette. The officers of the Club were interested to hear Bill Kimbel mention etiquette since they had decided several weeks ago that we would send out **complete** information on this point to the membership.

Even the old timers ought to read this over for there are one or two rules that all of us break at one time or another. Your secretary confesses a slight failing to skip from the back.

Cuyler Stevens
Secretary

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Minutes of Meeting of Curling Committee
at the home of Charles H. James
December 10, 1944

At a meeting of the officers of the Ardsley Curling Club and of the Curling Committee, it was decided to add F. Lewis Shradly to the list of members.

It was decided to hold the second curling dinner on Tuesday, January 16th.

Alec Blanton's suggested schedule for the Windeler matches was approved and rinks were chosen for the Utica, Windeler and Wilds competitions.

It was further decided that a new class of membership would be established -- that of Associate Member.

Dues will be \$5.00 a year. Messrs. Peabody, Cluett, Lockett and Wurster were elected Associate Members.

Your secretary respectfully called the president's attention to the fact that it earlier had been decided to have "sponsors" for new curlers. These men should be named this week so that they can help the new men during the early part of the season.

Cuyler Stevens
Secretary

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December 12, 1944

STATISTICAL NUMBER

The first statistics have to do with the rinks for the UTICA BONSFELD this coming week-end -- Dec. 15, 16 and 17. Here are the rinks:

Eddison, skip	Hastings, skip	Stevens, skip
Shaw	Blanton	Fiske
Williams	James	Weston
Warner	Howlett	Upjohn

Make it a point to see some of these matches -- and bring the family. The first round will be Friday evening, at 8:00 PM, although Barton may play his match late in the afternoon. Make it a particular point to make a reservation for the dinner Saturday night at St. Andrews. I can't tell you what the charge will be but it will be quite reasonable and we urge that you come along. There is nothing quite like a curling dinner, if you have never attended one.

WILDS CUP RINKS

Ardsley line-up for the Wilds competition is as follows. These matches are usually played over the week-end. This competition is held by St. Andrews and the competing teams include members of the clubs which use St. Andrews ice.

Fiske, skip	Stevens, skip	Blanton, skip
Eddison	Shaw	Hastings
Hockmeyer	Sutphen	James
Weston	Robertson	Wells
Townsend	Williams	Upjohn
Bickford	Gould	Warner
Lagercrantz	Baker	Rice
Sothorn	Dean	Stevenson
Simmons	Valentine	Koehl
Shrady	Frazer-Campbell	Howlett

WINDLER COMPETITION

Ardsley's own club championship competition begins on January 2:

Fiske, skip	Blanton, skip	Stevens, skip	James, skip	Williams, skip
Howlett	Ogden	Shaw	Eddison	Hastings
Weston	Shrady	Townsend	Warner	Gould
Upjohn	Lagercrantz	Bickford	Baker	Valentine
Hockmeyer	Stevenson	Robertson	Rice	Dean
Koehl	Wells	Sothorn	Simmons	Frazer-Campbell

December 12, 1944

WINDLER SCHEDULE

Jan. 2	Fiske vs. James	Blanton vs. Williams
9	Stevens vs. Blanton	James vs. Williams
16	Fiske vs. Stevens	Blanton vs. James
23	Fiske vs. Williams	Stevens vs. Williams
30	Fiske vs. Blanton	Stevens vs. James
Feb. 6		
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The rules for the Windeler competition are simple and specific. Every member of each team must play in at least two matches. The Curling Committee recognizes that it may be impossible for all men to play two matches but the skip must give them an opportunity to decline the invitation. If a player is unable to play two early season matches, his skip must keep him on the preferred list and do his utmost to give this player a game before the schedule closes.

Please add the following name to your Curling Club roster; **F. Lewis Shradz**, Park Avenue, Irvington, New York; telephone: Irvington 2485.

Cuyler Stevens
Secretary

P. S. Hang onto this issue of Duck Soup. Skips will need it to check their lists (each skip is receiving two copies so that one can be kept in the office and one at home). In addition, this tells each team when it is to play in the Windeler matches.

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Dec, 21, 1944

THE GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

All of the active members will find with this week's letter the official Grand National schedule for the current season. We suggest that you study this and plan to make one or two of the trips. The Curling Committee will canvass the entire membership early in January. It is understood that everybody in the Club wants to go to the Stockton. Who would like to go to Utica and Schenectady?

NOTICE TO SKIPS ONLY

Windeler skips should take note of the fact that the regulations do not permit them to use any man in all of their matches. Thus you will have to move your regular #3 off of your rink for one night. In order to make certain that each man gets his chance to curl in at least two matches, we ask that you send to Alec Blanton and to the members of your Windeler rinks a schedule showing the make-up of your team for each match in this competition. This should be in Alec's hands before Tues., Jan. 2.

THE UTICA BONSPIEL

Pitt Carl of St. Andrews won the Utica and Willie Cuthbertson took the Playland. Eddison lost both first round matches. The Hastings and Stevens rinks won their opening matches but lost close decisions in the second round.

WILDS COMPETITION

Alec Blanton leads the Ardsley contingent in the Wilds, being tied for first place with one win--no losses. The win came when he creamed your secretary last week. The Stevens group has one win and one loss, while Eddie Fiske has a record of one loss.

CLUB HISTORY

We are trying to compile a history of the Ardsley Curling Club and are running into two snags. One is that we don't know the officers from 1935-1938. In 1938-39, Guy Robertson was president; Albie Shaw, secretary; Ed Luckett, treasurer; - does anyone know who was vice president? Moreover, we don't have a record of winning Windeler teams prior to 1940.

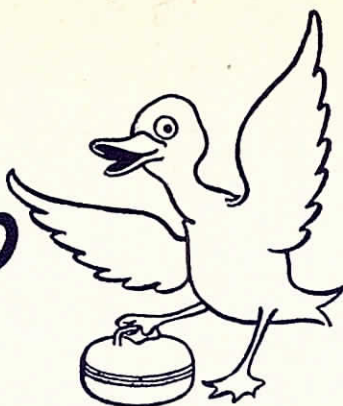
Your secretary has two requests:

1. Will the old timers rack their brains and see if they can recall the names of the Club officers for the missing period?
2. Will anyone who has a Windeler medal on his hat give your secretary the dates on those medals and the names of their teammates in the event that these men are no longer with the Club? I will be bothering you further on this point.

Christina!
Murray
Cuyler Stevens
Secretary

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December 29, 1944

Windeler Competition Starts Tuesday Night

With Tuesday night coming the day after Christmas, we had an unusually good turn-out, and we hope that it will be duplicated next Tuesday, which is the day after New Year's, -- and the start of the Windeler competition.

Windeler skips should take note of the instructions in last week's letter to file their schedule of rinks with Alec Blanton. If you have not done this, bring this list with you Tuesday night.

Your secretary definitely admits that he can't count. Axel Blanton takes time out from promoting "Forever Amber" (Bennett Cerf calls it the poor man's "Fanny Hill") to point out that it is not necessary to give up your #3 in any match. And he is right! However, it is still unsatisfactory to wait until Tuesday night to get your team together. Line this up ahead of time. It's Fiske vs. James and Blanton vs. Williams.

Did you see the Sports High Lights for 1944 in the New York Times on Sunday? In Curling, three important wins are listed -- Schenectady's taking of the Gordon and Ardsley's triumphs in the Douglas and Emmett. This isn't quite fair to Bony Lydgate who also added the Mitchell and Allen to his Gordon win, but Ardsley members can take pride in the fact that Ardsley and Schenectady between them won every major competition in which the winner was an American team.

Wise Quacks by Donald

Donald, the Ardsley Duck, wishes to mention that, with the start of the Windeler competition, there should be a tightening up in rink manners by everybody. During the informal competition up to now, ice etiquette has been pretty much ignored.

The rules should go on Tuesday night--no more congregating in the "house;" no more crossing the ice when an opponent is shooting; no more forgetting to sweep when it is your turn. One important point is for the #1 to be ready to start the new end without delay. Get the stones stacked at the side of the rink as quickly as you can and take your place in the hack immediately. It is amazing how this speeds up the game.

New Curler

Lew Shradly will be unable to curl so cross his name from your list, but add that of William B. May, Jr., Hudson Road, Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Irvington 1287; Plaza 3-0270. The Ardsley Curling Club particularly welcomes this well-known southpaw landlord.

Cuyler Stevens
Secretary

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January 12, 1945

Windeler Results

Blanton	14	Stevens	14
Williams	11	James	4

Standing of Rinks

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

I doubt if there is anybody curling more brilliantly on the St. Andrews ice this year than Axel Blanton. He is the man to beat in this Windeler competition. George Williams gave him a run for his dough on Tuesday, but "Ax" was in a mood where no shots were impossible -- and, by gosh, they weren't! On the #3 ice Buck James, minus two regulars, found Messrs Bickford, Townsend and Shaw in a curling mood. In the first end, Skip Stevens hogged both shots -- and still got 5! Ever see that happen?

Wilds Matches

Blanton's team split two matches last week-end and he stands at .750 (3 wins, 1 loss). Fiske and Stevens both won handily and have .500% (2 and 2).

CURLING DINNER - JANUARY 16th
Douglas Bonspiel Dinner January 19th

Act now! Break the news to your wife about not being home for dinner on Tuesday or Friday evening. Save red points!

On Tuesday, the 16th, we are having our second Curling Dinner. If enough people show up, your Sec'y promises not to make any speeches. Brooms will be stacked at 6:30. Don't be late. Remember - Windeler matches must be played, and there are New Yorkers who must finish matches before 11:00, at latest.

The Douglas Bonspiel, first Grand National curling event of the year, will be played on Jan. 19, 20 and 21. Ardsley's feelings are slightly bruised at the moment, since we have been invited to enter only two rinks. "Silent Fiske," our leader, has his fingers crossed on a 3rd rink.

The official dinner will be Friday evening, Jan. 19th at 7:00. All Ardsley members should plan to come over. I don't know if they'll have haggis this year but the dinner will be great fun. You're invited.

James Needs Checks!

Buck James would appreciate it if all members would send him now a check for dues - \$30.00 (dues \$25.00, tax \$5.00) including tax. Don't wait for a bill - just make the check out to Ardsley Curling Club and mail to Mr. James.

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

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January 17, 1945

THIS IS NATIONAL DINNER WEEK

The first of the week's two curling dinners was a smashing success. Blizzard and all -- 26 curlers showed up for one of the most remarkable curling dinners on record. Our peerless leader, "Silent" Eddie Fiske, made the briefest of speeches and introduced the best vaudeville act (by Al Koehl) that the Ardsley Club has ever been treated to. There were no other addresses. I don't know how the rest of you fellows felt but that is your secretary's idea of a model curling dinner. We hereby nominate "Inaudible" Ed as toast master for the Douglas dinner on Friday.

Bonspiel News at New High

Though there are no facts to back us up, we would like to make a substantial bet that more Ardsley men were signed up for out-of-town Bonspiels on Tuesday than have ever signified their willingness to make these delightful trips.

Alec Blanton has a long list for Schenectady and a splendid gang lined up for Utica and Boston. Now it is up to the Curling Committee to see that good rinks are organized so that most of these men can get their wish. The response was really gratifying to these jaded eyes.

Incidentally, there were a few men who were not at the dinner and who did not get a chance to signify their Bonspiel intentions. Alec Blanton will try to get in touch with you. I suggest, however, that you seek out Alec and have him put you down for the trips you prefer.

More Documents

Curling files have a habit of going awry. I had searched the folders for some curling tips which I had swiped from The Country Club last winter. They finally turned up this week and they have been transcribed and accompany this issue of Duck Soup. I can't emphasize strongly enough the value that can be gotten from keeping this sheet and rereading it two or three times each season. Ben Ames Williams, who wrote it, drops pearls all over the place. Read it - and you will agree!

Note should also be made of the appearance of the National Curling News -- Volume 1, No. 1. This is a national publication on curling and the paper covers the activities of 50 American Clubs. If you would like to subscribe, send 75¢ to National Curling News, Superior, Wisconsin. I will bring a copy over to the club next week.

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Another document is in the making. The History of the Ardsley Curling Club took a great stride forward when Bob MacGregor dug out his old archives and gave me what appears to be the authentic dope on all of the winning Windeler teams for the missing years. Now all I have to do is find out who the officers were.

Windeler Results

Blanton	14	Fiske	6
James	9	Williams	7

Blanton, Howlett, Lagercrantz, and Stevenson had a tight match with Fiske, Weston, Upjohn and Hockmeyer — for 9 ends. Then the Blanton Bombers knocked off a 4-end — and Axel coasted.

James, Eddison, Warner and Baker beat Williams, Hastings, Valentine and Frazer-Campbell in a match that wasn't decided until the last stone had been laid.

Standing of Rinks

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

A "Stop-Blanton" movement seems indicated. Buck, it's up to you!

The Douglas Bonspiel

Ardsley enters three teams in the Douglas, play commencing Friday morning at nine o'clock. The rinks are:

Hastings, skip; Blanton, Gould, Shaw. Fiske, skip; Eddison, James, Howlett. Stevens, skip; Sutphen, Upjohn, Weston (Valentine substituting).

Don't miss coming over to see part of this curling. For the first time in years, a Canadian rink will enter; and, based on past experience, these boys will show you how a curling stone should really be swept!

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

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January 24, 1945

The Take-out Game Comes to St. Andrews

A high wind from Canada hit the ice at St. Andrews last week-end and swept everything right out of the rink. The Granite Club of Toronto took the Douglas medal with such ease that it was honestly no contest. Those who were lucky enough to be on the far side of the plate glass saw an exhibition of pinpoint bombing; those who faced the Canadians on the rink thought they had tangled with a high-speed buzzsaw.

This was the first time that most of us had seen the take-out game played. It is an unfortunate fact that the only defense against this strategy is to play the same game yourself. The boys in this area simply can't make these carefully angled over-speed shots -- and make them time after time. There were some rumblings around the Club Tuesday night to the effect that we would have to learn to play that game.

Ad Hastings has forbidden me to mention the name of the city whose team won the Griffith trophy. Chick Hequembourg, of the Sch-n--t-dy Club, skipped the winning rink. It was a heartening thing to look across the ice on Sunday morning and see an Ardsley team on each sheet playing a semi-final match. Three teams entered ... three teams still there for the semi-finals ... that's par for any curling club in a bonspiel.

Here is how the Ardsley teams did: Eddie Fiske's rink, which included Barton Eddison, Buck James and Walt Howlett, beat Fritz Craven of Winchester 14 to 6; and then took Jimmy Ingraham in an extra end, 15-14. They then tangled with the Toronto buzzsaw and lost, 16-10.

Addie Hastings' team of Blanton, Gould and Shaw got 4 rocks in the last end to beat Harry Grew of The Country Club, 16-14. And beat Bert Blake of St. Andrews, 14-10. Their next victim was Willie Cuthbertson's Caledonian rink to the merry tune of 18-4. And in the final, Addie met the Toronto Granites, losing 23-11.

The rink of Stevens, Sutphen, Upjohn and Weston started one round ahead of the field and beat Halowell of The Country Club, 15-18 and then were swamped by Jimmy Ingraham, 19-9. And went into the Consolation where they again beat the same Country Club rink 18-7, and nosed out Winchester 13-11, losing to Ted Lortz' Utica team, 11-12.

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Windeler Results

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James, Eddison, Warner and Baker beat May, Hockmeyer, Weston and Fiske, when Eddie Fiske almost pulled the match out with a beautiful shot on a lovely guard which Buck has just put down. Six points in the first end didn't do Stevens, Shaw, Southern, Robertson any harm in their match against Williams, Hastings, Fraser-Campbell and Dean.

The eyes of the curling world are on Buck James as he faces the unbeaten Blanton this week. George Williams has clinched the fur-lined whatyamaycallit.

Bonspiel teams to be named soon.

There will be quick action on the selection of rinks to make the Utica and Schenectady trips. Alec Blanton promises that the Curling Committee will issue a pronouncement on the subject in the near future.

WISE QUACKS BY DONALD DUCK -- We're used to talking about one skip beating another skip and quite often this is true if the rest of the teams are evenly matched. But a good lead and No. 2 can do the job just as well. Willie Cuthbertson brought this out in talking about his match where Addie beat him so decisively. Willie simply said that Addie's first two curlers were filling the house full of rocks so constantly that he faced an impossible situation every time he stood in the heck. And Willie attributes his defeat primarily to the superb curling of Messrs. Shaw and Gould. Donald Duck hastens to state that this is no reflection on Messrs. Blanton and Hastings.

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

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February 1, 1945

Blanton Wins Windeler Cup

<u>Scores</u>		
Blanton 11		Stevens 11
James 7		Fiske 8
<u>Final Standings</u>		
	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Blanton	4	0
Stevens	3	1
James	2	2
Fiske	1	3
Williams	0	4

Windeler medals will be proudly worn by Alec Blanton, Walt Howlett, Eric Lagercrantz, Jim Stevenson and Dick Wells, who (minus Wells) defeated James, Eddison, Warner and Baker on Tuesday in the deciding Windeler Cup match. Buck had to get two in the last shot to tie the match and he had to play something resembling a running shot with a back-spin and pivot in mid-air to take out two stones on opposite sides of the circle. Buck made a good try but it was actually an impossibility. So Alec and his team went undefeated through the Windeler competition and deservedly copped the cup. On the #3 ice, Southern, Robertson, Shaw and Stevens took May, Koehl, Weston and Fiske, in the usually interesting match that always seems to occur when these two skips get together.

It should be said now that no medals will be given this year. Jug Ogden gave us the estimates which were much higher than usual, due to his plant's being almost completely absorbed in war work. Jug sensibly suggested that we postpone the actual purchase of the medals until normal times return in the button business. As a consequence, winners of the Windeler and the Ardsley medals will be forced to wait at least until the end of the war.

Ardsley Medal Matches Start Next Week

So now we switch over to the Ardsley Medal which was first curled for last season. Here is the way the teams line up:

Blanton	Eddison	Fiske	Hastings	James	Shaw	Stevens
Howlett	Baker	Williams	Townsend	Weston	Gould	Upjohn
Warner	Dean	Valentine	Lagercrantz	Hockmeyer	Southern	Bickford
Fraser-Campbell	Koehl	Rice	Wells	Stevenson	Simmons	Robertson

These are four-man teams in order to give everybody a chance to get the most out of the competition. This puts an equal burden on the skips -- to see that their teams are ready to curl; -- and on the players, to be sure that they are on deck for each match.

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The Rules: All matches, ten ends -- except for finals, which will be twelve ends. Substitutions will be penalized as follows: two stones for using any of the seven skips; one stone for using any other curler. Skips are not permitted to waive these penalties.. And the penalty will be posted on the score board before the match begins.

Ardsley Cup Matches
Tuesday, February 6

Blanton	vs.	James
Eddison	vs.	Stevens
Hastings	vs.	Shaw

The Bonspiels

Ardsley will be represented at Utica by a team skipped by Stevens with Albert Shaw, Buñ Baker and a substitute. This has been something of a scramble to get this team lined up. But we have high hopes of having four men on the ice at Utica this week-end.

The District Medal matches will be played at St. Andrews on February 10. Ardsley will enter two teams -- as will most of the other teams in the metropolitan area. The first team has Hastings as skip, with Blanton, Fiske and Howlett. The Junior Varsity has Stevens skipping, with Eddison, Weston and Shaw.

The Curling Committee will meet this week-end to decide finally on the Schenectady line-ups. We will have two rinks and it is going to be a tough job to pick the teams since there is a great deal of enthusiasm for this bonspiel.

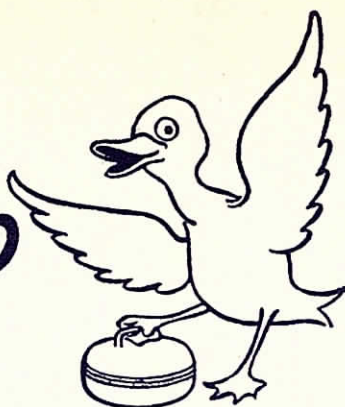
HOSPITAL NOTES

George Williams wrenched his back on Sunday and has been laid up this week. We certainly hope it is not too bad. Charlie Upjohn and Joe Simmons have also been supporting the family physician in royal style lately. We'll look forward to seeing these men on the ice next week.

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 9, 1945

Hastings Named Vice President of Grand National

The Ardsley Curling Club was greatly honored at the annual meeting of the Grand National Curling Club of America when Addison B. Hastings was elected to the second vice presidency. "Uncle Cliff" Williamson is the new president and Jimmy Ingraham the secretary-treasurer. Since the officers of the national group serve two terms, Addie should succeed to the presidency after four years. Congratulations, Addie!

The Boy Scouts in Utica

Bud Baker, Al Shaw and your secretary took the long trip to Utica last week-end to play in the Mitchell and Allen. The bonspiel committee introduced us to Mr. William Steinhorst who was willing to lead for us. Ardsley squeaked by Hartford 13-11 in the first match of the Mitchell, drew a bye in the Allen. On Saturday Willie Cuthbertson's Caledonians were beaten 15-10 and 14-10. We got off to a bad start against Ward Murray's rink in the Mitchell final when they hit us with a 6-end. And we were beaten 21-12. There is some satisfaction in Ardsley's winning 9 ends to Utica's 8. We staggered off the ice at about ten o'clock Sunday evening after the second 17-end match, in which we lost the Allen final by 16 to 13. Behind 9 to 2 in the earlier stages, Ardsley caught Walter Clement's rink in the 15th end to tie at 13-all, -- then lost one in the 16th and two in the last end.

However, the point of the story is that Bud Baker and Al Shaw fought their hearts out and curled magnificiently. I was constantly being stopped by poeple who would say "Is it true that Baker has curled only three years?" When I would tell them it was only two years, they couldn't seem to believe it.

As for Bill Steinhorst, he is receiving a copy of this letter and goes on the mailing list free for the rest of the year. He has been made an honorary member of the Ardsley Curling Club with full privileges -- all this in recognition of Bill's fighting spirit, his curling ability and his big grin that got bigger when the chips were down.

Ardsley Medal Results

Shaw 13
Hastings 6

Stevens 12
Eddison 11

Blanton 10
James 9

A big six-end did the job for Al Shaw's and your secretary's rinks in their matches against Ad Hastings and Barton Eddison. Buck James generously did not allow Alec Blanton's illness to unduly handicap his opponent's rink. With Phil Weld substituting at #3, Walt Howlett did Alec's wash and posed Buck out 10-9 in a Garrison finish.

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Next week it is Blanton vs Shaw; Stevens vs Fiske; and James vs Hastings in the Consolation. If any man is not able to be present Tuesday, please get in touch with your skip so he can arrange for a substitute.

Due to George Williams' incapacity, Phil Weld will play #3 on Fiske's rink and Bill May should be listed on the same team.

Bonspiel Line-Ups

For Schenectady - Feb. 16, 17, 18

Hastings, skip	Fiske skip	Alternates:
Stevens	Blanton	Hockmeyer
Weston	Howlett	Koehl
Gould	Southern	Warner

For the Stockton - March 1, 2, 4

Hastings, skip	Blanton, skip
Stevens	Fiske
Howlett	Gould
Hockmeyer	Shaw

We will announce the Gordon team shortly.

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 15, 1945

ARDSLEY BEATS ARDSLEY FOR DISTRICT MEDAL "Cream Puffs" Squashed!

The District Medal competition held at St. Andrews this past week-end was won by the Ardsley rink of Al Shaw, Russ Weston, Bart Eddison and Cuyler Stevens, skip. This group have written for hotel reservations in Montreal on March 15th and 16th where they will compete with two American and thirteen Canadian teams for the Royal Caledonian Trophy. Eddie Hastings team of Blanton, Fiske and Howlett met them in an all-Ardsley final Sunday afternoon.

The Hastings rink beat Willie Cuthbertson's Caledonians by 10-9 with Ardsley getting two rocks in the last end to win what observers said was one of the season's best-curling matches. The Junior Varsity beat two St. Andrews rinks on the way up, taking Buddy Arndt's team 11-8 on Saturday and Cary Harris' 12-11 on Sunday morning. As far as your Sec'y is concerned, the final was the tensest match, by a long margin, that he has ever played in, but Eddison, Shaw and Weston conspired to set up a 4-end in the next-to-last stanza. This put the JVs five up in the final and where the Cream Puffs got one, the Juniors winning 13-9, everybody collapsing, including the plate-glass wives.

This Week - Schenectady

In the heat of the District Medal competition, four guys, lined up for Schenectady, went dead on us with the result that we will be represented by only one rink in the Gordon and Emmett Medal competitions. The Empire State Express on Friday morning carried Ed Fiske, Russ Weston, Bill Gould, and Harold Southern to Schenectady. Eddie has the Emmett medal with him and has promised to bring it back to Ardsley after a small pause. Good luck, boys!

Ardsley Medal Results

<u>Ardsley Medal</u>		<u>Consolation</u>
Shaw 17	Stevens 11	James 11
Blanton 6	Fiske 5	Hastings 7

Al Shaw, Bill Gould, Hal Southern and Bob McGregor went "around the corner" for the first time this year. In trimming Blanton, Howlett, Fraser-Campbell and Koehl, Al disdained single scores, making most of the points with 3- and 4-ends. Eddie Fiske, Jack Ballantine, Bill May and Bud Baker were taken by Stevens. Upjohn, Bickford and Robertson, while the James rink of Weston, Hockmeyer and Stevenson was bumping Eddie Hastings, Charlie Townsend, Dick Wells and a substitute, who must remain unknown since I can't remember who it was.

Next week the Shaw and Stevens rinks meet in the final of the Ardsley and Eddie Fiske plays Barton Eddison in the unfinished bracket of the Consolation.

Feb. 15, 1945

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Competition for New Curlers

More details on this will come later. However, the new curlers should be set for a point curling competition to be held probably on the evening following the curling dinner -- March 6. Suitable prizes will be given.

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 23, 1945

Ardsley Medal to Stevens Rink

Robertson, Bickford, Upjohn and Stevens won the Ardsley Medal last Tuesday, defeating Simmons, Southern, Gould and Shaw by 14 to 4. The heavy lifting was done by the top end of the rink. I am certain that Angus Robertson and Brud Bickford never curled as well before -- and this was the time which counted. The one-sidedness of the score is a little deceiving. There was usually a good tonnage of granite in the house and the score board doesn't tell this story.

In the Consolation, Fiske, Ballantine, May and Blanton beat Eddison, Baker, Dean and Koehl in an extra end by 13 to 10. Bud Baker had a nasty spill on the ice in front of his house on the way to the club. We hope he hasn't cracked a rib as he suspects.

The finals of the Consolation will be curled next Tuesday with Buck James rink meeting our president's group.

The Schenectady rink of Eddie Fiske, Rus Weston, Bill Gould and Harold Southern brought back glowing accounts of the successful bonspiel held there last week-end. Like the team that played in the Mitchell and the Allen, Eddie's rink had Utica-trouble, being beaten by one Utica rink in the first round of the Gordon and by the other Utica outfit in the second round of the Emmett. The boys beat Winchester in the first round of the latter competition. Our scouts tell us that Willie Cuthbertson won the Gordon and lost the Emmett final by one stone with a heart-breaking bit of bad luck hitting him -- a missed shot by the Utica skip caught a head stone and bumped out Willie's stone. (Note to Bill Steinhorst: Don't put this letter up on the bulletin board!)

Eddie Fiske was particularly enthusiastic about Harold Southern's curling in his first bonspiel. Harold simply states that he is a confirmed nut as far as this game is concerned. Incidentally, Bill Steinhorst jeopardized his good standing as an Ardsley member by curling a lovely game against his honorary club mates. Watch that, Bill!

Stockton - Gordon Competitions -- March 1, 2, 3, 4

There will be one change in the Brookline rinks as previously announced. Walter Howlett cannot make the trip; Hal Southern will probably substitute. The Curling Committee still has not given birth to the Gordon selection.

Photographer Wanted

The Ardsley Curling Club needs an official photographer. We intend starting a scrap book and continuing it for the rest of the club's history. The scrap book should contain clippings of bonspiels plus pictures of winning Ardsley rinks. We can certainly take photographs of the winning teams of this season and last -- except for teams in which Eddie Lockett was a factor. Has anyone a flash equipped camera that he could bring over to the curling rink the night of the dinner -- March 6? Dunc Sutphen has agreed to help but Tuesday nights are a difficult time for him. Will anyone else volunteer? This is a really important thing in keeping Ardsley Curling Club records complete.

That's all there is to report except that those lovely jackets in two shades of blue will be ready in time for the Ardsley teams to wear them in Boston. We should be the cutest looking group at The Country Club.

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



THE WAYWARD CURLER

WHO'S THE STRANGER, MOTHER DEAR?
LOOK HE KNOWS US; AIN'T HE QUEER?

HUSH, MY DEAR, DON'T TALK SO WILD;
HE'S YOUR FATHER, DEAREST CHILD.

HE'S MY FATHER? NOT AT ALL!
FATHER DIED---AWAY LAST FALL.

FATHER DIDN'T DIE, YOU DUB
FATHER JOINED THE CURLING CLUB.

BUT NOW THE SEASON'S CLOSED, SO HE
HAS NO PLACE TO GO, YOU SEE;

NO PLACE LEFT FOR HIM TO ROAM,
THAT IS WHY HE'S COMING HOME.

KISS HIM---HE WON'T BITE YOU CHILD,
ALL THOSE CURLING GUYS LOOK WILD.

SYMPATHETICALLY

BILL WURSTER

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



March 9, 1945

Final Dinner Great Success!

The Ardsley Curling Club put on its final dinner with appropriate fanfare -- marked by the glare of Walt Howlett's flood lamps, the breath-taking beauty of our new two-tone jackets, and much speech-making from the visiting notables.

We were honored with the presence of Uncle Cliff Williamson and Jimmy Ingraham, respectively President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand National for the coming year, and Henry Kelley, chairman of the St. Andrews curling committee. Despite the fact that this was an unusually long dinner, it was unusually amusing.

Southern Wins Point Curling

The first year curlers contested in a point curling competition for a trophy of a black cock-feather and a badge. The in-turn ice was quite true but the out-turn was practically impossible to handle -- though we tried two sheets of ice. Harold Southern knocked off the prize with a nifty exhibition. He got 20 out of a possible 36 on his in-turn shots, which is really putting those rocks in the groove. Here are the scores:

Southern - 27
Koehl - 18
Hockmeyer - 16
Fraser-Campbell - 14
Simmons - 14
Wells - 13
Robertson - 11

Al Shaw Our New President

The steam roller really went to work Tuesday night, the nominating committee's selections being rushed through in traditional style. At Walter Howlett's suggestion, a new office of historian was created -- a splendid suggestion, since it will keep our club archives up to date and will provide a ready reference on any historical point.

Officers

President - Albert Shaw, Jr.
Vice President - A. J. Blanton
Secretary - B. B. Weston
Treasurer - Charles T. Upjohn
Historian - Cuyler Stevens

Unanimous approval followed the suggestion that the Ardsley Cup be retired from its original competition and that St. Andrews and Ardsley play for this cup each year. It was proposed that the chairmen of the curling committees of each club decide each year on the number of teams which will compete -- the winners to be decided on a total point basis. It was felt that the cup could be competed for early in January either immediately preceding or following the Douglas bonspiel. Naturally this suggestion is subject to acceptance by St. Andrews.

Ardsley Reaches Stockton Final

Skip Hastings and his friends named Blanton, Fiske and Hockmeyer went through to the final of the year's toughest bonspiel when they got to the last round in the Stockton. On the way up they routed the Hamilton (Ontario) Thistles, The Country Club, Montreal Thistles and then came up against Winchester in the final. Though beaten 12-10, Addie's boys came through the best field of 1945 and succumbed to the hottest rink of the bonspiel.

I always knew Ardsley were graceful losers. It was particularly emphasized by the spontaneous applause at Tuesday's dinner that burst out when Cliff Williamson spoke of the Winchester victory.

Kitchell This Week-End

We have two rinks entered in the Kitchell Medal matches this week-end. Hastings' rink plays at 10 Saturday. Barton Addison's boys go on the ice at 2:00.

Swan Song

Eddie Fiske told me this morning that he would not write the final letter this year. I am glad of this because it gives me a chance to say how much the officers have enjoyed working with Eddie during each of the past two years. Eddie has given the presidency the same enthusiasm and drive which he gives to his own curling. These have been two years of innovations -- either sponsored or readily accepted by Capt. Fiske because of his willingness to try anything that will benefit Ardsley curling. In my opinion, the new members particularly have gotten more out of curling these past two years than at any time in the club's history. Despite the extraordinary stringency of the war, there has been an amazingly small mortality in our curling membership and this is a tribute to Eddie's direction of the club.

For my own part, I have had a whale of a lot of fun getting these letters out and I know Rus Weston is going to enjoy it too. Al Shaw and the new officers inherit the benefits of Eddie Fiske's two fine years in office. Good luck to them!

THERE WILL BE CURLING TUESDAY NIGHT - MARCH 13!

Barton, Albie, Rus and I are off for Montreal next Wednesday. See Friday's paper for details. Wish us luck!

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

With a Tear in Both Eyes!

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



March 21, 1945

ARDSLEY REACHES ROYAL CALEDONIAN CONSOLATION FINALS

— Then Gets Shellacked!!

The Ardsley team that went up to Montreal for the Royal Caledonian competition had a plan well worked out in advance. We were going to win three matches -- the idea was to drop the first and win the next three.

The schedule went off nicely at the beginning. The team - Al Shaw, lead; Rus Weston, two; Barton Edgison, 3; and Cuyler Stevens, skip - was beaten in the first round on Thistle ice, by a team from Lennoxville, skipped by R. J. Atto. The score was 10-9. Ardsley was behind 10 to 6 in the last end; got three stones but couldn't get into the house with the fourth except by dropping it off the balcony. It was pretty well jammed up. The second match against St. George was skipped by a grand Irishman named W. L. (Ted) Thomson. They started to play the take-out game against us and mysteriously stopped it in the third end. Ardsley went into the last end ahead by 13 to 8 and the match was won before the skip played his first shot. He got one, making the final score 13 to 9.

At Royal Montreal the following day, we met a team from Russell, Ontario, skipped by J. Twinnane. This was a real battle. Ardsley was two up going into the last end. Russell had the match tied when the skip came up for his last shot but he failed to make the necessary shot and the match went into an extra end with Ardsley winning 13 to 12. I think we would agree this was the best game we played. The Ardsley schedule was still working well. We only needed one more match.

Then came the deluge in the final play at the Thistle Club! To make a long story short, we were creamed 17 to 4 by Seignory Club. We knew the team was tough because they had beaten the Quebec Victorias by 19 to 4 in the morning. The Montreal paper said we "fought a spirited up-hill battle." The fact of the matter is we never got off the floor. The Seignory outfit was guarding their shots better than any rink I have ever seen and we simply didn't have it that night.

However, it was a delightful trip and we all had a grand time.

Something should certainly be said about the final match in the main event in which Outremont defeated Three Rivers 8 to 7 in 14 ends. Figure that out and you will see that every single end was a one-end, with one exception. This was a real championship match, had the crowd on the edges of their seats and the plate glass skins were having the time of their lives. It could have been won on the last shot by the Three Rivers skip, who had to split two stones, shoulder to shoulder, on the near side of the four foot circle. He missed it by a fraction of an inch, caught the right hand stone too full and spun the other rock a couple of feet toward the button. It was a beautiful match, a thrilling finish.

Ardsley Wins Both St. Andrews Medals

On the previous week-end -- March 10-11 -- Addie Hastings' rink of Alec Blanton, Eddie Fiske, and Albie Shaw repeated last year's victory by taking the Kitchell Medal when they beat Mr. Kitchell himself in the final. Ad's semi-final match was against Jimmy Ingraham's rink on Saturday morning with Brother Hastings making an extremely delicate rub shot on tricky ice to make the deciding counter. The winner's beat Phil Wold in the opener.

On the adjoining ice, Barton Edson's rink of Stevens, Weston and James was winning the Williamson Consolation Medal by beating Ty Halsted's Mahopac team in an extra end. We really had to scramble to win this one. Barton's rink put out Willie Cuthbertson's Caledonians in the morning.

Your ex-secretary thought his work was over two weeks ago but your ex-president thought differently, and -- as usual -- Capt. Fiske won the argument. We are grateful for Bill Wurster's poem which the wives received a few days ago. I hope this doesn't mean that the sad faces of Bill's wife and children were what kept him from curling this year.

Anyhow this is the last letter -- no foolin!

Cuyler Stevens
Sec'y

The Ardsley Curling Club

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ST. ANDREWS CURLERS

With ice still almost five months away a group of golfing--curlers from St. Andrews and Ardsley thought it would be a good idea to revive the home and home golf matches started six years ago. The Ardsley Club will be your host at the Ardsley Country Club on Friday, July 13th and we extend a very cordial invitation to each of you to be with us for golf in the afternoon and dinner in the evening. If you cannot come for golf try to come for dinner around 6:30. Just sign the enclosed card telling us you will be there.

For those who have their golf clubs at St. Andrews -- we will arrange to pick up your clubs and have them ready and waiting on the first tee at Ardsley -- this extra special service is yours for just checking the card. Clubs will be returned in the same way with no lugging on your part.

The Ardsley Club is very near the Ardsley-on-Hudson Station of the Hudson Division of the New York Central. Trains from New York leave at 1:02 and 2:05 and arrive at 1:47 and 2:49 respectively. Trains for dinner leave New York at 5:05, 5:39 and 6:07.

In case of rain the dinner will be held and those hardy souls that wish can play golf.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 13th and hope you can make it.

Al Shaw,
Ardsley Curling Club.

P.S. A notice has been posted on the bulletin board at St. Andrews and so far the following have signed up:

P. F. Carl, Jr.
C. Chandlerlin
J. Ingram, III

H. E. Kelley
L. W. McCullough
P. B. Weld.

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

To All Ardsley Curlers:

The St. Andrews Curlers have invited us for a return golf match on Friday, October 19th at St. Andrews. A dinner will follow in the evening.

Due to the discontinuance of Daylight Saving and the early hour at which it becomes dark, it is suggested that play start not later than two o'clock. An early lunch and an early train is recommended.

Please fill out and return the enclosed card.

Charlie Upjohn.